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# President's Report



Welcome to this Summer 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).

A Demolition Order was granted to the owner for the Old Post Office building located at 19/21 Woods Street, damaged by a recent fire. The Old Post Office was demolished recently. The original building was one of the oldest in Beaconsfield and had a heritage overlay. Our Association, National Trust and locals objected against the demolition. Some original items from the old building were required to be kept and incorporated into any new replacement building as the heritage overlay remains on the property. 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. Melbourne Water has recently released the Beaconsfield Dam Safety Upgrade Report on meeting current guidelines set by the Australian National Committee on Large Dams with strong emphasis on dam safety management principles. Over the last year, additional assessments were undertaken engaging independent ecologists to undertake environmental and conservation assessments and impact on lowering the water level. Four options were considered by Melbourne Water using multi-criteria analysis involving stakeholders and members of the community. The approved option was the partial decommissioning of the reservoir. This involves the reduction of the height of the embankment after a slow lowering of the water level from 98.5m to 94.0m over a 3 to 5 year period. Safety works include removal of redundant infrastructure, constructing a new energy

dissipater and build a new spillway. The viewing platform will remain with potential landscaping by park management in consultation with Cardinia Environmental Coalition. This approved option was preferred by our Association for safety, environmental and conservation impact and community benefits.

In connection with the intersection of the Old Princes Highway and Desmond Court, submissions were made by Cr. Brett Owen, our Association and local residents to the Department of Transport on possible further improvements for the intersection. There has been no response yet from the Department of Transport.

The works for the upgrade of the Kath Roberts Reserve and playground equipment were completed and an official opening was held on 6 November. Our Association has assisted with the design of an interpretation sign for the park. Speakers at the opening were Mayor Cr. Brett Owen, Tien Kieu MP for South East Metropolitan and Jason Wood MP Member for La Trobe. Others attending included Elizabeth Markham and Andrew Downey - grandchildren of Kath Roberts, Cardinia Shire councillors and BPA representatives. It was pleasing to see the upgraded playground officially opened and being used.

At the Cardinia Shire Annual Statutory Council Meeting held on 8 November, we congratulate Cr. Jeff Springfield on being elected as Mayor and Cr. Tammy Radford on being elected as Deputy Mayor. Thanks to Cr. Brett Owen for his work as Mayor during the past twelve months.

The Council's Open Air Burning Policy has featured recently. The OAB Policy for the coming year was amended to allow additional days for burning-off on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This commences on 22 November until the commencement of the Declared Fire Danger Period. Our Association advocated for this extension due to extra fuel from recent storms. Also, proposed Local Law 20 - Open Air Fires Laws due to apply from 1 February, 2022 was distributed for public comment. There were a number of changes to the existing Policy. In particular, a new Urban and Township Zone was included which only allows burn-offs at the discretion of Council after permits are applied for each burn-off. This will affect many properties in Beaconsfield previously allowed to have burn-offs subject to certain conditions but without needing



permits. Alternative use of Green Bins for this purpose is not practical. Many submissions were received throughout the Shire and we await the outcome.

Our Association is planning to again have a drive-in outdoor movie to be held on Australia Day 2022. Planning is well underway with details to be publicised shortly. This will be a family friendly event and we have been successful in receiving a grant from Cardinia Shire Council to cover the costs.

Carols by the Creek will again be presented by Beaconsfield Baptist Church online due to ever changing Covid-19 regulations. It will be held on Sunday 19 December.

On behalf of Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. I trust everyone enjoys a lovely Christmas with family and friends and best wishes for 2022.

Graeme Taylor  
President  
Beaconsfield Progress Association

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## Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

### Opening of the Playground Upgrade at Kath Roberts Reserve

As one of my last official duties as Mayor, it was with great pleasure to be part of the official opening of the upgraded playground at Kath Roberts Reserve on the 6th November.

This new playground was jointly funded by council and the state and federal governments.

The upgraded playground looks fantastic. I thank the community, particularly young people who provided input into the design of the new playground. Council listened to the feedback and I'm proud that we've been able to create a playground that caters for children of all ages.

It was also great to again recognise the community service and contribution of the late Kath Roberts and share the opening with the Roberts family.



Also, thanks to Beaconsfield Progress Association for their involvement and assistance towards the project particularly for capturing the history of Kath Roberts in the reserve's new signage.

### 2021-22 Community Capital Works Grants Program

Successful applicants of Council's 2021-22 Community Capital Works Grants Program have been announced.

The Community Capital Works Grants Program strengthens Cardinia Shire by assisting community groups to improve community facilities, which in turn supports community networks and enhances wellbeing.

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Beaconsfield Tennis Club who both received a grant to upgrade their facilities.

### Off-leash dog parks

There are a number of dog off-leash areas in Beaconsfield including Tantallon Boulevard Reserve (district off-leash area) and Bob Burgess Reserve (neighbourhood dog off-leash area).

Dogs are allowed to run freely within these areas and play without restriction, but it's important to remember that your pet must always remain under your control. Please remember to pick up after your pet. For a full list of dog parks, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dogparks](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dogparks)

### Neighbourhood Houses

Neighbourhood houses and community centres provide a range of services for all ages including, workshops, classes and even facility hire.



# Councillors' Report

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These inclusive community organisations are managed by staff and volunteers through a committee of management. They provide a wide variety of support, information, resources and a space for the community to come and connect.

Local centres include the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre and Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex.

For a full list of neighbourhood houses and community centres, including contact details, visit: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodhouses](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodhouses)

## New shared path for Beaconsfield



Works are progressing on the Kenilworth Avenue shared path project between Soldiers Road and Station Street, Beaconsfield, and are expected to be completed by December.

The 2.5-metre-wide shared path will sit on the

northern side of Kenilworth Avenue and extend for 400 metres to provide a direct connection to the Beaconsfield train station.

Works have been fully funded through the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and include drainage pipe and pit construction, fencing, concrete path, and upgrades to the existing bus stop.

## Walking and cycling trails



*Cr Brett Owen with his three children enjoying bike riding in the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve*

Cardinia Shire's network of walking and cycling trails provide opportunities to explore the shire and enjoy the great outdoors.

Council's website has a comprehensive A to Z list of all walking and cycling trails in the shire, including helpful information such as the distance and grade of the trail, access, facilities and approximate time to complete.

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/walkingcyclingtrails](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/walkingcyclingtrails)

## What's On Cardinia Festival

The inaugural What's on Cardinia Festival date has been set.

The month-long festival is planned for February 2022 and preparation is currently in full swing to



showcase local businesses, art, and creatives to our community and the wider region.

The festival will promote local artists and creatives to perform and exhibit in venues and businesses around the Shire including the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham and the Hills Hub in Emerald.

The festival will highlight a range of creatives such as dancers, musicians, and photographers in a variety of our local businesses including cafes and restaurants, retail outlets and tourism attractions.

For more information about February's What's On Cardinia Festival 2022, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/whatsoncardiniasfestival](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/whatsoncardiniasfestival) or call the Arts, Economy and Advocacy team on 1300 787 624.

### What's On Cardinia website



Residents and businesses may be interested in some exciting news to come out of Cardinia Shire.

A new website called What's on Cardinia has been launched to support our community and local businesses to discover what is happening throughout our great region.

The site provides a guide to what is on in Cardinia each week.

What's on Cardinia is a one-stop-shop to find out about upcoming events happening across our shire. Showcasing the unique and diverse region, there's something for everyone - all listed in one place.

Cardinia Shire Council is encouraging all businesses

that have an event or special offer to register and list it on the new What's on Cardinia website. All business listings are free. Residents are encouraged to head to [www.whatsoncardinia.com.au](http://www.whatsoncardinia.com.au) to see what's on in Cardinia.

### Sign up for Connect e-news

Our new Cardinia Connect e-newsletter is coming soon!

The e-newsletter will deliver the latest Cardinia Shire Council news, events, initiatives and programs straight to your inbox! Subscribe now at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters)

### Recycling reminder

To help residents recycle correctly, council has sent every household in the shire an instructional letter and weatherproof 'acceptable items' recycling sticker. The sticker can be placed on your outside recycling bin or somewhere inside your home.

Email [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) if you'd like an extra sticker.

Council's bin inspectors are out and about checking bins and those households doing a great job go in the draw to win a weekly voucher. Constructive feedback is also given to those who may need a little extra help.

Don't forget we also have helpful posters and colouring in sheets illustrating what goes in each bin, available to download from our website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/educationprograms#section-5-free-downloadables-](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/educationprograms#section-5-free-downloadables-)

### Merry Christmas


On behalf of Cardinia Shire Council, I would like to wish all Beaconsfield residents a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable festive season. Take care.

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# Beaconsfield Kindergarten Celebrates 50 Years

In a year that has already seen a lot of ups and downs, Beaconsfield Kindergarten is excited to be celebrating its 50th anniversary in December. Located at 11-17 Woods St, the kindergarten began as the Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Infant Welfare Centre in 1971, before becoming Beaconsfield Kindergarten Inc. in 1985.



Beaconsfield Kindergarten has always had strong ties to the local community, and has been run by local volunteer parents since its establishment. The very first committee of management included President Jane Poulton, Secretary Winifred Peart and Treasurer Jeanette Smythe. In this, its 50th year of operation, the Committee of Management is made up of President Meaghan Ryan, Vice Presidents Jessica Simpson and Sorsa Lobenstock, Secretary Alyssa Clinnick and Treasurer Maire Wallace, as well as general committee members Sarah Thurrowgood, Shane Wallace, Nikki Higgins, Jane Bradshaw, Kathryn Peake and Melissa Waddell.

The kindergarten has a dedicated staffing team, many of whom have remained at the kindergarten

for a long period of time. Mrs Vincent was Beaconsfield Kindergarten's teacher for the first 10 years of operation. Other teachers in the early years included Julie Marwick, Janet Hallam and Tracy Wallen. Jeanette Bartlett started her long reign in 1987, and has now taught at the kindergarten for so long that she has seen her previous students come through as parents. D'Arne Fisher came on board in 2001 before moving to the service's new campus at O'Neil Rd in 2005, and in 2013, Jenny Presutto moved from the O'Neil Rd service to Woods St where she remains as the teacher of Aquamarine and Rainbow Groups. Of course, our educators are just as important as the teachers, and long-term co-educators throughout the years have included Kathryn McMaster, Catherine Mills, Sharon Hancock, Debra Garwood, Tracy De Jong and Elizabeth Sadler. The kinder's current educational team is comprised of Jenny Presutto, Debra Garwood, Rachel McKean, Gill Birkett, Elizabeth Sadler and Heather Loomes.



The building on Woods St has seen many changes and renovations over the years, with a number of extensions culminating in the opening of a new storeroom to mark the kinder's 25th anniversary in 1996. In more recent years, upgrades have included



converting the old Maternal and Child Health Centre portion of the building into further storerooms, internal renovations to the kitchen and office, and many projects in the outdoor yard, such as the dry creek bed.



In addition to building and staffing changes, Beaconsfield Kindergarten has seen many changes to the cohort of children attending, group sizes and early childhood legislation. The kinder began with just 10 children attending in two groups, though by 1986 group sizes had increased to accommodate 75 children. Growth slowed again and the kinder had reverted back to two groups by 1990, before again increasing so much that residents fought for a second service to accommodate the growing population. Beaconsfield Kindergarten – O’Neil Rd opened in 2005, which gave the committee and staff some much needed breathing room and allowed them to introduce the early childhood reforms that commenced in 2012, including an increase in funded kindergarten hours to 15 hours per week. In 2019, Mrs Bartlett introduced a bush kinder program to her Emerald Group, which has been a hit with local families.

The early childhood space is continually evolving, and more changes are coming next year with the introduction of state-funded 3yo kinder. In 2022,

the Woods St campus of Beaconsfield Kindergarten will offer two four-year-old kinder groups of up to 28 children in each group, with children attending for 15 hours each, and one three-year-old kinder group of up to 26 children attending for 5 hours.



## Jeanette Bartlett

The end of 2021 sees us celebrating not only the kinder’s 50th anniversary, but also the retirement of our much-loved Mrs Bartlett. Jeanette has been teaching at Beaconsfield Kindergarten since 1987, working full time while raising her family and only moving to part time in 2013. Much of what we see today at Beaconsfield Kindergarten is thanks to the hard work and dedication of Jeanette over her 34 years of service to the kindergarten and community. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Jeanette, but wish her all the best for her retirement.

Unfortunately, due to COVID we are not able to have a public celebration of the kinder’s anniversary or Jeanette’s retirement. We will be posting photos and memories on our Facebook page, as well as our special 50th anniversary banner to be displayed for the community to enjoy over the coming months.



# Heat Management



By Aleisha Anderson  
Senior Paramedic  
Beaconsfield Ambulance Station

As the warmer weather approaches it's a great idea to start thinking about heat related

illness.

Dehydration can impair both mental and physical performance. Even small losses of body hydration can have a significant effect on short-term memory, arithmetic accuracy, and attention.

Heat related illness can be broken down into a few stages.

**Fatigue:** There are many additional causes for fatigue, however a general feeling of being tired and worn out during hot weather can be an early symptom of heat related illness and should be addressed by taking frequent breaks in a cool area and drinking plenty of water.

**Heat (muscle) cramping:** Muscle cramping, pain, and spasms. This should be addressed by moving to a cool place, applying ice packs to muscles, removing any tight clothing, and increasing water intake.

**Heat Exhaustion:** Heat Exhaustion is the body's response to excessive loss of water and salt contained in sweat.

Symptoms are – Heavy sweating, pale skin, rapid weak pulse, headache, thirst, tiredness, nausea & vomiting. Immediately move to a cooler environment, sponge down the body with cool water, administer fluids and electrolytes, remove any tight clothing around cramping muscles. If these symptoms of heat exhaustion last more than an hour post treatment, call 000 immediately or go to a

hospital Emergency department.

If Heat Exhaustion is not treated, it can turn into Heat Stroke.

**Heat Stroke:** Heat stroke occurs when the body temperature rises above 40 degrees Celsius and is a life-threatening emergency. Immediate first aid is required to lower the body temperature as quickly as possible.

Symptoms of Heat stroke - Red, hot, and dry skin (sweating has stopped), dry swollen tongue, rapid pulse, rapid shallow breathing, intense thirst, headache, confusion, lack of coordination, slurred speech, loss of consciousness, seizures.

## First Aid for Heat Stroke:

Call 000 immediately for an ambulance.

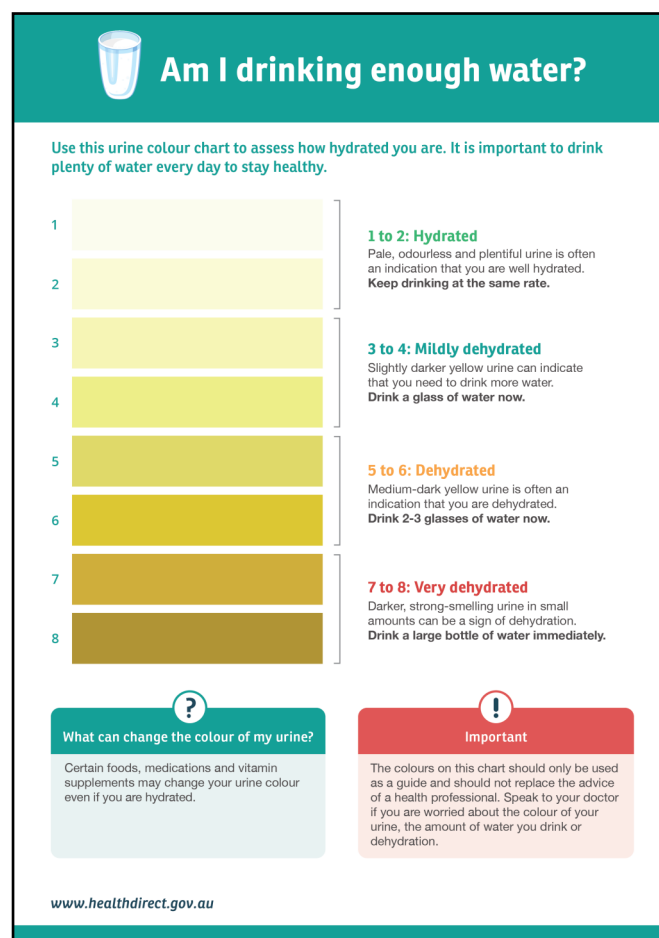
If they are unconscious:

- lay them on their side (recovery position) and check they can breathe properly.
- perform CPR if there's no response and they're not breathing.

If they are conscious:

- move them to a cool area and keep them still
- give them small sips of fluid.

Bring their temperature down using any method available (sponge with cool water, put them in a cool shower, spray with cool water from a garden hose, soak clothes with cool water, place cool packs around the body).



Another good tip is to monitor your oral intake and output (refer to the image). By monitoring your urine output, you can assess how hydrated you are and assess whether you are drinking enough water.

It is important with the warmer season approaching you take extra care of yourself, take time to protect yourself from the heat by wearing appropriate clothing, ensure you maintain a good oral intake and cover yourself with a good wide hat and sunscreen. Ensure that you can have a fun safe summer.





## MELBOURNE YOUTH CHORALE

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Lockdown is over! MYC enjoyed its first face-to-face rehearsal at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on 3 November and looks forward to a strong finish to the year with a casual picnic/performance/awards event at Akoonah Park on 27 November.

Other events we had lined up for the rest of the year have been cancelled or postponed to 2022. While this is

disappointing, lockdown has provided other opportunities. Choristers continued their education with online rehearsals and also participated in MYC's inaugural Singathon. The Singathon raised around \$1800; and the choristers who participated progressed in ways that we did not think possible in lockdown!

We're really pleased to have been asked to perform in the Jack Rae Pavillion at Akoonah Park and appreciate the opportunity for choristers to share their work. It will be the first performance since the end of 2019. The calendar is full for next year...but if our plans don't come off, we're ready to jump back into online learning if necessary!

We congratulate the winners of the Westfield Fountain Gate Local Heroes grant. Our own nomination was in the top six, the community voting round, but did not win. However, we heartily congratulate the three winners and wish them all the best in their projects.

With thanks to the Department of Education, MYC enjoyed a special online event around the Children's Week theme of "Children have the right to choose their own friends and interact safely with others". Guest presenter Juliana Kay led the choristers in an exploration of the theme which became lyrics. This special song will form part of MYC's repertoire in 2022.



*First post-Covid face to face rehearsal*

We're making good progress on our brand new choir for children who live with an intellectual disability. We plan to start at the beginning of 2022. We're delighted to have received a Vichealth: Reimagining Health grant to cover start-up costs for this project and look

forward to enabling choristers to reach their potential. Please spread the word about this choir and direct all enquiries to Kerry at [manager.myc@gmail.com](mailto:manager.myc@gmail.com).

MYC needs a Board Secretary! Our current Secretary is a front-line health worker and needs to be fully committed to that role. Please contact Kerry at [manager.myc@gmail.com](mailto:manager.myc@gmail.com) if you think you could help.

Thanks for your support. MYC can only continue to operate on a 'pay what you can afford' basis with your support. Get in touch to find out how you can help.



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## Neighbourhood Natter

We're back! Only for a few weeks until our Summer holiday closure, but we're resuming relatively normal operations now, and we're so happy about it.

Won't it be fantastic when we are no longer referring to lockdowns and "iso" in everyday conversation (as we speak through masks)!? It feels like we're getting there at last and all of us deserve medals for dragging ourselves through these challenging days.

Our AGM was held during lockdown via Zoom and we're delighted to introduce the familiar faces of our "new" Committee of Management for 2021/2022:

President: Tania Baxter  
Vice President: Noel Wyett  
Secretary: David Milevski  
Treasurer: Sharyn Cronin  
General Members: Valerie Boumann, Alyssa Jones, Lisa Lynn, Bronwyn McCormick, Gwen Neve, Katharine O'Carroll and Shoheli Sunjida.

We are so grateful that these wonderful volunteers have put their hands up again to govern the Centre and ensure we continue to meet our community's needs.

And speaking of the return of familiar faces, we're beyond thrilled to announce that our beloved Program Coordinator, Sue, has also returned to the Centre. She missed us all too much to stay away for long! Shona did a great job keeping the seat warm for a few months, but the responsibility of her other personal commitments meant that it was her best decision to say goodbye. We wish her every good thing as she moves forward.

Christmas is roaring up and we're embracing the Festive season more than ever this year. We're having fun with naughty elves, thanks to a magnificent donation from Bronwyn McCormick. Come and see who you can find!



Our Christmas raffle has some lovely prizes, so please support the Centre and buy some tickets. We welcome bank transfers if you can't make it to the Centre in person.

There's still time to apply for the Victorian State Government's Power Saving Bonus if you haven't already. This one-off \$250 payment helps eligible Victorians experiencing energy bill stress.

Email [psb@bncinc.org.au](mailto:psb@bncinc.org.au) or phone the Centre and we will help you access this assistance. 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.

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We are already working hard on planning our programs for next year and invite feedback from the community as to what new courses may be of interest. We also encourage anyone with a passion or skill that could be shared with others to approach us about facilitating a new class. We would love to run additional cooking workshops, languages, computer lessons or photography classes, and welcome new tutors. Give us a ring for a chat about the options or email Sue at: [program@bncinc.org.au](mailto:program@bncinc.org.au).

In a move towards a more environmentally friendly distribution, we're looking at delivering our printed Program less frequently during the year, starting next year. We will still produce a great guide with details for all of our programs, but reduce the mailbox deliveries. Hard copies are always available at Reception and the digital version is available on our website as soon as it is ready. If you would like every edition emailed, please let us know by dropping a line to: [program@bncinc.org.au](mailto:program@bncinc.org.au).

## BNC Children's Room

Our 2022 Occasional Care class lists are filling, but there is still availability in all sessions, so get in touch now to secure your place. The timetable below shows the available opportunities in our Children's Room.

We offer flexible options with a variety of session lengths and age groups. Choose one day or a combination of sessions to suit your own schedule and that of your child. Enrolment forms can be collected from and submitted to the office with your \$50 non-refundable deposit. (Please note, enrolment IS NOT through an online portal).

Playgroup 2022 enrolment day is on Monday 29th of November from 9.00am. We have three different sessions to choose from, but places are limited. A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due upon enrolment to secure the places you require.



Plenty of gorgeous painted rocks have been hidden throughout the neighbourhood and we've had fun seeing the pictures of people finding them. Thanks to our fabulous Children's Room staff for brightening up things for all of us.

Please note that we are following all mandated directions for Covid safety and double vaccination status is required to enter the Centre.

Add us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates. We welcome your enquiries.

Stay connected!

**Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre**  
**8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield**  
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Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
<b>Playgroup</b> 9.00am—11.00am	<b>Playgroup</b> 9.00am—11.00am	<b>3-Year-Old Program</b> 8.30am—1.30pm (5 hr session) <b>\$40 per session</b> <i>*CCS Available</i>	<b>Occasional Care</b> 8.30am—4.30pm (8 hr session) <b>\$80 per session</b> <i>*CCS Available</i>	<b>Occasional Care</b> 8.30am—12.30pm (4 hr session) <b>\$40 per session</b> <i>*CCS Available</i>
<b>3-Year-Old Program</b> 12.30pm—3.00pm (2.5 hr session) <b>\$20 per session</b> <i>*CCS Available</i>	<b>Playgroup</b> 11.30am—1.30pm Please note: Sessions run subject to achieving minimum numbers.			<b>3-Year-Old Program</b> 1.30pm—4.00pm (2.5 hr session) <b>\$20 per session</b> <i>*CCS Available</i>

*\* We are an approved Child Care Subsidy (CCS) provider for our licensed programs and your family's fees may be reduced.*

# Beaconsfield CFA



As we enter summer it is hard given cool temperatures and constant rain that a summer fire season is fast approaching.

As with every year, now is the time to ensure your fire plan is up to date and ALL family members are familiar with it.

It is essential for the community that borders open grassland or bush that they have a fire plan. The CFA website can assist in detailing a plan.

The basics of the essential plan should always be to ensure everybody is safe. Leaving your property should be invoked in the early hours of a Total Fire Ban.

Remember the 3 keys elements of a dangerous day are as follows;

- High temperature
- Strong winds in excess of 40 km
- Low humidity
- Less than 10%

Again remember to take items that are difficult to replace;

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- Important memories
- Important documents

Please remember that if you have a fire call today you will have numerous fire trucks responding, but during a Total Fire Ban you may not have any available, or be limited to one appliance. So be prepared to rely only on yourself and your resources.

The brigade has been busy with 78 calls since July 1st. The most unusual turnout was to people trapped in flood waters under the railway bridge.

This incident is proof that cars, people, and floods do not mix well. So as our SES colleagues often say don't drive through flood waters as cars can float, and leave all on board in danger.

Finally the Brigade would like to offer our best wishes for the Christmas period and may 2022 be kind to all of us after a challenging two years.



Photo: Beaconsfield CFA

## CFA helps rescue a family of four

Three CFA units from Beaconsfield Fire Brigade attended the scene with support from FRV crews and SES personnel.

Crews responded just before 5.10pm and arrived to find a vehicle stuck in approximately 800mm of flood water along Beaconsfield Avenue.

Beaconsfield Fire Brigade 1st Lieutenant and Incident Controller Mitchell Watkins said the car was stuck in "waist deep water".

"The car wasn't running, and they couldn't get the windows down," he said.

"After we carefully assessed the scene for hazards, we sent a firefighter into the water to safely open the vehicle doors and escort them out of the flood water.

"Everyone on scene did a great job of working together, quickly bringing the occupants to safety."

Firefighters provided the family with blankets for warmth and handed them to paramedics to be assessed.

Crews declared the scene safe at around 5.23pm.

1st Lt. Watkins said with recent rainfall, this incident was a timely reminder for people to never drive through flood water.

