

FREE

BEACONSFIELD



Quarterly publication of the Beaconsfield Progress Association

www.beaconsfield.org.au

Find us on



WINTER 2020 EDITION BANNER



Upcoming Local Events

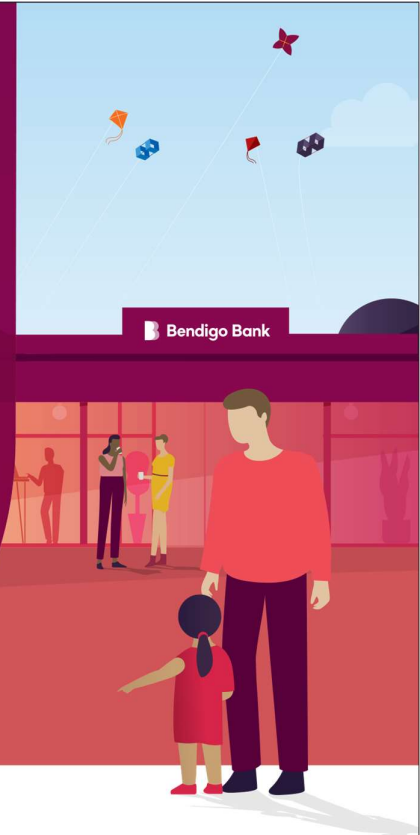
Beaconsfield Progress Association Meetings – Beaconsfield Community Complex - 3rd
Tuesday of each Month (meetings postponed until further notice)

Your home loan and insurance all under one roof

Find out more. Call us on 03 9769 5122 or
search Community Bank Beaconsfield.



Terms, conditions, fees and charges apply. Full details available on application. Lending criteria apply. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL 237879 acts under its own Australian Financial Services Licence number and under an agreement with a range of insurers. (1462866-1462865)(05/20)



Beaconsfield Dental

Phone 9707 3508

1-3 Cardinia Street, Berwick

Book your appointment online www.beaconsfelddental.com.au

Caring for the Community and the Environment

Medicare Child Dental Forms Accepted

Preferred Providers for Medibank, BUPA, HCF & CBHS



Winner
Premier's **Sustainability** Awards 2018



**BEACONSFIELD
DENTAL**

General, Cosmetic & Family
Dentistry



Family Market
Free entry
www.akoonahpark.com.au

Akoonah Park

Berwick

Produce, Craft & Variety Market

8.00am - 1.30pm Every Sunday

Akoonah Park Market
Phone Bookings on

9796 1455



Outdoor and Undercover stalls include:

- **Fresh Produce**
 - **New and Second Hand goods**
 - **Coffee and scones in the food Court**
 - **Wide Variety of Plants**
- Plus much more.**

Contents

Article

BPA President's Report

Ranges Ward Councillors' Report

State Member – Brad Battin MP

Alex Robson – Beaconsfield Football Club &
ANZAC Day

Chalk Drawings

Beaconsfield Lawn Mowing Costume competition

Grogan, Joseph Stanislaus

Article

Beaconsfield Tennis Club

Digital Memorial On The Website

Dogs of Beaconsfield's Past

Who's going on a Bear Hunt?

Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

State & Federal Political Representatives

Editor's Note

Correspondence

VAN STEENSEL TIMBERS

**TIMBER | HARDWARE
BUILDING MATERIALS
WOODMACHINING**

Crane Truck Delivery Available | 30 Trade Accounts
Knowledgeable Staff with Years of Experience

Connect with us for the latest
promotions



Visit us at 421 Princes Highway, Officer
(near the intersection of Tivendale Road)

**GET IN TOUCH FOR A QUOTE
5943 2371**

✉ SALES@VANSTEENSELTIMBERS.COM.AU
🌐 WWW.VANSTEENSELTIMBERS.COM.AU

BEACONSFIELD POST OFFICE

Trading hours

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Every Saturday 9am-12.00pm

- Banking facilities
- Prepaid Mobile phone/top ups
- Western Union Money Transfers
- Household key cutting
- TFN Applications
- Identity Services
- Land Titles ID Check
- Working with Children Check
- Foreign Currency
- Passport Applications & Photos

PHONE 9707 1053

SAGE ACCOUNTING

Mark A. Sage FCPA
Business Consultant
Registered Tax agent



49 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Upper Vic 3808
T: (03) 5944 3734 M: 0400 865 595 E: masage@tpg.com.au

kulfi bar

FOODTRUCK + ICE CREAM + CATERING

based in Beaconsfield
www.kulfi.com.au

Johann
0413 136 529



Cathy
0404 055 914



PLASTERWISE

PLASTERING SERVICES

Call
Gavin: **0418 107 363**

"...your local tradesmen"

plasterwise@thebaxters.com.au

President's Report

Welcome to this edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. I trust that you are successfully navigating your way through these uncertain times with the Covid-19 pandemic. With sporting clubs and other organisations mostly in recess or operating on a very limited basis not all the usual articles are available. However, we want to continue producing the Banner hence this Winter Edition has been produced but with less content. Hopefully the Covid-19 situation will continue to improve and the Spring Edition of the Banner will be a bumper Edition. 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.



Unfortunately, the Anzac Memorial Service due to be held on 19 April had to be cancelled. On Anzac Day, our Association laid wreaths at the Cenotaph and Avenue of Honour Plaques. The Australian and New Zealand Flags were flown. On social media it was good to see that many residents observed Anzac Day at 6am from their front gates. Prior to Anzac Day, the contents of the Digital Memorial which is located at the Beaconsfield Community Complex were loaded onto the BPA Website and also onto the BPA Facebook page. The Digital Memorial can be accessed on your computer and mobile phone.



During this difficult Covid-19 pandemic period, it is pleasing to hear about the resilience and community spirit of Beaconsfield residents that makes our town a great place to live.

At present, we are unable to have monthly meetings however when these restrictions are lifted in the future, we will publicise on our Website, Facebook and Notices in business premises.

Graeme Taylor

President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.



SECRET


HEADQUARTERS

— * COMIC EMPORIUM * —

3/2 Beaconsfield Emerald Rd, Beaconsfield

www.secretheadquarters.com.au


 [secretheadquarterscomic](#)  [secretheadquarterscomic](#)






JASON WOOD MP



FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **LA TROBE**

Delivering for La Trobe



 3/16 Langmore Lane, Berwick VIC 3806

 (03) 9768 9164  jason.wood.mp@aph.gov.au

 jasonwood.com.au  [JasonWood.updates](#)

Authorised by J.Wood MP, Liberal Party of Australia,
3/16 Langmore Ln, Berwick VIC 3806.

Ranges Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Cr Brett Owen

Council supports community and business during COVID-19

Council has been working hard and in partnership with local community groups in supporting our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council's \$1.6 million Community and Business Support Package includes a range of initiatives to support our community during this time. Initiatives include, but are not limited to, fast-tracking of approvals and compliance matters, rebates for some business fees and charges, extended due dates, interest-free periods and payment plans for rates if you need support, and more time to pay animal registration renewals. Council has also announced Community Relief Provider Grants for eligible service providers, agencies or groups that provide relief services, and Community Connection Grants for eligible community groups for support initiatives.

Our online support and resource centre has been designed to help you during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We hope you'll find it useful, in what is a stressful and challenging time for everyone. Here you can access a range of useful resources including links, fact sheets and videos, as well as a 'call back' option if you would like Council to assist in finding or understanding relevant support or information.

For the most up-to-date information about impacted services, facilities, meetings and events in Cardinia Shire, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Tantallon Boulevard Playground Renewal



Tantallon Reserve Playground

The Tantallon Reserve (Panorama estate) playground upgrade has now been completed. New playground equipment, an upgraded half-court basketball court along with a new path network, landscaping and furniture has been installed.



New path

Princes Highway intersection upgrades

The major intersection and signalisation upgrades along the Old Princes Highway at O'Neil Road and Glismann/Beaconsfield Avenue are progressing with the project currently out to tender. Construction of these two intersections are expected to commence within the coming months, weather permitting and with the approval of Vic Roads.

Change room upgrade at Beaconsfield Recreational Reserve (Perc Allison)

The change room upgrade project is currently out to tender. The project is an upgrade of the existing change rooms pavilion to provide unisex change room facilities, umpires change rooms, first aid and strapping room, gym, time-keepers room and a spectator viewing area. Works are expected to

commence onsite in the coming months and be completed in November 2020.

Changes to hard waste pick up

Following the recent shire-wide hard waste collection held throughout April/May 2020, Cardinia Shire Council is moving to a bookable hard waste service.

Moving to a bookable hard waste service will enable council to provide a more convenient and efficient service, increase diversion of waste from landfill, and reduce the impact of large amounts of hard waste out at one time. It also reflects the actions in our Council Plan and Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (2017-26).

Each household in Cardinia Shire that has their bins collected by Council will be able to book 2 free hard waste collections per year, including properties which are rented. Bookings will be available online and over the phone. The service is expected to commence from July. More information including how to book, what items are accepted and limits on sizes will soon be available at: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

‘Ageing Well’ newsletter out now

A special COVID-19 edition of Council’s Ageing Well newsletter has been developed with information for older residents on how to stay informed, active and connected during COVID-19. This is available for pick up at the Beaconsfield Post Office and Woolworths. Ageing Well is also available online at <https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20048/seniors/128/seniors#section-2-ageing-well-newsletter-for-seniors>

Brett Owen
Councillor

Cr Brett Owen

Ph: 0418 993 370
Email: b.owen@cardinia.vic.gov.au
facebook.com/BrettOwen - Ranges

Cr Jeff Springfield

Ph: 0427 383 810
Email: j.springfield@cardinia.vic.gov.au
facebook.com/CrJeffSpringfield

Cr Leticia Wilmot

Ph: 0427 135 879
Email: l.wilmot@cardinia.vic.gov.au
facebook.com/LeticiaWilmot.Ranges

State Member

Brad Battin MP

It is close to 12 months since the devastating fire at the Princes Highway shops, it’s great to see work finally commencing on the site. I know the long inaction was frustrating for many locals, including myself, with the heavily damaged shops becoming a great eyesore for the gateway to the great town of Beaconsfield. In April when Parliament sat for one day, I used this opportunity to raise the inaction with the Minister for Planning, hoping he would intervene, I am still awaiting the Minister’s response. I will keep an eye on the progress of works on this site to make sure things continue to progress. I know many in the community are missing Beacy Pizza and hope for its return.

During these uncertain times, it has been heartwarming to see the amount of support the Beaconsfield community has given to local businesses. The community spirit is high in Beaconsfield and that was demonstrated with locals making sure they still grab a coffee when they could or purchase takeaway or produce boxes to cook at home meals.

With dining restrictions easing for restaurants and cafes, I highly recommend the community continuing their support for local businesses and where possible get out and support our local restaurants and cafes.

Our hospitality industry has been badly affected by this pandemic and sadly most in this industry are small businesses and a great source of local jobs.

With the limitations on indoor dining, if you are unable to dine in, please make sure if you can, continue to get takeaway to ensure our favourite dining spots will remain after this pandemic.

I will be continuing my business shout outs when businesses are slowly returning to operation, so if you have a business who would like me to come down and record a video, please get in contact with me via brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au or 5953 0216.

Please continue to be safe, abide by the social distancing rules and support local.

Brad Battin MP

Liberal State Member for Gembrook

Alex Robson – Beaconsfield Football Club & ANZAC Day

Alex Robson who passed away in 2017 (appropriately on Anzac Day) held an iconic status with the Beaconsfield Football club. Alex was our strongest link to those early days when our town was a quiet village and life was a lot different. Alex has seen so much of our club history but he has also been a part of the wider history of Australia through his contribution to the community, and through his time serving in the Second World War.



Alex Robson has seen every Beaconsfield premiership, and just about every game Beacy has played. He was born in 1924, first came to the town in 1928, and boundary umpired his first local game in 1932. Just under 10 years later in 1942, he and his good mate Jim (Skinny) Parkes, lined up at Caulfield racecourse to sign up to serve in the Army.

Alex was spotted by his uncle, who alerted authorities to the fact that Alec was underage (only 17) so he and Jim then tried their luck at Dandenong and he managed to join up there. Alex served with the First Australian Pack Transport Company, 7th Division and was shipped out to New Guinea where the army was trying to hold back the Japanese advance. Being a country lad, he was given a role with the horses, taking valuable supplies by packhorses along the Kokoda Track to Innaminka Ridge. Alec was involved with this work up until the end of the war in 1945. Those who now take the popular track walk can only imagine what conditions would have been like in

those long years for a young bloke in his first trip away from home. No leave at home during these tough times.

For many of the young people at our club Alex is the old fellow who was always there on training nights and kept the fire lit in the Perc Allison club rooms. They would not be aware that at the same age as many of our current U/19's and U/18's team he willingly went overseas to serve his country like thousands of other Australians did at that time. Thankfully he came back safely, and went on serving his country and his community through his involvement with the Beaconsfield Football Club.



Alec's contributions as a past president, (his father had also served as president of the club), and his ongoing involvement has been recognized through club life membership, along with an AFL Certificate of Acknowledgement for his 50 years involvement, which was presented to Alex by Allan Jeans back in 2003.

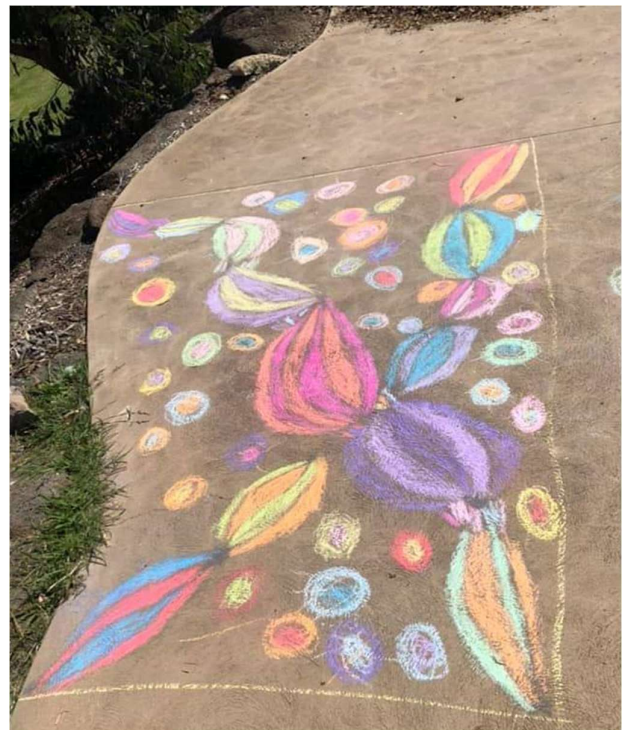
The Alex Robson award was struck in 2011 and is voted on by the players for the player or person who most upholds those values that Alex represented, such as **Selflessness; Loyalty, Dedication & Perseverance. Great values & attributes to have within a football club, and also in our community.**


Alec's story would be repeated in football clubs, and other sporting clubs, across Australia, and on Anzac Day, it is especially timely to reflect on this contribution. It is pleasing that the young people that pass through the Beaconsfield Football Club have an opportunity to develop a bond with someone such as Alec and experience the example of service he provides in his own modest way. So to all the Alex Robsons at every football club we thank you and salute you.

By Lawrie Canning

Chalk Drawings

Have you noticed the footpaths are getting very colourful recently with special messages of hope and activities to do? (See pictures below and on front cover of the Beaconsfield Banner).





Get vaccinated today

Vaccination is a safe and effective way to protect people against illness.

At Beaconsfield Guardian our qualified health professionals can administer vaccinations for influenza.

- NORMAL PRICE \$25
- GOVERNMENT FUNDED SCHEDULE PRICE \$10*

Ask our friendly team for more information!

*In Victoria, the following people are eligible to receive a free seasonal influenza vaccine: all children aged six months to less than five years (Victorian state funded program), pregnant women, people aged 65 years and over, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over, people with medical conditions predisposing them to severe influenza. Vaccination service valid for people over 16 years.
Reference: www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/immunisation-provider-information/seasonal-flu-vaccine

Beaconsfield Guardian Pharmacy
55 Old Princes Highway,
Beaconsfield VIC 3807
Ph: (03) 9707 5187

Open
Mon - Fri 9am - 8pm
Sat 9am-5pm
Sun 9am-1pm

Guardian
Let's talk about you



Cosy, comfortable, friendly staff, great homemade food at great prices - all day breakfast, children's menu, indoor and outdoor dining

Variety of food
Roasts, snitzels, baked potatoes, soup, bruschetta, focaccias, wraps, salads, lasagne & much more!

Open Mon - Sun 7am - 5pm



Phone 8759 5568
6/55 OLD PRINCES HWY
BEACONSFIELD 3807

Beaconsfield Squash & Fitness Centre

9707 2929
29 Woods St, Beaconsfield

\$395 For a 13 Month Full Membership!



Open 7 Days
Monday - Thursday 6am - 10pm
Friday 6am - 9pm
Saturday 8am - 1pm
Sunday 8am - 12:30pm

 Find us on Facebook



HAYESPOWER ELECTRICS

Started 30 Years Ago

We provide quality service and we are solar specialists. We provide professional customer service and offer free quotes. We work clean.

Our Services:
Civil
Maintenance
Solar Power
Power
We do it all

0418 174 522
hayespowers@westnet.com.au

Beaconsfield Lawn Mowing Costume Competition

Question: What do you do when you're told to stay at home and only leave for essentials or exercise?

Answer: Mow the lawns.

It can be boring and tedious, especially with all the rain the town has received lately, the grass seems to grow a foot overnight. Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Forum Facebook page organised a Lawn Mowing Costume Competition for anyone who was brave enough to enter over the months of March and April. Participants needed to submit a short video of them mowing the lawns in costume. The competition received 15 fantastic entries. The winner was Beaconsfield Primary School, submitting a very funny video with dinosaurs, a sumo wrestler, pirates, many character costumes and of course the principal, Mr Methven, sorting things out at the end by kicking them all off the school property. It was hilarious to watch. Many of the kids would be able to see their favourite teacher running around chasing the lawnmower in the video. For their efforts they won a \$250 voucher donated by Luke from Brown Wigg in Officer (Pictured).



The school intends to put the voucher towards a new whipper snipper for the school but also donate the same amount to their Pink Stumps fundraiser that was postponed due to lockdown. The fundraiser is likely to go ahead in Term 3, so watch for that announcement.



Another category in the competition, was the best frog/reptile costume video with a \$200 voucher donated by The Squatting Frog Plant Nursery and Décor Center. Two brilliant frog video's appeared with the winner being the 'Incredible Frog'.



The second entry, 'It's not easy being a frog', won a wine and cheese hamper donated by Guide to Cardinia.



The third category was the best group entry which was won by 'It's Morphin time'.



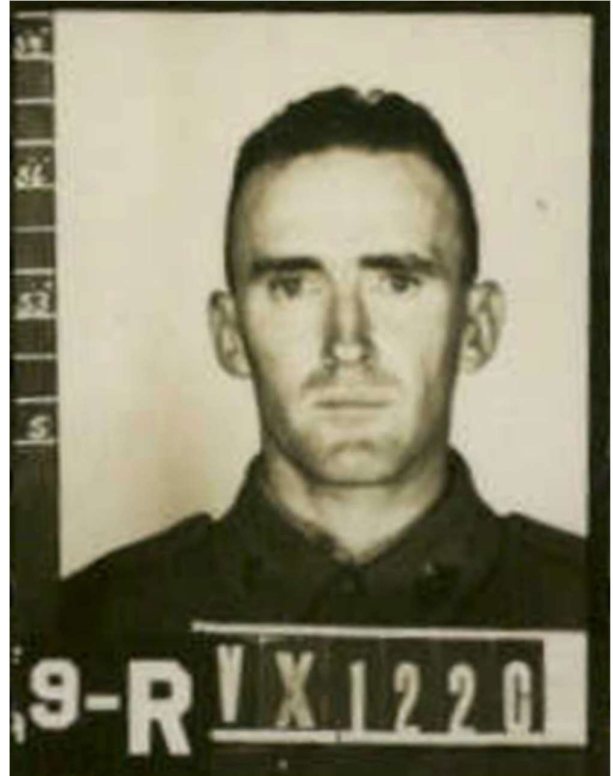
This prize was donated by Daniel from Beaconsfield Mower and Chainsaw service who presented the winner with a Sanil leaf blower.

A big thank you to all those who entered and gave the community a laugh when they really needed it. The imagination, creativity and time spent on the costumes and videos was amazing.



Coming soon on the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood page, Pet Photo competition. Starts June 1.

Grogan, Joseph Stanislaus



Approximately 90 years ago the Grogan family came to Beaconsfield to farm.

Michael and Gertrude Grogan had six children, most born in Benalla, Victoria. On moving to Beaconsfield, the children were grown and only the eldest two children Mary and Joseph came with them to farm the property known as "San Antonio", Clyde Road, Beaconsfield.

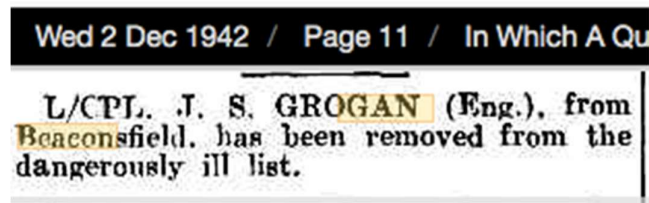
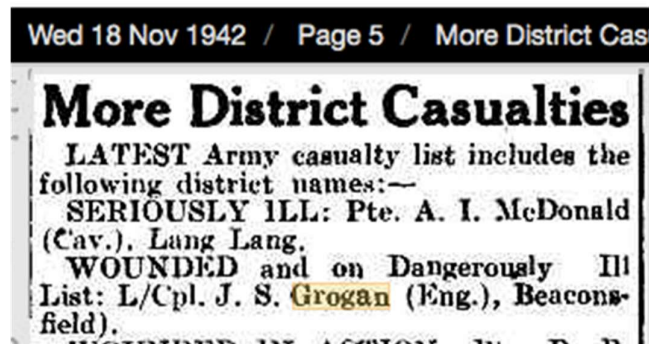
The family settled into their new life. While Michael and Joseph both farmed the property, Joe, as he was called by family and friends, was also regularly employed as a Bridge Construction worker. He was also a keen cricket player and joined the local team.

This new life was short lived, with the announcement of World War 2 Joseph enlisted with the Australian Army on 21 October 1939 and was "taken on strength". In November his soldier training commenced at Puckapunyal and in December he was transferred to Ingleburn Army Camp, New South Wales.

In mid 1940 Joseph embarked from Sydney and disembarked in readiness for war, in Gourrock, Scotland. Deployment to the Middle East came in late December and he was stationed there for several

years until the November of 1942, when he was severely wounded;

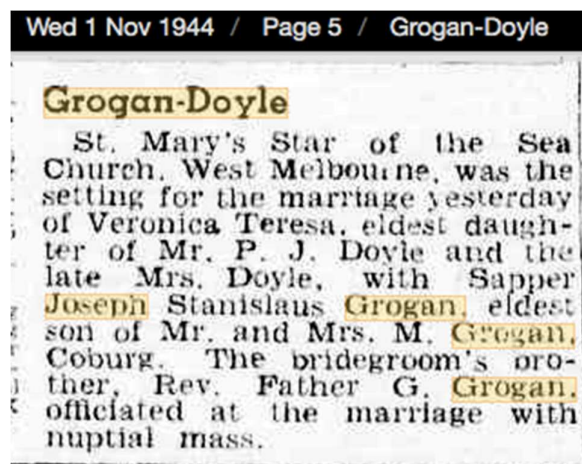
“a penetrating shell wound to the abdomen”.



