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# President's Report

GRAEME TAYLOR

Welcome to this Summer Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. I trust that you are successfully navigating your way through these uncertain times with the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown 2.0. With sporting clubs and other organisations still in recess or operating on a very limited basis not all the usual articles are available for this edition.

In accordance with our previous commitment, we will continue to produce the Banner hence this Summer Edition is being produced but probably with less content. The Banner is available on our BPA Website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au) and printed copies are available from a number of local businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office.

The Banner is prepared by Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. volunteers with the only cost being printing done externally plus a share of the administrative costs of operating the Association. These costs are covered by advertising in the Banner and a grant from Cardinia Shire Council. If you would like to advertise in the Banner please email [banner@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au).

Elections for Cardinia Shire Councillors were held on 24 October. Parts of Beaconsfield are in the new Beacon Hills and the new Officer Wards. Each Ward is represented by 1 Councillor. Congratulations to Brett Owen and Tammy Radford who were elected to represent those Wards. Our Association will work with these elected Councillors for the betterment of Beaconsfield.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Carols by the Creek will be presented this year online by Beaconsfield Baptist Church on 20 December. The format of the Carols will be similar to previous years with singing of Carols, tell stories of Christmas and share hope. This is a great initiative to enjoy local Carols from your home.

Our Association conducted an ISO Competition incorporating the Iris Lewis award. Many entries were received from young students writing about enduring Covid-19, lockdown 2.0 and remote learning. All students were acknowledged for their participation which was of high standard.

Our Association is continuing to prepare for an Outdoor Movie Night and Family Picnic on Australia Day. The location and format for the night will need to be assessed closer to the holding of the Event and take into account Covid-19 restrictions applicable at the time. It is hoped that this free community event will be held. We will keep residents informed on our Website and Facebook page.

There has been a number of public meetings and also public information sessions by Melbourne Water on the Refurbishment of the Beaconsfield Reservoir. The Beaconsfield Reservoir was constructed in 1918 to provide a reliable water supply to the Mornington Peninsula. Water was fed from the Tarago Channel via an Aqueduct to Beaconsfield Reservoir. The water supply was disconnected in the early 1990's. To manage the Dam and Infrastructure and ensure safety of surrounding areas, Melbourne Water needs to undertake works to minimise risks posed by the Dam. After extensive consultation, Melbourne Water has adopted the most popular Partial Safety Upgrade Option which I support. This involves reducing the water level and the dam wall by approx. 5 meters. This Option will minimise any future risks posed and improve biodiversity. This option includes works so the community can enjoy this beautiful Reserve. These works include boardwalks, wetlands areas, paths and walking trails, viewing platforms, toilets and shelters. Final Plans for the Refurbishment and the Business Plan are to be released soon. I note that some people are advocating for the alternative Full Safety Upgrade Option to retain the height of Dam Wall and existing water level. However, I understand that this alternative option does not include the works noted above and, for safety reasons, would not allow the Reserve to be open for the public to use in the foreseeable future.

The planning for the upgrade of the Kath Roberts Reserve and Playground Equipment is proceeding with five alternative concept plans being submitted by Cardinia Shire Council for community feedback. This project is included in the Council's Capital 2020/21 Budget and we look forward to a rejuvenation of this Park.

It is pleasing to see that the new roadworks, footpaths and associated works in Kenilworth Avenue have been completed. Reinstatement works continue on the burnt-out shops on Old Princes Highway. The recent fire at O My Restaurant in Woods Street at the renovated former Post Office property was sad for the business owners.

At present, we are unable to have monthly public meetings however the Committee is holding monthly meetings on Zoom to attend to necessary business matters. When more Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and we can have public Meetings, we will publicise this on our Website and Facebook. Recently we held our Annual General Meeting on Zoom.

On behalf of Beaconsfield Progress Association, I wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and a wonderful 2021.

# Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



*Cr Brett Owen*

## **New Council Elected**

In October we had local government elections. I am honoured and humbled by the support I received to be elected to be your representative. I welcome my colleague Councillor Tammy Radford from Officer Ward who represents parts of Beaconsfield, mainly the Panorama estate and west of Brunt Road where it meets the freeway. I look forward to working with Councillor Radford for the benefit of Beaconsfield.

## **Princes Highway intersection upgrades**

Several intersections along Princes Highway are being upgraded over the next three years to reduce congestion and travel times and to accommodate increased traffic and development into the future.

These works will be funded by Cardinia Shire Council's Better Local Roads – Princes Highway Intersections Program (\$18.3M) and the Australian Government's Urban Congestion Fund (\$17.8M).

Work started on the O'Neil Road intersection in November and work is scheduled to commence on Glismann Road/Beaconsfield Avenue intersection in December 2020.

Other intersections planned for future upgrades include Brunt Road/Whiteside Rd, Bayview Road, Tivendale Road/Station Street, McMullen Road, Arena Parade and Thewlis Road.

## **Kenilworth Avenue update**

Kenilworth Avenue is now open to traffic following Council's \$1 million-plus investment in Stage 2 of the project. Stage 2 involved installing road pavement and drainage from the freeway overpass to Coach House Lane, and public lighting and a shared path along the length of Kenilworth Avenue. This now completes the sealed road upgrade of Kenilworth Ave from Brunt Road to Station Street.

## **Playground renewal**

Kath Roberts Reserve and Keith Ewenson Reserve playgrounds are being upgraded. Council has engaged the local community to understand what they would like to see in their local playgrounds and playground companies have been asked to submit a proposal based on community feedback. We expect to present the designs back to the community later this year.

