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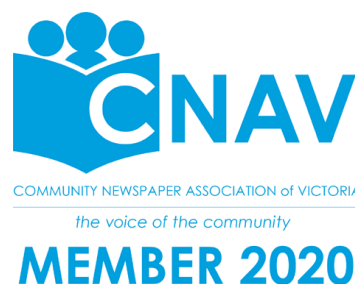
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President's Report



Welcome to this spring edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. 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.

A demolition order applied for by the owner of the Old Post Office building located at 19/21 Woods St, Beaconsfield, damaged by a recent fire, was initially considered at the Town Planning Meeting held on 7 June. As this building has a heritage overlay, BPA lodged a submission/objection to this Application for Demolition. The original building is one of the oldest in Beaconsfield and one of the oldest in Cardinia Shire with heritage values, hence the need to keep the building. An alternate motion was agreed at that council meeting that a suitable expert be appointed to review the heritage assessment of the building. This new review advised general agreement to the original heritage assessment, but it did however specify other original parts of the building that should be retained and incorporated into any future rebuild. This was a review only of the original heritage assessment. We received advice from the National Trust of Australia (Vic) concerning the proposed demolition order. The National Trust advice outlined the relevant heritage principles applicable in the demolition application and stressed the relevance of the heritage overlay. The demolition application was then included in the Council meeting agenda for 19 July 2021. The Council officers recommended approval of the demolition with some conditions including retention of some original heritage features to be incorporated into any replacement building. The Heritage Overlay remains with the property even if the Post Office land is sold or the building is demolished. Our Association emailed all councillors with additional matters since our original

submission as well as including and commenting on details contained in the National Trust of Australia (Vic) letter. Sadly all councillors present at the meeting voted in favour of the demolition order. Very disappointing for the preservation of local heritage!

The future of the Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Conservation Reserve is of interest to many in the community. Nothing further appears to have occurred since the General Council Meeting held on 17 May the details of which were included in my President's Report in the Winter Edition of the *Beaconsfield Banner*. At that Council Meeting, an Alternate Motion was passed specifying 12 requests for further information from the responsible State Government authorities and, in particular, from Melbourne Water. Cardinia Shire Council wants a long term strategic plan developed to achieve best outcomes for the environment and for the community and requested Melbourne Water not to proceed with any works on the dam until the strategic document is developed. There is nothing further to report. Unfortunately the delays and uncertainty of the future of the Beaconsfield Reservoir and BNCR continues.

Works have been finalised on the O'Neil Road intersections with Old Princes Hwy and Pink Hill Boulevard roundabout. Works have also been finalised on the intersection of Old Princes Hwy and Glismann Road. Both these intersections on Old Princes Hwy are now signalled and in operation. The work on these intersections should improve traffic flow and safety.

An onsite meeting was held to discuss the traffic issues for the intersection of the Old Princes Hwy and Desmond Court, the extension of the path along Old Princes Hwy to the entry of Desmond Court roadway, no slip lane to safely enter Desmond Court from Old Princes Hwy, speed of traffic on Old Princes Hwy making turns into Desmond Court dangerous, difficult visibility due to trucks and school busses parking on the side of the road, and also the placement of the new light pole. The meeting was attended by Mayor Cr. Brett Owen, Council Engineers, Desmond Court residents, Senior Pastor at Beaconsfield Baptist Church and myself. As a result of the meeting, 'No Parking' signs have since been erected on Old Princes Hwy up to the front of the Beaconsfield Baptist Church. Cardinia Shire Council have prepared plans for some or all of the works discussed. Mayor Cr. Brett Owen forwarded a

letter to the Department of Transport that included letters of support from Desmond Court residents and the BPA.

The works for the upgrade of the Kath Roberts Reserve and playground equipment have been completed. Our association has assisted with the design of an interpretation sign for the park and advised of drainage problems. An official opening is planned for 1 October subject to Covid regulations.

The Council's annual Volunteers Reception and Stan Henwood Award presentation was held. Congratulations to Helen Smith of Upper Beaconsfield for winning the Stan Henwood Award and to long time Beaconsfield resident Gwen Neve, a finalist for the Award. Congratulations also to Beaconsfield resident Margaret Turner on being awarded an AOM in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Graeme Taylor
President
Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc.

Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen—Mayor of Cardinia

Old Princes Highway Intersection Upgrades Completed

The works to upgrade Princes Highway intersections at Glismann Road/Beaconsfield Avenue and O'Neil

Road in Beaconsfield have been completed with both intersections now fully signalised and operational.

These Princes Highway intersections are the first of several Princes Highway intersections in Cardinia Shire to be upgraded over the next three years as part of Council's Better Local Roads program. These works are being funded by Council (\$18.3M) and the Australian Government's Urban Congestion Fund (\$17.8M).

The Glismann Road/Beaconsfield Avenue intersection is now a fully signalised intersection with:

- upgraded street lighting
- pavement widening on Old Princes Highway
- a new left turn slip lane into Beaconsfield Avenue
- an extended right turn lane into Beaconsfield Ave
- dual right turn lanes out of Beaconsfield Avenue
- pavement resurfacing; underground drainage upgrades; signalised bicycle crossings and landscaping works

The O'Neil Road intersection is now a full, signalised intersection with:

- a fully signalised t-intersection with dual right-turn lanes
- the addition of bus lanes on the Princes Highway
- dedicated signals for cyclists
- improvements to drainage and connected shared paths from Desmond Court to the Princes Highway
- a new roundabout at Pink Hill Boulevard.

These upgrades will reduce congestion, improve travel time reliability and increase access through the greater road network. Most importantly, they'll also improve safety for our community.

For more information visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/betterlocalroads



Cr Brett Owen and Jason Wood MP at the upgraded intersection

Kath Roberts Reserve Playground Renewal

Council has worked closely with the Beaconsfield community to create a new play space at Kath Roberts Reserve off Kathleen Court.

I thank community members who provided input into the design of the project.

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Where was the Beaconsfield Racecourse?

By Penny Harris Jennings

The Beaconsfield Racecourse was established in the late 1870's, it was adjacent to what is now the Central Hotel. The racecourse name varied between Beaconsfield or Berwick Racecourse and the racecourse paddock.



By the December of 1881, Beaconsfield Racecourse had an annual Horse Racing picnic which included flat racing, hurdles

and the ladies race. Prominent locals filled the administration positions to ensure that everything passed off as smoothly as possible and acting in accordance with the Victoria Racing Club rules. In 1892 the program was further extended; it was well organised with the official positions of a judge, stewards, starter, treasurer and clerk of course. The program would include time, description and prize money for each race. The Maiden Plate was one and a half mile for horses that had never won public money before; The Handicap Hurdle Race was twice around the course and over eight jumps; The Shire Handicap, twice around the course; Novelty Race twice around the course for grass feed horses only; Galloway Race, racing heats; Pony Race, once around the course and the Consolation Race, once around the course with the prize being "surplus money".

It was reported that several hundred people would attend each race meet. By 1895 the crowds had increased to almost 500 at the most popular annual race event held on Easter Monday. The course was considered to be "one of the best in the district, a good size, and very level, affording the spectators an excellent view of the races from start to finish". The Melbourne bookmakers and many punters travelled by train to attend the meet.

In the early 1880's a Beaconsfield Cricket Club was formed, they played on the ground in the centre of the track. The preliminary meeting of members was held at Key's Gippsland Hotel, where the Central Hotel now stands.

A few years later the ground hosted the first Athletic Sports Meeting and picnic, this included children and pony races. Wood chopping competitions became popular and were always well attended.

In 1890 a meeting at the now Gissing's Gippsland Hotel was held to form a football club. There was great enthusiasm for a district competition team to be played in the centre of the track.

Unfortunately the wet weather in March 1897 spoiled the annual race meeting, the crowd was significantly reduced from prior years. The horse racing did continue but the impact of the weather was to change the future use of the racecourse.

Jack Holt, the youngest son of local resident Michael Holt began his career training horses at sixteen. Jacks solid reputation of maximising a horse's performance, gave him the opportunity to train horses of local wealthy residents such as Richard Grice and the Brunt family. Jack trained and raced his horses on the Beaconsfield Racecourse. He had early success at both the Gippsland and Melbourne racecourses. Due to the very wet winter of 1908, Jack decided the mountain soil in Beaconsfield was not conducive to obtain the best performance from the prized horses in training. This meant moving to Mordialloc and from then there was a decline of horse races at the Beaconsfield Racecourse.

Sporting clubs and the events held at the racecourse paddock ensured the local activities continued to give entertainment and provide outdoor enjoyment.

A picnic in April of 1910 would be reported as one of the most successful events, with an attendance of two thousand people. This event became an annual event which included school children with pony events, children's races, prizes and a brass band. The



wood chopping competition continued to be most popular. In 1916 golf was now included in the use of the land, good links were laid out on the racecourse paddock and “a good season is anticipated”. All the sport and picnics continued after the First World War, although the rain and drainage continued to be a problem.

After the end of the Second World War the use of the racecourse declined and concluded with sporting events moving to the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve, now the Perc Allison Oval.



Artist Mark Russell Gavan (1861-1943)
Courtesy of Dimitee Rose Hogg Collection

Councillors' Report (from Page 5)

Council listened to what you told us and have created an exciting play space that caters for children of all ages. The Kath Roberts Reserve playground upgrade was jointly funded by Council, the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Victorian Government's Local Parks Program.

An official opening for the playground is envisaged to be held in October, pending COVID 19 restrictions.



Councillor Brett Owen and daughter Maggie at the upgraded Kath Roberts Reserve playground.

Have your say: 'open air fires' local law

Council has proposed new open-air fires regulations which will be open for public exhibition for community feedback until 17 September 2021. The proposed Open Air Fires Local Law aims to provide adequate provision for fuel reduction and fire prevention while discouraging unnecessary smoke health hazards.

See [page 9](#) in this *Banner* for more details.

COVID-19 updates

Online help hub www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Our COVID-19 online help hub is where you will find a range of information to help you navigate the COVID-19 pandemic including updates on Council services, links to vaccine information and support services including rates relief, mental health support and job seeker skills.

Local support services

COVID-19 has affected many people in the Cardinia Shire community and there are a number of support services who can help. From housing through to financial assistance, mental health support, family violence support, employment advice and material aid, download our local support services directory from our COVID-19 online hub and get the help you need today. www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

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www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/buylocal

For up to date COVID-19 information visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

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Beaconsfield & Officer Scouts

Scouts of all ages at Beaconsfield Officer Scout Group have enjoyed getting back to meeting face to face this year. They have been out and about in the community catching up with and making new friends. The Cub section enjoyed a fantastic five days away at Cuboree this Easter having all sorts of adventures as well as getting thoroughly muddy!



Scout ages range from 5 years to 25 years, so come along and join in the fun. There is also an opportunity for adult volunteers or students needing practical experience to come and be a leader. Contact email for enquiries: gl.beaconsfieldofficer@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Scout Hall :- Officer Recreation Reserve, 20 Starling Road, Officer

Joey Scouts 5 - 8 Years	Tuesdays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts 8 - 11 Years	Tuesdays 7 pm – 8.30 pm
Scouts 11 - 15 years	Thursdays 7 pm – 9 pm
Venture Scouts 15 - 18 years	Mondays 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Rovers 18 - 25 years	Mondays 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm



Have Your Say:

Council Proposes Changes to 'Open Air Fires' Laws

Following extensive community and agency consultation, Council has proposed new open air fires regulations which will be open for public exhibition for community feedback from Friday 20 August, 2021.



The proposed Open Air Fires Local Law aims to provide adequate provision for fuel reduction and fire prevention while discouraging unnecessary smoke health hazards.

The proposed local law details the regulations for open-air fires - commonly known as 'burning off' – outside of the declared fire danger period.

This new law will provide the community with more opportunities to reduce bushfire risk through burning-off while ensuring public safety remains a key priority.

The proposed changes to local open-air burning regulations will make it easier and safer for residents to reduce fire fuel hazards on their properties.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said the proposed changes aimed to ensure that open air burning was used to minimise the risk of bushfire across the shire in a safe manner.

"We believe the draft local law reflects the community's feedback and balances the need for fuel reduction and fire prevention with community amenity, environmental benefits and broader public health interests.

"We encourage everyone to jump online later this week, review the proposed new regulations and provide feedback."

The proposed local law renews focus on:

- Smoke impacts on community
- Bushfire fuel reduction and property preparation
- Burning off timeframes
- Burning off in townships
- Alternative methods of green waste disposal
- Environmental impacts



Council is inviting feedback until Friday 17 September, and will review all feedback before deciding whether to make the local law.

To view the proposed Open Air Fires Local Law, see fire zone maps, and for feedback details visit:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

All submissions must be submitted to Council prior to 17 September 2021.

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Beaconsfield Primary School

Farewell Mr Methven



Last term, we farewelled Gary Methven as he retired from teaching after 43 years of working for the Department of Education and Training. Gary came to Beaconsfield Primary School in 1997 – 24 years ago. He was the Assistant Principal and then become the principal in 2001.

Over the 24 years at Beaconsfield Primary School, Gary has seen the school grow from a small school of a couple of hundred students to a school of 700 students and over 60 staff. Regardless of the size of the school, he has ensured that it continued with a community feel and building relationships was always his number one priority.

The site of the school has changed over Gary's time with additional buildings being built and playgrounds. One of Gary's favourite projects to work on was the installation of the playground at the back of the school. Gary sat with the students to ask them what they wanted in a playground. Their response was something to climb and a slide. Gary and the students then met with playground designers and many companies drew up designs for our new playground. These designs were displayed in our library and students, staff and parents could

vote on their favourite design. The winning design is now a very impressive playground that is loved by all students.

Gary was asked by our students what was his greatest achievement and this was his response:

"Some schools are built from brick and wood, but our school is built from kindness! I have enjoyed the privilege of working with so many wonderful teachers over the years; extraordinary teachers who embody our Beacy Culture. These teachers believe that every child can learn and then they shower our children with their love, care and respect; engaging and connecting them to school and each other.

"Our teachers model care and compassion to our students and take every opportunity to elevate them, praise them and build their self-esteem. Our teachers fuel a love of learning and academic pursuit, imagination, curiosity and wonder, so that our children can create their own bright futures. This is what Beacy culture is all about. During the darkest, most difficult of times of the COVID-19 pandemic, my teachers supported this community, projecting hope in every home, supporting resilience and optimism for the future in every child! I am so proud of my staff. Our teachers are my greatest achievement and my legacy to the community. The school doesn't stop when I walk out the door; Beacy's culture is much bigger than any principal because our Beacy culture runs deep in our veins and kindness flows through every heart.



"Our Beacy children are a celebration and exaltation of the human spirit and I will be a bit cheeky and claim this as my other greatest achievement shared



with their parents and teachers! Every time a child shows kindness to another, respect for their peers or teacher or compassion for others, that is a Beacy vision. Every child who strived to learn and do their best or shows

ambition or surprises us with their questions should be celebrated. When we see a child's curiosity at work or witness their sense of wonder, we know that learning will follow. I am grateful for the child with a big sense of humour or who can see the fun in their everyday life and we love to see those children with a sense of justice and integrity as they take on the work!

"My life and your lives are linked forever because of the experiences and special moments we have shared here at school. Beaconsfield Primary School has been an important part of my life story and I would like to thank the parents, teachers and children who have enabled me to share their lives. As Dr Seuss wrote: 'Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory'."

We will miss seeing Mr Methven at school every day but wish him all the best for his retirement – he certainly deserves it.

Heidi Inglis - worked with Gary for 20 years filled with lots of learning and laughter.



A Beacon at Beaconsfield Primary School

This year we celebrate the amazing work and commitment of Ellie Dodd, who has achieved 30 years of service as a School Crossing Supervisor. Ellie has ensured the safety of children and families for the past three decades.

Ellie began her career relieving at a number of schools across the Shire of Cardinia before she settled at Beaconsfield Primary School. She has worked at this school's crossing for 29 years. Over this period, she has seen a lot of change to the Beaconsfield community. When she commenced in 1992, it was a flagged crossing. Ellie recalls it being a very quiet crossing and only seeing students walking to and from school – never their parents.

As the growth corridor through the south-east grew, so did her job. More students, siblings and parents were using the crossing and the highway became a

busier road. The crossing was upgraded to lights and lower speed zones were introduced to ensure the safety of all pedestrians.



Ellie is the first and last person that many of the Beaconsfield Primary School families see. They are always greeted personally with a smile and a 'hello'. Ellie does an amazing job at remembering students' and parents' names and she has seen many generations using her crossing. She loves reconnecting with families over the last 30 years.

Ellie's own children used her crossing as they attended Beaconsfield Primary School. Her three children attended the school

in the 1990s and now the second generation of the Dodd family are attending Beaconsfield Primary School, with currently three of Ellie's grandchildren at the school.

The Beaconsfield community are very appreciative of Ellie's work and congratulate her on her achievement of 30 years of service and many more

to come.



Phone 8768 4400

Neighbourhood Natter

Did you know that Art was part of the competitions in the early modern Olympic Games? Between 1912 and 1948, competitors were awarded medals for their paintings, sculptures, architecture, literature or music works inspired by sports. Artists were allowed to sell their works afterwards though, so they were deemed to be professionals. Olympians are supposed to be amateurs, so by the 1956 games, art exhibitions replaced the competition.

This seemed a much more interesting beginning to our Natter article than a comment on Covid's impacts!

We're rolling with the punches at the Centre as best we can. When in lockdown, only our licensed children's services are operating. We continue to welcome children to our Occasional Care and 3YO programs and our amazing educators make everything seem normal and fun for the kids attending.

When lockdowns finish but restrictions are still in place, we offer whatever programs we can that fit the government directives. Our members have been flexible and grateful for whatever activities they can attend, and this makes it all worthwhile.

We are acutely aware of how tough this rollercoaster is on our whole community and the accompanying fatigue. Even if not financially or physically impacted, all of us are challenged mentally and so it is vital to practice self-care and reach out for help. There are multiple support services available to help you if you are struggling in any way. Please reach out to us. You may also contact Cardinia Shire Council directly for their "Help is at hand" program of support. Ring their customer service on 1300 787 624.

We have introduced a free community pantry at the



Centre. Located just inside the main door, we encourage people who could do with a bit of help to take what they need. We appreciate donations of unopened food products that are within their best before date. Cash donations also make a difference as 100% of any money given for this purpose is spent on products to keep the shelves stocked.

We have already received some extremely generous



private donations plus support from Beaconsfield Woolworths, and hope this initiative will continue to grow and benefit our community. Any time the Centre is open, the shelves can be accessed with no confrontation or judgement. During lockdowns, the Centre will be open during the same time as when our Children's Programs are running.

The Victorian State Government's Power Saving Bonus is a one-off \$250 payment to help eligible Victorians experiencing energy bill stress. If you are receiving Centrelink benefits and have a Victorian residential electricity bill with your name and address on it, you may be eligible.

If you need help applying for this bonus, or know somebody who could use this help, please contact us for more information or to make an appointment. Email psb@bncinc.org.au or phone

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the Centre. Bookings are not essential but may help you to avoid a wait if nobody is available to help straight away. Each appointment takes less than 15 minutes.

We continue to plan and offer our usual programs and activities and make ongoing adjustments as required by the restrictions. Our Term Program is delivered in mailboxes prior to the start of every term in our local area. 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.

It is with heart-squeezing sadness that we say goodbye to our dear Program Coordinator, Sue. Almost anyone who has attended the Centre during the past 12 or more years is likely to have spoken with our gorgeous, favourite person. Sue leaves for a new administration position, closer to home, which will give her a better balance for family time. We hope to have a morning tea, when restrictions permit, to give everyone an opportunity to say a proper goodbye.

The process of finding a replacement for Sue has been challenging to say the least. We received a bounty of applications from some very talented, lovely people and honestly struggled to choose just one. We think we've landed on the perfect fit though with Shona, who has now joined the team. Join us in welcoming her to our warm and friendly environment.

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre (or Zoom) Monday 4th October, 2021 - 7.00pm

Time keeps marching on and our AGM is fast approaching. We invite any interested people to join us. If not allowed in person, the AGM will proceed via Zoom. We also invite nominations for our 2021-2022 Committee of Management at this time. Contact us to get more information about joining the volunteer governing body of our Centre.

BNC Children's Room

Enrolments are now open for our Occasional Care and Three-Year-Old programs for 2022. We offer flexible options for session combinations throughout the week with a variety of session lengths and age groups. Enrolment forms can be collected from and submitted to the office with your deposit. (Please note, enrolment IS NOT through an online portal). Email program@bncinc.org.au if the office is closed and you can't wait to get the ball rolling.

So, spread the word! Do you have any neighbours, family or friends looking for a warm, vibrant, family friendly, community orientated care setting? With our recent fresh new look and exciting new extended hours timetable, we look forward to welcoming you.



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

[Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre](#)
8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield
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Beaconsfield CFA Update



As we enter spring, it is important to get prepared for the summer of 2021/22, and is time to revisit your fire plan if you live in the urban rural interface.

Why is this important? People don't plan to fail, they just fail to plan. So, ask yourself the following:

In the event of an emergency evacuation, are the following important issues on your radar?

1. Important documents like passports, photos and other irreplaceable items.
2. Pets; what arrangements are in place and do you have a carry cage for transport.
3. Ensure all family members are fully accounted for on an extreme fire danger day.
4. Home and contents insurance up to date and with current values reflected in the cover insured.
5. In the case of extreme weather event ensure you have plans in place to leave the night before or early on the day before temperatures and wind become extreme.

If you wait for the advice, it may be too late to leave your property. Remember, on extreme days a fire truck may not be available to attend your property.

The brigade has had the normal number of calls with two calls of note to St Fancies Xavier. The first was for smoke issuing from the roof of the school. This was a serious situation that required a full-scale evacuation of the school. The fire was brought under control quickly and the staff and children could then return to class. The second was a major gas leak at the school with another evacuation. The brigade would like to thank the school staff for successfully implementing their fire plan which was highly successful in its implementation.

The brigade has held its biannual elections with the position of Captain being filled by Phil Walton who has moved up from first lieutenant. The brigade would like to thank the outgoing Captain Marc Graham for his strong leadership and unwavering commitment to the role of Captain. He was instrumental in leading the brigade to our new fire station and the permanent allocation of a new fire truck to meet the needs of the township. It is a difficult and challenging role that only those that have had the honour of leading a brigade would understand. Thank you Marc.

Finally, should you require assistance to facilitate a fire plan please visit the CFA website for assistance.

