

Welcome to all members and visitors to tonight's meeting. We do not have a guest speaker tonight so there is plenty of time for general discussion. Any thoughts for future Speakers would be appreciated.

I review Cardinia Shire Council Meeting Agendas and I also review Planning Applications each week. I attended the Cardinia Shire Council Meeting held last night. Amendment C238 Glismann Road Development and Development Contributions Plan was passed after noting that the Minister of Education and Beaconsfield Primary School be involved in the process. Three Glismann Road property owners had submissions tabled at the meeting. A number of Glismann Road residents attended to hear the matter being discussed. I do not believe that there were any other significant matters or Planning Applications affecting Beaconsfield.

The Spring Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner is now being compiled. Editor Andrew Brewster has sent out emails to Contributors and Advertisers advising the due date of 21 August. Any new Contributors or Advertisers would be welcome.

We have received a Certificate of Currency for the Public Liability Insurance Policy from Local Community Insurance Services and forwarded it to Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

A Meeting was held with Tim Cooper (Cardinia Shire Council), Cr. Brett Owen and A & G Taylor to discuss assistance Cardinia Shire Council may be able to provide to assist us in the present and longer term. Matters discussed included, the following:

- an awareness campaign and possibly an information night to advise our organisation, our achievements and to seek new members or helpers to assist in roles. These roles to be documented.
- more advocacy on local issues and publicity.
- approach local groups on mutual benefit matters.
- look if any financial assistance is available and, in particular, payment of our 3 insurances.
- look at other Grants available eg. Cardinia Park Hotel, Pakenham Racing Club and local sponsors.
- have Guest Speakers at meetings to encourage residents and local business people to attend.
- claims for Council Grants in 2020

The meeting was positive and reinforced the important role that Community Groups play in the Shire.

The 2020 Council Grants were announced and are summarised, as follows :

|                                       | Claimed | Allocated | Shortfall |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1.Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service | \$2,547 | \$1,575   | \$ 972    |
| 2.Australia Day Picnic and Movie      | 4,786   | 3,600     | 1,186     |

There were more applications for Grants than previously and presumably for higher amounts hence claims have been reduced. The Anzac Memorial Service was reduced as it was wrongly treated as a RSL service. The Australia Day Picnic and Movie Night has been discussed with some Committee members to see that the Event is viable with the reduced funding and can proceed. Both Grants have been accepted by BPA. These Grants will be discussed tonight.

There have been no further developments to report since the last meeting on the Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT