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Photo: Alex Smart, Beaconsfield

Upcoming Public Events

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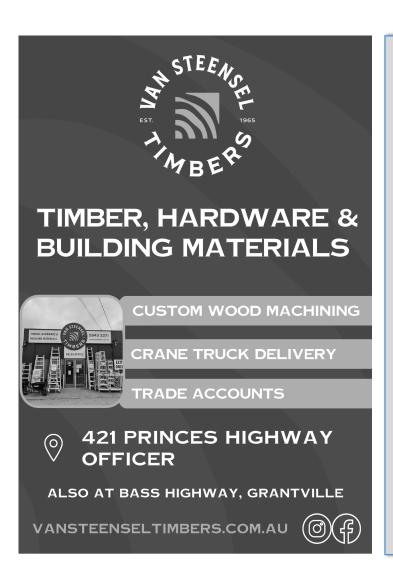
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President's Report



Welcome to this Autumn 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 future of the Beaconsfield Reservoir and Nature Conservation Reserve is of interest to many in the community. Melbourne Water have 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. A comprehensive report prepared by Council officers was tabled at the February Shire council meeting. The resolution passed by Council included commending Cardinia Environment Coalition for work done managing the BNCR and continuing to advocate their ongoing funding, assign the Park Manager role to a State government agency, advocate for enhancements to recreational facilities for the community to experience and for DELWP to fund a long term strategic plan for the BNCR.

There has been no response yet from the Department of Transport in connection with the intersection of the Old Princes Highway and Desmond Court on requests for further improvements for the intersection.

Cardinia Shire Council's proposed Local Law 20 'Open Air Fires Laws' due to apply from 1 February, 2022 was tabled for discussion at the February Shire council meeting. 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. Many submissions were received from throughout the Shire and consideration of the matter was deferred until the next Council meeting.

Our Association held a drive-in outdoor movie, *The Dish*, on Australia Day 2022. This was a family

friendly event and we were successful in receiving a grant from Cardinia Shire Council to cover the costs. Much voluntary work was done on the planning and on the day for this Event. Unfortunately, the event was not well supported by the community. We are reviewing the reasons for this and the impact of holding an Australia Day outdoor movie in the future. Our Association was nominated for a Cardinia Shire Australia Day award for community events for the drive-in movie. Whilst our nomination was not successful, it was good to have recognition for holding this event, and for BPA.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 24 April 2pm at the Cenotaph.

The Banner is prepared by Beaconsfield Progress Association volunteers with the only cost being the printing done externally plus administrative costs, which are covered by advertisements in the Banner and a grant from Cardinia Shire Council. If you would like to advertise in the Banner or write some articles, please email banner@beaconsfield.org.au

Due to Covid restrictions, we have held meetings via Zoom. We hope soon to recommence public meetings at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. We encourage members of the community to become involved and provide their views on issues affecting Beaconsfield.

Graeme Taylor
President- Beaconsfield Progress Association

Storm Clean Up Help

Additional green waste collection available

Additional kerbside green waste collections are available for residents to assist with clean up from the 2021 storms. To have your green waste collected, your green waste pile must be no larger than 2 cubic metres per collection (2 metres x 1 metre x 1 metre). Green waste items must be less than 1.5 metres long and less than 30kgs.

To request an additional collection, contact the recovery team on 1300 787 624 or recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au. We will process your request and Cleanaway will be in contact via phone or email to confirm your booking.

Visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste



Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

Better Local Roads – LL, Brown and Armytage

Road works have started to seal LL and Armytage Roads to create a key sealed connection between Beaconsfield and Officer. An interim seal has already been completed on Brown Road, where council has trialled a special crushed rock pavement material that includes recycled glass. This reduces the amount of quarried material in the road. The works are part of Council's \$25 million Better Local Roads -Strategic Sealed Road project. This project will see around 40 kilometres of unmade roads sealed around the shire, with the roads specifically chosen to create strategic networks of sealed roadways and to deliver safer and more convenient roads for our community.

Level crossing removal update

Beaconsfield's Level Crossing Removal Projects (Brunt Road and Station Street) has moved into the planning stage where initial site investigations have commenced. A number of works notices have circulated in the community indicating that some crews will be out in the area doing some investigation work.

Council, as a key stakeholder, is working with the Level Crossing Removal Project to advocate for the best outcome for the community.

To get regular updates about these projects, including the works notices visit the LXRP website https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/projects/stationstreet-beaconsfield

https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/projects/bruntroad-beaconsfield

Residents can sign up for email updates here: https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/contact/subscribe



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

New Princes Highway path

On the south side of Princes Highway, a 2.6 kilometre shared path was recently completed. The path and 2 pedestrian bridges will provide a link between Fairweather Parade and Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve and will be an asset to connect the Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham communities.

Helping our local businesses

Find your favourite local business or discover something new on our Buy Local Map. It's free for businesses to join too!

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/buylocal



Find a full list of upcoming events within Cardinia Shire. Head to www.whatsoncardinia.com.au. If you or your organisation is planning an event, submit it for free and let What's on Cardinia help

Councillors' Report

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promote it for you. This website has been designed to promote all types of events within the Shire for the community to enjoy.

Green bins - Now more than grass clippings

Green bins aren't just for garden clippings. You can also put leftovers (including meat), oily pizza box bases, human and animal hair, napkins and tissues, fish and chip paper, avocado and mango pips, lollies, popsicle sticks and bird feathers in your green bin. Don't have a green bin? Order one today!



Did you know? Every FOGO (food organics and garden organics) bin comes with a free kitchen caddy to transport your scraps to your bin.

Have your say

Check out our online community platform Creating Cardinia to find out about current consultations and how you can get involved. You can also check in on a project or opt to stay up-to-date with your favourite consultations by hitting the 'follow' button at the top of the project page.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Ageing well in retirement

Learn how to get the most from your retirement at these free, fun and friendly workshops at Outlook Community Centre 24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham.

The retirement 'tune-up'

Tuesday 8 March 10am-12pm

Get 'retirement ready'

Tuesday 22 March 6–8pm

Enquiries/bookings: 5941 1535

Youth Services programs

Teenage school holiday program

Council's School Holiday program (12–17 year olds) offers low cost or free activities and excursions.

Limited places – book early! My Place Youth Centre is open during school holidays 1–5pm.

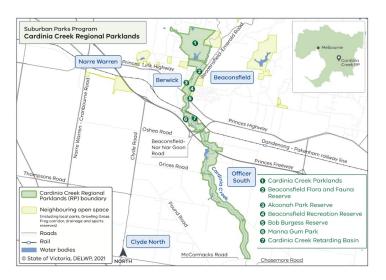
Term 2 programs

Safe and supportive programs for young people (12–24 years) to connect with like-minded peers. For programs during Term 2, go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au or like us on Facebook 'CardiniaYouthServices'.

Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan

Cardinia Shire Council is a partner of the DELWPcoordinated Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan refresh project.

In 2018, the Victorian Government committed to establish Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands, a 508-hectare parkland near Officer in Melbourne's southeast.



The parklands are being expanded and enhanced to benefit the environment and the community.

The Victorian Government has provided \$154 million to deliver the Suburban Parks Program, to create more than 6,500 hectares of new and upgraded parks and trails. This will include the new 508 hectare Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands stretching from Beaconsfield to Clyde North.

This project will deliver a refresh of the parklands plan and welcome community feedback on the vision and priorities for the parklands.

Initial community input to the future of Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands was sought from 3rd November to 30th November 2021. The community was invited to provide through park user views, interests, and use of the parklands as well as aspirations for the parklands. There were 263 submissions made as part of the engagement process which included online survey, in-park surveys, community meetings, and special interest group meetings.

Based on the feedback received, six themes were identified:

- Biodiversity values
- Safety and accessibility
- · Users and uses
- Facilities and landscape elements
- · Cultural heritage and Bunurong values; and
- Parklands management.

The next step is to prepare a draft plan which will once again be presented to the community for feedback.

For more information visit: https://engage.vic.gov.au/CardiniaCkParklands

2022 Australia Day Award Nominees

Congratulations to Beaconsfield's Graeme and Ann Taylor who were joint nominees for Cardinia Shire Council's 2022 Australia Day Senior Citizen of the Year. Also congratulations to the Beaconsfield Progress Association's - 2021 Australia Day Drive In Movie was nominated for Cardinia Shire's Event of the Year.

Thank you to Graeme and Ann and the Beaconsfield Progress Association for their amazing contributions whose dedication and commitment to our community is so appreciated.



Akoonah Park Market



After the COVID-19-related disruptions of 2021, it has been great to have returned to our full market with indoor and outdoor stalls. We have had a varied range of stalls, some new and some old, which have combined to create an exciting local market. We have had an abundance of fresh produce, plants and trees, handmade products, coffee, takeaway food, workwear, and much more.

