

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 18 August, 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 Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 17 August. There did not appear to be any items on the Agenda specifically relevant to Beaconsfield. We look forward to hearing tonight a report of the meeting and any other matters from Cr. Brett Owen.

The preparation of the Spring Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner has commenced to be prepared and is due to be distributed by early September. The published deadline for articles and advertising is Friday 21 August 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 should be discussed at this meeting for quantity and number of colour pages. Advertisements will be charged normally this Edition. We may lose some advertisers due to Covid-19 albeit temporarily. 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. As discussed at the last Meeting, we are preparing an application to join Community Newspapers Assoc. of Victoria at a cost of \$40 p.a.

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

The Elections for Cardinia Shire Council will be held on 24 October, 2020 by postal vote only. To be eligible to vote, you must be enrolled by Friday 28 August. Parts of Beaconsfield are in 3 different Wards but predominately in the Beacon Hills Ward. Candidates can nominate to be a Councillor from Thursday 17 September. All Wards in Cardinia Shire Council are represented by one Councillor. Voting is compulsory for residents aged 18 or over who must be registered on the State Electoral Roll. We need to discuss a Forum for Candidates.

The Beaconsfield ISO 2020 Writing Competition incorporating the Iris Lewis Award is underway. Thanks to Tania Baxter for organising this competition for students enduring Covid-19, lockdown 2.0 and remote learning generally.

I have prepared the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June, 2020. These Financial Statements will be forwarded to all members in due course. The Net Profit for the year was \$1,959 (2019 \$1,037). This Net Profit was possible due to a one-off Grant received from Cardinia Shire Council of \$1,803 to cover Insurances. The Member's Funds at 30 June, 2020 amounted to \$6,829 with Assets held in Accounts with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd. The Financial Statements will be adopted at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The "Covid19" AGM needs to be discussed at this Meeting.

Included in Correspondences are the following:

- CSC has advised that Community Consultation is now open for play space renewals in 2020/2021 which includes Kath Roberts Reserve, Beaconsfield.

- CSC has advised that the name of Bonette Reserve was approved in the Government Gazette on 6 August and that the name now needs to be registered. This is the area where the Cenotaph is.
- An email was received from Cr. Brett Owen advising that Lorna Lablache, Senior CSC Planner would be the appropriate Guest Speaker on Glismann Road Development Plan. This should be considered for the next Meeting via Zoom.

Graeme Taylor

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