Please stay covid safe and fire safe.

By Tony Lucas

A Blast from the Past

Photo taken in 1969 on the morning the original Beaconsfield fire station building on Woods Street was moved back away from the street to make way for the new apparatus bay to be built in front. The pole was



one of several used to support the building when it was raised up from its foundations for the move.

Left to Right: Barry Chester, Alan Burgess, Arthur Adamson, Bob Burgess, Kane Harris, George Boulds, David Hoare, Bruce Adamson, Peter Aurisch, Graham Aurisch, Bruce Stranger.

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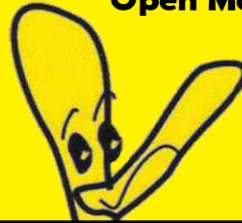
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Margaret Turner Receives Australia Day Honours

By Viv Williams

Margaret Turner, a long-term Beaconsfield resident, was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honour List, for "Service to Youth through Scouts".



Since she is an avid walker many residents would have seen Margaret around the district especially with her beloved corgi "Ruby".

Margaret moved to Beaconsfield as a vibrant young woman, worked in Dandenong, and with the encouragement of friends established the first scouting group in Beaconsfield – First Beaconsfield Cub Scouts which is now combined with Officer. It consisted of a small group of boys aged 8 to 11 years, with numbers fluctuating over the years. At that time Margaret knew little of scouting procedures– compass, knots, maps – but was a fast learner and a very effective "Akela" {Mother Wolf}. She went on to train many prospective leaders with weekend training sessions held in Traralgon where she was known as "Raksha" (trainer). Margaret well remembers the long hikes with the boys and the exchange pack visits with city cubs who were amazed by country life in "Sleepy Beacy".

Meetings were held each Thursday in the Lodge Hall in Railway Avenue and later in the Community Hall

which was near the current location of ALDI. She remained involved in the Scouting Movement for the next 60 years. She held many positions during those years including District Treasurer of Cardinia Scouts and as a Warranted Leader was awarded the Silver Emu and the National President's Award. Margaret became Assistant Regional Commissioner in 1979 and retained that position until 1997. There are many Beaconsfield families whose children Margaret assisted to become responsible citizens.

Now officially retired from Scouting except for social meetings with past leaders, Margaret is still involved in her community particularly with PROBUS. When asked what changes she has seen in Beaconsfield since she moved here, her answer is "Lots!"

Despite a reluctance to accept any accolades, Margaret certainly deserves her well earned honour which will be formally presented at Government house in October.

Congratulations Margaret!!



BUSHFIRE RECOVERY VICTORIA

The Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline is a single state wide number that Victorians impacted by the June 2021 storms and floods can call for help or assistance.

Operators can assist you with registering for Clean-Up of structures on private property or accessing your own Recovery Support Worker, mental health and wellbeing support, financial counselling and information on available payments.

The Recovery Hotline is open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and 9am to 1pm on weekends.

For more information about the Storm and Flood Clean-Up program, visit www.br.vic.gov.au/cleanup





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This year MYC was offered an opportunity to perform in *Carmen*

with Opera Australia. It was awesome to watch the choir coming back up to standard after so long online. Unfortunately it didn't come off due to lockdown.

However, it was a great experience for the choristers to learn the repertoire in French.

While we're learning new repertoire for our community trivia afternoon and showcase concert on 18 September (watch our website and Facebook for details), some other exciting things have been happening.

We were delighted to receive a letter from Brad Battin advising that MYC has received a *VicHealth: Reimagining Health* grant. It covers start-up costs for our brand new “Flying Free” therapy choir for children who live with an intellectual disability aged 8-11. The choir will be directed by a registered speech pathologist and a multidisciplinary team will develop Individualised Learning Plans for each chorister. Please contact Kerry at manager.myc@gmail.com to express your interest, and spread the word! We're so glad to be able to offer this opportunity!

During all the uncertainty our choristers have been doing a 35th Anniversary Celebration Singathon in conjunction with our Annual Appeal. This Appeal is fundamentally important to MYC being able to offer the gift of music in the future and our choristers are working really hard. Choristers are spending extra time learning music and exercises which are being marked by teachers, in addition to their regular

Musicianship lessons and Rehearsals. We're aiming for 600 exercises and they're around 130 already! Go choristers! You can find out more about MYC and the Singathon at <https://myc-singathon-2021.raisely.com> Every small donation counts. Thanks for your support – your generosity really encourages our choristers.

We have a special project planned in collaboration with

Piano Project, a charitable organisation that provides piano lessons to refugee children. We love having discovered an organisation with aims and goals so similar to our own and look forward to the performance we're hoping to hold at Tempo Rubato in Brunswick.

And finally...to celebrate 35 years we're working towards an Anniversary Concert in fourth term as our last hurrah for the year. Stay tuned!



Brad Battin MP



Fire Season Ready

As a community, I believe we are continuing to work together and look after one another during these challenging times. I am hoping that our community

has remained as resilient and community focused as it has been through previous COVID-19 government lockdowns and restrictions.

We all share the same sense of hope and doing what is right for each other in our community and there are many stories that people have shared with me about the adversity that some people in our community are facing. I encourage you to stay true to this sense of hope and community and continue to look after each other, to check in on your neighbours and community business owners.

I would also like to use this time to remind you that we will be entering the summer season soon and this is an opportune time to prepare for the fire season ahead. The time spent at home and amongst the community areas, can be used to check your property and your surrounds and ensure you are ready for the season ahead.

You can reach out to your local CFA station for further information and guidance if you need assistance in what you can do to be ready for the fire season and for further updates on how to be prepared. We each have a role in ensuring our community is safe and prepared for the fire season.