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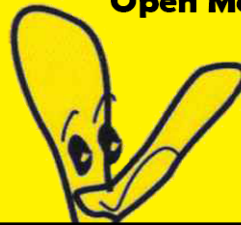


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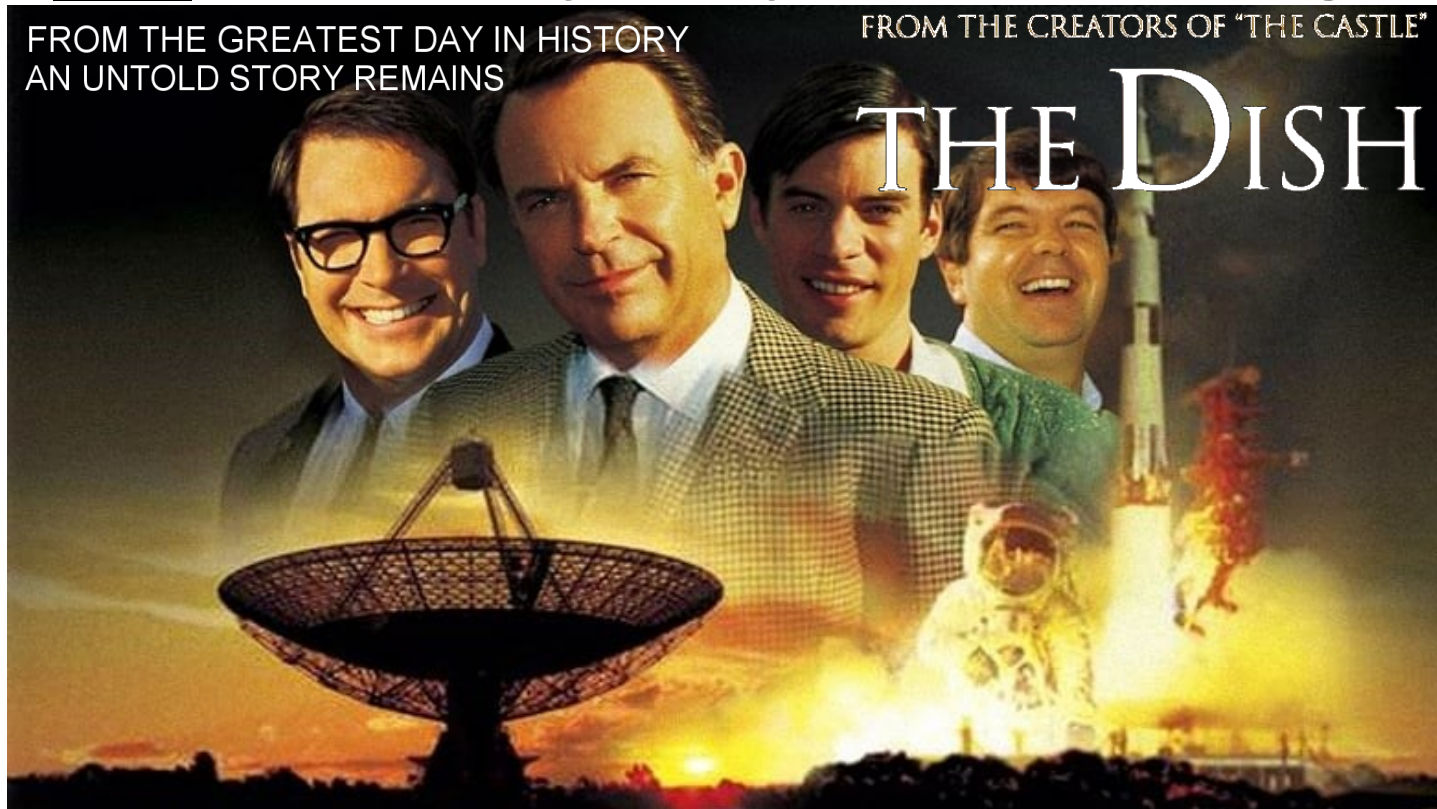


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FoCCS is a bush regeneration group that has been operating for close to 30 years. Not only are we restoring native bushland, but also creating wonderful friendships. Our group has members from all over the Cardinia Shire and the City of Casey. We work on bushland in the area bound by Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Old Princes Highway, and Inglis Road. Our aim is to restore bushland providing native habits for our native animals, birds, reptiles, fish, etc.

For the Covid 19 years, we have had not had regular working bees, but still have managed to plant approximately eight hundred plants in this area in 2021.

New members are always welcome, and we need you. Many of the long term members who started the group have now retired.

When I started, I knew nothing about what was native or indigenous or exotic plants. The wonderful long term members were great teachers, however the joys of the plant ID apps are good a thing to have now.

As we get close to Christmas we plan to have a get-together and rough out our plans for 2022. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page for details about this and future working bees:

[www.facebook.com/friendsofcardiniacreeksanctuary](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcardiniacreeksanctuary).

Seasons greetings, and I look forward to meeting you.

Jeanette Ehrlich , President

## Carols By The Creek

Carols by the Creek has been a Christmas institution in Beaconsfield for more than 25 years now. The last couple of years have presented us all with new challenges and the Carols by the Creek team and event have been no exception.

In the midst of so many changes to our lives we have each found new ways to connect and make the most of what we have. Whilst we would love to be doing Carols in the park with our community, the ever changing rules and regulations we all face have made that a little difficult this year - so we are making the most of what we have.

We are truly excited to be bringing you Carols by the Creek 2021 live from Beaconsfield Baptist Church and streamed right into your homes. Simply visit [www.carolsbythecreek.com.au](https://www.carolsbythecreek.com.au) to join in the Christmas celebration. Get online from 7:30pm on Sunday the 19th of December to enjoy a night of Christmas Carols, music, dance and Christmas cheer. And we look forward to seeing you back in the park in 2022!



## Brad Battin MP



As you read this, I hope the process of opening Victoria is well underway, where there is an opportunity for us to travel out into the community and share in the Think Local Support Local initiative.

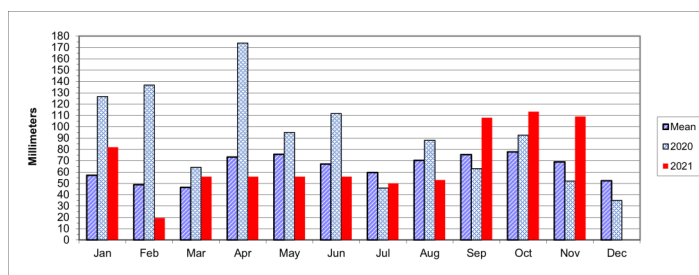
Many of our local businesses, schools, sports clubs, and grounds have been closed for over 250 days, and we were unable to visit family and friends during this time. For many it has been a challenging time and I have taken heart in hearing how we as a community have rallied together and supported one another. We have called up our mates to check in on them, we have extended a hand to those in need, we have grown in strength as a community over this time and I urge you to continue this good will by leading with the initiative to Think Local, Support Local.

When we do venture out again to our local stores, please be mindful that we all must comply with COVID safe practices; we must check in with the QR code or other means, wear a mask if required to do so, practise good hand hygiene and as always be respectful to one another. Most of us have a sense of familiarity within our community and know each other, we are friends, family or we are loyal customers and supportive of one another. There are many businesses who do not want to be in this position but must follow the COVID safe practices to open for business, please keep this in mind when visiting your local stores.

My wish as I write this is that we don't reflect on Covid past but on our hopes for the future. I hope that we all have the opportunity to enjoy our Christmas celebrations with family and friends in our homes, together. I wish you a safe Summer season and hope that you have your fire safe plans ready and that we can all share in a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year and stay safe during the summer season.

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 on social media via my website: [www.bradbattin.com.au](http://www.bradbattin.com.au), Twitter: @BradBattinMP, Facebook: /BradBattinMP, YouTube: Brad Battin.

## Beaconsfield Rainfall Data



Mean rainfall calculated from September 1997

2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Rainfall (mm)	82	19.5	56	56	56	56	50	53	108	113	109
Days of rain	8	5	9	8	8	7	8	9	12	14	7

## Beaconsfield has experienced some wild weather recently.

On Friday 29th October, after a windy night with howling wind and driving rain which continued through the day, many residents woke to experience trees down and other damage and power outages. Most of the local shops were impacted and had to be closed for the day.

Holm Park Road had many trees down including one, which landed on a fence and brought down power lines.



Photo Ann Taylor

This plunged the area into darkness for 3 days before power was restored. 15 houses as well as Holm Park reserve facilities were impacted. Many of the homes rely on electricity and have tank water.

Thank you to kind neighbours and friends who came to the rescue with thermoses and available fridge space and help with meals.

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# Cardinia Creek Story

By Penny Harris Jennings.

Beaconsfield residents have long enjoyed the beauty and splendour of the Cardinia Creek. The creek has offered an abundance of pleasure, with many different activities.



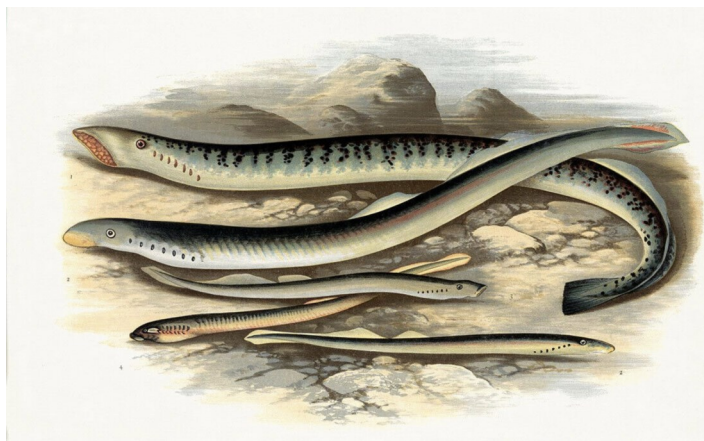
*Opening of the fishing season at Cardinia Creek, Beaconsfield*

The native Blackfish was plentiful, local residents would have their favourite fishing “spots” to catch a nice sized fish for an evening meal. This knowledge was soon extended to people living in Melbourne, who would make the trip via the train to try their luck fishing in the Cardinia Creek. People would bring their fishing gear and a picnic, spending the entire day enjoying the creek and its lovely surroundings.

Red-lined Minnows fish, a species of Galaxias, approximately 50cm in length, were collected by the Aquarian Society of Victoria from the Cardinia Creek. This small fish became a popular substitute for goldfish, people keeping them in a home aquarium.

Unfortunately, over fishing and the keeping of under-weight fish became an issue, so catch restrictions were introduced. Fishing was also reduced with the enforcement of a fishing “season”. If people were caught fishing out of season, the culprit would attend Berwick Court and be prosecuted on behalf of the Customs Department. In December 1909, the Victorian Piscatorial Council, recommended to the Fisheries department to close against fishing for two years, this enabled the blackfish to replenish. Sadly, with the introduction of trout fish the blackfish slowly disappeared from the creek.

In 1939 it was reported a heron was killing an Eel like fish. The creature was retrieved and on inspection it was identified as a Lamprey. This ugly creature, similar in appearance to an Eel, has a circular suction mouth instead of jaws, they fasten onto living fishes and rasp away the flesh with its horny teeth, eating into the interior of the body. This unusual creature is rarely found today.



*Sea Lamprey*

Melbourne angling clubs were regular visitors to the creek, reporting plenty of Mullet Silvers and Bream, weighing 1.5 kilos, in 1942. Fishing continues to be a popular sport which has evolved with a multitude of variations in fishing tackle to achieve a prize catch.



A Cardinia Creek Swimming Club was formed in 1907, affiliating with the Royal Life Saving Society of Victoria. The clear swim course was 68 metres long, 12 metres deep and the same in width. Each year there would be a Carnival. It was so popular that competitors

from Melbourne would attend, special trains were organised to transport the large number of attendees. There would also be a session from the Royal Life Saving Society demonstrating life-saving techniques. To complete the day the local ladies would provide a “lawn luncheon” and an afternoon



tea. During the winter months the group would make improvements to the bathing place, constructing a swim board and a starting board, removing snags and general clearing to keep the view of the swim area.

The native flora and fauna, has been an enduring attraction, the magnificent display of wattle trees blooming was particularly admired for all those that would visit in the spring. It was a favourite destination of the Victorian Walking Club, the wildflowers were plentiful to view, with numerous shapes and sizes, pleasing all those who came to visit.

Bird life has always been in abundance, the creek has provided fresh water and a fabulous food source. Many groups made the journey to Beaconsfield. The Field Naturalists Club and Melbourne Camera Club would visit the creek to capture the plentiful subjects in their natural habitat within the creek or along the water's edge. The species of birds found were vast, the grey fantail, yellow robins, grey strike thrush, golden whistler, blackbirds, magpies, black-faced cuckoo-shrike and the blue wren, just to name some varieties. Bell birds were of particular interest with their musical call and the rare helmeted honey-eaters; during the 1930's the colony was reported to be flourishing.

Although the creek itself and the surrounding reserve has changed over the years, this truly magnificent setting continues to give pleasure to those who take the time to wander around and enjoy the natural environment.



*The Cardinia Creek today in Beaconsfield*



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# Tony Rushton

*By Ann Taylor and Penny Harris Jennings*

When Tony Rushton came to live in Beaconsfield, he immediately recognised the importance of the town's history. His passion, enthusiasm and dedication to Beaconsfield is well remembered.



Tony was born in Cheshire, England in 1943. The Rushton family migrated to Australia when Tony was 7 years old. After marrying his wife Dulcie in 1966, they built a home in Souter Street, Beaconsfield. Tony became the local electrician, he was also a proficient printer, engraver and creative badge maker. Tony enjoyed the small-town life, he was well known and respected being involved in many community groups. These included the Beaconsfield Progress Association, Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, Akoonah Park Committee and the publication of the Beaconsfield Banner.

A passionate interest for Tony was the local military history. He believed in the recognition and preservation of the history of local families and their loved ones that fought in the wars. Information was sparse when his research began but Tony continued to investigate and collect all the information possible. With his findings he produced a small booklet about the WW1 Soldiers of Beaconsfield. In 1999 Tony established the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service, held on the Sunday before Anzac Day, a tradition that the Beaconsfield Progress Association have continued each year to commemorate all the local service men and women. He instigated and accomplished the restoration of the Beaconsfield War Memorial in 2006. Before his untimely death in 2007, he had expressed the desire to continue to identify the local soldiers, men and women from WW1 and WW2 from Beaconsfield.

The local memorials he considered extremely important to restore and preserve were, the Beaconsfield Park Arch entrance and The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour restoration project. The Avenue of Honour project included 65 name plaques, made of pressed metal, they each had the name of a WW1 soldier. The plaques have been in storage for many years. Tony had hoped to secure an agreement on the format of how the plaques could be on display for the public to view.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association has continued the projects that Tony initiated. The Beaconsfield Park, beautification and landscaping restoration project, which included the Beaconsfield Park Arch entrance was completed in 2011 with both Council and Government grants.

The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour project to identify and commemorate the local WW1 soldiers was completed in 2015. There are new plaques located on the corner of Princes Highway and the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road to view, a booklet was also produced "Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Servicemen Remembered" and the biographies of each soldier are also available on the Beaconsfield Progress Association website.

Tony's outstanding contribution is recognised and remembered with two plaques, one is located at the Beaconsfield Community Centre and the other is at Akoonah Park.



The Community Centre also has a beautiful lemon scented gum tree planted in his honour. The plaques and tree commemorate an inspiring and generous man, who is long remembered for his wonderful endeavours.



# Remembrance Day in Beaconsfield By Ann Taylor



Cr Brett Owen was joined by members of the community and Beaconsfield Progress Association on Thursday 11th November at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph to remember those who served in wars and conflicts.

Children from Beaconsfield Kindergarten were able to participate from their playground.

A minute's silence was observed, and flags were raised.

Wreaths were laid from Cardinia Shire, Beaconsfield Progress Association and The Australian War Animal Memorial Association.

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*





# Kath Roberts Reserve

Kath Roberts Reserve in Beaconsfield was originally opened in 1988. In 2021 Cardinia Shire Council has upgraded the playground and park and gardens to a wonderful new community facility.

Beaconsfield Progress Association wanted to ensure that Kath Roberts was remembered, and users of the playground would know why the playground Reserve had been named.

So, working with Cardinia Shire Officers and the family of Kath Roberts, a special sign was made and erected in the playground gardens.

At the opening of the upgraded playground on the 2nd of November 2021 by Mayor Cr. Brett Owen, Kath's grandchildren Elizabeth and Andrew planted a tree in her memory.

When Cr Brett Owen's father Ted Owen was a Councillor in 1988, he attended the opening and was able to attend the reopening again in 2021 with his wife Gail.

The sign has photos of Kath Roberts and her grandchildren at the opening in 1988 and the story of Kath's life in Beaconsfield.

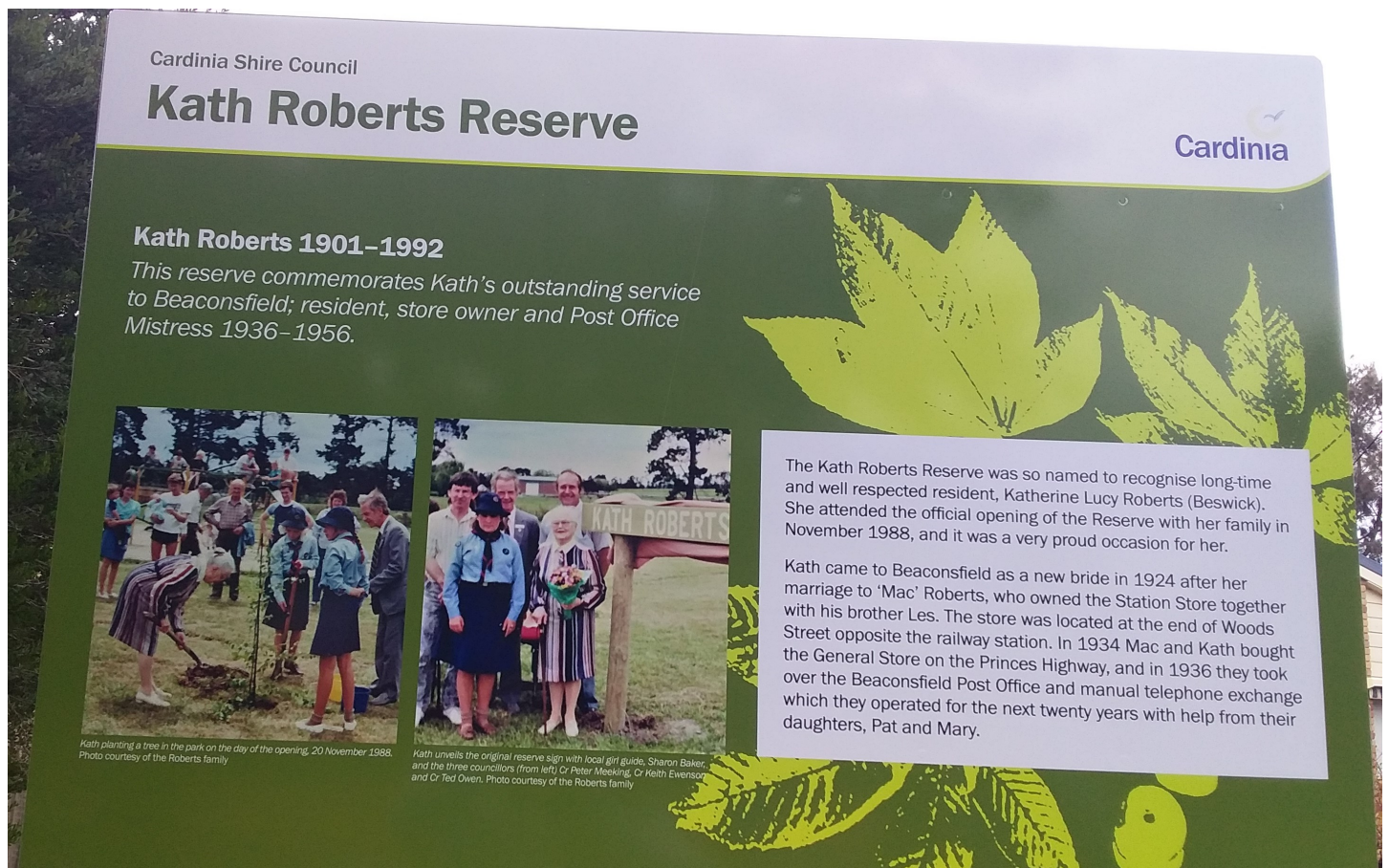


## "KATH ROBERTS 1901-1992

*This reserve commemorates Kath's outstanding service to Beaconsfield; resident, Store owner and Post Mistress 1936-1956*

*The Kath Roberts Reserve was so named to recognise long-time and well- respected resident, Katherine Lucy Roberts (Beswick). She attended the official opening in November 1988, and it was a proud occasion for her.*

*Kath came to Beaconsfield as a new bride in 1924 after her marriage to 'Mac' Roberts who owned the store located at the end of Woods Street, opposite the Railway Station. In 1934, Mac and Kath bought the General Store on the Princes Highway and in 1936*







The 2021 local football season was cut short by Covid 19 restrictions with no football played after July in a frustrating end to a very promising year.

