

16 APRIL,2019

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MEETING

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 our last BPA Meeting. I read Agendas principally for matters affecting Beaconsfield. I do not believe that there were any significant Meeting matters or Planning Applications affecting Beaconsfield.

The Winter Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner will be prepared and distributed by the end of May. Articles and Advertising need to be with Editor Andrew Brewster by early May. We all need to assist in obtaining a broad range of community articles and more advertising.

The Interactive Touchscreen Project has been delivered, installed and ready for use. The wooden cupboard on the base of the unit was assembled. Cardinia Shire Council have been requested to affix this wooden cupboard to the floor. The Touchscreen is fully operational and will hopefully be available on the Anzac Memorial Service Day.

We have been busy planning the Anzac Memorial Service to be held on 21 April ,2019.The Traffic Management Plan, Site Plan, and Risk Assessment have been prepared by Australian Traffic Control who will attend on the day. Pakenham Police may attend and we are working with Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and others who have participated in previous years. Pakenham Police have raised security issues and use of barriers particularly on Old Princes Hwy. I have contacted ATC and Cardinia Shire Council and discussed security requirements which have not yet been finalised. Plans for the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service will be discussed at this meeting. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the day a great success. We would appreciate any help on the day notwithstanding there will be a smaller attendance compared to previous years.

Grant Applications have been commenced for the Anzac Memorial Service 2020 and also the Australia Day Outdoor Movie 2020.Acquittal Forms have been finalised for Australia Day Outdoor Movie 2019 and also the Touchscreen Project.

It is pleasing to see that improvements have been made to the intersection of Old Princes Highway and O'Neil Road Beaconsfield. Suggestions previously by BPA to Vic Roads in meetings have been adopted including better line markings and keep clear marking. Two Give Way signs have been erected. These improvements will greatly improve the intersection with clearer understanding of who has right of way and also clearer visibility.

With the announcement of the Federal Election, we need to plan our Meet the Candidates Forum. The proposed date is 7 May at Beaconsfield Community Complex starting at 7.30 pm. Planning details need to be discussed at this Meeting.

Extensive time has been spent on the Business Directory for the BPA Website. This information has been forwarded to our IT person for loading onto the Website.

There has been considerable work done by parties interested in the Beaconsfield Reservoir Refurbishment. We plan to attend a meeting at Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Annex tomorrow night. There has been a large amount of documentation issued. If anyone is interested in attending, please advise me.

I noted in correspondence a letter from a resident enquiring about an entry/exit at the eastern end of the Railway Station Platform.

On 4 May, the National Trust Heritage Day will be held at Fishermans' Cottage, Tooradin. Further information will be provided as part of the History Report.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT