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President's Report

Welcome to this Summer Edition 2019/2020 of the Beaconsfield Banner. I hope you enjoy reading the Banner which continues to inform residents on what is happening. The Banner is available on our BPA Website www.beaconsfield.org.au and printed copies are available from a number of local businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office.

The BPA Annual General Meeting was held on 15 October. All Office-holders and Committee of Management were re-elected with the addition of Viv Williams and Robert Cooper as Committee Members. The Executive of BPA is looking forward to the next year and continuing the work done as in prior years.

Following the Annual General Meeting, a General Meeting was held with Cardinia Shire Senior Engineers Peter Benazic and Andrew Barr as Guest Speakers. Topics covered included Old Princes Hwy. upgrades at O'Neil and Glismann Roads intersections, Monash Freeway upgrade, car parking including at the Railway Station, Footpaths, Kennilworth Ave. road construction, waste recycling, Shire Infrastructure spending and Asset Management. An excellent attendance of members and residents were able to hear their local issues discussed. Thanks to our Guest Speakers for a very informative presentation. The progress of Projects undertaken by the Shire, eg. The Old Princes Highway Intersections upgrades can be viewed on the Shire's Website.

Our Association continues to make representations to Councils, State and Commonwealth Governments on local issues. It was pleasing to see that our advocating against the 80 kmph speed limit that existed in some sections of the Old Princes Highway has been reduced to 70 kmph to have a uniform speed limit applying to all sections of the Old Princes Highway in Beaconsfield was successful. The new 70 kmph speed limit now applies.

Cardinia Shire Council has proposed recommendations for improvements to the Beaconsfield Shopping Centre Carpark to improve vehicle access and pedestrian safety. This includes Give Way line markings, provision or upgrading of Zebra crossings, improved signage and line markings, pedestrian access paths and repairs to an overhead barrier. Our Association will be involved in this process.

Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc. is the voice of the community and is always willing to advocate on township matters. We welcome visitors to our meetings and new members to further the work being

undertaken to benefit Beaconsfield. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Beaconsfield Community Complex commencing at 7.30pm and finishing at 9pm.



In the next few months, BPA is involved in a number of events namely Christmas Windows Competition, Carols to be held at Holm Park Reserve and the Australia Day Outdoor Movie. These Events are detailed separately in this issue of the Beaconsfield Banner. Thanks to all the members organising or assisting with these Events and I hope that the community get involved. We appreciate the Grant provided by Cardinia Shire Council to assist BPA financially with the Australia Day Outdoor Movie and also for the financial assistance to produce the Beaconsfield Banner and pay for required insurances.

On behalf of our Association, I wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and a wonderful 2020.

Graeme Taylor

President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.

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Ranges Ward

Councillors' Report



Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Cr Brett Owen

Tantallon Boulevard Playground Upgrade

Council received a great response to the community consultation for the installation of a new play space at the Tantallon Boulevard Reserve within the Panorama Estate with 35 residents completing the online survey. Council also engaged with 22 children at the Beaconsfield Children's Hub. Council will again engage with the community in relation to the final design in December this year. Construction is scheduled to occur between March and June 2020.

Old Princes Highway intersection upgrades

Council has received matching funding from the federal government to enable the delivery/upgrade of eight intersections from Beaconsfield to Pakenham. Detailed design works have commenced for both the Glismann and O'Neil Road intersections. Council is working towards having the Beaconsfield designs completed and then go to tender in mid-2020 to construct the Beaconsfield intersections.

Kenilworth Avenue

Stage 1 works have recommenced with the developer and contractor finalising business terms. Council has also approved the tender for the construction of Stage 2 of Kenilworth Avenue between the overpass and Coach House Lane. These works will be undertaken to compliment Stage 1. Council fully appreciate the community's frustration with the delay in Stage 1 works, and will continue to work closely with both the developer and contractor, as well as progressing Council's Stage 2 works in an effort to finalise this much-needed road.

Beaconsfield Railway Station

Council has met with both state and federal representatives regarding joint funding from both levels of government for the increase in car parking at the station. In addition to more car parking, council will be advocating for improved accessible parking bays, bike facilities, access to the east end of the platform, and public toilets.

Shopping Precinct – North of Old Princes Highway

The issues around the traffic, parking and pedestrian access within this precinct have again been raised. I attend this shopping precinct almost every single day and I share residents' frustration. I experience these issues and have long been advocating for improvements.

Four years ago (May 2015) Council wrote to all owners of the Beaconsfield Shopping Centre suggesting a number of pedestrian safety and vehicle access improvement measures within the private car parks of the precinct. These safety measures were designed in response to the growing concerns received from multiple tenants and patrons of the Beaconsfield Shopping Centre.

Since that time, only minimal improvements have been undertaken by the responsible land owners.

In early November I wrote letters to the land owners to again detail concerns and customers' frustration and council's willingness to meet with the owners and businesses to again try to achieve improvements.

These recommendations intend to improve pedestrian safety, vehicle access and overall traffic movement within the centre carpark. As private car parks, any improvements made, are the responsibility of respective owners.

So far I have only received a response from Aldi representatives. A meeting with Aldi was held in mid-November. I await further responses from the other land owners in the shopping precinct.

If anyone would like to assist myself and the Beaconsfield Progress Association with our advocacy around this issue please contact me by email b.owen@cardinia.vic.gov.au or by phone on 0418 993 370.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Cardinia Shire Council, I wish all residents a very merry Christmas. Enjoy this festive season with family and friends and please stay safe. All the best for 2020.

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New Cardinia Shire Mayor

At a Cardinia Shire Council Meeting in November, Cr. Jeff Springfield was elected Mayor for the next 12 months. Cr. Springfield represents Ranges Ward which includes Beaconsfield.

Congratulations to Cr. Springfield on being elected as Mayor and we look forward to working with you.

Graeme Taylor

President - Beaconsfield Progress Assoc.

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O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield

New Litter Bins

Our Association advocated to Cardinia Shire Council for more rubbish bins for the Beaconsfield Township. New Bins have now been installed on the south side of Old Princes Hwy. near the Bus Stop and also in the Park area between Berwick Views Estate and the shops in Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.



New rubbish bins

The Bins are sturdy and rubbish is cleared regularly. People should use these rubbish bins and keep Beaconsfield beautiful.

State Member

Brad Battin MP

What a year 2019 has been. We saw the return of Beaconsfield Netball star Ciara Nelson on the court after her life-saving surgery, not only winning the premiership but the best player on the day. Ciara continues to be the perfect example of strength, hope, determination and fighting the odds at all costs. We also heard from some amazing locals on my Brad's Brew Podcast (which you can listen to on Apple Podcasts or www.bradsbrewpodcast.com) like Mick Hayes from Purple Haze Tattooz who upholds a high standard in the tattoo industry inking many generations of our local community.

We also saw the expansion and continued rise of the men at O MY who just a few weeks ago received two hats. We are fortunate not to have to travel far to experience quality dining.

Beaconsfield Primary School opened its amazing wetlands, further enriching the learning environment for students. I was lucky enough to join students on National Tree Planting Day to help plant some natives for their new wetlands.

We also had some wins locally, especially with our roads. Thanks to the help of many locals who signed my petition we were able to secure funding from Jason Wood MP and the Federal Government for the upgrade of O'Neil Road and Glismann Road intersections, which are both currently at tender. We were also able to reduce the speed limit increase at the O'Neil Road intersection in the meantime to help improve road safety in the area.

And one of the most significant reliefs were for commuters and residents on Kenilworth Ave. Our battle with Council since 2016 seems to be over with the construction of the road now finally able to be completed.

But we do have some battles to be won especially with Beaconsfield Train Station, not only getting the Government to build the additional car parks but the upgrade of the station with more shelter and to re-introduce the toilet facilities.

As we head into the festive season, I would like to remind anyone who is planning on going away into regional Victoria or any bushland to please have a fire

action plan. Do not forget, it is not just people living in bushfire zones that need to be prepared, so too do holidaymakers and visitors to these areas. Please make sure you download the Vic Emergency App and adhere to all fire restrictions and advice from local CFA Brigades.

Over the summer, remember in days of extreme heat to check on your vulnerable and elderly neighbours or family members. Also, remember your pets, make sure they have plenty of shelter and water- an ice block in the water works a treat!

Merry Christmas to you and your family and I wish you all a Happy New Year, and I look forward to continuing my work with you in 2020.

Brad Battin MP

Liberal State Member for Gembrook

Federal Member

Jason Wood MP

Next stage of Monash Freeway upgrade moves a step closer! I have long campaigned to make the Beaconsfield Interchange and the extension of O'Shea Road project a reality, which would greatly benefit residents in the south east. Finally, the work starts next year; however, the money was committed back in 2016 to State Government.



The funding will enable the completion of the full scope of Stage 2 of the project, which will create extra lanes, upgrade Beaconsfield Interchange and duplicate O'Shea Road. The project would deliver long-lasting benefits for my local community.



Minta City will offer a unique setting that is attractive to 'next generation' businesses and workers who are seeking the amenity and synergies offered by a CBD location, but without the Melbourne CBD commute. Minta City will include a mix of employment and residential land. The City will be strategically positioned adjacent to the Princes Freeway with a direct connection proposed through a future upgrade to the Beaconsfield interchange and O'Shea Road. In addition, the workforce and residents will be supported by close connectivity to the Beaconsfield Train Station and Melbourne's metropolitan railway line.

This is an IT and advanced manufacturing employment precinct, which is destined to bring 10,000 new jobs to our local area.

Jason Wood MP

Beaconsfield CFA



Beaconsfield Fire Station

Fire Season 2019 /2020

The summer is fast approaching and the fire season will be upon us soon.

The brigade has been busy with the usual range of calls from house fires to motor vehicle accidents to children accidentally locked in cars.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to discuss what you need to be aware of this coming fire season.

Beaconsfield township sits on what is known to us as an urban interface area.

We have bush and scrub to the north and west and on extreme weather days which occur most summers you need to be prepared.

Lets go through the questions you should be asking yourself in preparation.

- 1/ Is my property clear of leaves in the gutters, rubbish and twigs?
- 2/ Clear any overhanging trees or branches
- 3/ Is my fire plan ready and up to date?

Do i have the essential items packed and ready to leave, wallet, medications, phone, charger, passport and other essential documents.

Be aware of the roads in your area that assist with your fire plan and ensure you are dressed for protection from heat of fires.

- 4/ Do you have the emergency services app installed on your devices.



This is an ESSENTIAL TOOL to stay updated on fires in our area.

- 5/ Listen and take note of the warnings issued the day or days before a heat event occurs.

- 6/Ask yourself who will be home on a critical fire day and can they be in a safe metropolitan area on those days.

- 7/ What arrangements have you in place for your pets?

- 8/ Finally please be aware that we cannot guarantee a fire truck at your door in the event of a critical day as they may be deployed elsewhere or dealing with fires in our area.

Please EVACUATE EARLY if there is a fire in our area on a declared day.

I know that is a lot to take on board but your safety is our primary concern.

Stay safe. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a fire free New Year.

By Tony Lukas



Phone 8768 4400

Neighbourhood Natter

It's hard to believe that another year has roared past and we're winding down the activities at the Centre ready for some festive celebrations and the Summer holidays.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday, October 15th and we thank our returning Committee of Management who have all committed for another year:

President	Shoheli Sunjida
Vice President	Melissa Molnar
Secretary	Lynda Smith
Treasurer	Valerie Boumann
General Member	Gwen Neve

We are so grateful for these awesome women volunteering to govern the Centre and ensure we continue to meet our community's needs.

Sadly, our long-serving Treasurer, Valerie, will be resigning in December as she moves north to be nearer to her family. Everyone at the Centre will greatly miss Val and her input. We wish her all the best for her new chapter.

The Committee of Management continues to accept new members throughout the year, and has welcomed Rose Chong, Katharine O'Carroll, Lisa Lynn, Alisa Mclellan and Mary Winther since the AGM. We're excited to see what these gorgeous new members will suggest for the future.

If you want to also contribute on a small or great scale, please contact us for a chat about how you can be involved.

Rose Chong was recently nominated for, and won, a volunteer award through Brad Battin's Inaugural Gembrook Community Awards. The awards celebrated those in the community who go the extra mile to build a stronger community and Rose is certainly one of those people.



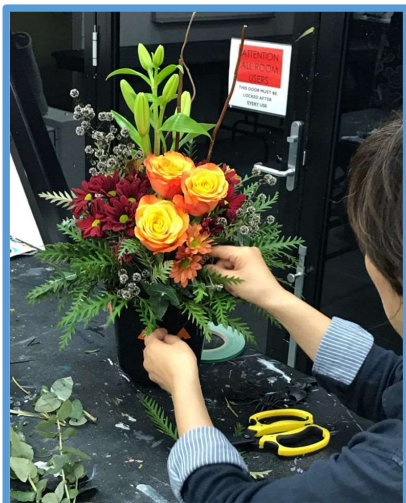
As well as her recent acceptance as a member of the Committee of Management, Rose has been a volunteer tutor here at the Centre for several years now. She dedicates her Sit-Down Exercise classes to those who have mobility issues or injuries and helps improve flexibility and strength through her class. She also offers free information seminars about acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicines.

We are delighted for Rose and would like to say a big thank you for everything she does for us here at BNC. Without gems like Rose, our Centre would not function.

Our knitting group have outdone themselves with another year of beautiful scarves, blankets, beanies, mittens, gloves, baby jackets and toys knitted to give to local charities for those people in our community who aren't so fortunate.

These toys were just part of a massive handover to the 4Cs in Pakenham in October.





Our floral design workshops have been booking out thanks to our fabulous tutor Sharon. For only \$35, students are walking out with their self-created masterpieces of floral art. We strongly suggest getting in early in future to avoid the disappointment of missing any of next year's opportunities.

Reminder



fast.

We urge all users of the Community Complex to please slow down and follow the rules. The risks are too great for the 5 seconds you may "save".

Our carpark is a shared space with the Beaconsfield Kindergarten, and lately we've noticed an increased disregard for the road markings. Some drivers are not obeying the one-way arrows, and many people are driving much too

BNC Children's Room



Enrolments and expressions of interest in our 2020 Timetable have been flowing in but there are still some places available. Check out the full timetable on the next page and contact us to check availability for your preferred sessions.

2020 Playgroup enrolments are being accepted from Monday 25th November. A \$20 non-refundable deposit will be required to secure your place. Bookings are taken on a first-come, first served basis, so get in early to avoid disappointment



We believe we have identified most of the bugs in our transition to the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) scheme and will hit the ground running for our programs next year. Thank you to the families who were so patient and understanding with the introduction of this rebate-based funding.

Look for our Term 1, 2020 program in mid-January. Bursting with activities, it will be available on our website www.bncinc.org.au or hard copies are free at reception if you don't receive one in your letterbox.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe break and thank our members for such a fun and colourful year.

Our usual office hours will resume on Tuesday 28th January.

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3-Year-Old Kinder 12:30pm—3:00pm (2.5 hr session) \$20 per session <i>* CCS Available</i>	Playgroup 11:30am-1:30pm	<i>Please note: Sessions run subject to achieving minimum numbers.</i>		3-Year-Old Kinder 1:30pm—4:00pm (2.5 hr session) \$20 per session <i>* CCS Available</i>

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3-Year-Old Kinder (CCS Approved)

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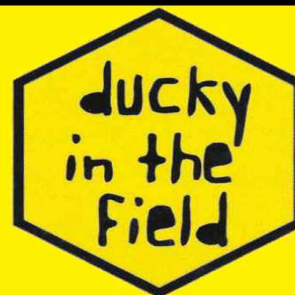
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Graeme J Taylor. Chairman. Beaconsfield District Community Financial Services Ltd.