Joseph survived and on 9 January 1943 was assessed as “unfit”. He boarded the hospital ship “MS Oranje” for the long journey home to Melbourne and was admitted to Heidelberg Military Hospital.

Joseph endured a protracted recovery, convalescing at numerous locations, “Stonnington” in Malvern, the “Cottage by the Sea” in Queenscliff and a hospice at Portsea.

Michael, Joseph’s father realised that it would not be possible for Joseph to return and work the farm in Beaconsfield, so with the dream of a prosperous life on the land over, the family returned to the inner suburbs of Melbourne.



Joseph was eventually able to work as a French polisher in Caulfield. He married Veronica Doyle and they had three sons, Michael, John and Gerard.

On 5 November 1987, Joseph Stanislaus Grogan, born 18 December 1911, Service No VX1220, passed away at the Huntly Close Nursing Home, Glenhuntly, Victoria.



His younger brother, Father Kevin Grogan, Service No NX205421, once quoted John Henry Newman;

“May he support us all day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in his Mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last.”

Researched and written by Penny Harris Jennings 2020.

An advertisement for Kaye Charles Real Estate. The background is a photograph of a tree with vibrant pink and orange autumn leaves. A large pink circle is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'K KAYE CHARLES REAL ESTATE Experience the difference'. Below the circle, contact information is provided for Beaconsfield and Emerald.

Beaconsfield 9707 0111
SALES & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Beaconsfield & Upper Beaconsfield's #1 Agency
www.kayecharles.com.au

Emerald 5954 0900



Current COVID-19 Beaconsfield Tennis Court Restrictions

NON MEMBERS – Hire of courts is not yet available.

MEMBERS - Synthetic courts are available under these restrictions:

- Social games only, both singles and doubles allowed.
- Before leaving home, email our Secretary (mauricepotter@bigpond.com) detailing names in your group and date and time of use. This will enable us to contact you should an infection occur at the club, for your own protection and to meet Government guidelines. These emails will be retained for our records.
- Please bring your own sanitiser/antiseptic wipes to clean gate latches and locks before entry (to protect you) and after use to protect others.
- Club house is to remain locked at all times, toilets are not available to meet local Cardinia Council guidelines.
- Bring your own full drink bottles as club drinking fountains must not be used.
- No social gathering before or after play (get in-play-get out).
- Shared equipment is not to be used, eg scoreboards, personal tennis racquets, drink bottles.
- No handshakes and wash your hands before and after play.
- Maintain social distancing at all times – 1.5 metres apart.

- Be considerate of other members by limiting court time to one hour maximum if others are waiting.
- Members' use of the courts is at their own risk and are responsible for their own actions under the current Government restrictions.

COACHING SESSIONS: Paul Rowbottom is resuming coaching sessions and will advise conditions to those involved under separate advice.

Our phone number for general enquiries has changed to (03) 8820 5853.

By Maurice Potter

Digital Memorial On The Website

This year the BPA were unable to hold our Anzac Memorial Service this year due to restrictions caused by COVID –19.

We were able to fly the flags and lay some wreaths on Anzac Day.

The BPA has a Digital Memorial Touchscreen at the Community Complex, opened in August 2018. The Digital Memorial remembers men and women from Beaconsfield who served in the armed forces during WW1. We plan to add information about Servicemen and women from Beaconsfield who served in WW2 later this year.

Our webmaster has spent the past few weeks, making a new file of the Digital Memorial to put on the BPA website. www.beaconsfield.org.au

This is really exciting because there is some really interesting and important information on the DM and previously it could only be accessed on the touchscreen at the Community Complex. Now it can be accessed at any time by anyone through the website. It is not only easy to access on PCs but it can be accessed on handheld devices, like tablets and phones.

The Digital Memorial has 110 pages and the website now has a total of 500 pages. We are very grateful to Barry for making this possible in lieu of our Anzac Memorial Service 2020.

Dogs of Beaconsfield's Past

Dogs have long been referred to as "Man's Best Friend"; this year more than ever dog owners have appreciated the companionship of their pets.

The Victorian "Dog Act" requiring the registration of dogs began in 1864. Licensing required the description of the dog, the premises where the dog is kept, the sex, age, and colour; the fee was five shillings payable every year. Each dog was required to wear a collar with registration number and place of its registration, failure to register or comply incurred a penalty.

NAME	ADDRESS	No. of Dogs	Premises on which such Dog is intended to be kept.	SEX	Age	Color or Particular Mark	Description or Kind of Dog
Jameson David	Gippsland Hotel	1	Hotel Parkland	On	12 yrs from birth	Black	Black Mastiff
Jameson David	Gippsland Hotel	1	Hotel Parkland	On	12 yrs from birth	Black	Black Mastiff

In 1865 resident Janet Bowman, Licensee of the "Gippsland Hotel", a widow with children, chose to own a Mastiff dog, as recorded in the Dog Register, Road District of Berwick.



The Mastiff dog given his size would have been an excellent guard dog in such a remote location. He would confidently fend off intruders and the possibility of robbery at the Gippsland Hotel. Given there would have been frequent travellers passing through the district, Janet would have relied on her mastiff for protection for herself, family and business.



In 1867 Janet owned a terrier and two kangaroo dogs. The terrier was known for their tenacity, a smart little dog, willing to work and protect his territory. During

the day he would guard livestock and give early warning of danger. In the evening he would be an affectionate and quiet companion.

Kangaroo dogs were very popular in early days, they were primarily a greyhound/ scottish deerhound cross which evolved into a very large, strong and extremely tough running dog, essential for hunting. They were the perfect multi functional dog, their slender frame allowed them the ability to run swiftly through fields or cover rough territory at high speed in pursuit of prey. Kangaroo dogs had loyal attachment to their owners, very obedient and were always willing to please.



In 1871 resident Patrick O'Neil owned a dog we are more familiar with, the Cattle dog. This dog is a combination of other breeds such as the Smithfield and Collies, which finally resulted in the Australian cattle dog breed. In the settlement of properties, farmers needed to control stock over vast tracts of land. Cattle dogs were chosen by farmers for their tremendous powers of endurance and courage. The local climate and landscape required a versatile well-balanced dog which the Cattle dog's ability and character typifies. Though the choice of dog breed to own may have changed in Beaconsfield, residents today continue to enjoy the loyalty and companionship of dogs.

Researched and written by Penny Harris Jennings 2020.

Who's going on a Bear Hunt?

Many of you may have read 'Who's going on a Bear Hunt' to your children when they were young. This book was the inspiration to start up a 'Beaconsfield Bear Hunt' activity for the local children as the Covid-19 isolation rules came in force.



As the children needed to go for a walk for some exercise, a Facebook page called 'Beaconsfield Bear Hunt' listed streets in Beaconsfield (and the surrounds) and the number of bears in each street.



Over 50 streets and over 100 bears were involved in this activity during March and April. You still might see some of the bears waiting for the children to seek them out as I think the bears and their furry friends are loving all the attention.





Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

Well, the 2020 AFL season (or lack thereof) certainly has been a disappointing one for all our football community. One day we were busy registering players and volunteers to get the season started, the next we were thrown into isolation due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Fortunately, Beaconsfield JFC has a strong retention base of its members which meant that before we went into isolation, we managed to secure over 540 registrations (27 teams). Within these, we were trying to put together an U10 Girls team. With the exciting development of AFLW in recent years, there has been a huge uptake of girls registering to play footy, which is magnificent to see. But we still need more girls to join this team. So if your daughter was born between 2010-2011 (inclusive), please email our Registrar at registrar@beaconsfieldjfc.com.au.

This year we also saw the accreditation of 16 new coaches (from 26 teams), ready to take on the challenge of coaching a team. This is fantastic as it means that the children will get the experience of learning from a different voice and energy.

Speaking of new things around the club, we were successful in obtaining a grant for a new scoreboard on oval 2 at Holm Park. This project is near its completion. All we need next is some football games to see it in action!

One of our continuing sponsors became a major sponsor this year (Polyflor), so we had new goal post pads made up for oval 2 with this sponsor's logo. We cannot wait to show them off, they look amazing! As always, we are very thankful to our wonderful sponsors both new and continuing, who committed to our club this season. They are: Home Timber & Hardware Beaconsfield, Polyflor, HFH Auto Group, Berwick Home Loans, Studio Reflections Photography, Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre, Renseal, Erect-A-Rack, Home Grown Design, BoardPro, Guzman Y

Gomez, Clip 'N Climb Berwick, Garrleigh Trophies, Beaconsfield Village Bakehouse, Bendigo Bank, Grill'd Fountain Gate, Ducky In The Field Café and Signactive.

At present, behind the scenes we are busy working alongside AFL Vic and AFLSE to get our teams up and training once again. We recognise the need for community sport to return as soon as possible for so many reasons, among them for the health and mental well-being of the children. Please bear with us for the time-being as there is a lot to prepare prior to us welcoming the children onto the oval once again. We have strict protocols we will need to adhere to and trust that our community will be behind us and assisting us in maintaining these strict government requirements.

From us here at Beaconsfield JFC – we cannot wait to hear that siren blaring and the umpires' whistles going on Sundays. Until then, please stay safe.

Political Representatives

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

MEMBER FOR LA TROBE
Jason Wood MP.
Unit 3/16 Langmore Lane
Berwick Vic 3806
9768 9164
Jason.Wood.MP@aph.gov.au

STATE GOVERNMENT

Legislative Assembly

MEMBER FOR GEMBROOK
Brad Battin MP.
Suite 3 / 445 Princes Highway OFFICER VIC 3809
PO Box 601 OFFICER VIC 3809
59 53 0216
brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au

Legislative Council

EASTERN VICTORIA REGION
Hon. Edward O'Donohue
51 James St
Pakenham 3810
59 41 1112
edward.o'donohue@parliament.vic.gov.au

Jane Garrett
Unit 1, 23 James Street
PAKENHAM 3810
59 40 5010
jane.garrett@parliament.vic.gov.au

Editor's Note

With each edition of the Beaconsfield Banner, we attempt to capture some of the special things going on in our small town.

A sincere thank you to everyone involved in capturing these special moments by taking the time to prepare and submit articles.

Perhaps it goes without saying but all of us at the BPA have a passion and love for our great town. 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

Pricing per edition for advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner is as follows:

	B&W	Colour
½ page advertisement	\$100	\$150
¼ page advertisement	\$50	\$80
Business card advertisement	\$30	\$50

Subject to space and demand, we are happy to including free advertorials for our half and quarter page advertisers.

If you are interested in advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner please contact us via email on banner@beaconsfield.org.au

We are very lucky to have so many great businesses in Beaconsfield. There is no clearer illustration of community spirit, than the businesses who advertise in the Banner. **More than ever, our local businesses need your support. Please get behind them.**

Hope you enjoy the Winter edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.

Andrew Brewster- Editor



1300 IT TALK
A: 124 Old Princes Hwy.
Beaconsfield VIC 3807
T: 1300 488 255
E: cameron@computertalk.com.au
W: computertalk.com.au



Correspondence

All correspondence to P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield Vic 3807 or email banner@beaconsfield.org.au

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Rd.

The next three meeting dates will be:

- June 16th
- July 21st
- August 18th

Articles Welcome

Articles 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.

Advertising

The Beaconsfield Banner is published quarterly. Pricing per edition for advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner is as follows:

	B&W	Colour
½ page advertisement	\$100	\$150
¼ page advertisement	\$50	\$80
Business card advertisement	\$30	\$50

All advertising enquiries please email:

banner@beaconsfield.org.au Advertisements to be submitted as a JPG or Word document email attachment.

Next Issue of the Banner

The deadline for contributing to the Winter Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for articles and advertising is 14th August 2020.

Disclaimer

The claims of advertisers in the Banner are not endorsed by the BPA and opinions expressed are those of the author not the publisher. Whilst every care has been taken in preparing this newsletter there may be something that has been overlooked or printed incorrectly. Please contact us if articles or advertisements do not appear as you intended.

Some articles and photos are covered by copyright. Please have the courtesy of contacting us if you wish to copy any part of the Banner

VOTED #1 QUALITY
GARDEN POWER TOOLS*



STIHL®

Welcome to your new STIHL Dealer, BrownWigg - Officer.

 Petrol Grass Trimmers



FROM
\$199

 **Battery Power.**
Made by STIHL.



FROM
\$179

 Petrol Blowers



FROM
\$249

 Petrol Hedge Trimmers



FROM
\$299

 Electric
Garden
Shredders



FROM
\$449

411 Princes HWY, Officer. Ph. 5942 1056

*Claim based on BIS Shrapnel Report 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

• **EXPERT ADVICE** • **PRODUCT DEMOS** •
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

INVITATION TO JOIN & ENJOY BOWLS



Berwick Bowling Club welcomes new members of all ages and experience.

Located within the Edwin Flack Reserve on Manuka Road in Berwick, we are the largest and most modern Bowling Club in Casey, with magnificent grounds and excellent all weather greens (3 grass and 1 synthetic).

Pennant, Social or Indoor Bias Bowls is offered to all members. Free coaching is available.

A superb Club House with extensively stocked bar, well equipped large kitchen, spacious dining area and dance floor. Our facilities are available for all types of functions. We also have an active Social Committee and many events are organised throughout the year for all members to enjoy.

MYTH: bowls is for older people

FACT: Bowls is for all ages

For further information and/or enquiries contact John Lillie 9707 4804

Your local voice

Brad Battin_{MP}

Liberal State Member for Gembrook

www.brad.battin.com.au

 /BradBattinMP

5953 0216

Authorised by Brad Battin MP, Suite 3 445 Princes HWY OFFICER 3809. Funded from the Parliamentary Budget



Beaconsfield Home Timber & Hardware

102-112 Old Princes Hwy



Mon – Fri 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sat 7.30am – 4.00pm

Sun 9.00am – 4.00pm

Public Holidays 9.00am – 3.00pm

Phone

(03) 9707 5055

Proudly servicing Beaconsfield and beyond since 1984

Email: sales@beaconsfieldtimber.com.au

Website: www.beaconsfieldtimber.com.au