

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 18 JUNE, 2019

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 have not attended any Cardinia Shire Meetings since the last BPA Meeting. I read Agendas principally for matters affecting Beaconsfield. I do not believe that there were any significant matters or Planning Applications affecting Beaconsfield.

The Winter Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner was finalised and is at the Printers. It should be available by the end of this week for distribution. Many thanks to Andrew Brewster in undertaking all the work in the Editor's role and to others who have helped in getting a broad range of articles and new advertisers. For this Issue, our advertising revenue exceeds the printing costs by approx.. \$700 which will more than cover share of administration expenses for the period.

Ann and I attended the Cardinia Shire Council Volunteer's Reception. Congratulations to Wendy Andrews, Chair of the Lakeside Resident's Group on winning the Stan Henwood Award. The evening did not attract as many people as normal possibly due to less publicity.

We have lodged an Acquittal Form with Cardinia Shire Council for the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service 2019. Expenditure exceeded the Grant received by \$134 which we can absorb. This was mainly due to extra cost of Traffic Management with the Service falling on Easter Sunday Public Holiday. A larger Grant has been applied for next year to absorb some of our Public Liability Insurance. We are awaiting to hear from Council about the Grants for 2020 for the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service and also the Australia Day Movie. I have made enquiries with Cardinia Shire Council about the position if we charge people to attend the Australia Day Movie so that we can get a current release film. I am waiting for Cardinia Shire council to get back to me.

We have received the three Insurance Renewals from Local Community Insurance Services all due in July. The coverage and premiums are the same, as previously. The renewals will be discussed tonight.

Since the last BPA Meeting, there has been a number of emails to and from the BNCR Friends Group, Melbourne Water, Cardinia Environment Coalition, and ourselves. In summary, Melbourne Water maintain their view of a partial upgrade to 94.0 MASL but the final decision is with the Stakeholders. This partial upgrade option to 94 MASL is also CEC and BPA preferred option. I have looked into the position regarding Victorian Heritage of the Beaconsfield Reservoir, Dam and Aqueduct. There is also Heritage on Haunted Gully alluvial gold mining works. I will discuss further in the General Business tonight.

Ann and I met with Cr. Brett Owen to discuss a number of local BPA issues including Beaconsfield Reservoir, requesting a uniform speed limit of 70 kmh on all sections of Old Princes Hwy in the Beaconsfield Township to assist the O'Neil Road Intersection (I will write a follow-up letter to Vic Roads), arranging for Brad Batten to be a Guest Speaker at a BPA Meeting.

Thanks to Cr. Brett Owen for giving us his time.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT