

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 20 October, 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 Council Meeting held on 21 September. The only item on the Agenda specifically relevant to Beaconsfield was the Planning Scheme Amendment C257 Beaconsfield Development Plan Overlay 25 for the Woodland Grove Precinct. The amendment was adopted. We look forward to hearing tonight a report on the meeting and any other matters from Cr. Brett Owen. There was no Council Meeting this month due to Council elections.

After the September Meeting, I received an email from Lorna Lablache, Principal Strategic Planner at Cardinia Shire Council who confirmed that late submissions on the Glismann Road Development Plan can be considered by Council. One of the main issues is housing density. The original date for submissions was 14 September.

The Spring Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner was completed, printed, distributed and also loaded onto the Website. This Edition was a "mini" edition of 24 pages due to the lack of news and articles during this Covid-19 period. Advertisements will be charged normally this Edition. We have had enquiries from new potential advertisers. The preparation of the Summer edition of the Beaconsfield Banner will be underway shortly and all articles and advertisements are due by 14 November. I spoke to Bob Cooper after the last meeting and he is considering undertaking the Editor's role in the future. Thanks to outgoing Editor Andrew Brewster for producing a quality Beaconsfield Banner over recent years. He will assist with this Summer Edition and work in conjunction with a new Editor.

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

The voting for the Council Elections for Cardinia Shire Council will close at 6pm on 23 October, 2020 by postal vote only. Parts of Beaconsfield are in 3 different Wards but are predominately in the Beacon Hills Ward. There have been 4 nominations to be a Councillor for Beacon Hills Ward including existing Cr Brett Owen. Voting is compulsory for residents aged 18 or over who must be registered on the State Electoral Roll. To the best of my knowledge, there was no Forums this time for Candidates of Beacon Hills Ward.

The Beaconsfield ISO 2020 Writing Competition incorporating the Iris Lewis Award has been held and judged. Thanks to Tania Baxter for the tireless work in organising this competition for students enduring Covid-19, lockdown 2.0 and remote learning generally.

On 21 September, we participated in a further Zoom Meeting for Carols by the Creek 2020. It was decided that the carols could not be held outdoors. The Carols will be broadcast live, with some pre-recorded segments such as an item from the primary school and comply with all Covid-19 regulations. The usual participants would be invited to participate BPA will assist with publicity on the Community Notice Board and an article in the Beaconsfield Banner. Most other local carols have been cancelled this year.

Our next Meeting on 17November will be our Annual General Meeting. We have received an email from Consumer Affairs Victoria confirming that we can use teleconference or electronic communications like Zoom. 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?

All positions are declared vacant and voting nominations need to be completed and received at least one week prior to the AGM by 8 November.

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