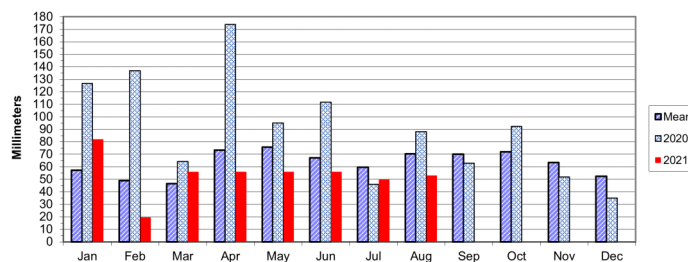
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www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/fire-ready-kit

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me on 5953 0216 or brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au.

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Beaconsfield Rainfall Data



2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
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Local MP Calls For Station Upgrades

A few weeks ago, some representatives of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, along with a reporter from the Pakenham Gazette, met with our local Victorian Member for Gembrook, Brad Battin MP to discuss the state of the Beaconsfield Train Station.



From (L): Graeme Taylor (President, BPA), Suzanne Brewer (Secretary, BPA), Brad Battin MP (Member for Gembrook)

With the Victorian Government 'Big Build' Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) coming closer to Beaconsfield, it was a good time to discuss the poor condition of the Beaconsfield Station and why it has, for the most part, been overlooked when so many other stations on the Pakenham line have been upgraded or completely replaced with first class facilities.

We have been fortunate recently to have had the car parking capacity at the station increased with an additional 150 parking spaces built near Station Street just beyond the far end of the station platform, beyond the former Station Master's house, completed in 2020. There have also been upgrades to the existing parking area as well as the addition of a new secure storage cage for bicycles.

While all these works have been greatly appreciated by the public, the platform and its facilities, however, have been neglected for many years. The station is very outdated and in some areas is deteriorating badly.

The first noticeable issue is that beyond the small platform building, there is no shelter anywhere along the length of the platform. This is an issue during the morning commuter rush (pre-Covid), and particularly in the winter when there is very little shelter from the rain.



It will then be noted that the toilet block located about halfway along the platform is permanently closed, and has been for some years. In fact it has been neglected for so long the downpipes

have rusted away and the doors, while chained closed, still swing open enough to allow a view inside to the jumble of mess and filth.

If you are someone who is disabled and using a wheelchair, you will need to

make your way to the handicap signs at the far end of the platform, to await your train. On the city



Handicap waiting area, Pakenham bound, with station shelter and toilet block in the distance. Can you see them?

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MP Calls For Station Upgrades

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bound side (Platform 1) this is not such a distance, however if you are travelling towards Pakenham on Platform 2, you will need to make your way around 200 metres to an isolated and largely fenced off area at the far end. And on either platform, if the weather is bad, you will have no shelter there either.

These were all issues Mr. Battin was concerned about. "I've had so many from the community calling for the urgent need of an upgrade for Beaconsfield Station," he said, "not only for the toilet facilities but a number of people living with a disability needing shelter on the platform where they wait to board the train." He also said the lack of toilets is "illogical".

The State Liberal Party had committed to an upgrade to the station at the last State election. Mr. Battin stated that he would like to see the main entrance to the platform relocated closer to where the parking is situated, either with an additional entrance at the opposite end or in the middle of the platform.

Work will soon be starting on the Level Crossing removal on Station Street. It is understood to be a car over track design, although no final plans have been available for public display.

If you have any thoughts about Beaconsfield Station, please comment on the Beaconsfield Progress Association Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/BeaconsfieldVic.



Level Crossing at Station Street and Kenilworth Avenue where crossing removal works will be starting soon.

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Reminder! Green waste drop offs coming soon

Free green waste drop off days for garden prunings, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, tree branches and small tree trunks.

October

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A liveable Cardinia – have your say

We're reviewing our Liveability Plan 2017–29 – our long-term strategy to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. This is our first 4-year review to make sure the goals and objectives of the plan reflect the needs of our community.

Community feedback opens soon.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Celebrating seniors

Join us for the 2021 Ageing Well Seniors Festival hosted by Cardinia Shire Council and Casey Cardinia Libraries on Thursday 28 October. Learn more about online safety, participate in a hands-on workshop or hear from our inspiring speakers.

www.ccl.vic.gov.au/ageingwell

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Connecting our older community members

The Ageing Well Community Connectors program is building social connections for senior residents. Community connectors are volunteers who have been trained to support fellow seniors who may be feeling lonely or isolated. Residents from Pakenham, Officer and Beaconsfield are eligible.

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Creating an accessible, inclusive community

Our draft Disability Action Plan 2021–26 sets out what we'll do to make our community, services, programs and workplace more accessible to people with disability. The draft was developed following consultation with the community and disability sector service providers, advocates and organisations.

Cardinia Shire Council's draft Disability Action Plan, including an easy-to-read version is now available for public comment on www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Retirement of Beaconsfield Primary School Principal Gary Methven

After twenty years as Principal of the Beaconsfield Primary School, Gary Methven retired at the end of Term 2.

Gary was an amazing principal. He has made such a positive impact on many of generations of students both past and present, families and the wider Beaconsfield and Cardinia Shire community.

Gary's last official day was on Thursday 24th of June. On this day we saw many past families and students come back to the school and join current families and students to thank Gary for his amazing contribution. We also were treated with seeing many students dressed up as Mr Methven wearing an assortment of beards, glasses, ties, suits, guitars, Akubra's or Driza-Bone coats.

I wish Gary all the best for his retirement and future endeavours.

Congratulations and all the best to Heidi Inglis who was appointed to the role of Principal of Beaconsfield Primary following Gary's retirement.



Principal Gary Methven with Councillor Brett Owen and his sons Will and Max.



BEACONSFIELD BANNER

Would you be interested in being a part of the Beaconsfield Banner?

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If you're interested in being a regular contributor on any subject or current local news events, or a photographer, we'd like to hear from you.

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Or if you'd be interested in organising in the background on our committee, please let us know.

Contact the Banner at banner@beaconsfield.org.au





Along with so many local sporting clubs, Beaconsfield Tennis Club is finding the constant lockdowns over the last few months frustrating, however, we would like to thank the tennis club members, coaching staff, students as well as the Beaconsfield community for their patience as we manoeuvre through the uncertainties we are all experiencing. Even though the gates have been locked and courts have been quiet, there has been activity in the background ensuring when the doors open again new activities are available for our members.

Beacy/Officer Monday Night Hard hitters

This is an exciting new competition on Monday nights for the more experienced players. Teams will be playing at either Officer or Beaconsfield Tennis Clubs at 7.30pm for singles and doubles games. Cost per night: Members \$5, Non-Members: \$10. Refer to www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com website page for more information.

Sunday Funday

On the last Sunday of each month between October to May, except in December where we will be offering a special Christmas event, the Beaconsfield Tennis Club will be opening their gates for members and non-members to come and have a social hit of tennis and enjoy a free BBQ, socialise with friends, or enjoy some of the other activities offered. Time: 3pm – 7pm. Entry for members is free. Non-Members: \$5 each or \$10 family. Tennis equipment is available upon request.

The dates may be subject to alterations due to changes in weather or government guidelines. Masks will be required (when not on courts) and Covid-19 rules will be applied.

Refer to the website page for dates or ring on (03) 8820 5853 for more information. Everyone is welcome. This event is proudly supported by the Cardinia Park Hotel Community Support Fund.

Mid Week Ladies Premiers

Congratulations to Beaconsfield Mid-Week Ladies, Section 3 on this year's Premiership. The season has had its challenges with many covid delays, but they finally got to play the Grand Final against Upper Pakenham. The team comprised of Helen Alexander, Sue Carey, Natasha Pinkstone and Kerry McKean together with fill ins, Glenda and Trish.



Mid Week Ladies Premiers

Other Competitions:

Beaconsfield Tennis Club offers a large variety of competitions for both the serious player and those who prefer a social hit.

Wednesday Night Tennis has been our most popular which is offered to all ages and abilities, members and non-members and run in conjunction with Officer Tennis Club.

Summer finals were recently held following Covid-19 lockdown delays. Major Grand Final saw Roaring 40's victorious over Wavebreaks on a countback following a draw. Congratulations to Roaring 40s team Ashleigh Beasy, Chris Dorstal, Liza Hickey, Dennis and George Tanner and Wavebreaks team Ross and Karina Clark, Rohan Mara, Chris Martin and Laurie Hughes.

Minor section Grand Final saw Earthquakes victorious over Thunders. Congratulations to Earthquakes team Warren, Allana and Connor Hadley, Ivan Golmak, Sonny Farrugia, Sisi Sun and emergency player Jeff Reidy. Well done to Thunders team Colin Boddy, Peta Pirani, Rowan Lee, Andrew Toomey, Karlee Ferguson and emergency player



Major Grand Finalists (Left)



Minor section Grand Finalists (Below)

Jarrold Orchard.

Spring 2021 season has just commenced with positions always available for anyone interested in joining.

The club also holds Thursday night Men's tennis, Veteran's tennis on Sunday mornings, Mid-Week Ladies on Tuesday and Wednesdays as well as Junior and Senior competition. Refer to the website for more details or contact the Secretary: Maurie Potter Ph: 04377 59793.

Grants

Our club is most appreciative in recently receiving two grants.

A Federal grant of \$10,000 which has been utilised in conjunction with club funds to upgrade a number of

our court lighting to LED technology. These are currently being installed.

A further grant was received from Cardinia Park Hotel to fund establishment of abovementioned Sunday afternoon Funday event.

Submission has been made to local Cardinia Shire for a capital works grant to cover 50% of our proposed courts 1 and 2 resurfacing project, with 50% covered by club funds.

Membership Fees

Fees are currently being finalised

by the committee and will be announced soon. New social membership fees have been added this year, which is great value for money for those players who like to play in the social club games or special days such as the Sunday Fundays. Refer to the website for more details.

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.

Main Contact Details:

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Bec Henderson - Our Local Olympian



Over the past five weeks I have had the privilege to be selected for and compete in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. What an amazing experience it was to represent Australia in the biggest sporting competition in the world, one that I'll remember for the rest of my life. With lots of individuals, families and communities struggling all over the world this past year and a half with COVID19, it was wonderful



to see the world come together in an event that unites us all. Ever since I was young, I always dreamed of becoming an Olympian and getting to race against the best in the world, and now I have had that chance it's more amazing than I could have ever imagined.

The Olympic experience was absolutely fantastic!! Getting to see and talk to athletes from different countries around the world was super cool and everyone I had a chat with was awesome. Being in

the village was like nothing else I've ever experienced, getting to meet Eliud Kipchoge at breakfast or Sam Fricker in the Australian tower was amazing. The Japanese organisers were extremely accommodating and the 24 hour dining hall and walking at the closing ceremony were some of the best parts of the experience!

My race, the 20km racewalk, was so fun! It was so cool to stand on the start line and race against girls that I have looked up to for a long time, alongside my 2 teammates and friends. While the conditions were really tough, with 34 degree heat and 60% humidity, the excitement of the race was still there. It was so awesome to have my coach and the Japanese public to cheer all the girls on, from start to finish!! Once I had crossed the line, I couldn't wipe the smile off my face, despite being exhausted. I am so excited to get out there and do it all again in Paris 2024!