We now look to 2022 with the big news being that our Senior football club has transferred to the Eastern Football League where we will play in Division 1 against a strong line up of clubs such as East Ringwood, Croydon, Montrose, Mitcham etc. This change was the result of an extensive review of our football future as we wanted to plan for the long term after so many changes of league structures over the past 20+ years. The netball club will remain with the Outer East League in Premier Division and we are aiming to align home games with the netballers where possible.

We are most grateful to the Outer East FNL competition for their support and assistance over the past 3 seasons which have seen so many challenges.

At our recent AGM, Troy Robinson was again confirmed as club president (in his 7th year), with the following people in executive roles:

- Vice/Presidents – Scott Hilton & Mark Hornstra
- Secretary – Andrea Cockayne
- Treasurer – Victoria Bonicelli
- Junior Club Pres & Football Opns – Paul Matson.
- Registrar – Ian Meyer
- General Committee – Jason Budge, Courtney Robinson, Geoff McGowan, Phil Ingram, Peter Fox, Stacey & Hugh Matthews, Kelly Andrews, Lawrie Canning.

A big thank you to the outgoing secretary Naomi Rice, & Treasurer Hugh Matthews for their great work & support over these past few years. Both will maintain their involvement with the club with Hugh on the committee & Naomi playing with our women's team.

Our Major Raffle was finally able to be drawn via Zoom in conjunction with our AGM and congratulations to the winners Alan & Carol Reiter

(Ticket #279) and a massive thanks to all who purchased tickets. Special thanks to Geoff McGowan for all his work in making this raffle a success in very difficult circumstances.

On field the coaching structure for 2022 is as follows:

- Senior Coach – Mick Fogarty ;
- Development team – Craig (Crackers) Mulcock;
- U/19's – Peter Brough.
- Women's Team – Troy Robinson.

We are aiming to hold a scaled back Presentation Night event on Friday evening 26th November at our Holm Park social rooms as an opportunity to get together as a club and to recognise the players' and volunteers' achievements for 2021 and look to build up for an exciting 2022 season.

Full details of this event & all our club news can be found on the Beaconsfield Football Club Facebook page.

Finally, we have been most appreciative of the wonderful sponsorship support from so many local businesses and if you would like to be involved as we welcome many new Eastern FL clubs to Holm Park in 2022, **please contact our Sponsorship Manager Scott Hilton on 0455 963 179.**

Go Beacy.



*From our 1980/81 premiership reunion day (our last game back in July due to Covid) which features the 1980/81 captain Wayne Goodes with current captain Jake Bowd after the win over our historic rivals Cranbourne. Jake is wearing the replica Tigers jumper from the 80's era which was such a big feature of that reunion day.*



Tennis is back! It's wonderful seeing the courts being used again. You will still see restrictions in place, whether it be the QR check-in, clubhouse limitations (toilet access only upon request) and social distancing requirements, however, we are happy to see coaching, competition, and social tennis up and running. For more information on the Covid-19 requirements, please refer to the club website at [www.beaconsfieldtennisinc.com](http://www.beaconsfieldtennisinc.com).

### **Annual General Meeting**

Volunteers needed. Become a part of your local tennis community and join the committee. The Beaconsfield Tennis Club AGM will be held at the clubhouse, 100 Beaconsfield Emerald Road, Beaconsfield, 7.30pm, December 6th 2021.

### **Beaconsfield Tennis Tournament – the dates have been set**

January 12-13th 2022 Beaconsfield will hold their annual tennis tournament. For more information, contact Paul Osborne from Ossie's Tennis Coaching Ph: 0413594633

### **NEW COMPETITION: Beacy/Officer Monday Night Hard hitters**

This is an exciting new competition on Monday nights for the more experienced players, open to member and non members. 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 [beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com](http://beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com) website page for more information.

Our Wednesday and Thursday night inhouse social competitions also resume and members and non members are welcome to join.

### **Christmas theme Sunday Funday**

Sadly, the first two planned Sunday Fundays had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The

committee is hoping they will be able to host a Christmas Sunday Funday, held on the 19th December 2021 from 3pm-7pm. This will include tennis activities, face painting for the kids and sausage sizzle.

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.

### **Grants**

Following on from recent Federal Government grant of \$10,000 put towards court lighting upgrades, our club has again been blessed in receiving a Capital Works grant of \$35,000 from Cardinia Shire which will be put towards the cost of rebuilding our courts 1 and 2. Total cost of the project is in excess of \$110,000 with the balance being funded by our club. Membership fees go towards this funding.

### **Annual Membership Fees**

NEW SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

### **Membership year**

The financial membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August. Pro-rata fees are available to new members only. Go to [www.beaconsfieldtennisinc.com](http://www.beaconsfieldtennisinc.com) to obtain a membership form and payment details.

Adult - Competition Play	\$160
Adult - Social Play	\$120
Youth – Competition Play	\$140
Youth – Social Play	\$100
Junior – Competition Play	\$120
Junior – Social Play	\$60
Family – Competition Play	\$300
Family – Social Play	\$250



## **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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**Wishing everyone a  
Merry Christmas and a  
great 2022**

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## **Beaconsfield has experienced some wild weather recently.**

(from Page 20)

Sunday was a full day's work to repair the power lines and poles and replace an unsafe pole.

Thank you to the great Ausnet team and traffic management team who kept everyone informed while the work was carried out.

Since then, on Friday 12th November heavy rain was falling in the area and many places were flooded

We want to remind everyone not to attempt to drive into water especially under the railway viaduct at Beaconsfield as it floods very quickly.



*Photo Ann Taylor*



*Photo Robert Cooper*

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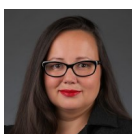


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## Editor's Note

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 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.

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### Next Deadline

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

**15th February, 2022.**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021 has tested our resolve in so many ways but throughout it all we have continued to see immeasurable **strength, compassion, and solidarity**. In the worst of circumstances, we have seen the very best of community.

So as we reconnect with family and friends to celebrate the festive season, please look out for each other, support local businesses, show your appreciation and respect for retail and hospitality workers wherever you can, and make sure to take extra care on the roads.

**Wishing you all a joyous, restful and safe  
Christmas with your loved ones, and a happy  
and prosperous 2022.**



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