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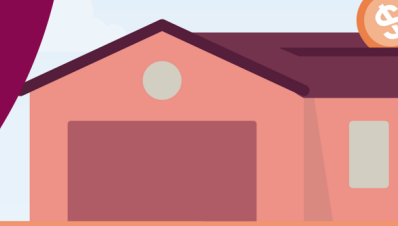
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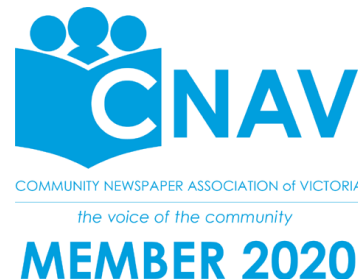
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# President's Report



Welcome to this Winter Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. 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).

The future of the Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Reserve is of interest to many in the community. Melbourne Water is a key stakeholder and they have extensively consulted with the community. This has included Public Meetings, Information Sessions and provided constant updates. Cardinia Shire Council have an interest and the Agenda for the General Council Meeting held on 17 May included a Report on the Beaconsfield Reservoir for consideration by the Councillors. The Officer's recommendations included:

- Support Melbourne Water to take action to ensure that community safety is not compromised and that the community are further consulted regarding Safety Options. It was noted that Melbourne Water retains responsibility for the integrity and safety of the dam embankment and associated infrastructure under their Statement of Obligations.
- Support improved recreational facilities and greater access to the Reserve for the general public
- Advocate for the State Government to assign the Park Manager role to a State Government Agency. The Council Report estimated annual maintenance costs to be \$90,000 which Council Officers believe should be borne by a State Government Agency possibly Parks Victoria.

It was noted that Melbourne Water's proposal to install additional recreational assets in the BNCR and

enable public access appears to have broad community and Council Officer's support. Council Officers support the action to address the risk issues concerning the dam wall.

Our Association made a Submission that was included in the community correspondence in the Report with specific mention made of the history of the Reservoir and BNCR.

At the General Council Meeting an alternate Motion was proposed. Most Councillors discussed the Alternate Motion. The Officer's Report was not adopted but the Alternate Motion, with in excess of ten requests mostly for Melbourne Water to provide additional information, was agreed to. Unfortunately the delays and uncertainty of the future of the Beaconsfield Reservoir and BNCR continue.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service was again conducted by our Association. It was smaller than previous years and conducted in a Covid safe way. The Memorial Address featured David Bonette who served in WW1 & WW2. Thanks to everyone participating in the service and those attending especially returned servicemen and relatives of service men and service women.

Work continues on the O'Neil Road intersections with Old Princes Hwy and Pink Hill Boulevard Roundabout. Work on the intersection of Old Princes Hwy and Glismann Road appears to be nearly completed. Both these intersections on Old Princes Hwy will be signalised. The works on the O'Neil Road intersections are proceeding and are nearly completed. This work on the these 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. Council Officers attended a recent BPA Meeting to discuss this planning matter. We personally lodged a Submission and Council has referred the matter to a Planning Panel.

The works for the upgrade of the Kath Roberts Reserve and Playground Equipment is underway. Our Association has assisted with the design of an Interpretation Sign for the Park.

Graeme Taylor  
President

# Beaconsfield Ward Councillors' Report



*Cr Brett Owen—Mayor*

## The Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Conservation

The Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Conservation Reserve is a place of highly significant environmental, community and cultural importance for our area. A wonderful natural asset that has great potential for community and environmental benefit into the future.

The Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve is crown land of around 171 hectares, administered by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The Beaconsfield Reservoir, decommissioned in 1991, is located within the reserve and is managed by Melbourne Water.

Council has requested that all responsible state government authorities work together with the local community and that they develop a long-term strategic plan that delivers the best outcomes for the environment and community interests, and that no further

works are to be considered or proceed with the reservoir's dam wall until such time this future strategic document is developed and created. Council also acknowledges the petition which is currently before the state government which is requesting the retention of the current reservoir water level.

While council supports Melbourne Water taking necessary action to ensure the safety of our community, we ask that thorough community consultation and communication is undertaken regarding any future plans or developments for this site, and we also request Melbourne Water to make publicly available the safety assessment report which has identified the potential risk of the reservoir wall failing.

Council has indicated its support for improved recreational facilities and greater access to the reserve for the general public and will advocate to the relevant state government departments to undertake a thorough environmental assessment of the reservoir and the greater reserve, including a report on the impact that any future developments would have on the environment within.



*Mayor Brett Owen and Federal Member for Latrobe – Jason Wood at the intersection of Glismann / Beaconsfield and Old Princes Hwy.)*

Council commends the work that the Cardinia Environment Coalition has undertaken in managing the reserve and advocates for ongoing recurrent funding to manage the BNCR into the future and will advocate for the state government to assign the Park Manager role to a state government agency for a significant reserve of regional importance.

## Princes Highway intersection upgrades

Works are nearing completion at Beaconsfield's Old Princes Highway intersections. The upgrades are jointly funded by Cardinia Shire Council and the Australian Government.

Both the O'Neil Road/Old Princes Highway intersection and the Glismann Road/Beaconsfield Avenue and Old Princes Highway are nearing completion. Signals are expected to be operational in June.

I would like to thank residents for their patience during the construction of these much-needed upgrades. It was short term pain for long term gain.

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# Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



*Councillor Stephanie Davies, Mayor Brett Owen, Federal MP – Jason Wood and Councillor Tammy Radford checking out progress of the upgrade to O’Neil Road and Old Princes Highway)*

unisex change room facilities, umpire’s change rooms, first aid and strapping room and a spectator viewing area.

## Playground renewal

The renewal of the Kath Roberts Reserve is nearing completion. Council engaged the local community

These works were funded by Sport Australia (\$500,000) and Cardinia Shire Council (\$133,000).



and the Beaconsfield community was asked to nominate their preferred play space design. I look forward to the upgrade to be finished so families can enjoy the reserve again.

## Pavilion upgrade at Perc Allison Reserve

The upgraded pavilion at Perc Allison Reserve is officially open!



*(from left to right) Kristen Jackson Active Communities Manager Cardinia Shire Council, Adrian Patella from the Beaconsfield Super Rules, Kevin Rankin from the Perc Allison Reserve Committee of Management, Matt Gubbins from the Beaconsfield Super Rules, Stephen Keam from the Beaconsfield Cricket Club, Mayor Cr Brett Owen, Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Graeme Moore, and Member for La Trobe Jason Wood MP.*

## Disability Action Plan: have your say

Council is developing a new Disability Action Plan and you’re invited to provide input. The action plan will set out what we will do to make Council’s workplaces, services, programs and community accessible to people with disability.

The upgrade of the existing change rooms included

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# Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report (from page 6)

There are many ways to have your say. Complete an online survey, visit a pop up or online workshop until 7 June at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

## YourGround

Cardinia Shire Council is proud to be part of a state-wide project that will help plan and advocate for improvements to community safety.

The YourGround project has an interactive map that allows people to anonymously drop a pin, tell a story or share an experience about their feelings of safety at that location.

When collated and analysed, the data will provide insights into where and how we can make our shire's towns, parks and community spaces more accessible, more inclusive and more equitable.

The information that we hope to gather from everyone that lives in Cardinia Shire will shape our community for many years ensuring that everyone who lives, visits or works here feels safe.

YourGround is open until 31 July 2021. To share your stories, visit [www.yourground.org](http://www.yourground.org)

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If you have already submitted a registration application, remember to check your placement preferences, contact details and application information to ensure they are still correct. You can do this quickly and easily using the online kindergarten portal at <https://kindergarten.cardinia.vic.gov.au>

For more info, including key dates for 2022 registrations, please go to [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

## Gwen Neve – Nominee for Cardinia Shire's Stan Henwood Award

Congratulations to Beaconsfield's Gwen Neve who was a nominee for Cardinia Shire's Stan Henwood Award which acknowledges an individual's valuable



contribution to our community.

Gwen has been actively volunteering in the Beaconsfield community since moving to the area in 1966. She is heavily involved with the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, is a strong supporter of the Beaconsfield

Progress Association, and has volunteered for Beaconsfield Netball Club. She is the first Life Member of the Beaconsfield Netball Club and was a finalist in the Victorian Seniors Achievers Awards in 2005. Well done Gwen.

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# Beaconsfield Nature and Conservation Reserve Incorporating the Beaconsfield Reservoir

## Introduction

I am President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association (BPA), and for 54 years I have resided in the Cardinia Shire, and previously part of the old Berwick Shire before the creation of City of Casey. During the past 38 years, my wife Ann and I have lived on a small acreage in Beaconsfield. I grew up in a neighbouring town enjoying the rural bushland and country lifestyle. Our two adult children were born during this time in Beaconsfield and enjoyed the lifestyle here. Beaconsfield has been a great place for us and for the children to grow up and to be part of the Beaconsfield community.

For most of the past 38 years, Ann and I have been actively involved in the Beaconsfield community. The town has developed from a partly semi-rural community to now an “outer Melbourne suburb”. However, Beaconsfield and surrounds still have some of the rural and bush areas that we enjoy like the Cardinia Creek walking trail. Ann and I are or have been members of a number of local community organisations e.g. National Trust Casey / Cardinia branch and Landcare.

We care about our local area and the community and are most concerned with some much publicised objections for future plans announced by Melbourne Water (MW) for the Beaconsfield Nature & Conservation Reserve (BNCR) and, in particular, for the Beaconsfield Reservoir (BR). We are fortunate to have visited the BNCR and BR on three occasions and were delighted by the beauty of the reservoir and reserve known for the flora and fauna and native bush. We understand the need for a partial upgrade of the reservoir wall as part of risk management. The safety of the reservoir wall is of paramount importance not just for properties in close proximity but importantly to properties downstream. Whilst a breach of the reservoir wall is unlikely, works proposed by Melbourne Water on a Partial Upgrade should not be opposed on the grounds of safety and risk management. This Partial Upgrade will have other benefits including new amenities and allow access by the general public which far outweighs another option of a full upgrade of the reservoir wall. The full upgrade option unfortunately excludes new amenities and will keep

the BNCR closed to the general public as has been the case in the past.

## A Brief History

When Flinders Naval Base (now HMAS Cerberus) on the Mornington Peninsula required a reliable water source, Haunted Gully was chosen as a suitable site for a Reservoir. Land was compulsorily acquired and



the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission began construction of the Bunyip Main Race and the Beaconsfield Reservoir. The earthen dam wall and the work shaping the reservoir was completed in 1918 using sustenance labour. Initially water was channelled from the Toomuc Creek by an aqueduct requiring some tunnels through hilly areas to the Beaconsfield Reservoir. In the 1940's Bunyip River



joined to the Toomuc Creek supply using open channels. In 1957 Tarago River and in 1969 the Tarago Reservoir were connected to the supply. When the Beaconsfield Reservoir reached its peak, there were pipelines to Berwick and Harkaway, other local areas, some outer metropolitan areas as well as the Mornington Peninsula. The completion of the Cardinia Reservoir replaced the water supply issues for these areas and the Beaconsfield Reservoir was decommissioned in 1988. In 1997, Melbourne Water decommissioned the Race between Beaconsfield Reservoir and Cannibal Creek in Tynong due to deterioration of water quality. The aqueduct



is non-operational however parts still exist and there are aqueduct walking trails to explore that are managed by Cardinia Shire Council.

The BNCR is managed by Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC) on behalf of The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Additional stakeholders include Cardinia Shire

Council and Friends of the BNCR.

## Melbourne Water Proposal

In recent years, Melbourne Water has been working with the 4 other stakeholders as well as members of the community and through Community Groups. In my view, extensive consultation has already occurred between MW, stakeholders and the wider community. My involvement started after we were told about a public meeting concerning the future of the BR was held by the Upper Beaconsfield Association on 8 March, 2019 which Ann and I attended.

The proposed refurbishment of Beaconsfield Reservoir by Melbourne Water is based on Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) centred on Dam Safety, Community Impacts and Environmental and Conservation Impacts. Based on the MW analysis, they found that the Partial Decommissioning (to water level of 94 m AHD) was superior to the Full Dam Safety Upgrade (to water level existing of 98 m AHD). There were two other options of either reducing the water level to 92 m AHD or substantial draining of the water however both these were considered inappropriate and unacceptable to the local community. Some benefits of the preferred Partial Dam Safety Upgrade compared to the Full Dam Safety Upgrade include:

1. The dam would be considered a “Low” risk after a Partial Upgrade but would still be considered a “High” risk after a Full Upgrade hence a greater potential for loss if a failure occurred.
2. Removing approx. 6 metres from the top of the dam wall will allow reduction of water volume and protect the wall against failure.
3. The site will be safer for public access in a partial upgrade due to changes in the embankment.
4. Through reducing the depth of the water level in a Partial Upgrade, a more diverse range of habitat will be achieved to enhance biodiversity outcomes.
5. The partial upgrade option will still provide enough clearance for the water to be accessed by helicopters if needed in a fire emergency. However, Cardinia Reservoir and Lake Aura Vale are already the designated local locations for safer access to larger bodies of water.

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# Beaconsfield Reservoir

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6. The historic features of this 102 year old reservoir will still be retained with the partial upgrade option. Alternatively, the full upgrade option would require a significant change to the dam wall with massive amounts of soil, rock and filling to buttress the wall and valley below which would significantly change the visual and therefore historical aspects of the dam wall.

## Consultations

My involvement commenced in early 2019 however consultations commenced well before then between the five stakeholders. Since early 2019, Ann and I have attended a public meeting at Upper Beaconsfield, attended a meeting of “Interested Parties” for the Beaconsfield Reservoir and also made a submission to another of their meetings, attended Melbourne Water Information Session held at Beaconsfield Community Complex, attended the Open Day at the Beaconsfield Reservoir/BNCR arranged by Cardinia Environment Coalition, visited the BR/BNCR with others arranged by the then Public Lands Manager of CEC who was also Guest Speaker at our Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc. Annual General Meeting held during October, 2019. We have kept ourselves informed by consulting with key stakeholders and various people in the community on many aspects of the proposals for BR/BNCR.

## Community News

Many residents of the Cardinia Shire are not aware of the BR/BNCR as there are many new residents coming into the Shire and the property has not been accessible to the majority of the general public with safety concerns with the reservoir wall. However, some people have extensively used social media and the local newspaper, The Pakenham Gazette, to express their views and, in particular, that there should be no changes to the height of the dam wall or to the water level. If these people’s views on the Beaconsfield Reservoir wall which is in line with the Melbourne Water Full Upgrade Option are accepted, then Melbourne Water have stated that, for safety reasons, the BNCR will not be generally accessible to the public and that the improvements including boardwalks, viewing platforms, walking trails and signage, indigenous wetlands plantings, toilets, picnic tables, BBQ and a shelter would not

proceed. The current estimated costs are \$14 million for the full upgrade and \$9 million for the partial upgrade which includes the improvements. The responsibility for ongoing future maintenance and improvements needs to be decided. Hopefully, Cardinia Shire Council can include this cost in future budgets as it does for other reserves in the Shire. Alternatively Parks Victoria could assume overall financial and management responsibility for the BNCR as happens in other decommissioned reservoirs e.g. Devil Bend.

My consultations indicate members of the community prefer future access and therefore support the Partial Upgrade Option. Our Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc. endorsed the Partial Upgrade Option in December, 2020.

## Conclusion

The BNCR incorporating the Beaconsfield Reservoir is an important Nature Reserve which should be open to the general public to passively enjoy its beauty and historical significance. The principal factor for consideration is the safety of the dam wall which is already showing some seepage. The partial safety upgrade option is, in my view and the view of Beaconsfield Progress Association members, superior to the full upgrade option as the safest option for the dam wall and it will provide the better visual aspect of the dam wall for historical purposes and it is the current option to allow safe access to the general public and to have new improvements provided for enjoyment for those utilising the BNCR.

Many of the claims made regarding flora and fauna as well as environmental issues were responded to by CEC member Ian Chisholm in an article in the Pakenham Gazette on 9 December, 2020 . I have already detailed some responses about the Beaconsfield Reservoir and related infrastructure and I will now comment on some further unsubstantiated claims made by others supporting no changes to the height of the dam wall and water level as follows:

1. “reducing the water capacity to a few shallow ponds”. Are they aware that the Partial Upgrade water level of the dam will be approx. 4 metres and, if so, does that constitute a few shallow ponds? In the outer reaches of the reservoir, some areas will deliberately have low water levels as it is designed as a wetlands area to encourage birds,

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plants etc and enhance biodiversity of the area.

2. “substantially demolishing the 102 year old reservoir wall and draining most of the water“. Are they aware that the wall would only be reduced by approx. 6 metres and that the water level would only be reduced by about one-half to reduce the pressure of the higher water volume mass and done for safety purposes so that some wall can be lowered but mostly retained.
3. “firefighting importance to the local community“. I understand that water helicopters are designated to use Cardinia Reservoir and Lake Aura Vale however water can still be accessed from BR if needed as it complies with the necessary requirements.
4. “the Beaconsfield Reservoir could be used to supply a town water supply “. The reservoir is only a relatively small reservoir and has a very small catchment area having previously relied on water from other reservoirs. The reservoir is riddled with mosquito fish, poor water quality and has no significant supply of water after the aqueduct was closed. There is very little run off from the

property. Instead, the reduction of the water volume and planting of native vegetation will facilitate the return of cleaner water to assist in the ecology.

I believe that the interests of the community and of Cardinia Shire Council is to adopt the Partial Upgrade Option as proposed by Melbourne Water and work co-operatively with them. Further, that Cardinia Shire Council as a stakeholder pursues this issue with Melbourne Water and come to an agreement including on future maintenance costs. Hopefully, the Partial Upgrade Option is accepted, and our local communities can look forward to being able to visit the beautiful BNCR in the foreseeable future and not have to wait another 102 years.

*By Graeme J. Taylor*

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## Akoonah Park Market Back In Full Swing

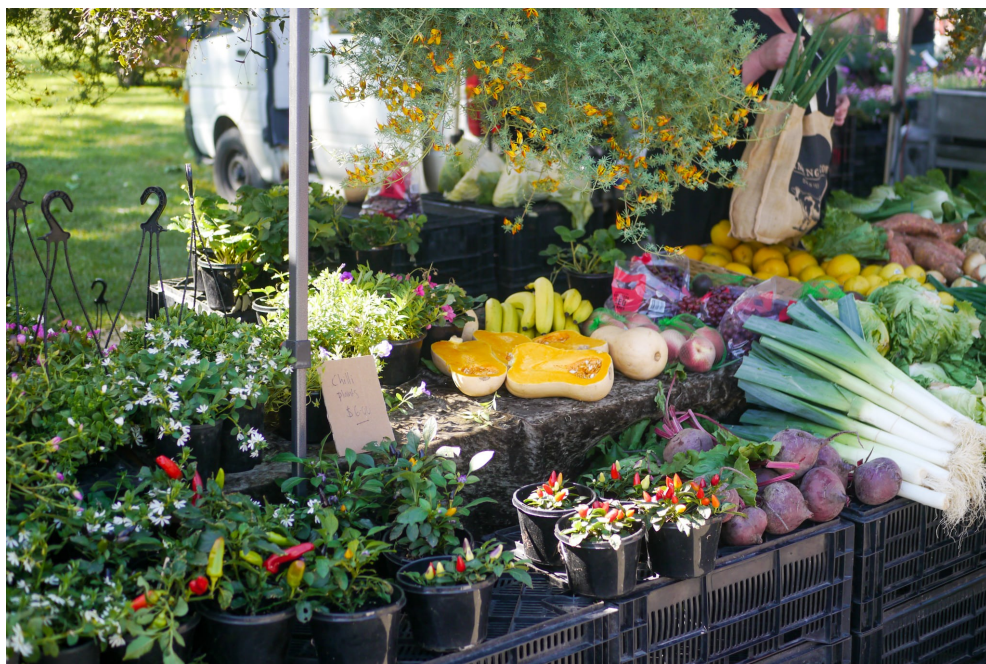
The Akoonah Park Market is back in full swing after the last lockdown, and customers are enjoying the wide range of stalls again that the Market is known for. After the week-long lockdown of February this year, the Market began trading again on Sunday February 21. The local community were incredibly supportive of the small local businesses returning to trade, and this loyalty is continuing today. Mother’s Day (May 9) was a success, where customers bought handmade gifts and met with family for food and coffee.

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In addition, to support Ms. Whiteside's passion for ensemble work, a new Concert Marimba has been donated. This will be an impressive addition to the orchestral percussion section in the SMBG Symphony Orchestra and a debut performance of a Marimba Concerto has been scheduled in October.

father Thomas Clair Whiteside served in WW I and Betty published a book of his letters. Sadly she passed away last year but her legacy lives on in this bequest her family has made to St Margaret's Berwick Grammar.

The St Margaret's Berwick Grammar community is extremely grateful for the generosity of Ms. Whiteside's family and the instruments that have been donated will be a lasting legacy and memory of her commitment and passion for music education, for generations to come.

More details of Betty's life are included in the story in the Beaconsfield Banner Summer 2020/21 p. 19 on website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au)

## **Elizabeth Whiteside Bequeathal Press release from St Margaret's Grammar**

St Margaret's Berwick Grammar has recently received a generous donation of a Kawai Grand Piano and a new Concert Marimba, for the school's orchestral program.

This has been made possible through funds from the Estate of Elizabeth Whiteside. Ms. Whiteside was a student of St Margaret's from 1939 to 1941 and a Piano Teacher at the school from 1973 to 1984.

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## Neighbourhood Natter

Although we enjoyed some stunning days in early Autumn, the temperature is steadily dropping now as we approach Winter. The Centre is a warm and welcoming place to connect and engage in a variety of activities.



Our knitting group has produced another huge number of knitted treasures to hand over to various charities in support of those people in our community who are less fortunate and can use some warmth.

519 stunning, individual items were distributed to Bless Collective Food Van in Pakenham, Food Pantry in Berwick, the Salvation Army in Pakenham and the Beaconsfield Ambulance Station.

Public donations of wool are encouraged as are new members to start clicking their knitting needles in this lovely group. We thank the Cardinia Park Hotel for grant funding that enables the purchase of more wool and stuffing. We also received an awesome private donation of funds to support this worthy

cause for which we are incredibly grateful.

There are some people doing it pretty tough and we encourage you to use the support services available to help you if you are struggling in any way. The Centre is able to link you directly to services or share a cuppa and a shoulder if you just need to talk. Please reach out to us. You may also contact Cardinia Shire Council directly for their "Help is at hand" program of support. Ring customer service on 1300 787 624.

Although it seems ages ago, we hope every mother had a wonderful Mother's Day. With around 8 beautiful hampers walking out the door in the arms of happy winners, we thank everyone for their support of our Mother's Day raffle this year. Please think about possible donations for our future raffles for Father's Day and Christmas. There's always multiple chances to win, so buy a few tickets next time to help with our Centre fundraising.

## HOME SCHOOLING?



We have discovered that there are actually numerous families in our community undertaking home schooling. With many of us experiencing the challenges of the home school experience through Covid lockdown, we want to support these committed families as much as we can. So, please reach out to us with your ideas and interest in programs to support your children with other activities to enhance your home curriculum. We may be able to facilitate the social connections which could be missing outside of a mainstream school environment. We're currently preparing a new kid's drawing class to offer as a starting point, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for the details.





All of our programs have been very busy and we're enthusiastic about a new walking group starting this term. If you want to meet some walking buddies and explore the local area together, join us on Friday mornings for this social fitness activity.

We have also introduced a new Mahjong social group on Fridays from 12.30pm. This popular game is attracting a great group of players of all levels, so come along and try something different for only \$4 per session!



Cookery and baking classes with Pauline have been really taking off and all of the staff are hoping that the Croissants & Pain au Chocolate students will share their results on June 17th. Learn how to make this flaky treat for only \$37.50 including all ingredients.

Our Term Program is delivered in mailboxes prior to the start of every term in our local area and includes more details for all of our programs. If you don't see one, hard copies are available at reception or the digital version is available on our website as soon as it is ready. If you would like it emailed, please let us know by dropping a line to: [contactus@bncinc.org.au](mailto:contactus@bncinc.org.au).

## BNC Children's Room

The Children's Room has been offering so many colourful and engaging activities and this Pizza Shop was just one of the recent hits. With two phones ringing off their hooks, local pizza shops should be careful of the competition!

We are excited to be planning some changes for next year's children's programs. Under the new Children's Services Regulations, we are able to extend the length of our session times and intend to offer an 8 hour Occasional Care session on Thursdays. We will add rest mats and more engaging resources to ensure the children enjoy every minute of their time



at the Centre. We will start taking 2022 expressions of interest for our Children's Programs from the beginning of Term 3. We welcome your enquiries.

Thanks to the Cardinia Shire Council, we have a new



shade sail to keep our younger members sun safe until our new trees mature in the playground. Although it may not come into its own for a few months, it looks great, and we appreciate it immensely. Perhaps it will also filter rain?

## School Holidays

Did you know that our Occasional Care program is offered throughout the school term breaks? We accept new, casual enrolments, regular attendees and even primary aged children up to 7 years on Thursdays and Fridays with CCS available to reduce fees if eligible. Attend just one or all of the days as it suits your schedule. Places book up quickly so sign up for the June/July break soon.

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

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# Brad Battin MP



## Change Happens

The season of autumn never fails to let you know that there is change in the air and on my walks through our community, the colours of autumn are certainly

evident, as are the leaves on the ground. I can't help but feel we can relate to the season of autumn as we take the opportunity to look over the last eighteen months and although it has been a time like no other, I am thankful for the acknowledgment that I live in a great community. We have all been through a lot of change with rules and regulations being at the forefront, some more challenging than others. We all know people who have struggled harder than others, yet I am always pleased with the knowledge that we are still there for each other.

There will be further change to come our way in October this year, as there is a review of Victoria's State electoral boundaries or what is known as a redistribution. This is done to ensure that each electorate has about the same number of enrolled voters and all Victorians have equal representation in Parliament.

The Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division) has proposed in its submission 1 March 2021, to split the Gembrook Electorate into two. It is proposed to create two new electorates; Pakenham and Berwick. Based on Stage 1 of the presented submissions, the proposed electoral boundaries will be released and Stage two submissions open on 30 June 2021. Public hearings for the Stage two submissions are 16 – 20 August 2021 and final electoral boundaries released on 28 October 2021.

I assure you that as your Member of Parliament with a strong sense of community engagement, I will continue to work for my electorate as the boundaries are determined in October 2021.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me on 5953 0216 or [brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au). You can also follow me at [www.bradbattin.com.au](http://www.bradbattin.com.au), Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

# BEACONSFIELD BANNER

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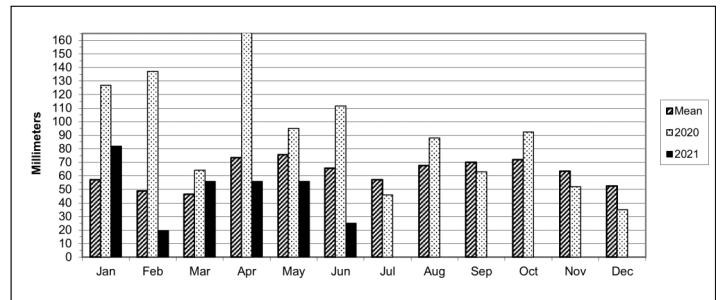
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## Beaconsfield Rainfall Data

(as of June 17)



Month	January	February	March	April	May	June
Amount (mm)	82	19.5	56	56	56	25
Days of rain	8	5	9	8	8	3

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## Introducing a Chorister!