On Sunday February 6, Monash Health set up a popup booster vaccination clinic at Akoonah Park Market. This gave the community an opportunity to receive their booster shot at a convenient time and location.

We are also excited to hold our Akoonah Park Night Market on Friday March 11 from 4pm until 9pm. This will be our first Night Market in 26 months, due to the fact we were unable to hold one during COVID-19 restrictions. In previous years, the Night Market has been a great event with a variety of stalls, giving people the opportunity to do their market shopping at an alternative time or eat delicious food with friends and family in a great atmosphere.

To apply for a stall, please visit www.akoonahpark.com.au/stallholders and complete the Sunday market application form (please specify that you are applying for the March 11 Night Market).

For any enquiries, please email: marketmanager@akoonahpark.com.au



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The Growth of Beaconsfield By Penny Harris Jennings

The European settlement in Beaconsfield began in 1837, originally the names used were "little Berwick" and "Beaconsfield Lower".

By 1869, Bowmans Hotel was well established and known to travellers, especially with the discovery of gold at Woods Point.

The Gippsland railway line from Sale to Oakleigh opened in 1877 and the following year was the opening of the Beaconsfield siding.

Beaconsfield is a settlement which has been formed within the last two years by selectors of 20-acre blocks under the 49th section of the Land Act. Three hundred blocks have been taken up, chiefly by residents in Melbourne. Very few of them have as yet been built upon, but there are substantial evidences of settlement. The allotments are all fenced, and a very large amount of money has been expended in clearing.

The Argus, 2 December 1878.

The earliest Beaconsfield Post Office opened in 1883 at the Railway Station and the following year the "Beaconsfield Riding" was established.

In 1896-1908 the Victorian Municipality Directory describes Beaconsfield as a township with telegraph station, post and money order office; population 200.

From 1914-1917 Directory now describes Beaconsfield as a rural township with telegraph, post and money order offices, public hall, state school, rifle club and two hotels; population 450.

The town also included the hay and corn store, blacksmith, timber yard, wheel-wright and paint store.

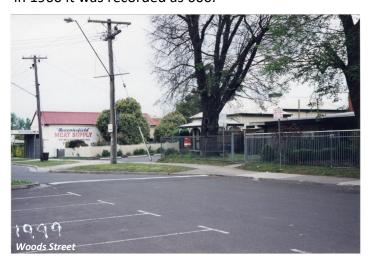
In 1915 a function was held at the local hall to farewell the local men that had enlisted for World War 1, Mr Keast in his address to the gathering made mention that "Beaconsfield had sent the largest portion, according to population than any other part of Australia" - South Bourke and Mornington Journal 30 September 1915.

In 1923-1926 the description of Beaconsfield is updated to a Rural township with telegraph, post and money-order offices, public hall, state school, two hotels and boarding houses. The reservoir, an imposing sheet of water, is within easy walking distance; population 150.



In 1936- 1974, the directory now includes not only the Beaconsfield Progress Association but the town now has both electric light and water.

In the early 1940's the campaign to decentralize industry, gave the opportunity for the industrial "revolution", which supported the advancement of business into what was once country towns, such as Beaconsfield. The population steadily increased and in 1960 it was recorded as 600.



Australian Bureau of Statistics; population count for Beaconsfield/ Officer.

1991 - 2,941	2011 - 8,223
1996 - 2,974	2016 - 13,612
2001 - 3,707	2020 - 21,682
2006 - 6,773	

The significant population growth continues, changing the

once rural township, Beaconsfield, to a modern suburb of Melbourne.



Not-For-Profit Building Local Affordable Housing



A not-for-profit community housing provider called Women's **Property** Initiatives, have

just completed the construction of four town houses in Beaconsfield with support from philanthropists that are designed to provide affordable and adaptable housing for the many older women priced out of the private market. These homes will enable these women, who are not in a position to own a home of their own and do not qualify for social housing because they have some savings, to invest in affordable housing and secure their future.



"We currently own 101 homes around Melbourne providing accommodation for more than 250 women and children", says Communications Manager Sally Martin. "We represent women because they face the most disadvantage in their access to affordable housing."

