

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 15 September, 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 Agenda for the Planning Meeting held on 7 September. The only items on the Agenda specifically relevant to Beaconsfield was the Planning Scheme Amendment Report which includes the Precinct Plan for Glismann Rd. and Old Princes Hwy. and 53-65 Woods St. for a Development Plan Overlay to Woodland Grove Precinct. We look forward to hearing tonight a report on the meeting and any other matters from Cr. Brett Owen.

After the August Meeting, I telephoned Lorna Lablasche, Senior Planner at Cardinia Shire Council and discussed the Glismann Road Development Plan. Whilst the Plan exhibition finished on 14 September, I understand that late submissions be most likely be taken into account before the Plan is considered by Council. One of the main issues is housing density.

The preparation of the Spring Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner was finalised last weekend and is being printed and also loaded onto the Website. This Edition was a "mini" edition due to the lack of news and articles during this Covid-19 period. Advertisements will be charged normally this Edition. We have only lost one advertiser due to Covid-19 albeit temporarily but gained a new half page colour advert. 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 have joined Community Newspapers Assoc. of Victoria at a cost of \$40 p.a. This membership should assist in the preparation, layout and profile of the Beaconsfield Banner.

It is pleasing to see work being done on the burnt-out shops but the work seems to have slowed recently. 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. Parts of Beaconsfield are in 3 different Wards but are predominately in the Beacon Hills Ward. Candidates can nominate to be a Councillor from Thursday 17 September. All Wards in Cardinia Shire Council are now represented by one Councillor. Voting is compulsory for residents aged 18 or over who must be registered on the State Electoral Roll. As agreed at the last Meeting, we will not have a Forum for Candidates of Beacon Hills Ward but will assist in any other Forums that are organised.

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. There seems to be a good response from students.

Last night, we participated in a Zoom Meeting for Carols by the Creek 2020. There was much discussion on whether a traditional Carols could go ahead as well as looking at variations and alternatives. More Information is being collected before any final decisions are made. It was stressed that any event must comply with all Regulations especially Covid-19 related and comply with the provisions of Expenditure if Grant related.

Our next Meeting on 20 October is normally also our Annual General Meeting. We have received an email from Consumer Affairs Victoria advising that we can use teleconference or electronic communications like Zoom. If necessary we can request an extension of three months to hold the Annual General Meeting. We need to plan for the Annual General Meeting at tonight's meeting ie. How, When, Voting, Elections of Office Bearers and Committee, if a Guest Speaker?

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