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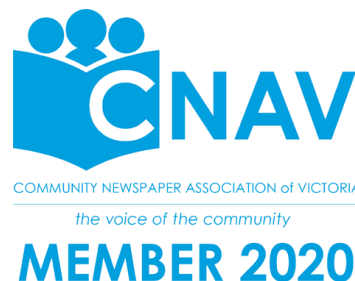
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President's Report



Welcome to this Autumn Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. I trust that you are successfully navigating your way through these uncertain times with the Covid-19 pandemic and more recently the five day

lock down. The Banner is available on our BPA Website 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.

Congratulations to Cr. Brett Owen on his election as Mayor of Cardinia Shire Council for this year. Our local Councillors are Cr Brett Owen in Beacon Hills Ward and Cr Tammy Radford in Officer Ward. Our Association will work with these elected Councillors for the betterment of Beaconsfield.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Carols by the Creek was presented this year online by Beaconsfield Baptist Church on 20 December. The format of the Carols was similar to previous years with singing of Carols, telling the stories of Christmas and sharing hope. This was a great production for locals to enjoy Carols from their homes.

Our Association held a Drive – In Movie night on Australia Day. The Event was held at Holm Park Reserve and required detailed planning to ensure it complied with all Covid requirements. Thanks to the members of our Association for all the work done in organising and running this event and to Cardinia Shire Council for providing advice and funding the event.

The future of the Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Reserve is being considered by Melbourne Water after extensive community consultation. There are Guidelines to consider for Dams and Bodies of Water and possibly updating of Concept Plans and Business Plans. Cardinia Shire Council is a stakeholder and our Association will be making a

submission to Council in support of the option for a Partial Safety Upgrade. This involves reducing the dam wall and water level by approx. 5 metres to minimise any future risks posed and to improve biodiversity. This option includes works so that the community can enjoy this beautiful reserve. The works include boardwalks, wetlands areas, paths and walking trails, viewing platforms, toilets and shelters.

The development of land near 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. An item of discussion was that traffic on Old Princes Hwy merging with Princes Hwy traffic heading east with the entrance to the development soon after may not be safe if cars have to slow to allow cars to enter and exit the new development. However, the Association was advised that a Highway Service road in accordance with DOT/Ausroads requirements should be adequate for traffic generated from the development.

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Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen—Mayor

Princes Highway intersection upgrades

Works on the intersection upgrade at the O'Neil Road and Old Princes Highway intersection is well underway.

Works have also commenced on the Glismann Road/Beaconsfield Avenue intersection.

These upgrades are funded through a Federal Government and council partnership. These upgrades are expected to be completed mid-year.

Council would like to thank residents for their patience during the difficult times of construction and traffic diversions. The end result will be so worth this short-term inconvenience.

Playground renewal

Kath Roberts Reserve in Kathleen Court, Beaconsfield is being upgraded.



After council engaged with residents and students from Beaconsfield Primary School to understand what they like to see in

their local playground upgrade, the final design has been selected. Commencement of the upgrade is due to commence in March.

Change room upgrade at the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve (Perc Allison)

Upgrade Works at the Perc Allison Reserve changerooms has been completed. These works are funded by both the Australian Government through Sport Australia and Cardinia Shire Council.

The upgrade of the existing change rooms included unisex change room facilities, umpires change rooms, first aid and strapping room and a spectator viewing area.



Reminder: on-leash and off-leash dog areas

In all public places across Cardinia Shire dogs should always be on a lead/leash unless in a designated off-leash area.

Council has recently received reports of dogs off leash in areas such as Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve (Perc Allison Reserve). Please be aware that this is an "on leash" dog area. Dogs must be always on a leash and are not permitted on the oval.

Local off-leash areas in Cardinia Shire include Bob Burgess Reserve and Tantallon Boulevard Reserve (in the signed designated off-leash areas). There is also off-leash dog areas just over the Cardinia Creek in the City of Casey at Acoonah Park, Berwick.

Cardinia Shire requests dog owners to be responsible and follow the signage for leash directions so everyone can enjoy our outdoor areas. Fines of up to \$200 apply for failing to follow these directions.

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MELBOURNE YOUTH CHORALE

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35th Anniversary: Embracing 2021 with Enthusiasm

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Melbourne Youth Chorale (MYC) has shown remarkable resilience through the pandemic and embraces 2021 with enthusiasm.



Formerly Berwick Youth Choir, MYC is the City of Casey's longest established choir, founded in 1986 by Jean Heriot (OAM). Jean travelled to Hungary to study the Kodály method of music education and returned to Australia to share her knowledge. She is

remembered for her passion, dedication, commitment to personal improvement and genuine love and care for her students.

MYC celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2021. Although we're on the hunt for a permanent venue, we've started the year well with over 60 excited choristers delighted to get back together again. A social picnic helped everyone reconnect and we held the first rehearsal at the Old Cheese Factory with most of the rehearsals conducted outdoors. We're now settled into the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre for first term and closing in on a venue decision for the rest of the year. We are deeply grateful to Federation University for hosting us free of charge for the last few years.

Our fees-free structure enables us to offer the gift of music to every child aged 6-20 without prejudice – "because everyone deserves the gift of music". We are entirely dependent on grants, sponsorships and donations and welcome financial support at <https://www.melbourneyouthchorale.com.au/donate/>

The pandemic has been challenging for everyone. MYC responded swiftly, and by the beginning of Term 2 in 2020 an Online Learning Program was up



and running. Learning online is nothing like meeting face to face. However, we are delighted with what our choristers achieved through the Online Learning Program. If necessary we will have no hesitation in returning to online learning....but so much more can be achieved face to face! Enquiries for joining the



choir or for joining our mailing list for regular news can be made to Kerry at manager.myc@gmail.com. Presuming pandemic restrictions allow, we'll be holding a show-case concert later in the year -

watch out for details!

We have a couple of new innovations planned for 2021. Firstly, the entry level Musicianship program has been redeveloped into a comprehensive theory program. We're seeking a \$5K donation to continue this program to the other levels of the program – if this sounds like you, please contact us! Secondly, the Online Learning Program is a resource that will become a Remote Learning Program – students from all over Australia will be able to engage with the content and enhance their music education. Thirdly, we're planning to start a brand new choir for children with a disability aged 8-11 called "Flying Free". Please contact Kerry at manager.myc@gmail.com for more information.

We embrace 2021 with enthusiasm and look forward to continuing to offer the gift of music in high quality choral development and Musicianship education to the Casey/Cardinia Community...because everyone deserves the gift of music'.



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Amendment C257 introduces a Development Plan Overlay (DPO) to the Woodland Grove Precinct. The DPO will ensure that the objectives and strategies of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan are given due consideration when assessing planning applications for subdivision and buildings and works, and ensure consistency in the design of development within this residential area. The DPO provides guidance on the vision for this

reports and investigations are required to be undertaken taking into account any proposed use for the site. These reports include traffic assessments, Flora and Fauna assessments and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments.

Council is not proposing to change the zoning of the area, the site will remain General Residential Zone. Any development that this amendment will



area in the future, what Council wants to see in this area and how a developer or landowner should go about it. Given this site is within close proximity to the train station and the activity centre, medium density housing is the most appropriate future use for the site.

The proposed overlay requires anyone who wants to develop the site to prepare a holistic precinct wide Development Plan prior to obtaining a planning permit for the site. This development plan will act as the masterplan for the precinct. This will allow the form of development to be appropriately controlled by a plan that satisfies Council. All site constraints and characteristics are to be taken into consideration and addressed in the best way possible prior to a permit being granted. At the time of preparing the Development Plan various

facilitate, is currently allowable. This Amendment strictly allows Council to put some guidelines and requirements in place to ensure we get an integrated outcome for the site in terms of road layout and connectivity to the Cardinia Creek.

Amendment C257 is not forcing development on this land, it is in place if development was to occur in the future.

For further information on proposed Amendment C257 please visit <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/amendmentC257> or contact Cardinia Shire Council's Strategic Planning Department on 1300 787 624.



It takes a team to dream!

We are the Prep team at Beaconsfield Primary School. Whilst our beautiful classrooms and play spaces and wonderful learning resources enhance your child's school life and learning experiences, it is our beliefs and the way that we work together that makes Beaconsfield Primary School unique.

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- should be challenged so that they reach their potential - holding expectations high.
- should have a teacher that understands them and teaches with passion and commitment.
- deserves a teacher who models honesty and ethical behaviour so that they in turn learn the value of truthfulness and accountability.

Student voice is encouraged at Beaconsfield Primary School - Every Face has a Place:

- from Prep to Yr. 6, all children have the right to be heard. They have a voice and a turn to speak.
- we have the right to express ourselves and an obligation to listen to others and whilst we may not agree with what someone is saying, we respect their right to hold their views and share them.
- we elevate and praise our children, encouraging them to appreciate the efforts of their peers, building friendships and goodwill through appreciations.
- we encourage teachers and students to protect the weak and speak up for the rights of others.

We strive to ensure each child achieves their potential:

We will do our best to ensure that our children are:

- confident learners; that they try their best and pursue excellence.
- resilient and bounce back when they experience difficulties.
- given the opportunity to develop a strong sense of justice, values and beliefs.
- ambitious, imaginative and academically competent.
- develop a sense of fun and of wonder.
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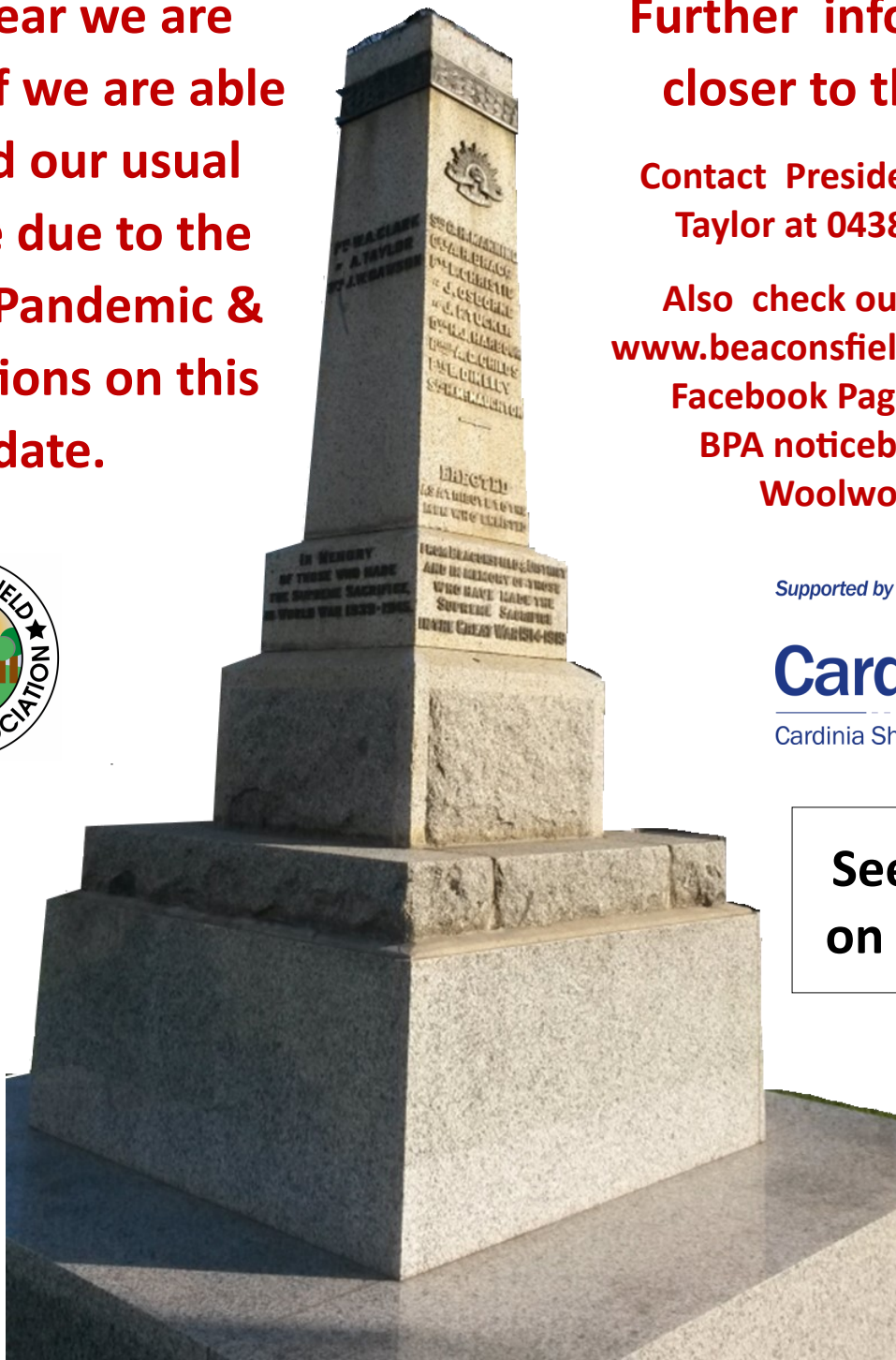
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The Beaconsfield Prep Team**



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Australia Day Drive-In Movie Night—2021



friendly picnic and movie night event for this occasion. Attendance had been growing over the years, but it still was not massive considering the amount of work involved, the expense and the free activities offered to our community; but we decided to give it a go for the third year.

THEN COVID-19 HIT!

Over the next six months we were in and out of lockdown in Victoria and really had little idea as to whether the event would go ahead at all.

Then late in 2020, when we emerged from lockdown and had some understanding as to what the restrictions would involve, we decided to give it another chance with a reinvention of the idea. BPA turned it into a Corona Virus Safe Drive-in Movie Night instead!



This involved a speed dating process between BPA, the new restrictions set by the Victorian Health Department and Cardinia Shire Council liaison in order to tick all the boxes and gain the appropriate approvals and processes in place. No mean feat for this small subcommittee of volunteers here, and we were still underfunded for the event at this stage! We decided to redirect some of the funds from the previously organised activities (like free popcorn, a jumping castle, giant board games on the oval and Beaconsfield CFA truck visit) towards formalised traffic management; because this was to be a car park event with up to 80 vehicles and we just did not have the people power or expertise to go it alone, and so the safety aspect of this came into focus.

To the rescue, firstly, came the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre. They offered to assist in funding the shortfall that we had regarding our traffic management costs. We were very thankful to them for this. The subcommittee then had a rethink and realised

that they should approach council again regarding this, as traffic management is considered a separate funding issue in the events applications. Thankfully, we were assisted by an immensely helpful and understanding Cardinia Shire Council Officer, Helena Moloney, who managed to get this funding approved very quickly so the event could go ahead safely and in a COVID-19 safe manner.

The movie selected this year was a bit of a treat because it was our first year of being able to have the option of a new release Australian movie. This was an exciting opportunity that was offered to us due to the difficult circumstances in the cinema industry at that time, and may never be available in future years, so it was decided to take it up. The movie selected this year was the 2020 Sam Neill and Michael Caton drama about feuding, sheep-farming brothers who are forced to band together when a higher power threatens their prized family animals. This title was enjoyed by the diverse audience that attended on the night; from primary aged children to retirees, the movie was a resounding success. Thank you to the 215 locals who attended on the night.

Massive thanks go to the committee of the Beaconsfield Progress Association for their work on, and before, the event; as well as Cardinia Shire council for 100% funding the modified event; and also to our Mayor, Cr Brett Owen for formalising the proceedings on the night :)

BPA received many letters of thanks after the night, as well as one from Brad Battin MP, as this was one of the 1st events in the Cardinia/Casey area to go ahead since the Victorian lockdowns, so it was quite a trailblazer. However, on a personal note, I do need to say that for the amount of work involved, the fact that the event was completely FREE, and knowing the expenses involved, it was disappointing that the event didn't completely sell out and that the Beaconsfield community uptake was minimal...

Recently, BPA posted a shout out to the community on Facebook to see if anyone was interested in assisting in organising the 2022 Australia Day Family Picnic and Movie Night event (with nearly 2500 local people reached in the post). Unfortunately, no one has come forward that is willing to assist in this project, so the 2022 event is in doubt at this stage. Please let the BPA know if you are interested in assisting with this event's organisation ongoing...



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It is with great excitement that we introduce you to our lovely new owners and full-time pharmacists, Vanessa and Jenny.

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Vanessa and Jenny have known each other since they were just five years old, reconnecting later in life as they coincidentally ended up working together. When the opportunity came along to step out and support the community, they took it!

They cannot wait to meet you all and to support you in all of your pharmacy needs, so don't forget to say hi next time you are in! They love seeing your friendly faces and getting to know each and every one of you! Thank you to everyone who has already given them their support and well wishes.

See their ad on page 16.



President's Report

(From page 4)

Work on the O'Neil Road Intersections with Old Princes Hwy and Pink Hill Boulevard Roundabout commenced on 4th January. Work also commenced on the intersection of Old Princes Hwy and Glismann Road. Both these intersections on Old Princes Hwy will be signalised. The works are proceeding but are behind schedule. These projects were the major items discussed by the Council staff at our December meeting. This work on the intersections should improve traffic flow and safety.

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 Beaconsfield Progress Association meeting, we will have Council Officers attending to address our meeting. Whilst the nominated due date for submissions is 12th March, Cardinia Shire Council will accept submissions from people attending our meeting on 16th March.

We were successful in receiving a Commonwealth Grant of \$4,995 to purchase equipment necessary for our meetings and activities. This Grant has been expended and thanks to Jason Wood MP for his assistance.

The plans for the upgrade of the Kath Roberts Reserve and playground equipment have been finalised with work underway shortly. Our Association is assisting with an Interpretation Sign for the Park.

Graeme Taylor
President

Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc.





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Neighbourhood Natter

At the time of writing this article, all of Victoria has just come out of a snap “circuit-breaker” lockdown. We’re thrilled to resume our Covid-Normal operations after the 5 days because our members have been flooding back for 2021 and we were just getting used to the happy, busy vibe of a new year.

Hundreds of families have taken advantage of our “Free February” membership offer. If you haven’t yet signed up for your annual membership, the savings will continue with half price membership fees in March.

With some new and some familiar programs scheduled for Term 1, there’s something for everyone to enjoy. Pop in soon and reconnect with your community.



The ever-popular Floral workshops with Sharon are already booking up fast for the scheduled sessions in March. Choose from “A Splash of Colour”, “Autumn is in the Air” or “Easter Basket” arrangements on a Thursday evening from 7pm for

just \$45 per class and your resulting masterpiece to take home.

We welcome Anna as our new Line Dancing tutor and with a bulging class in the first two weeks, we have split the session into two and start with beginners for \$6 from 9.30am-10.20am and then a standard class for \$7 from 10.20am-12.00 noon. You may join in both sessions for \$10.

Our new Ballroom/Latin Dancing for Beginners class has taken off with both singles and couples enjoying the fun on Tuesday evenings from 7pm. There is also a new Dancercise class on Thursdays to improve your fitness while having some much-needed, fun me-time.

Our Patchwork ladies have been turning out simply gorgeous work when they meet up on Thursdays at 9.30am like Bev’s masterpiece below:



Table Tennis has been bursting at the seams with a friendly bunch of players coming to have a hit and enjoy socialising between games. Mondays from 1pm and Thursdays from 12.30pm.

Keep your eye on your

letterbox for our Term Program which is delivered prior to the start of every term. There’s much more going on than we can fit into this article including our social, craft, exercise and cooking classes. Email program@bncinc.org.au to make further enquiries or book into a course.

The digital version of our program is available on our website as soon as it is ready and if you would like it emailed, please let us know by dropping us a line to contactus@bncinc.org.au.

In other news, our most fabulous and inspirational Committee of Management member, Gwen Neve, recently celebrated her milestone 90th birthday. We could easily have said 80th or even 70th

milestone birthday and nobody would bat an eye. She is a dynamo who gives so much to our Centre and the community. We continue to wish the happiest of days for Gwen, for her birthday and every other day too.

Our awesome, long-serving Administration and Weekday Venue Hire Officer, Maria Tucci, is taking some well deserved long service leave and then upon her return, she will be starting the new adventure of retirement. Maria plans to spend more time with her new grandson. We welcome a very capable replacement for her position in Sally Coates. Sally is fitting in perfectly with her warm and friendly manner and she has hit the ground running. We will miss Maria terribly, but she assures us that she will not be a stranger. We may even twist her arm into some volunteering work...

We've been grateful to welcome some new volunteers to the Centre this year. With a range of opportunities to fit our needs and yours, we invite expressions of interest for those who may have a little time they want to throw at a community organisation.

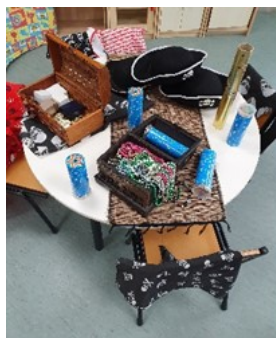
BNC Children's Room



We were very lucky and grateful to have one of our Committee of Management members, Alyssa Jones, and her family volunteer their time over the school holidays to stain and make some repairs to our playground equipment. Thanks to the Cardinia Shire Council, our sand and soft fall has also been all topped up and so the Children's Room playground is looking fresh and new again.

We're looking forward to a new shade sail in the next few weeks to provide some much-needed

shade until the new trees mature. There will also be a new fence coming in the next holiday break.



There are still some places available in our childcare sessions. The Three-Year-Old program runs Mondays 12.30pm-3.00pm, Wednesdays 8.30am-1.30pm and Fridays 1.30pm-4.00pm. Occasional Care sessions are on Thursdays 8.30am-1.30pm and Fridays 8.30am-12.30pm. Mix and match with any combination of multiple sessions to suit you and your child's needs.

Auslan sign language has been a fascinating addition to our three-year old program for years and our talented educators are now sharing their knowledge during Occasional Care sessions too. There are documented benefits of teaching Auslan to verbal children including:

- Increased brain function and memory
- Increased engagement and enjoyment in communication
- Increased inclusiveness and cultural awareness
- Sensory and fine motor experience

Contact us to chat more about the programming that is engaging all of our children attendees and helping their learning journey to be rich, fun and colourful.