## **Change room upgrade at Perc Allison**

Works are underway at Perc Allison Reserve! The upgrade of the existing change rooms will include unisex change room facilities, umpires change rooms, first aid and strapping room and a spectator viewing area. Works are due for completion January 2021.

## **Changes to hard waste pick up**

Cardinia Shire's new hard waste service provides each Cardinia Shire household with the option to book up to two, free hard waste collections each calendar year - at a time convenient to them, plus additional paid collections if desired. That's right! If you can't reuse, donate or sell your hard waste items, jump online ([www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)) or call 1300 787 624 to book a collection at a time that suits you.

Moving to bookable collections (instead of the previous shire-wide collections), provides residents with a more convenient and efficient service, diverts more waste away from landfill, and reduces the impact of large amounts of hard waste out at one time.

To help keep our streets tidy and safe, hard waste should be placed on your nature strip no earlier than the weekend before your booked collection date.

Bookings can be made online or over the phone. More info: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

## **Put your food waste to good use!**

Do you have a green waste bin? Did you know that you can now place food scraps in your green waste bin?

All food scraps, including fruit and vegetables, cooked

and uncooked meat, dairy products, processed foods and more, can now be placed in your green waste bin, along with your garden waste to be composted into nutrient rich soil for Victorian farms and gardens.

Residents who already have a green waste bin have received a free 'food in green waste bin' kit including a benchtop kitchen caddy, flyer and sticker.

Ratepayers can order a green waste bin any time of year, which also includes the caddy. They are available in two sizes: the standard 240L bin and a new smaller 120L bin.

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### **Seeking interest in connecting socially isolated seniors**

Council is seeking interest from prospective volunteers to participate in a new social connection project geared specifically for older adults.

Are you concerned about the impact loneliness has had on the wellbeing of older adults in Cardinia Shire since COVID-19? If yes, you may like to join us to create a project that will enhance opportunities for socially isolated seniors to be supported, guided and connected safely in their own local communities.

We are looking for approximately 20 active older residents of Cardinia Shire who are willing to give around five hours each week to help deliver this project over the next 12 months. If you are aged 55 years and over, have lived in your local community a few years, are friendly and enjoy helping others, have basic computer skills (support will be provided to participate in online forums), and hold a current driver's license, this may be for you.

Before you commit, join us for a project information session, then if you decide to join us, we will look forward to furthering this opportunity with you.

How to register your interest:

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Registrations close: Friday 5 March 5pm

### **Imagine Cardinia**

Share your thoughts and ideas to help us develop the Community Vision, Council Plan,

Financial Plan and Council Budget.

We are developing these plans to help guide council's

strategic direction over the coming years and this is your chance to get involved, have your say and make a difference.

Your input will help us develop integrated, long-term, effective and transparent plans that meet the needs and reflect the expectations of our community and guide strategic planning and decision making for the future of our shire.

The current round of consultation closes on 23 December 2020.

Further opportunities for community input and feedback will be available throughout the plans' development, and it is expected the plans will be considered for adoption by council in June 2021.

Help create the future of your shire here

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia)

### **Together We Can – 16 Days of Activism**

In collaboration with Respect Victoria, Together We Can will be rolling out temporary stickers that will be placed on bins at parks/playgrounds and open spaces throughout the shire.

The stickers raise awareness of the call to action to 'Respect Women' as well as promoting support services available to support women who are experiencing family violence. Council has received funding through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to produce the stickers.

The project aligns with the international 16 Days of Activism campaign, which aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence and will run from Wednesday 25 November until Thursday 10 December.

If you or someone you know needs help, you can contact 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732), Mensline (1300 789 978) or Safe Steps (1800 015 188).

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### **Grant applications opening soon**

Applications for Festival and Event Grants and Community Wellbeing and Support Grants open on 25 January and close 12 March.

### **Festival and Event Grants**

Grants valued up to \$10,000 are available to not-for-profit, community-run festival and event organisers to contribute to the cost of running local events that reflect local identity and interests. Applications open 25 January and close 12 March.

## Community Wellbeing and Support Grants

This program helps to establish new organisations, projects and services. Funding categories include small change grants (up to \$1,000), volunteering grants (up to \$3,000) and seeding grants (up to \$5,000).

Please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants) for more information.

## Services Supporting Cardinia Shire

An informative listing on the wide range of family, health, and social services available within Cardinia Shire relating to all aspects of service provision including financial, food, disability, and relief services.

Please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) community organisations for more information.

## COVID-19 updates

The health and wellbeing of our community, supporting community members, and supporting local businesses at this time continues to be Council's priority. While there have been some changes required to some of our services, we are still here for you and working hard to deliver essential services.

## Latest updates to Council services

Current guidelines mean modifications to some Council services. For up-to-date info about Council facilities and services visit: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

Our customer service centre at Officer is temporarily closed, but you can still contact us by phone or email, or access a range of online services via our website.

## COVID19 Online Help Hub

Our COVID-19 Online Help Hub features a range of useful resources and information, and is supported by a dedicated team of staff who are on hand to help you find the information you need. More info: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/onlinehelphub](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/onlinehelphub)

## Local support services and connection

Local groups can provide support during the COVID-19 pandemic, including financial support, housing assistance and food services. To view the directory visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

If you're feeling lonely or isolated due to the pandemic – for example, if you're self isolating due to age or health conditions – you can access social, emotional or practical support via the Community Activation and

Social Isolation (CASI) initiative.

To access the service, call Victoria's COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 and choose option 3, or call Council directly on 1300 787 624 .

We have received funding from the Victorian Government to deliver the program to the Cardinia Shire community, in partnership with the Red Cross, DHHS and our local providers.

## Community & Business support package

Council's support package assists community members, support groups, and businesses to cope with the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and includes:

- COVID-19 Online Help Hub
- Interest-free periods for rates
- Rates payment plans and rebates for eligible rate payers
- Business Concierge service
- Rent relief options for commercial tenants in Council properties
- Rebates for some business fees and charges

People experiencing financial hardship are strongly encouraged to contact Council. Details and more info: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

## Cardinia Business online portal

Cardinia Business is a 'one-stop-shop' with support and resources to help businesses navigate current challenges, and a place for our community to support local business.

Buy local map - a map for business operators to add their business to the map to show they're open, and for residents to find local businesses or give a shout out to local businesses they love!

Business support – info about support available to businesses including financial assistance, training opportunities, events, links to free online learning resources, wellbeing information and business tips.

## Supporting outdoor dining

Local hospitality businesses are encouraged to contact Council to discuss their plans and proposals if they're looking to take part in expanded outdoor dining opportunities as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

Our officers are available to help identify outdoor dining options. They'll also be able to assist with fast-tracking permits to get businesses back trading as quick as possible.

For information about applying for an Extended Outdoor Dining Permit, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/outdoordining](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/outdoordining) or contact our Business Concierge on 1300 787 624 or [business@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

### Community survey seeks to better understand local needs

Help Council better understand local needs throughout the pandemic by completing a short, anonymous survey. The results of the survey will help guide our response and recovery efforts, assisting us to plan services and programs for both immediate support and recovery. The data gathered will also be used to understand how community needs change in relation to different stages of the pandemic, to help us plan for future pandemics. The survey is anonymous and will take around 15 minutes to complete. More info: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

For up-to-date COVID-19 information visit [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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## Officer Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Tammy Radford

Dear residents,

I am so excited, honoured and humbled to be your elected candidate to represent Officer Ward. This new ward, which includes Panorama Estate within its boundary, is an opportunity for this part of Cardinia Shire to now be directly focused on, and represented within Council.

Growing up in this area, I am now happy to be raising my 2 children in Officer with my husband. I am very much looking forward to working with your community organisations and volunteers to assist in community engagement with events and activities. This is an area I am very passionate about, as I believe strong, well connected communities that are welcoming, diverse and inclusive, create safer communities for all.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all, and I welcome you to join my Facebook page: [facebook.com/tammyradford.officerward.councillor](https://facebook.com/tammyradford.officerward.councillor) where I will regularly post updates.

Kind Regards,  
Cr. Tammy Radford

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## COVID Camp

At the time of writing, Victorians are enjoying their 18th COVID free day; something other jurisdictions could only dream of. Amidst the hardships of isolation and pressure to open up, Victorians stood resolute with a “let’s just get this done!” attitude, that has made us the envy of others around the world. But it wasn’t just adults making a sacrifice, our students gave up their outdoor education programs as their treasured school camps were cancelled due to lockdown.



The Yr 3&4 online camp occurred toward the end of our long lockdown and was the brainchild of teacher Chris Jeffries who commented that, “The children, teachers and parents really needed a break from the sameness of online learning and we were all ready for something fresh and interesting!”

Chris and his enthusiastic colleagues ran a full camp program with their kids at home, creating a refreshing break from lockdown tedium! Year 3&4 students packed their bags, set up tents and blanket forts and whole families enjoyed a range of activities together.

Using whole grade Zoom Meetings, the children played games, built rafts (from ice cream sticks), played hide and seek, undertook night walks, visited the (online) Penguin Parade, enjoyed cooking and movie nights of course! Parents enjoyed the activities and a break from online learning and siblings loved camping out and camp experiences too. Our Beacy parents really made the most of the camp experience, adding in their own activities to enrich the experience for their kids. For most kids, it was the highlight of the lockdown!



The Year 5 and Year 6 camps were a hit too. James in Year 5 claimed:

“It was the best camp ever. We had so many activities and so much fun with our friends and I got to sleep in my own comfy bed every night!”



Mia X. of Year 5 reports that:

"Due to COVID, we weren't allowed to go anywhere or sleep at school, but that didn't stop us having fun!" "The activities at camp included tie dying, 'Fashion on the Island', raft building, 'Temple Run', movie time, 'Hour of Power', scavenger hunt, water activities, 'Going GaGa' and tons of other activities". "In the camp at school, it involved the smiley Grade 5's, the lovely teachers, principals, and helpers. Thank you all for making the camp so much fun! Thank you so much to our teachers for scheduling this amazing camp!"



When I speak to our students, I am uplifted. They have not seen this lockdown time as wasted because their parents and their teachers have pulled out all stops to create wonderful

experiences at home and wonderful memories to keep. They will never forget this time, because the people who love them most made the most of time with their families and kept them feeling connected to their school community!

Best wishes for the Christmas and New Year period – keep COVID-safe!

Cheers, Gary



## Beaconsfield CFA



The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has been saddened by the passing of Bruce Adamson our longest serving member and stalwart of our brigade.

Bruce was born in the Berwick Bush Nursing Hospital in 1927 and resided in Beaconsfield with his parents who had a long history with the town.

Bruce's family served in the Great War 1914-1918 and Bruce worked locally managing Roche Bros Farm which is now a housing estate behind the hotel.

After leaving the farm Bruce and his wife worked as caretakers at St Margaret's School until they retired and continued to reside in Beaconsfield until the passing of his wife Darla Adamson.

Bruce was an amazing man who had a rare gift of passing on his humour and outlook on life to us in the brigade and to anyone he met.

He was heavily involved in the building of the old fire station and it is fitting that the land the new station resides on was owned by the Adamson family.