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If you are due for your routine examination and clean in December and are a member of a health fund, please book in soon before your benefits rollover on the 1st of January.

Children, who are eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefit Scheme in 2019, may not be eligible in 2020. Please book in your routine examination as your eligibility could change in 2020.

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Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour - Trees Preservation

The beautiful trees along the roadside of Old Princes Hwy from Beaconsfield to Berwick are the BEACONSFIELD AVENUE OF HONOUR, planted in 1929 from funds generously donated by philanthropist Ada Armytage. The Black Poplars were planted 90 years ago in memory of the 65 servicemen from Beaconsfield District who served in World War One.

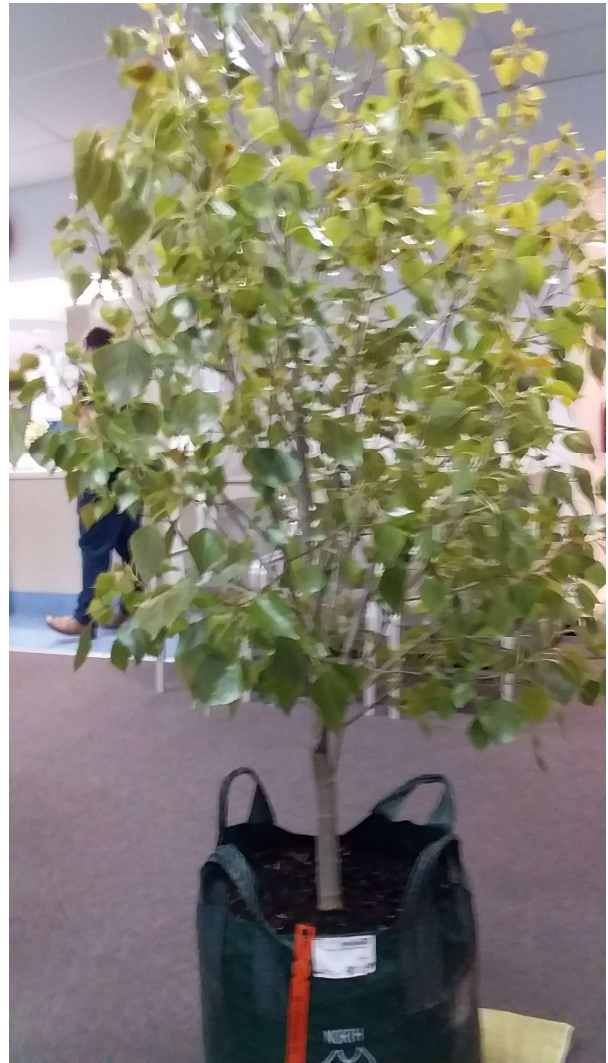


Bronze plaques for Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour at Beaconsfield Park on the corner of Old Princes Hwy and Beaconsfield Emerald Road

The names of these servicemen are listed on new bronze plaques at Beaconsfield Park on the corner of Old Princes Hwy and Beaconsfield Emerald Road.

When the trees were first planted the area was part of the Shire of Berwick (established 1868). This area extended from Dandenong Creek to Bunyip. On 1st October 1973 the Shire of Berwick split to form City of Berwick and Shire of Pakenham, with the boundary at Cardinia Creek. The trees of the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour were now in the City of Berwick which later became City of Casey.

Ninety years later some of the trees are showing signs of ageing. New trees have been propagated from cuttings taken from the original trees, and are well established and will be planted in the next few months to replace the original trees which have been removed.



