

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 21 July, 2020

Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. I trust that you are all coping well during this Covid-19 period. The meetings on Zoom will continue until we are allowed to safely meet publicly.

I have reviewed the Cardinia Shire Council combined Meeting Agenda held on 20 July. I was not able to watch the Podcast and items on the Agenda included revised conditions and recommendation to allow low level music in the outdoor areas of Cardinia Park Hotel. In correspondence there was advice of a Cardinia Shire Planning Scheme Amendment C238 concerning Glismann Road Exhibition Notification Letter and also Draft Governance Rules for community consultation needed by 29 July, 2020. We look forward to hearing tonight a report of the meeting and other matters from Cr. Brett Owen.

The Spring Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner now needs to be commenced as it must be completed by late August. It is intended that this Edition will again be a " mini " edition due to the lack of news and articles during this Covid-19 period. The print run can be discussed next meeting for quantity and number of colour pages. Advertisements will be charged normally this Edition and we should have a new advertiser. Thanks to all involved in assisting with articles and, in particular, to outgoing Editor Andrew Brewster for producing a quality Beaconsfield Banner on a timely basis. We need to find a replacement Editor. Included in the correspondence is an email from Community Newspapers Assoc. of Victoria asking for new members. This could be of assistance with Beaconsfield Banner preparations and costs \$40 pa.

Our Insurances were renewed with Local Community Insurance Services formerly owned by JLT and now a Marsh & McLennan company specialising in Incorporated Associations. Our Insurance premiums including GST have remained unchanged, as follows:

- Public Liability Premium \$977.92 Cover \$20 mill.
- Personal Accident- Volunteers \$412.50
- Associations and Officials Liability \$412.50

I requested Quotes from other Insurers and also Brokers however a Broker who was going to provide a Quote for the risks did not provide a Quote.

Advices were received from Cardinia Shire Council on the changes of Wards prior to the Council elections this October. Instead of 3 Wards including Ranges Ward with 3 Councillors, there will be 9 separate Wards in the Shire represented by 1 Councillor each. My personal suggestion to Council for our Ward name was Beacon Hills which has been adopted.

Further to our previous meeting, I discussed with the Proprietor about having a new e-waste recycling box at Beaconsfield Home Timber and Hardware. He was agreeable and the Bin has been located at the store. This is a good initiative for Beaconsfield for old batteries, recycle old phones, small electrical appliances etc which we all should support. There was a Facebook post on 11 July by Beaconsfield Home Timber & Hardware advising of the Bin.

It is pleasing to see work being done on the burnt- out shops including structural and roofing. Hopefully the reinstatement works continue to happen to reinvigorate this area the entrance to Beaconsfield.

A Grant of \$900 has been advised by Cardinia Shire Council to assist us with the preparation of the Beaconsfield Banner. We have provided a Tax Invoice. This will assist with our finances.

Cardinia Shire Council announced Luke Williams as Citizen of the year and Ken Rook as Stan Henwood Award winner. Congratulations to both.

With the restart of the AFL competition, it was good to see former Beaconsfield F.C. juniors Jake Aarts (Richmond) and Coby Weightman (Western Bulldogs) play their first AFL games.

Graeme Taylor

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