Our Playgroups are getting going again and there are still a few vacancies available. Spend some quality time playing with your child and meeting other local families on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9.00am.

The Children's Room is available to hire on weekends for your next child's party. Age appropriate to about 7 years and with reasonable rates, this is an affordable and different way to celebrate a birthday.

Add us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates. Stay safe and well!

State Member Brad Battin MP



It was an inspiring start to 2021, with no community transmission of COVID, people were out and about, and the community had a sense of hope in the air.

As I travelled through Beaconsfield, it was great to see people sharing time with each other in cafes, restaurants and taking walks in our beautiful community. It felt good to be out enjoying what our community has to offer.

Although this was cut short for a period of 5 days in February, I urge you to continue to be there for each other, as we have been doing for many months now. Sharing the impact of restrictions, lockdowns and the repercussions of these challenges, is what will keep us strong and grow together as a community. It comes back to the importance of 'Think Local, Support Local', this could not be more important than right now.

Stay true to your mate who owns the local butcher, florist, cake shop, coffee/café shop and so many more of our local business who need your continued support. I enjoy the time I have to visit local businesses and acknowledge the hard work that everyone is putting in to stay hopeful and supportive to each other. There is significance in 'Think Local, Support Local' extending to asking, "how are you?" Everyone copes differently and '...support local' can be reaching out to family and friends to see how they are.

If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns, or share dates on upcoming events with me, please feel free to contact me on 5953 0216. To keep up to date with all things related to COVID guidelines and what is going on in State Parliament, please visit my social media – Facebook - BradBattinMP, Instagram - @BradBattinMP, and you can also search for me on YouTube.

Beacon Hills Councillor's Rept.

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Bookable hard waste tips

Don't forget you can book up to two, free hard waste collections per year. We also offer additional paid collections if required. The improved service gives you greater flexibility to book hard waste collections at a time convenient to you.

Please ensure you book your hard waste collection **BEFORE** putting any waste out.

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.

For more info and bookings visit
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Free waste drop-off events

Cardinia Shire Council's free waste drop-off events, including green waste drop-off, drumMUSTER and Detox Your Home, are back for 2021.

- **Green waste drop-off events:** residents can drop-off garden waste including flowers, garden prunings, grass clippings, leaves, tree branches and weeds for free.

When: Friday 26 - Monday 29 March 2021, 9am – 4pm (Sunday open 9am-2pm)

Where: Lysterfield – Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre. 840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield

When: Friday 16 - Monday 19 April 2021, 9am to 4pm

Where: Pakenham – Future Recycling Transfer Station. 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

Photo ID required as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service.

Waste will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

- **Detox Your Home:** Dispose of unwanted household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

When: Saturday 17 April 2021, 9am – 2pm



Where: Cardinia Operations Depot. 18 Purton Rd, Pakenham

- **DrumMUSTER:** free drop off for commercial and residential community members with [eligible](#), cleaned agvet chemical containers.

When: Saturday 17 April 2021, 9am – 12pm

Where: Cardinia Operations Depot. 18 Purton Rd, Pakenham

For more information on the above events visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff

COVID-19 updates

The health and wellbeing of our community and supporting local businesses continues to be council's priority. With COVID-19 restrictions easing following the recent five-day lockdown, many of council's facilities and services are reopening.

Remember to follow Department of Health guidance around how to stay COVID Safe, including wearing a facemask when required, practicing physical distancing and hand hygiene and getting tested if you display any symptoms.

Visit council's online help hub which has been designed to help you find the support and information you need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/onlinehelphub>

Gardens for wildlife workshops

Learn how to create a wildlife-friendly garden at Cardinia Shire Council's free online workshops.

Adding wildlife-friendly elements to your garden will attract native animals and insects such as birds, bees, lizards, butterflies and other creatures. Free online Gardens for Wildlife workshops are being held throughout March. For more information about the Gardens for Wildlife workshop, please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/gardensforwildlife or phone Council on 1300 787 624.



Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service 2021

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service was first held in 1999. Since then a Memorial Service has been held each year on the Sunday before Anzac Day. Last year 2020, we had to cancel the service for the first time due to the Covid pandemic and the Covid restrictions in place at the time. However we were able to fly our flags at the Cenotaph and lay wreaths to mark the occasion.

This year 2021, we would like to have a service of some kind, but it would most likely be smaller than the usual service. At this stage we are awaiting advice from the Government and Cardinia Shire Council.

Information will be available on our website and the face book page and our noticeboard, near Woolworths.

Beaconsfield has a history of dedicated war service. The website www.beaconsfield.org.au has information about The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour, The Honour Board and the information on our digital memorial is now available on the website. This covers information about the two world wars and the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne and information about Beaconsfield Soldiers.



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Clean Up Australia Day

Cardinia Shire residents, businesses and schools are encouraged to sign up for this year's Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March 2021.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said there's already a number of local spots registered and last year community volunteers and Council removed around 15 cubic metres of bagged rubbish and 19 tyres from across the shire.

"I encourage everyone to get involved this year, find a local park, reserve or walking track. You can register a new 'clean up' site, or sign up to attend a local spot already registered on the Clean Up Australia Day website," he said.

All Cardinia Shire residents who register a site will receive a free clean-up kit including bags and gloves. Cardinia Shire will also assist with the collection and disposal of all rubbish collected on the day.

Clean Up Australia Day started in 1990.

Over 18.3 million Australians have donated their time as part of Clean Up Australia Day activities over the last 30 years.