I've heard lots of stories about people watching the games while in lockdown in Australia, either working from home or home-schooling. Hopefully those kids watching from home were inspired by all the athletes competing and can channel that into their life, to become the best possible versions of themselves. Anyone who has a dream of going to the Olympics and is willing to put in the hard work, can definitely get there!! To any kids who love sport; just keep having fun, believing in yourself and finding enjoyment through sport!! The Olympics is such a great event to be a part of and I can't wait to do it again in the future, as well as watch the next generation come through and do their best for themselves and Australia!!



The 2021 local football season again looks like being severely affected by Covid 19 as the latest Lockdown 6 may prevent finals matches being played.

Beaconsfield's Holm Park Reserve was scheduled to host the Outer East Premiers Division grand final on the 24th Sept public holiday but the chances of that are diminishing as clubs have now gone 7 weeks since last playing matches.

Beaconsfield were in a great position with Seniors & U/19's teams unbeaten on top while our Reserves had a struggle and were sitting 7th. Our Women's team was set to play in a Preliminary Final but that competition completion is also doubtful. A big thank you to all the coaching staff that have had to hold our playing group together during these very difficult times. Also, the work of so many volunteers enabled Beacy to continue to set a great standard on and off the ground and we hope that this vital support continues into next year when we hope

things may finally be a bit less challenging.

Our club was very fortunate that the season's highlight occurred on 10th July between lockdowns when our Seniors wore replica Tiger jumpers to commemorate the back-to-back 1980/1981 premierships. Many of the premiership heroes returned and were thrilled to watch & meet our current young team who wore their corresponding jumper numbers in a great win over our oldest rivals in Cranbourne. Great work was put in by Michael Fisher in producing a wonderful premiership booklet which was a treasured memento for those attending. A big thank you also to Doogood Surface Coating for the great sponsorship of these fantastic jumpers which were a real hit with the old & new players.

We have been most appreciative of the wonderful sponsorship support from so many local businesses and hope that we can have an opportunity to welcome all of them along to Holm Park before 2021 comes to a close. Fundraising events have been really affected but the club is still planning to hold our Major Raffle draw which has now been rescheduled to Sat 9th October. Great choice of prizes available ranging from Berwick Toyota Yaris, New kitchen from Orana, Beaconsfield Travel Centre \$25000 voucher or Sapphire Spas voucher. **Tickets available from Geoff McGowan (0410 446 988).**



2021 Beaconsfield Senior team with coach Mick Fogarty, Captain Jake Bowd and Vice-Capt. Brandon White wearing the replica Tigers jumper for the match against Cranbourne on 10th July.



Story courtesy of the Pakenham Gazette

Beaconsfield Cricket Club has recognised the on and off-field champions of its almost 100 year existence at a grandiose Hall of Fame function at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

A total of 44 players, volunteers and administrators were inducted into the inaugural Hall of Fame, on an emotional night for a club that was first established in 1922.

In addition, six teams of the decade were announced to the 220 strong crowd, along with two 25 year silver jubilee teams, and numerous service awards acknowledging the unsung heroes of the Beaconsfield Cricket Club.

Club president, historian, inductee, and Hall of Fame committee member Mick McMahon, said the event would go down as one of the more special occasions in the long and proud history of the club.

"It was a very special event, and the feedback I have received from the Beaconsfield faithful is that it is probably the grandest and most glamorous event in the history of the cricket club," McMahon said.

McMahon said the club was blessed with a rich history and had a story that needed to be told.

"I took over as club historian about eight years ago now, and started calculating things like games played, runs made, wickets taken, premierships won, and it all just progressed from there," McMahon said.

"It soon became apparent that we had so much information, it was just a matter of what do we do with it all.

"I started looking at other clubs and what they had done, with hall of fames and team of the decades, that type of thing, and gained some ideas from

there. We had very little in that regard, but we had the information to make something happen."

McMahon and his fellow Hall of Fame committee members Nathan Boon, Brendan Ewert, Penny McMahon, Kylie Southgate and Sean Young, set about organising an event that would encapsulate the spirit of the club.

"Some of the stats, from people who were at the club for a short time, were just incredible, and just talking to people made me realise there were so many contributors who really hadn't been recognised in the past.

"Handing out service awards and recognising those who had not quite made it to life membership status, that was one of the most important parts of the evening."

McMahon said the club had been blessed with some wonderful cricketers over the years.

"It's not just my opinion, it's pretty wide spread, that Mark Betheras is the standout cricketer in the club's history," he said.

"It's hard to single players out, but others like Ron Allan, George Cunningham and Alan Richards would be up there on a list of the best players at this club."

Highlights of the night included interviews conducted by Hall of Fame inductee Anthony Thomas, who welcomed Betheras and legendary figure Ron Garth to the stage.

Garth, a leg-spinner, took over 100 wickets in the 1964/65 season. He presented McMahon with the ball, 56 years later, at the function.

McMahon said the deeds of Ron Garth, who took 100 wickets in a season, held legendary status at the club.

McMahon paid special thanks to the commitment and dedication of the Hall of Fame committee, and

also to Pakenham Cricket Club president Phil Anning for doing a wonderful job as master of ceremonies.

Attendees received a 96-page history of the Beaconsfield Cricket Club, along with a special gift bag.



Hall of Fame Inductees

1 Kevin Allison
2 George Cunningham
3 Alan Richards
4 Ron Allan
5 Mark Betheras
6 Kevin Rankin
7 John Whiteley
8 Maureen Crook
9 Ray Crook Jnr
10 Rik Crook
11 Mark Palmer
12 Wayne Hocking
13 Anthony Thomas
14 Michael Lynch

15 Anna Goodes
16 Peter Goodes
17 Alan Tomamichel
18 Rohan Treasure
19 Geoff Bliss
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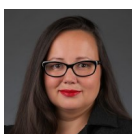


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Editor's Note

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 *Beaconsfield 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

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

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LET'S STAY SAFE TOGETHER.



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