### Vale Bruce Adamson 1927 -2020

The brigade would like to acknowledge the passing of Jen and Marion, wives of current life member Noel Seabrook and former member Chris Clarke. Our thoughts and support are with these members.

This has been a testing time for the Brigade working in a restricted environment and still being able to attend all call outs.

With summer fast approaching please observe the following:

- Total fire ban and fire restrictions.
- Ensure all in your family are aware of your current fire plan
- Download the emergency services app to your phone This is an invaluable tool to ensure you are aware of any incidents in our area

Stay COVID safe and Fire Safe this summer

Tony Lukas

# Kath Roberts Reserve – Playground Upgrade

In August, the Beaconsfield community was invited to have their say on the playground renewal at the Kath Roberts Reserve in Kathleen Court, Beaconsfield. Residents were invited to use an exciting online tool to help choose the type of equipment that they would like included.

The online tool allowed residents to select their favourite pieces of equipment to create their ideal playground.

Council wants to know what children and parents would like to see included to ensure the play space is fun and exciting for everyone.

The playground consultation has closed as council officers compile results. There will be further community consultation on the final design in the coming months.

For more information about this upgrade visit Council's website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

## Kath Roberts

Kath was born on 25 May 1901 in Yorkshire, England to John and Mary Beswick. She came with her family to Australia in 1912 and went to live in Garfield. She married Herman (Mac) Roberts at St. Andrews, Brighton on December 25, 1924. She set up home with her husband in Beaconsfield where

he already owned the Station Store. This was situated on the corner of Woods Street and Beaconsfield Avenue.

When the Station Store was leased in 1932, the family with their two daughters moved away for a brief time, but returned to take over the general store on the Princes Hwy in 1934. In 1936, the family moved to the Post Office and Kath and her family ran it as a business and also as a community service.

She was on the inaugural committee of Minibah, took an active interest in the R.S.L. and was a foundation member of Legacy. Kath was a member of the bowls club and treasurer of the Blind Auxiliary in Berwick.

When Make and Mingle, the friendship and craft group at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, started she joined so she could meet and chat with people. Sadly Kath passed away in 1992.

The Kath Roberts Reserve in Beaconsfield was named after her as a tribute to her service in our community.

*This information is based on an obituary published in the Beaconsfield Banner in December 1992.*





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Are you feeling Christmassy yet?

Tis the season....

We are rummaging through our tinsel and glitter here at the Centre to add as much sparkle to the end of this challenging year as we're allowed.

At the time of writing this article, Melbourne's new Covid case numbers have been ZERO(!) for over 2 weeks and so we're looking forward to the increased easing of restrictions. As things can change so quickly in this environment, the best way to keep up with what we're doing is checking our Facebook page.

From Monday 23rd November, we are allowed to offer a few of our programs again. Whilst we would love to run our full, "normal" program, unfortunately there are only a few classes that can go ahead with limited numbers and strict protocols to protect everyone. So for the four weeks before our Summer holiday closure, our program will include the following:

- Table Tennis Mondays 12.30pm-2.30pm
- Children's Dance Tuesdays (starting 17th November)
- Yoga with Karen Tuesdays 9.15am-10.45am
- Meditation Tuesdays 11.30am-12.30pm
- Sit Down Exercise Wednesdays 10.30am-11.30am
- Patchwork Social Group Thursdays 9.30am-12 noon
- Painting Thursdays 9.30am-12 noon & 12.30pm-3.00pm
- Yoga with Karen Thursdays 6.00pm-7.15pm
- Sewing Social Group Fridays 9.30am-1.00pm

We are welcoming back our families for playgroups on Monday and Tuesday mornings as well.

We will also be offering 2 cookery classes with Pauline on Wednesday 2nd and 9th December along with a few special Christmas Floral workshops and a one-off Life Writing workshop to prepare students for an awesome 2021. More details will be advertised on Facebook soon.

Ring the office or email [program@bncinc.org.au](mailto:program@bncinc.org.au) to make further enquiries or book into a course.

Following our first ever Zoom AGM in October, we are thrilled to introduce our new Committee of Management for the 2020-2021 year and thank the outgoing Committee for their service. Along with our trusted and well-loved returning members, we welcome some lovely new faces and we're excited by their enthusiasm. The BNC Committee is:

- President: Tania Baxter
- Vice President: Melissa Molnar
- Treasurer: Lisa Lynn
- Secretary: Lynda Smith
- General Members: Sharyn Cronin, Alyssa Jones, Bronwyn McCormick, Gwen Neve, Katharine O'Carroll & Shoheli Sunjida.

If you're kicking yourself that you missed the opportunity to invest in your community, don't worry—we welcome interested volunteers all year round! Get in touch when it suits you.

With this year now well and truly written into the history books, we want to turn that page quickly and start fresh. We're looking forward to next year and reconnecting with our community.

To encourage everyone to come flocking back in the new year and compensate in some small measure for the missed opportunities of 2020, the Committee of Management has voted to waive 2021 annual membership fees until the end of February. After "Free February", they will also extend the generosity for "Miserly March" with half-priced annual membership fees for those who are a little slow off the blocks. Normal membership fees will resume from April. You will need to complete your membership form to take advantage of the offer, so come along and join even if you aren't ready to sign up for a specific course yet.

**Are you okay?**  
**It's okay if you're not xx**

2020 has been an especially testing time for all of us and addressing our mental and financial wellness straight away is vitally important. As the restrictions ease, we may find that the fallout from months of challenging conditions will hit us hard now, even if we thought we were getting through it okay. It is not unreasonable to feel cautious and reluctant to go out and we're here to support a gentle and understanding approach to recovery.

If you are feeling emotionally overwhelmed, financially stressed, under strain, pressure or experiencing anxiety, please, please, please reach out for help! There is so much assistance around for everyone right now and if you aren't sure where to start, we can listen and point you in the right direction.

## Christmas Raffle



Our fundraising efforts have been a little hampered this year but we have some fantastic hampers and raffle prizes just in time for Christmas. Great as a gift or maybe a treat for yourself!

Plenty of chances to win for just \$1 per ticket via direct deposit into the BNC bank account:-

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Please use your name as a reference.

Send a photo of your payment confirmation to the Children's Room phone on 0413 054 559 and we will allocate you tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December. Good luck and thank you for supporting BNC. Wishing a safe and Merry Christmas to all!

## BNC Children's Room

The Children's Room staff have been awesome throughout the year and are continuing to offer support to families and consistency for children attending our licensed childcare programs. We award them with gold stars and tiaras for their resilience, commitment and flexibility. We have greatly appreciated the understanding and cooperation of our members following the new procedures to keep everyone safe and protected.



*The kids have been enjoying the simple pleasures of life making shadow shapes as the sunshine returns.*

We are taking 2021 enrolments and expressions of interest for all of our Children's Room Programs. The programs are offered in the same timetable and with the same fees as this year and we look forward to welcoming new and returning families. More details are on the next page.

There will be holiday sessions of Occasional Care in the week of January 20 and then hopefully Term 1 will resume for the whole Centre at full power from the 28th of January.

Playgroup enrolment day for the 2021 year is on Monday 30th November. Come between 9am and 12 noon to sign up for your preferred session. A non-refundable deposit of \$20 is required to hold your place.

Keep an eye out for our Term 1 program in mid-January. If you don't receive a copy in your letterbox, have a look on our website or email us to receive a digital copy.

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# Children's Room Programs

## 2021 Timetable

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Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
<b>Playgroup</b> 9.00am—11.00am  *CCS Available	<b>Playgroup</b> 9.00am—11.00am	<b>3-Year-Old Kinder</b> 8.30am—1.30pm (5 hr session) <b>\$40 per session</b> *CCS Available	<b>Occasional Care</b> 8.30am—1.30pm (5 hr session) <b>\$50 per session</b> *CCS Available	<b>Occasional Care</b> 8.30am—12.30pm (4 hr session) <b>\$40 per session</b> *CCS Available
<b>3-Year-Old Kinder</b> 12.30pm—3.00pm (2.5 hr session) <b>\$20 per session</b> *CCS Available	<b>Playgroup</b> 11.30am—1.30pm	<i>Please note: Sessions run subject to achieving minimum numbers.</i>		<b>3-Year-Old Kinder</b> 1.30pm—4.00pm (2.5 hr session) <b>\$20 per session</b> *CCS Available

\* We are an approved Child Care Subsidy (CCS) provider for our licensed programs and your family's

**Start your child's early learning adventures in our purpose built Children's Room. Journey through these exciting stages of development in a flexible and welcoming environment and be completely ready to enter the formal education system.**

### Playgroup

For parents/carers with children aged up to 5 years. Activities are set up ready for you and your children to enjoy. Children require a snack, drink and suitable clothing for messy activities and outdoor play. A great beginning for your child to learn through play and socialising and an opportunity for you to meet other parents from the community. It also familiarises the children with our Children's Room which eases the anxiety when it's time for care or 3 Year Old Kinder.

### Occasional Care

This Early Learning Program offers quality care for children between 18 months and 5 years. Care can be permanent or casual. A wide range of activities are provided for the children by our qualified and experienced staff. Often the first time parents leave their children, our staff are skilled with strategies for separation anxiety and helping you both with the transition.

### 3-Year-Old Kinder

Run by a qualified kindergarten teacher and catering specifically for the 3—4 age group. Children will enjoy interesting, creative themes across all areas of development. Positive outcomes are sought following the Early Years Learning and Development Framework. With some longer sessions and various days available, you choose the program that will work best for your child (and your schedule) with any combination of days or even just one session per week.

# State Member

## Brad Battin MP

In the beautiful and scenic area of Beaconsfield, a lot has changed as we see more homes, schools and businesses in the area. With growth being paramount to any community, the balance of nature's importance becomes more apparent.

A place to sit, walk, and appreciate what nature has to offer, becomes more relevant. Beaconsfield is very fortunate to have at its doorstep the Beaconsfield Reservoir at the Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve and a very passionate group of local residents who have campaigned to protect it. This is an amazing area for bird watching, walking and relaxing amongst nature.

For many years this area has been locked up most of the time, in order to protect the water supply. This is not the case today, instead of wanting to protect this area, Melbourne Water and the State Government have plans to reduce the water level and put at risk the biodiversity of the park.

The many who speak to me about this park want to protect the reservoir and find a way to make this park an icon of the area and a place for all the community to enjoy and benefit from. Please reach out to me if you believe I can assist with this initiative any further.

Nature and what it offers can often lead to a feeling of contemplation and reflection which is appropriate as we lead up to Christmas; a time filled with positive sentiment and a hype of activity which can be felt throughout the community. It is this engagement within the daily life of the community that we need to embrace to help us move forward. We have all faced challenges through 2020, some more than others, with COVID 19 having an impact on life; socially, emotionally and financially for some.

There are many local issues within the community and to support the community, and to continue with the ethos of staying kind and supportive of each other, I am sharing the importance to "Think Local, Support Local". I am running a competition which will assist in this initiative, where residents will be asked to nominate their favourite local business and go into the draw to win a voucher to spend over Christmas at their nominated store. Entries close on the 11th December and a winner will be drawn on 12 days throughout December. Please enter through my website: [bradbattin.com.au](http://bradbattin.com.au).

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas filled with all the things that bring a smile to your face, stay safe and enjoy time with family and friends.

The office will be attended over the Christmas period and closed on public holidays. You can still contact me with any ideas or concerns on 5953 0216 or Shemane Nathanielsz – Community Liaison officer via [Shemane.nathanielsz@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Shemane.nathanielsz@parliament.vic.gov.au)

**Brad Battin MP**  
**Liberal State Member for Gembrook**

## Carols By The Creek 2020

Well it's fair to say that 2020 has been an unusual year! The challenges we have faced this year have impacted our families, our workplaces, and our communities in a myriad of ways. Many significant events and personal milestones have been remembered in diminished ways or completely faded into the noise. But whilst many things haven't been able to proceed this year as expected, our Carols By The Creek team really wanted to find a way to celebrate Christmas together as a community.

Clearly, we won't be able to gather in a park with hundreds of people as would normally be the case. However, rather than cancel Christmas completely, we have been working hard to put together an online carols event to celebrate this special time of year with you, our friends and family. So why not put the 20th of December in your calendar and plan to join us as we sing carols, tell stories and share the hope of Christmas. Better still, why not invite a friend or two, grab some candles, make a picnic and enjoy Christmas carols in your own back yard.

It feels like 2020 has taken more than it's given, so let us give a little back to you this year as we share the joy and hope of Christmas. Follow us @carolsbythecreek on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with all the latest and find out how to stream Christmas 2020 right into your home.

See you on the 20th!

The Carols Team.

# Vale Betty Whiteside

20 April 1925 - 16 September 2020



Elizabeth McCullogh Whiteside was born on the 20 April 1925 at Berwick, second child to Thomas Clair and Kathleen Whiteside.

Elizabeth known as Betty, had five siblings Bill, Ken, Kathleen, David and Mary. Betty attended Officer Primary School and then St Margaret's Girls School, Berwick. Betty rode her bicycle each day from her home in Whiteside Road to school in Berwick. She was an excellent student, who not only excelled academically, Betty also became an accomplished pianist.

On completion of school Betty pursued a nursing career at Royal Melbourne Hospital. When Betty's father, a WW1 veteran became ill and in need of care along with her mother, Kathleen, Betty returned home to be the carer for her parents. Later Betty would teach piano to students at St Margaret's Girls School and other students privately including some of her nieces. When her parents passed away the family home in Whiteside Road was sold. Betty then lived in Dandenong where she continued to teach piano.

Betty for thirty years was a member of the Dandenong Choral Society, she was also a valued member of the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society. In 1990 Betty moved to Edrington Retirement Village, she was a foundation member of the Edrington History Research Group.

Betty enjoyed researching history, which included reading and collecting newspapers. She had a keen interest and knowledge of the local Avenues of Honour, Beaconsfield in particular, as her father Thomas Clair Whiteside was one of the honoured soldiers. Her father is also included on the Officer Recreation Reserve Memorial Gates.

Thomas Clair Whiteside served in WW1 in 22 Infantry Battalion Reinforcements (June 1915- Jan 1916) and 59 Battalion. He wrote many letters home to his parents and sister Mary while on active service from Egypt, France and Great Britain 1915-1918. Betty compiled and edited these letters into a fascinating book, *A Valley in France* which she published in 1999.

Further Information about Thomas Claire Whiteside can be found in *Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour; Servicemen Remembered* and *We Will Remember Them; Officer Roll of Honour WW1 1914-1918*.

Both these publications can be accessed on the website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au)

Betty also enjoyed both knitting and sewing, making soft toys and bags. In 2017 Betty moved into Villa Maria Nursing Home, she continued to play the piano for residents and staff. She donated one of her pianos to St Margaret's Girls School and another to Villa Maria.

Betty passed away peacefully on 16 September 2020. All her family and many friends remember Betty fondly, her wonderful research, writings and music.

Written by Ann Taylor and Penny Harris Jennings with Carol and Rob Porter.

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# Old Princes Highway Intersection Upgrades - Update

Council has engaged a contractor for the upgrade of the O'Neill Road intersection. Works on site are expected to commence in the coming weeks, pending final approvals from the Department of Transport. These works are expected to be completed by March 2021.

Detailed designs for Glismann Road/Beaconsfield Avenue are currently being reviewed for final approval by Department of Transport. Construction tenders for this upgrade are expected to be called in the coming months.

## Thanks and Farewell to Pam – School Crossing Supervisor



In June, well known Beaconsfield school crossing supervisor Pam retired. Pam worked at the Old Princes Highway/Beaconsfield Primary School crossing for over 29 years.

Congratulations and a big thankyou to Pam for all her hard work in keeping the Beaconsfield community safe for all those years.

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# Beaconsfield ISO 2020 Writing Competition

Congratulations Beaconsfield!

We can all be so proud of what we have achieved in Victoria and more specifically, in Beaconsfield during this worldwide pandemic and the second wave lockdown that occurred in our state.

2020 has been a year to remember and forget, all at the same time. A year that we spent isolated in our beautiful township but away from loved friends and family. A year we hoarded toilet paper, pasta and flour. A year we relied on our governments, our emergency services and our medical workers to see us through. A year where we showed the world how to begin to defeat this virus! A YEAR OF STRENGTH!!

There were many community initiatives that Beaconsfield got involved with to boost morale, including chalk art on the footpath and teddy bear hunt walks at our windows; as well as looking after the more vulnerable members of the community and each other by checking in on them and making sure that no one went without.