Melbourne Youth Chorale is bouncing back after 9 months of online learning in 2020. We emerged from lockdown without a rehearsal venue and significantly depleted numbers. Now with over 60 choristers and having settled into Beaconsfield Neighbourhood House, MYC is rapidly rebuilding repertoire and confidence.

We're excited to announce that choristers in MYC's main performance choir, Jones, have been offered a wonderful opportunity to perform with Opera Australia at Bunjil Place in Carmen on 28 May, and also on 2 June in Frankston. Because of the pandemic uncertainty the time-frame for this project has been very tight and our staff and choristers have risen to the challenge. For some of our choristers, learning French is new!

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Daniel...

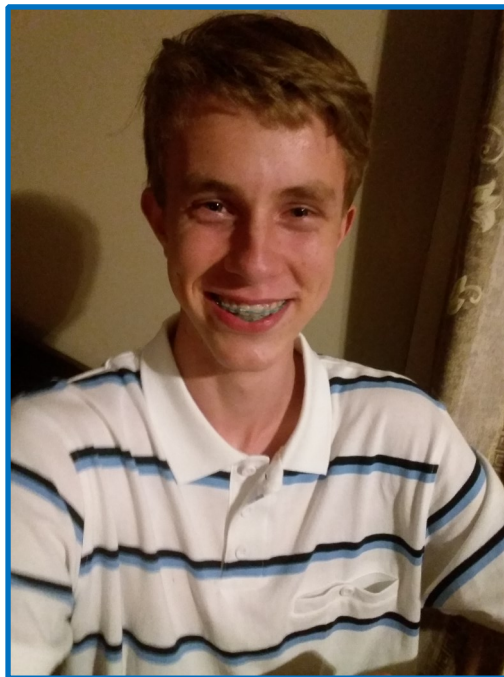
Daniel is a 16 year old home educated bird-lover, avid studier of languages (especially Swedish) and creator of art, photography and music. He is also the oldest of six children.

Apart from his own interests, life is an endless round of entertainment watching his siblings engage in exotic knitting projects, hit windows with hammers to see what will happen, organise hilarious activities like a lockdown family picnic complete with sack races, create dreamily...and an adorable three year old who can read, sing and use words like "Please desist!"

Daniel has struggled with focusing, lives with an

auditory processing delay and consequently finds socialising complicated.

Curiously, despite being proficient on the piano and recently joining an orchestra to play his trumpet, as of a month ago Daniel could not sing in tune! This has been an ongoing source of perplexity in his musical family.



Daniel

Daniel joined MYC not as a chorister, but as official photographer, to build up a gallery that became sadly depleted through lockdown. Within a week in this official capacity, encouraging persuasion from a warmly welcoming group of peers at MYC convinced him to join as a chorister.

After four choral-training and Musicianship classes...Daniel is finally...delightfully...starting to sing in tune, contributing not only photographs to the gallery, but a deep bass to the choir.

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# Manuka Honey - Connections with Beaconsfield

Manuka Honey is produced by Honey Bees collecting nectar and pollen from *Leptospermum scoparium* which is commonly known as Black Teatree, Manuka or simply just Tea Tree.



Manuka flowers. Photo: Rodger Elliot

There is no doubt the honey contains beneficial antioxidants more than any other known honeys.

NZ apiarists are claiming exclusive rights to using the term Manuka Honey which would prevent Australian Apiarists from using that name. While it is true that Manuka is a Māori word but the plant evolved in Australia and is found in Vic, NSW, Tas and NZ.

Locally it is particularly common on both sides of Cardinia Creek in the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve (Old Princess Hwy to Inglis Rd) and in Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve in O'Neill Rd. Widespread around Melbourne from the foothills

of the Dandenong's along the Dandenong Creek to Port Phillip Bay.

Just west of the Cardinia Creek in Berwick we have Manuka Rd which runs from the Princes Hwy to Inglis Rd.

Evidence suggests that *Leptospermum scoparium* evolved in Australia, then some 20 million years ago spread to New Zealand when seeds were dispersed by a long-distance event such as a cyclone or other wind event perhaps connected with bushfires. The plants became naturalised and widespread in NZ. Yet the plants have retained some fire adaptive traits which were essential in Australia but not necessary for survival in temperate NZ.

So with this background I contend Australian Apiarists have a right to produce and sell Manuka Honey.

Our cousins in New Zealand have a history of success with claiming names. Their most successful has been the rebranding of the Chinese Gooseberry to become Kiwi Fruit. Exports in 2015 were reported as being over \$1 billion. In recent years there was an attempt to rebrand our Australian Waratah (which grows well in parts of NZ) as the New Zealand Rose. Fortunately that proposal was defeated and a cross-Tasman war was avoided.

By Alex Smart, OA

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## Old Beaconsfield Post Office

The Old Post Office House was built in 1889 as a weekender for the Gengouet-Smith family who were leading citizens of Melbourne. It became the Beaconsfield Post Office in 1916 after it was purchased by the Craven sisters Belinda, Mattie and Alice. They were very active in the community and donated the money for the gates and sign to Beaconsfield Park, erected in 1939 as a memorial to those who served in the Great War.

In 1936 the Roberts family took over the Post Office. Kath and her husband Mac were later helped by their two daughters Pat and Mary. They had previously run the stores on the highway and on the corner of Woods Street. The Post Office

was very busy and Bill Watts also worked there, sleeping by the switchboard at night as it was a 24 hour telephone exchange. There were two mails in by day and two mails out by rail each day. The mail was then taken to Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill and sorted for the private bags. When war came Bill Watts joined the Army and the girls helped their parents. The Post Office was also an agency for the Commonwealth Bank. When petrol rationing came in, petrol tickets had to be collected from the Post Office, pensions were paid fortnightly and many people had the phone connected.

Kath left the Post Office in 1956 after her husband died. Kath Roberts Reserve (Continued on page 23)

# 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, the service was cancelled for the first time due to the Covid Pandemic and the Covid restrictions in place at the time.



Mary Whiteside and Kathleen Clarke daughters of Thomas Clair Whiteside

This year, 2021, a service was held on Sunday 18 April at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph with Covid safe regulations and limited numbers attending.



The weather was fine and the service commenced with a march from the Beaconsfield Fire Station to the Cenotaph, led by Piper Andrew Spierings.

Graeme Taylor, President of Beaconsfield Progress Association was MC for the service. Casey Choir and Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Band accompanied the singing of God Save the Queen and the National Anthem.

This was the first opportunity for the choir to be able to sing in public for some time.

Mayor Cr. Brett Owen welcomed everyone on behalf of Cardinia Shire Council.

Prayers were said by Heather Young nee Dundas daughter of WWII serviceman Aubrey Frank Dundas of Beaconsfield.



The Casey Choir sang two items, *Shelter* and *Grant Us Peace*.

Mayor Cr. Brett Owen read the Memorial Address – David Bonette - written, researched and compiled by Penny Harris Jennings (this can be read on page 22).

Cr. Tammy Radford read details of Beaconsfield Servicemen who were represented by relatives at the service.

The President of Upper Beaconsfield RSL Eric Chaplin read the soldiers' names from WWI & WWII from Beaconsfield and wreaths were laid. Mr. Chaplin read the *Ode to the Fallen* and led the Last Post and the Rouse and the flags were raised by Beaconsfield/ Officer Scouts.



Laying wreath by St Francis Xavier College school captains.

The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and participating in the Service and to Cardinia Shire for a Festivals and Event Grant.

- Ann Taylor

# Beaconsfield ANZAC Service 2021 - Memorial Address

Today we gather to commemorate soldiers, men and women who served in the Australian Military Forces now known as the Australian Defense Force.

Beaconsfield has had its share of enlistees throughout the years. At this service it would be fitting to remember the soldier for whom this very reserve we stand on, is named after.

In 1951, what was then the “Shire of Berwick” unanimously agreed this land, with the war memorial would be known as, Bonette Reserve.

George Leonard Francis Bonette was born in 1890.

On 21 June 1915, now calling himself David, David Bonette enlisted for the First World War. After training at Seymour, David left Australia on 26 August 1915 to serve with the 21st Battalion and Postal Corps. He was wounded but continued to serve, initially in Egypt and then France, until his return to Australia after the war in 1919.

David came to be the companion of Ada Armitage and lived at “Holm Park”, here in Beaconsfield. There he collaborated with Ada, and through her contacts, they embarked on multiple projects to raise funds for various charities, groups and causes within the district.

These fundraising functions would benefit returned soldiers and scouts in particular.

David held many official positions, local and further afield, including the appointment in 1934 as an honorary life governor of the Eye and Ear Hospital Melbourne, in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the institution.

After the death of Ada in 1939, David continued living in Beaconsfield, he had purchased this vacant lot of land, probably thinking he would eventually

build a home and retire.

In 1941 David enlisted for World War Two, so determined to serve again he reduced his age on enlistment to qualify. He served in the dental division here in Australia and was discharged in 1944.

In 1945 David sold Lot 1, Beaconsfield to the “Shire of Berwick” for the extension of the land encompassing the war memorial.

After the small park was named “Bonette Reserve” in 1954 the war memorial was moved to the centre of the park and a fence was erected. 1954, was also the year David passed away in the Mount Royal Hospital, Parkville, a hospital for veterans.

This site, where we stand today was dedicated to David by the Council at the request of the residents of Beaconsfield, for his outstanding contribution to the Beaconsfield Community.

David was a person who devoted his entire adult life to service for the benefit of others and his country of birth, Australia. His contribution is remembered by this small park and today we acknowledge his exceptional service to Beaconsfield.

*Researched and written by Penny Harris Jennings 2021.*





**BEACONSFIELD  
NETBALL CLUB**

## Star Player Celebrates 21 years

Shelley started at the Beaconsfield Netball Club in the year 2000. She has played in 4 premierships across the time, and represented Beaconsfield in all grades A, B, C & D. She came to Beacy when supporting her then boyfriend Dean playing football, and after marrying and starting a family, she kept coming back. She recently played her 300th game.

She twice carried babies during grand final wins and has missed the best part of 4 seasons due to giving birth to 4 kids (2 girls & 2 boys) as well as missing the 2020 season due to the Covid shutdown.

She started when Beacy were playing in the West Gippsland League, and has since played in the Mornington Peninsula, Casey Cardinia, SEFNL & now ALF Outer East. She has served on the general committee of both the senior and junior clubs and is the current Secretary of the senior club. She has coached both D grade and several mid week junior teams and continues to be the go to for many jobs at Beacy including team manager, assistant coach and mum.

With two girls playing at Beacy (Tahnee u15's and Indi net set go) along with the boys playing football for Beacy (Riley U13's and Kai U9's) there is blue and gold blood in her veins.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

*By Dean Ziesler, Treasurer*



## Old Beaconsfield Post Office

in Kathleen Court was named after her in 1989. The Post Office was operated by a number of people including Mr. Charles, John Matthews, Olive Bartlett, Alice Daniel, Mary Holohan, Valerie Doherty and Betty Edwards. From 1978 Mary Booth became the Postmistress and continued faithfully serving Beaconsfield until 2004 when she retired. The Post Office moved into new premises in Beaconsfield Plaza. The Post Office operated at the Woods Street site for 88 years and represented three generations.