It is estimated that more than 380,000 ute-loads of rubbish has been removed as part of Clean Up Australia Day activities.

Schools and local businesses can sign up for Business Clean Up Day on Tuesday 2 March and Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 5 March. More info: www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au



Beaconsfielddental.com.au
Ph: 9707 3508

Beaconsfield Dental would like to welcome Dr. Cynthia Vinen and Dr. David Gilbert to our team.



Dr Cynthia and Dr David both reside in Berwick and both graduated from Melbourne University. Cynthia will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. David will be open to bookings from March 25 and will work Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You can book your appointment online at beaconsfielddental.com.au or phone 97073508.

See ad on page 2



Mayor Brett Owen and his kids Will and Max are getting ready to do their bit for this year's event – you can get involved too!

Neil Matthews receives Order of Australia

A Beaconsfield man said he was “humbled” to be appointed a Member of the Order of Australia and have his extraordinary contribution to the Aerospace and Defence Markets formally recognised.

Neil Matthews, 68, said he was “humbled” to receive the award for his “significant service” to aerospace component repair technologies.



Neil and his wife Joanne (Jodie) moved to Beaconsfield in 2015 after 27 years in the Dandenong Ranges and thoroughly enjoy the “village life in Beaky”. They share their Beaky life as much as possible with their three daughters their partners and their 5 grandchildren.

Neil has been RUAG Australia’s Head of Research and Technology, since 1995. RUAG Australia, based in Bayswater, uses engineering expertise and accredited manufacturing, maintenance and repair capabilities to provide support to both Defence and Aerospace markets.

“Effectively we’re able to recover metal components by restoring them using metal powders and it’s unique in the fact that we don’t use heat to consolidate the powder. It’s a novel process,” he explained, when asked to describe his line of work.

“It’s innovative as much as it’s additive technology. We add metal back onto components that have been damaged.”

Neil has always had a passion for aerospace, likely due to the 43 years he spent as a member of the Australian Defence Force, which he joined in 1970.

“When I left school as a Queenslander, tertiary education wasn’t free and my family background was such that they could not afford to send me to university, so I applied for a scholarship to join the Air Force,” he recalled.

Neil soon completed an engineering degree at RMIT University and post graduate studies at Cranfield

University in the United Kingdom which provided a real-life insight into working with “leading edge technology”.

“That gave me a great passion for leading edge technology. It gave me a thirst for aerospace, a thirst for innovation and knowledge and the confidence that we can push boundaries if we put our mind to it,” he said.

Throughout his impressive career, Neil has held positions as RUAG, formerly known as Rosebank Engineering, senior engineering manager. He was also involved in the research and development of Cold Spray as an additive material repair technology.

“What we’ve been able to do in Australia is develop a body of science that has allowed us to safely use the technology for aircraft repairs. We’ve saved our government well over \$10 million in assets, but more importantly, we’ve been able to provide critical support when it comes to aircraft availability,” he said.

“It’s a passion I have in terms of innovation and technology. I guess I have been able to go where “no man’s gone before” in additive technology which has positioned Australia as world leader. We’re now internationally acknowledged and renowned.”

Neil currently sits on a number of advisory boards including the Advisory Board of the Centre of Additive Manufacturing and has completed significant research within his relevant field of expertise.

Between 2012 and 2018, he was a researcher for the Australian Research Council within the National Competitive Grants Program, and prior to that was an industry research leader for the Defence Science and Technology Group.

Neil said he was humbled to have his contribution to society officially recognised with the award, but said he’s never sought recognition.

“I don’t do what I do for the awards,” he said.

“I’m very proud but also very humbled. It’s something that, in what I do, wasn’t expected. I certainly wasn’t aware of my nomination. I believe that my work colleagues supported by academia, research and Defence, have felt it was worthwhile to put my name up for recognition. Again very humbling.

“I must admit from my perspective, I’m quite humbled and not sure I’m deserving of the award. This work is something I love to do, and the reward is nice, but the words of congratulation I receive are cherished just as much as the award itself.”



Beaconsfield Tennis Club Committee

On the 18th January we welcomed the new Beaconsfield club committee:

President -Andrew McKenzie-Smith

Vice President-Bronwyn McCormick

Secretary-Maurice Potter

Treasurer-Barry Fletcher

Mid-Week Ladies-Kerry McKean

Junior Co-ordinator- Mark Gelderbloem

General Committee -Josh McCormick, Jenny Ponter, Anja Potter, Adrian Walsh



A big thank you to the outgoing committee for all your hard work and commitment during such a turbulent year. A special thank you goes to Dave van der Koogh who will be leaving us for better weather up north. Thank you so much for your hard work as Vice President and all-round commitment to the club. You will be greatly missed.

Fees

Special Covid-19 rates will apply for the next six months from March 1st to August 31st. Family rate of \$120 for the six months plus \$20 for a key if required. Individual rate will be \$60 for six months.

Casual Court Hire

\$10 per court (per hour)

Court hire is available at the Beacy Flake Fish & Chips shop. Beaconsfield Shopping Plaza, Shop 2, 55 Old Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. A court key will be issued when a deposit of \$20 is paid and will be refunded on return of the key on the same day. The synthetic grass courts are available for hire only when not in use. Competitions and coaching takes precedence.

Open Day 2021

On January 16th Beaconsfield Tennis Club ran an annual open day as well as a junior singles tournament. There was a fantastic turnout with 40 juniors entering the tournament, where players came from as far as Bairnsdale to play. This was a huge success, with many of our juniors matching up very well against players from other clubs.

Coaching 2021

Programs being offered this year are as follows

Red Ball Program- Ages 4 – 6

Orange Ball Program- Ages 7- 9

Green Ball Program – Ages 9 and up

Squad Program – Competition and tournament players

Cardio Tennis – Adult

Adult Group Lessons

Private Lessons



Interested? Call Paul Rowbottom on 0412 682 569

Competition Play Available

Our club provides a number of opportunities to play competitively interclub or socially. These are:-

Interclub – club membership is required to participate.

Juniors interclub – Berwick and District Tennis Association – Saturday and Sunday mornings – contact

Mark Gelderbloem 0414 501 485.

Adults interclub – Waverley and District Tennis Association – Saturday afternoons – contact Adrian Walsh 0425 747 615

Ladies Midweek interclub – Dandenong and District Tennis Association – Tuesday/Wednesday mornings – contact Kerry McKean 0419 382 477.

Inhouse - social competition open to members and non-members

Wednesday Night, mixed social all standards and ages– inhouse at Beaconsfield and Officer courts – Wednesday night – Maurice Potter 0437 759 793.

Thursday night - men's social all standards and ages – inhouse at Beaconsfield – contact Gavin Baxter 0418 107 363

Veterans Sunday morning, social all standards – inhouse at Beaconsfield – contact Les McDonald 0409 435 121.

Government Restrictions during COVID-19 lockdowns

During Government restriction announcements during 2021, courts will remain closed and locked during the announced period. Courts will not be available for hire during lockdown periods and we ask all members to stay away from the courts during lockdowns.

At all other times, we ask members to apply the following rules:-

- Before accessing the courts please register your presence using your mobile phone to scan the QR code located at entrance gates and elsewhere in club grounds. Follow the prompts to record your access.
- If the operation does not work, go to website <https://visitsafe.at/beaconsfieldtennisclub> and record your contact details.
- Otherwise email your name, date and expected time of attendance to our Secretary mauricepotter@bigpond.com.

These processes will enable us to contact you should an infection occur at the club, for your own protection and to meet Government guidelines.

- Please bring your own sanitiser/antiseptic wipes to clean gate latches and locks before entry (to protect you) and after use to protect others. Also cleanse your hands before and after use of court baggers and line sweepers. Avoid touching surfaces and cleanse any surface that you do touch. Use racquets to change score boards.
- Club house toilets are available for use when open. A limit of 26 people maximum are allowed within the clubhouse at any one time.
- Maintain social distancing at all times – 1.5 metres apart. Face masks are required at all times within the clubhouse and also outdoors when 1.5 physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Bring your own full drink bottles as club drinking fountains must not be used.
- No social gathering before or after play (get in-play-get out).
- No handshaking, and wash your hands before and after play.

Main Contact Details:

All General Queries Ph: (03) 88205853

Secretary Ph: 0437 759 793 Email: mauricepotter@bigpond.com

Facebook: Beaconsfield Tennis Club Community

Mail: P.O. Box 132, Beaconsfield, VICTORIA, 3807

Website: <https://www.tennis.com.au/beaconsfieldtc/>



Beaconsfield World War II Soldiers

In September of 1939, the beginning of World War 2 was announced.

The announcement of the war had a significant impact on the residents of Beaconsfield, many men and women felt the patriotic "call" for duty and enlisted.

There were those that did not return to Beaconsfield and for those that did return the sacrifice and service had taken its toll. In trying to resume a quiet country life, there were the constant reminders of the experience; memorials and reunions. Many joined the Returned Service League but for others they wished to forget.

Many local men and women in the Beaconsfield district enlisted.

During the years of the second war 1939-1945, there were many farewells and fundraising events in support of the local enlistees.



In recognition of those who did join and serve, a list has been created to acknowledge all those soldiers with a local connection.

Beaconsfield does not have a World War 2 honour board or avenue of honour commemorating those that served during this war.

Beaconsfield Progress Association would like contact from family or friends, who would like to contribute to this project, Email

secretary@beaconsfield.org.au or Secretary BPA, P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield 3806.

Extracts from The Dandenong Journal:

21 August 1940

17 June 1942

30 January 1946.

Beaconsfield Says Au Revoir Soldiers

BEACONSFIELD district residents provided a fitting farewell to local "Diggers" last Saturday week, when a crowded hall rewarded the active organisers of a social at which the guests of honor were Sgt. T. W. Grant, L/Cpl. F. Dundas, Pres. Robt. Roberts, Harold Harbour, W. Clark, W. Smith, K. Reid, L. James and Sapper J. Dawson.

An energetic committee, headed by Cr T. C. Whiteside (pres.), Miss M. Nixon (sec.) and Mrs H. Roberts (treas.), was responsible for the excellence of the arrangements. Speakers who wished the boys well were Crs A. G. Robinson and D. N. McBride, Brig-Gen. Foott and Wing-Comm. Bailey.

On behalf of district residents, Miss Lesley Ellis made presentations of a wristlet watch and a parcel of comforts—the latter the gift of the Berwick District Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.S.I.L.A.—to each of the boys.

Dancing was interspersed with some delightful singing by Mr Jack Nobelius, Mrs Anderson (a former "Sun" Aria competition winner) and Wing-Comm. Bailey. Community singing was led by Mr Vickerman.

An excellent supper concluded a happy night.

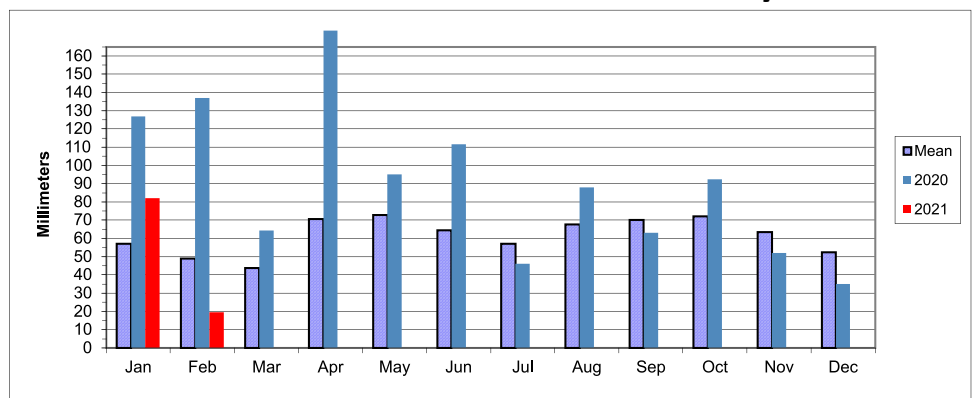
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AMONG servicemen and women given a monster welcome home and presentation at Beaconsfield recently were: Sister M. Grant, Messrs. L. M. Bailey, F. Barnes, D. Brown, Reg. Brown, Ron Brown, G. Budge, L. Beyers, F. Dundas, V. Fowler, F. Grant, J. Grogan, W. Harbour, H. H. Harbour, L. James, H. Heathcote, L. Gumley, H. Nixon, J. Osborne, M. Marriott, J. Osborne, F. Parker, L. J. Peterson, J. Petersen, R. Robson, A. Southgate, H. Thompson, J. Vickerman, K. Walker, W. Watts, S. D. Whittaker, and R. J. Witbato.

Three Beaconsfield Brothers In The Forces

THREE SONS of Mr. and Mrs. F. Parkes, of Railway avenue, Beaconsfield, are serving in the Army. Tom Parkes, whose twin brother, Jim, is a butcher in the A.M.F., stationed in Victoria, has only been in the army 16 months but has already secured his sergeant's stripes and is now an instructor in one of the biggest mechanised schools in Victoria, the M.V.T.T.C. An elder brother, Demps, has been serving in the Middle East for the past 12 months. All three boys were born and bred at Beaconsfield where the family is well known.

Beaconsfield Rainfall Data to February 28





After a 2020 year like no other for our community and our club, where it was the first year since 1947, when Beaconsfield FC resumed after the Second World War, that our town hadn't competed on the football field, we can't wait for the 2021 season to get underway.

Our most recent on-field action was last March and once again we enter this new season full of optimism with a number of new recruits and excellent numbers on the track in both our Men's & Women's teams.

Our coaching panel headed by Senior coach Mick Fogarty, are all on board, and we have had wonderful support from a

number of local businesses who pledged their commitment through our 20/21 COVID Club. Any local businesses who would like to also be involved with the vibrant local football community can contact our Sponsorship Manager, Scott Hilton on **0455 963 179** or email sponsorship@beaconsfieldfc.com

Beaconsfield FC have already experienced some joy in 2021 with another of our Beacy Youth Girls in **Tyanna Smith** making an auspicious debut in the AFLW with St Kilda.

She joins an impressive line-up of Beaconsfield FC graduates who now feature in our AFL/VFL graduates display alongside the likes of Barry Allan and Michael McKenna and of course Ellie Blackburn, who were the early trailblazers for talented local footballers from our area making it to the big time.

Our club has Pre-season practice matches scheduled at Holm Park Reserve as below:

Sat 13th March vs. Noble Park (Eastern FL Premier League) Seniors to commence at 4pm

Sat 20th March vs. Ajax

Sat 27th March vs. Norwood (Eastern FL Premier League)

Our season commences on Sat 24th April when we host Narre Warren in the Annual Anzac Day match where our Seniors will wear the Anzac tribute jumper.

A highlight of the year will be on **Sat 10th July** at Holm Park when we will hold a Black & Yellow celebration of our 1980/81 Premierships. This is an opportunity to welcome players, officials & supporters from this great era, along with all those who have been a part of our club's history. We will play our oldest rivals in Cranbourne on this day 131 years after our first meeting.

On a sad note, the club lost one of our greats in legendary coach Jim Read, who passed away



suddenly in October. COVID restrictions meant we had to wait until recently for family, friends and so many of his players from Beaconsfield to come together to share a tribute day to Jimmy. There were also quite a lot of his St Kilda teammates from the 1966 premiership team in attendance for what was a most fitting & emotional farewell to a legend.

Our social rooms are open for meals on Thursday evening, so all are welcome to come along, watch training & enjoy our great local community facilities with family & friends.

Remember you can keep up with all club news on our Beaconsfield Football Club Facebook page.

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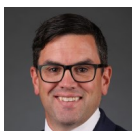
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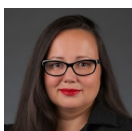
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Editor's Note

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 and photographs.

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 public BPA meetings
- Submitting an article (any subject welcome)
- 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.**

We hope you enjoy this edition of the *Beaconsfield Banner*.

- Editor

Correspondence

All correspondence to P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield Vic 3807 or email banner@beaconsfield.org.au

Articles Welcome

Articles can be emailed to the editor at banner@beaconsfield.org.au. Please send photos as attachments.

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

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The Beaconsfield Banner is published quarterly. Pricing per edition for advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner is as follows:

	B&W	Colour
½ page advertisement	\$100	\$150
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Business card advertisement	\$30	\$50

All advertising enquiries please email to:
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The deadline for contributing to the Winter Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for articles and advertising is **15th May, 2021**.

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Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398

As always, if I can assist please call **1300 103199** or email me at Harriet.Shing@parliament.vic.gov.au

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