I know I was very proud to be a member of this community during this historical but tricky time in the world.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association was super proud of the local student population who showed resilience and flexibility when they were forced to school from home for months as schools were closed down over terms 2 and 3. In recognition of this situation the B.P.A. decided to revive the Iris Lewis Award Writing Competition to help our students try to express how they were feeling through the written word.

Iris Lewis is the pseudonym or pen name of Joan Armitage, who was the wife of one of the earliest printers of the *Beaconsfield Banner* in the early 1990s. After herself having her first poem published in the Birmingham Mail Newspaper, at age 10, Joan loved to encourage young writers and so started the Iris Lewis award. This award is an encouragement for young people to contribute to the local community in their writing. The *Beaconsfield Banner* is a community newsletter for everyone, and we would love to encourage more people to contribute writing pieces.

The competition asked students to consider the following questions:

- Here we are second time around in Victoria...Stage 3 lockdown, but it feels different from the last time doesn't it?

- How have you coped the second time around?
- What did you change this time that improved your lockdown experience?
- What positives have you noticed that this isolation time has had on you personally, and within your household?

It could have been a narrative piece, poetic prose, persuasive debate or a recount. The writing style was up to them. We just wanted to know about their experiences in isolation; what they learnt and what they were hopeful for while at the same time hoping to help release some mental health stress by allowing them to express some of their frustrations in a positive channel.

There were 4 categories, and each was awarded with considerable prizes that were non-contact friendly. Each category was judged age appropriately; judges were less concerned with grammatical correctness and more looking for insight and growth during this "unprecedented time"...

The standard of quality in the entries of each category were exceptional and it made judging quite difficult, particularly in the upper primary category. This was because the Yr5 cohort of the Beaconsfield Primary School really took the competition seriously and provided the Beaconsfield Progress Association with many excellent entries. Congratulations to all teachers in Victoria who guided their students through this pandemic during school closures and lockdown 2020 in Victoria. Let's hope the community understand, more fully now, the priceless role that you perform in our society.

The B.P.A. are proud to award the following winners:

- Junior Primary Category WINNER: Max Radivo
- Junior Primary Category Honourable Mention: Kenji Nakao
- Upper Primary Category WINNER: Blake Douglas
- Upper Primary Category Honourable Mentions: Cameron Williams & Ariana Pessot
- Lower Secondary Category WINNER: Talia Mc Bride
- Open Category WINNER (Outstanding overall entry): Jacob Booth

Well done to all of the competition winners. It should be stated that all entries received showed real effort and determination and were all an absolute pleasure to read. The Beaconsfield Progress Association have issued extra "Honourable mention" prizes as well as congratulatory certificates to all entrants for this exact reason.

Under normal circumstances we would have presented these awards to the students more officially, however these are not "normal" times... so instead the certificates and prizes were passed onto the students, in a

Covid-safe way, individually at their home or directly to the school, and then subsequently awarded by their teachers in class during Book Week 2020.

Thank you to all staff, parents and students involved for their enthusiasm in this local community event. Thank you also to the committee of the Beaconsfield Progress Association who self-funded the hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes given out in 2020. B.P.A. look forward to running this local community based competition again in future years. We hope you all get involved again then. In the meantime... stay safe and stay happy.

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### **COVID-19 Lockdown Writing**

Some things I have missed are playing in the park with my friends. I wish I could work with my friends. I wish I could go to my families houses. The good things are I can play with heaps of Lego and the funny activities in remote learning. It is important to stay home so the numbers go down and we can go back to school.

**By Max James Radivo**

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### **Locked Down Again**

Locked down again, is this a dream or is it the end. Dan Andrews talks, my parents listen, I don't understand.

I'm excited, I can stay home. This will be easy, this will be fun,

I was so right, but also so wrong.

I thought it would be weird seeing people in masks, but for some reason it's normal, when I walk past the parks.

I listen to my parents, I watch the news. I'm just a kid, I don't know what's going on?

Hopefully this ends by 2021.

Play grounds taped off, I can look but can't touch, wishing I could go there, to laugh this all off.

I don't understand, what have we done wrong?

Why did it start and when will it end.

I'm just a kid, I don't understand.

**By Cameron Williams**

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### **Remote Learning 2.0**

Stuck at home all over again,

Trying to keep ourselves entertained.

We've gone through Winter all cold and chilly,

Now it's Spring, wow really?

Pushing through Remote Learning, Imprisoned in my home left to be yearning.

Glued to our PJ's studying all day long Regular Breaks, playing ping – pong.

Normal, phfff, what's that?

Having to Zoom just for a chat!

Learning a lot about our fam,

But still wishing for 'normal' I certainly am.

To our teachers we are grateful,

But this to end soon we are hopeful.

Finding new hobbies to bust our boredom,

Staying entertained is hard for some.

Learning new subjects, and about ourselves,

Pictures of the beach collecting shells.

Pop into my head wishing to be there,

Teasing me, this isn't fair! Lack of motivation is our nemesis, All thanks to the coronavirus.

We'll get through this all together,

Then we'll be free to do things whenever with whoever!

**By Ariana Pessot**

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### **Reflections on Iso 2.0**

Stage 4 restrictions, the Premier declared

He caught my attention, I was somewhat scared

Mandatory masks hiding your face

Parks and playgrounds – an empty space.

The laughter of children had disappeared

As I walked through the town, the feeling was weird

"What's the numbers today?", my neighbour asks

I can barely hear him through his mask.

Is he smiling at me, or is he alarmed?

He's an elderly man, I hope he's not harmed.

