

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 19 NOVEMBER, 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 Guest Speakers for next year would be appreciated.

I have reviewed Cardinia Shire Council Meeting Agendas and also weekly Planning Applications. I have not attended any Cardinia Shire Council Meetings. At the Shire Council Meeting held earlier this month, Ranges Ward Councillor Jeff Springfield was elected Mayor. Congratulations to Cr. Springfield and we look forward to working with him. I do not believe that there are any significant matters or Planning Applications affecting Beaconsfield in the past month.

The Summer Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner is well underway and is to be finalised, printed and distributed before the end of the month. Many thanks to Andrew Brewster in undertaking the Editor's role on a timely basis and to others who have helped in getting a broad range of articles and advertisers.

It was pleasing to see a good attendance at the previous Meeting. Thanks to the Office-Holders and Committee of Management who were re-elected and also to Viv Williams and Bob Cooper on their appointments as Committee Members. The Guest Speakers Peter Benazic and Andrew Barr Cardinia Shire Senior Engineers discussed a wide range of matters including Old Princes Hwy upgrades at O'Neil and Glismann Roads Intersections, other roads, Kennilworth Ave. road construction, waste recycling, footpaths, car parking, 70 kph speed limit now a uniform speed limit applying to all sections of the Old Princes Hwy, Shire Infrastructure spending, Asset Management and Monash Freeway upgrade. The talk was very informative.

Cardinia Shire Council has proposed recommendations for improvements to the Beaconsfield Shopping Centre Car Park to improve vehicle access and pedestrian safety. This includes Give Way line markings, provision or upgrading of Zebra crossings, improved signage and line markings, pedestrian access paths and repairs to an overhead barrier and a Fire Equipment Box. Our Association will be involved in this process and a meeting has already been held with Aldi. The Car Park greatly concerns residents as evidenced on social media. Our Association has been in discussion with Cardinia Shire Council for over 4 years and, thanks to Cr. Brett Owen, this matter is being pursued with land owners to have improvements made

In the next few months, BPA is involved in a number of events namely Christmas Windows Competition, Carols to be held at Holm Park Reserve and the Australia Day Outdoor Movie. Thanks to all members organising or assisting with these events and I hope that the community gets involved. We appreciate the Grant provided by Cardinia Shire Council to assist BPA financially with the Australia Day Outdoor Movie and also for the financial assistance to produce the Beaconsfield Banner and to pay for required Insurances.

Included in correspondence is an email from Jason Wood MP about the 2020 La Trobe Australia Day Community Awards. Nominations close on 2 December.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT