

Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc.

President's Report 16.02.2021

Welcome to Members and others to tonight's Meeting. Hopefully you all have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and now back to normal routines in a Covid safe way. Unfortunately, the current restrictions have meant that this Meeting is on Zoom however hopefully future meetings can be held at the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

I also welcome Cr. Brett Owen, Mayor of Cardinia Shire Council. I looked at the Agenda for the Council meetings held in February. Issues affecting Beaconsfield included Amendment C238 Glismann Road, Table Tennis Petition and Council's views on Beaconsfield Reservoir. Cr. Brett Owen will discuss major Council items.

Since our December meeting, some items I would like to comment on are, as follows:

1. The development of land on Princes Hwy merge heading east before Tivendale Road was discussed at our December meeting where Council was represented by 3 staff. The development involves fast food stores and other stores like KFC, Carl's Burgers and a Service Station. Subsequent to the meeting, there were emails between Council staff and our members. The main point of discussion was that traffic on Old Princes Hwy merging with Princes Hwy heading east with the entrance soon after may not be safe if cars have to slow to allow cars to enter and exit the new development. A Council Engineer advised that the Officer PSP envisaged a Highway Service Road in accordance with DOT/Ausroads requirements and should be adequate for traffic generated from the development. He also advised that the Princes Hwy/ Whiteside Road PSP Intersection is in final design stage with construction to start on the signalised intersection upgrade early 2021. Another matter raised at the meeting was from Desmond Court residents requesting improvements to Old Princes Hwy/ Desmond Court Intersection in conjunction with the O'Neil Road Intersection works. Council Officers advised that this was outside the brief for the O'Neil Road Intersection but noted the complaints by Desmond Court residents for future consideration.
2. Work on the O'Neil Road Intersections with Old Princes Hwy and Daley Court commenced on 4 January. The works are proceeding but are behind schedule. This Project was the major item discussed by the Council staff at our December meeting. There have been follow-up emails. Problems that have arisen are that no arrangements were made for the relocation of the School Bus Shelter. Also it was thought that the 2 Intersections would be done simultaneously however only minimal work has been carried out at the Daley Court roundabout.
3. Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Reservoir. Two further articles were included in the Pakenham Gazette from people associated with the " Save the Reservoir Group " with little additional information other than a proposal of a public meeting and possibly an Open day. There was a motion at the Cardinia Council Meeting last night to defer consideration on Council's views on the Beaconsfield Reservoir until the March Meeting.
4. The vacant land in Woods Street near the Beaconsfield Railway Station known as the Woodland Grove Precinct is under consideration by Cardinia Shire Council. Planning document C257 on the Precinct has been prepared for display and comment. At our next BPS Meeting, we will have Council Officers attending to address our meeting. Whilst the nominated due date for

submissions is early March, Cardinia Council will accept submissions from people attending our March BPA Meeting. Information has been emailed to BPA members.

5. The Australia Day Movie was changed to a Drive-In Movie for Covid-19 safe regulations. A lot of work was needed by BPA Committee during busy December and January to enable this Event to go ahead as Covid-19 compliant. This community event was well received and we will discuss further tonight. Thanks to all the Committee for all the work done and in particular by Tania Baxter the leader who covered all details necessary including obtaining a further Grant from Cardinia Shire Council to fully cover our traffic management expenses.
6. We were fortunate to receive a Commonwealth Government Grant of \$4,995 to purchase Equipment necessary for BPA Meetings and Activities. This Grant is now being expended and thanks to Jason Wood MP for his assistance.
7. The History Report will include information on the Old Post Office at 19-21 Woods Street which is for sale. This Building is noted in Cardinia Shire's Heritage Study and was partly damaged by fire on 13 November.
8. "Carols by the Creek" could not be held as usual and was live streamed on You Tube on 20 December. It was a professional production by Beaconsfield Baptist Church similar to previous years with some pre recorded segments with the majority live.

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