But there's hope in the air

Beacy folk are tough

We'll stick together, when times get rough

Teddies in the window bring a smile to my day

The sunshine is coming, Spring's on its way

Flowers are budding, the blossom appears

Good times will return, you've nothing to fear

But when the cities re-open

The hustle resumes

Let's stop and reflect on what got us through

Our doctors, our nurses holding the line

Placing their health at risk time after time

Community rallied to help those in need

Sending food and supplies, we planted a seed

Of care and goodwill towards our vulnerable friends

I hope that spirit sticks when all this ends.

**By Jacob Booth**

Switch every day  
 Television every day  
 Annoying brother  
 Yet I haven't received math correction  
 Happy holiday  
 On the other hand hopefully corona vires ends soon  
 Miss my friends  
 End of term but still stay home.

By Kenji Nakao



Kenji Nakao



A journey to freedom  
 It seems  
 But really, it's a journey  
 To growth  
 we've  
 Been forced  
 To grow,  
 To grow together  
 When we're apart  
 For togetherness  
 Does not rely on location  
 Or where we are  
 It relies on  
 The care we've built  
 For the people we know  
 And the people we don't  
 For now we have been forced to see  
 How much growing  
 We truly  
 Need to do  
 Before we can  
 Grow together again.



By Talia McBride



# My World has Changed, but I am Coping!

## COPING

WHEN IT ALL BEGAN I FELT WORRIED, BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO SO THIS WET, DROOPY TEAR STARTED SLIDING DOWN MY FACE. I FELT THIS WAY BECAUSE I WAS SCARED ABOUT WRITING THE BIOGRAPHY AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO BUT THEN THIS GIANT MOUTH SPLIT OPEN AND I WAS HAPPY. I FELT HAPPY BECAUSE MY MUM AND DAD ENCOURAGED ME TO DO MY BEST AND MY TEACHER GAVE ME SOME LOVELY MESSAGES THAT MADE ME SHOOT UP INTO THE AIR WITH A GRINNING FACE. SO FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS I GAINED MORE CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF AND BEGAN TO COPE WITH THIS 2.0 LOCKDOWN BETTER.

Fantastic Blake :)

## IMPROVING

THIS LOCKDOWN EXPERIENCE FOR ME HAS BEEN EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE FIRST ONE, BUT I THINK I HAVE GOTTEN DISTRACTED TOO MUCH. MY AMAZING WORK IS GOING AS SLOW AS SNAIL GOING FOR A WALK, BUT I AM STILL GETTING IT DONE. I WISH I WAS BACK AT SCHOOL THOUGH. SOME MORE THINGS THAT I HAVE IMPROVED ON IS MY INDEPENDENCE AND MY READING AND UNDERSTANDING THE TASK BETTER.

You're an angles champ!

## LEARNING

I have learnt that it doesn't matter how fast or slow you go it is just about trying your best! I have also learnt that I have improved on my resilience.

MIND BLOWN Blake!!

## POSITIVES

The positives that I feel are important are: getting an amazing science award for a great project about the Devils Marbles. The special effort that I have put into my work everyday. Another one is that I can still see my friends on zoom!! Also seeing my family lots too.

THE THINGS THAT I UNDERSTAND ABOUT PEOPLE ARE THAT EVERYONE IS WANTING THIS VIRUS TO GO AWAY AND WANT TO GET OUT OF LOCKDOWN. THAT EVERYONE WILL BE FEELING FRUSTRATED, ANNOYED AND FED UP WITH THIS, AND I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I FEEL THE SAME WAY TOO.

## UNDERSTANDING

You're a truly special person

Blake - 5M  
Science

For his sensational research report on a rocky place with excellent information and a feast for the eyes!

Miss Jacobsen



This is outstanding.

## FUTURE

I am hopeful that in the future COVID 19 virus will go away. I will just want freedom, nice lovely freedom in the future. I want to work at my amazing school, Be able to play sport and see my wonderful teacher and friends.

BY  
BLAKE  
DOUGLAS  
5M

## E-Waste Recycling in Beaconsfield

Cardinia Shire provides an E- Waste box where you can leave old batteries, old mobile phones, small electrical appliances and anything with a battery, cord or plug.

Also old computer ink cartridges and old small electric light globes.

Thank you to Beaconsfield Home Timber and Hardware, 102-112 Old Princes Highway for providing this service.



Photo- Rohan Treasure with E-Waste recycling box

## Council Elections

The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2020–2021 was held on Monday 23 November 2020 at 7pm. Cr Brett Owen (our councillor for Beacon Hills Ward) was elected Mayor, and Cr Jeff Springfield (councillor for Ranges Ward) was elected Deputy Mayor.



Photo– Mayor Brett Owen

**2020 New Release**

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LAST CAB TO DARWIN  
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### Drive-In Movie Night

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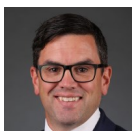


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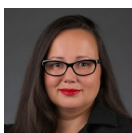
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## Editors Note

With each edition of the Beaconsfield Banner we attempt to capture some of the special things going on in our small town.

A sincere thank you to everyone involved in capturing these special moments by taking the time to prepare and submit articles.

Perhaps it goes without saying but all of us at the BPA have a passion and love for our great town. If you feel the same way, get involved by:

- attending our monthly BPA meetings
- Submitting an article
- Advertising in the banner

We are very lucky to have so many great businesses in Beaconsfield. There is no clearer illustration of community spirit, than the businesses who advertise in the Banner. **More than ever, our local businesses need your support. Please get behind them.**

Hope you enjoy the Summer edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.

Andrew Brewster—Editor

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Articles can be emailed to the editor at [banner@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au)

All articles must contain the contributor's name and contact details for verification purposes.

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The deadline for contributing to the Summer Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for articles and advertising is 15th February, 2021.

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