New black poplar tree propagated from the original Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour trees planted in 1929

This will ensure the preservation of the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour .

This article is based on information in the booklet Beaconsfield Servicemen Remembered.

Copies are available from secretary@beaconsfield.org.au or can be downloaded from Beaconsfield Progress Association's website www.beaconsfield.org.au and information about the servicemen is also on the digital memorial touchscreen at the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

Make and Mingle



The Make and Mingle 21st Craft Fair was held on Saturday 9th November and despite a cold rainy day was as popular as ever with people from the local community and far and wide.

An amazing array of plants were available along with beautiful floral arrangements and bunched flowers.

There was a wide range of stalls which included handmade gifts of greeting cards, jewellery, quilts, cushions, toys, hand knitted items and much more, as well as lots of craft supplies.

Everyone enjoyed the morning tea and sandwiches and time to sit and chat with friends.

Money raised on the day will be donated to nominated charities.

The Craft Fair for 2020 will be Saturday 7th November 2020.

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr. Desmond Court and Old Princes Highway.

You are welcome to come along for friendship, a cuppa and craft.

The group resumes Wednesday 5th February 2020.

Details from:

makeandmingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au

By Ann Taylor



Make & Mingle Craft Fair

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Christmas Celebrations from Beaconsfield's Past

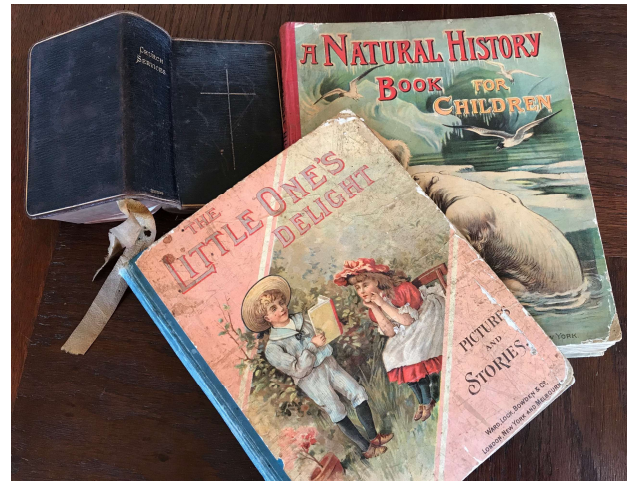


Christmas in Beaconsfield has been a tradition for over one hundred years, similar to the custom of England, and has continued to evolve throughout the years, gradually changing as Australia has socially developed.

The Christmas Tree has been an enduring centre piece to the celebration of the festive season.

Christmas cards were first sold commercially in the mid 1800's, invented by Henry Cole. He considered they were a pleasant and pleasing way to engage with family and friends at Christmas.

An attractive card with a picture and endearing message would make for a happy exchange, without the bother of a long letter. E W Coles of Coles Book Arcade, Melbourne was happy to stock and sell the cards, he considered them to be "a blessing".



Christian Books

In the past, a Christmas Bazaar would be held in the local hall. This would be an opportunity for the community to gather, sell and buy various items for exchanging gifts.

The stalls would consist of craft, local produce and baked goods. The Bazaar would often be a fundraiser for a local project or donation for a worthy cause, such as providing Christmas fare for the poor.

There would be musical performances featuring the school children, singing Christmas carols and playing instruments.



Christmas Gifts

Local shops would dress their windows with Christmas gifts for customers to view and purchase. Some advertisements reminded potential customers to post Christmas gifts early for your family that live overseas.

There would be signs which would include encouraging slogans, such as "practical gifts", "useful gifts", "acceptable gifts", "attractive gifts", "something for everyone young or old", with the

reminder that "Christmas comes but once a year". The residents were all encouraged to participate in the excitement of the season.

24 December 1884.

BEACONSFIELD ASSEMBLY HALL

Bazaar and Christmas Tree.