The original Old Post Office House which served as a Post Office and home for Post Office families has a heritage overlay as part of the Woods Street Commercial and Civic Precinct cited in the Cardinia Shire Heritage Study by Graeme Butler 1996. This building is currently endangered due to an application for a planning permit to allow demolition. Beaconsfield Progress Association has a policy of supporting the history of Beaconsfield and protection of Heritage listed buildings.

*- Ann Taylor*

## Letter to the Editor

The Editor  
Beaconsfield Banner

Dear Sir,

The roadworks and traffic lights at the intersection of Glismann Rd and Old Princes Highway has now been completed. I wish to say "thankyou" to the entire crew who were always considerate, kind, helpful and cheerful at all times. The experience of the various stages was of great interest and entertainment, a job well done.

Thankyou to you all.

*Elaine Collins*



It is with great sadness that our long-time professional coach, Paul Rowbottom, has decided to retire from the Beaconsfield Tennis Club at the end of term 2 after 19 years of service. Paul has been integral in teaching our young ones and young at heart, the art of tennis while having fun. Paul, who lives in San Remo, will enjoy working closer to home and being with family. A big thank you to Paul for all his help and dedication over the last 19 years, you will be greatly missed.

Paul will be transitioning the coaching to another Paul from Ossie's tennis coaching. Paul Osborne has 27 years of tennis coaching experience with a Master Club Pro (level 3) Tennis Australia qualification as well as University degrees in business management, PE teaching and child psychology. He is a past member and Club Champion of our club. Paul is currently working with his team on a new calendar of events and activities which will be announced in the next edition of the Beaconsfield Banner as well as the Beaconsfield Tennis Club Community Facebook page and [beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com](http://beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com) website page.

### **COMING SOON AT BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB**

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club committee are working hard on introducing two new social tennis activities for your enjoyment. Tuesday Hard Hitters will be a competition for the more experienced player comprising singles and doubles games. Sunday Summer Social will be held once a month on a Sunday afternoon for those members of the community who would like a social hit with friends and family with a BBQ and drinks available. Refer to [beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com](http://beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com) website page for more information.

### **Current Fees**

Special Covid-19 rates will apply 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. Pro-rata rates apply to new members.

### **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 take precedence.

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The footy season is well underway for Beaconsfield across our Senior & Junior clubs as we now remember all the work involved in fielding 25 + teams across all ages from adults to U/8's and a big thanks to all our volunteers at all levels.

At Senior club level our club has started very well with large home crowds against long-time rivals Narre & Cranbourne and Beacy currently sitting on top of the ladder. Our U/19's have also been ominous with a very talented group well led by coach Darren Hamilton looking to continue to provide future great senior players. Our Women's team under coach & club president Troy Robinson are a very tight knit group who look to be in for an excellent season in the top division in the Outer East comp.

The Juniors committee are again working hard with extra girls' teams this season adding to their team numbers. Undoubtedly the promotion of AFLW has driven the interest in girls' footy at local level and the continued success of the Beacy Youth girls' team and the drafting of our locals into the elite competition is fuelling that. Congratulations to one of those Beaconsfield graduates in Tyla Hanks on winning the prestigious AFLW Rising Star award and well done to the coaches involved, Mattie Gee & Troy, on their development & encouragement of the players coming through these ranks.



Any local business wanting to be involved in one of our biggest local community activities through sponsorship or awards can contact our Sponsorship team Scott Hilton - 0455 963 179) or Geoff McGowan (0410 446 988).

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.

We are also keen to hear from locals whose family members played in the early days of our club as we look to build a full picture of our history. If you have any articles, photos or stories from the early days ie: 1900's to 1950's, please contact Lawrie Canning on 0437 285 795 or Lawrie.canning@optusnet.com.au.



We would also encourage you to have a look at our trophy cabinet when next visiting Holm Park as we have had some fabulous items donated dating back to the 1920's.

Home games schedule over coming months –

- 5th June – vs Pakenham
- 26th June – vs Upwey Tecoma (Sponsors Luncheon)
- 10th July – vs Cranbourne (Black & Yellow match for 1980/81 reunion)
- 17th July - vs Doveton
- 7th Aug – vs Wandin
- 21st Aug - vs Woori Yallock (2001 Reunion)

Keep up with all the club news at our Beaconsfield Football Club Facebook page.

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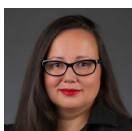
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## Editor's Note

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](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au)

### Articles Welcome

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

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

## Advertising

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
¼ page advertisement	\$50	\$80
Business card advertisement	\$30	\$50

All advertising enquiries please email to:

[banner@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au).

Advertisements to be submitted as a JPG, PNG or Word document email attachment.

### Next Deadline

The deadline for contributing to the Spring Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for articles and advertising is

**15th August, 2021.**

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Our communities have looked out for each other and stayed the course together, and we remain united in our efforts to come through the biggest health and economic challenge of our lifetime, together.

As restrictions change and we move towards our Covid Normal, please continue to look out for each other, and to do what you can to reduce the risk of transmission for yourself, and for those who are relying on us all to do the right thing.

Information about the many changes that are occurring across Victoria, and the support that's available for families, businesses and communities, is at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

**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](mailto:Harriet.Shing@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Please maintain physical distancing and good hygiene, and wear a mask when you leave home.

And if you have any symptoms at all, please get tested urgently and stay at home until you have a negative result.

**This ongoing work means we can reopen, and stay open.**

**LET'S STAY SAFE TOGETHER.**



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