A BAZAAR and CHRISTMAS TREE will be held in the above hall on **BOXING DAY, 26th, and SATURDAY, 27th inst.**, the proceeds from which will be devoted to pay off the debt on said hall. The proceedings will be enlivened with **Vocal and Instrumental MUSIC**, and a **CONCERT** will be held on **Saturday evening.** 71ced

For many years after the First World War, Miss Ada Armytage would have an annual party for the children at her property "Holm Park".

17 December 1925.

Christmas Party at Holm Park, Beaconsfield

THE festive spirit reigned at Holm Park — Miss Ada Armytage's beautiful country home — on Saturday afternoon, December 5, when she entertained the local school children and some friends at a Christmas party.

There were races and sports, in spite of the heat, and a display of articles made by the children from waste materials, for which prizes were given.

But the central point of interest was a huge Christmas tree which stood over twenty feet high, and was set on the lawn adjoining the music room, an ideal spot on such a day, as it is well shaded in the afternoon by the billiard room and an immense Lebanon Cedar.

Mrs Lewis, assisted by Messrs Baige, Westaway, and Hutchinson,

The guests sought the coolness of the house, the music-room, with its fine paintings, proving a special attraction.

Then came the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree, a Fairy Queen (Miss J. a'Beckett) appearing, to the delight of the children, to distribute them. Her fairy robe glittered with a beaten silver design and tinsel, caught with golden butterflies, while a beautiful diamond tiara flashed forth prismatic hues.

She handed each child gifts. Then later she presented the prizes for the races and for making useful articles from waste material. Some of the articles were really excellent. Miss Armytage donated four first prizes of half a guinea each; the second and third prizes were vases, purses, etc., and there were special prizes for cleverness, and for neatness of workmanship. Then the Fairy Queen decided to distribute ice-cream, saying it was always done in Fairyland.

Everything was beautifully carried out. Mrs J. a'Beckett, assisted by Misses Dorothy Miers, Vera Maher, and Messrs Frank O'Grady, Dudley Purton, A. Thomas, and others, arranged the children's table.

During the afternoon, Lily Westaway, the youngest child in the school, presented Miss Armytage with a beautiful basket of carnations, roses, pansies, and maiden hair fern. Miss Armytage was delighted with the gift. After dinner the house party at Holm Park had an impromptu dance.

In recent years, Christmas Celebrations in Beaconsfield have continued with Church services, Carols by candlelight and the Christmas Window Competition.

Researched and Written by Penny Harris Jennings 2019.

Carols By The Creek



Carols by the Creek crowd in 2017

BEACONSFIELD'S Annual Carols by the Creek has a new venue this year.

It will be a little further away from the creek at Holm Park Reserve, 100 Beaconsfield Emerald Road. Kid's activities from 6.30pm with Carols starting at 7.45pm.

Christmas Carols for the whole family, great music from the Cardinia Civic Concert Band, Beaconsfield Primary School, Beaconsfield Baptist Church and the eleven88 Dancers!

Bring a picnic dinner and let's enjoy Christmas together as a community.

Carols in Beaconsfield have always been popular with the community and this is the thirtieth year of the event organised by Beaconsfield Progress Association and Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

In December 1990 – Carols by Candlelight was held at the new reserve (Bob Burgess Reserve) and was a good night. Carols by Candlelight was again held in 1991 and even included a 'Placid Jerusalem donkey' and included many community groups and was a great success. Afterwards Pastor Fred Rudd suggested we call it "Carols by the Creek" and we have had that name ever since.

References: Beaconsfield Banner- December 1990, December 1991 and February 1992.

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Once again, a sincere thank you to everyone involved in taking the time to prepare and submit articles.

Perhaps, it goes without saying but all of us have a deep attachment to and love for Beaconsfield. If you feel the same way, get involved by:

- attending our monthly BPA meetings
- submitting an article to be published in the Banner
- or advertising in the Banner

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	B&W	Colour
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From all of us at the BPA, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. See you in 2020!

Andrew Brewster
Beaconsfield Banner Editor

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Rd. We encourage and welcome all Beaconsfield residents to come and attend these meetings.

Come and air your concerns, raise issues or just come for some information.

The next three meeting dates will be:

- February 18th
- March 17th
- April 21st

Articles Welcome

Have your say on local issues, submit anecdotes about Beaconsfield past/present, letters to the editor or articles of general interest are welcomed.

These can be emailed to the editor at banner@beaconsfield.org.au

All articles must contain the contributor's name and contact details for verification purposes.

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2019 BEAconsfield CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION

FIND THE CHILD'S NAME

Family Team Name: _____

Contact Mobile Number: _____

First correct entry drawn wins family hamper. One entry per family.

Spot prizes available

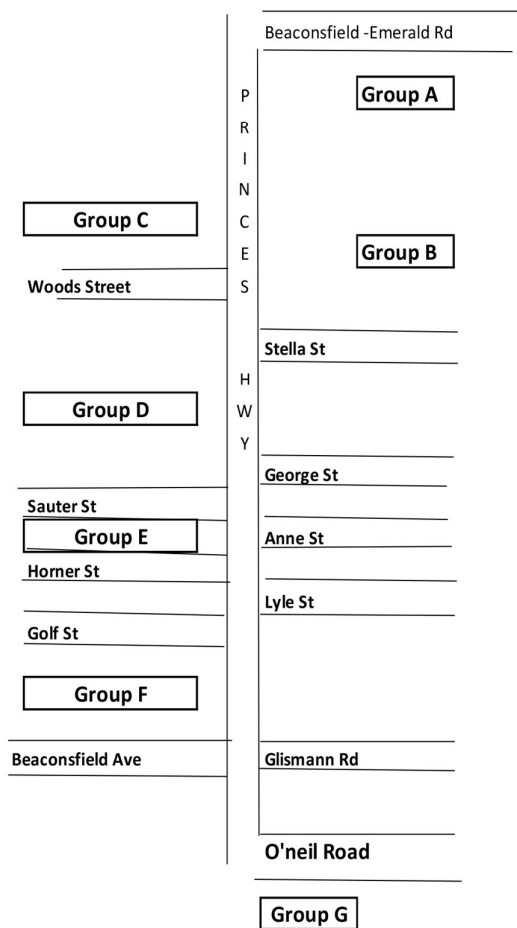
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Group A	Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium	
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Group B	Beaconsfield Pharmacy	
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Group B	Envy Home and Body	
Group B	Beaconsfield community noticeboard (near Woolies)	
Group B	Pure Beauty Medispa	
Group C	Daydreamers	
Group C	In Beauty	
Group C	Cooper and Co Barbers	
Group C	Empire Bridal	
Group C	South East Accounting (5/24/26 Woods St)	
Group D	Bendigo Bank	
Group D	Lift Hair and Fashion Boutique	
Group D	Green Soul Organics	
Group D	The Cake Stop	
Group E	Amitie Hair	
Group F	Home Hardware	
Group F	Fast Fuel	
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Group G	If closed see photo on outside window)	

Nominate your favourite shop window? _____

ENTRIES CLOSE: MIDDAY 20th DECEMBER 2019

WINNERS ANNOUNCED: BEAconsfield CAROLS at HOLM PARK - SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2019

Completed entry forms can be placed in the competition boxes at the Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium, Fast Fuel or the Beaconsfield Community Center



The competition will start on December 1st, 2019 and ends midday on December 20th 2019. Entry forms are available mid-November from selected retailers from Beaconsfield, the Beaconsfield Community Centre, the Beaconsfield Progress Association website and Facebook page.

One entry per family.

All shops from Group A to G must have correct answers to be eligible to go into the entry for the family hamper and spot prizes.

Completed entry forms can be placed in the competition boxes at the Secret

Headquarters Comic Emporium, Fast Fuel or the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

The winners will be announced on the 22nd December at the family event 'Beaconsfield Carols' evening held at Holm Park.

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