"Through research a few years ago, we identified a sizeable group of women over 55 who don't qualify for the social housing that we provide because they have some savings, but these savings are certainly not enough to be able to access a mortgage or own a home of their own. This led us to embark on a project where these women could invest some of their retirement savings (\$150K) in a high quality,

accessible, affordable home. They would still pay an affordable rent (no more than 30% of income), but their investment is preserved and can be accessed at any time with interest if the home no longer suits their needs. This arrangement prevents them from exhausting their savings in an unaffordable private rental market, needing more costly social housing in the future or worse, becoming homeless."

The four homes in Beaconsfield are architect designed, light filled, have flexible spaces and beautiful landscaping, and a range of high-end fixtures. Importantly they are thoughtfully designed for sustainability and the ability for the residents to age in place.

More than 400,000 women over the age of 45 are currently at risk of homelessness in Australia. Many of these women have worked their whole lives and cared for others, but now find themselves in insecure housing.



According to the Council to Homeless Persons, every day Australian specialist homelessness services turn away 155 women because of a lack of resources and affordable housing. The number one reason women over the age of 55 access specialist homelessness services is due to family violence. Economic and cultural factors are also driving older women to homelessness, and the rate is projected to rise as housing services and eligibility factors exclude this ageing population. Instead, women seek to selfmanage their circumstances, such as moving between family and friends, concealing the true extent of the crisis.

This trend has inspired Women's Property Initiatives (WPI), a Victorian based not for profit Community Housing Organisation, to look for sustainable and scalable solutions to this problem. WPI's core

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BEACONSFIELD ANZAC 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Established 1986 "Because everyone deserves the gift of music"

Welcome to 2022! Melbourne Youth Chorale is looking forward to another amazing year. When we saw what the choristers achieved last year around the lockdown and online learning, we're really excited about the possibilities for this year!

We kicked the year off with a casual picnic on Saturday 29 January and had our first rehearsal at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 2 February. The choristers were excited to be back again, producing beautiful music together and catching up with their friends.

Our Flying Free Choir for children with intellectual disability has started! We're so excited to have finally launched this choir after 18 months of preparation and planning. Our lovely teacher, Monika Harris, is leading the choristers through music-based games and activities focused on communication and social development. For more information visit the website at www.melbourneyouthchorale.com.au or contact Kerry at manager.myc@gmail.com

We have some fabulous plans lined up for Term 1, including a performance at Temp Rubato on 19 March, courtesy of Piano Project (www.pianoproject.org.au); and our 35th Anniversary Concert on 2 April with The Velvetones as guests! Look out for details on our Facebook page!

Another huge development for 2022 is the launch of our MYChoir Program, a VIP program for our regular donors. Please take a moment to have a look at the campaign at https://gift-of-music.raisely.com. We're looking for 50 special people to join the MYC Community, changing lives through the gift of music.

What's unique about MYC?

 Melbourne Youth Chorale (MYC) is a children's choir based on the Kodaly method. But it's not just a children's choir: it's a complete music education program. But it's even more than that: it's a life-changing social community.

- MYC embraces children aged 6-20 of all backgrounds and abilities, particularly children from disadvantaged backgrounds who might not otherwise have access to quality music education. The program is run by a team of qualified and experienced teachers, organised by a volunteer Board of management, and operated by a huge volunteer team.
- Every child deserves the gift of music, and so many children in Melbourne can't afford music lessons. MYC's comprehensive musicianship curriculum builds a child's music literacy systematically in three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. A graduate from the Gold level is equipped for VCE/University music and a career path. We change lives, not just through the gift of music but through the value we place on a strong and positive social community.
- Rehearsals and musicianship tutorials are run on Wednesday after school at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre. Performances are scattered throughout the term in various venues.
- MYC is a charity, operating on a 'donate what you can afford' basis. MYC relies on donations and sponsorships and we warmly invite you to join our MYChoir Program!

We look forward to sharing 2022 with you!



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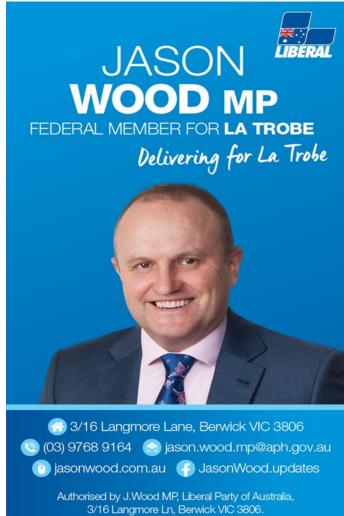
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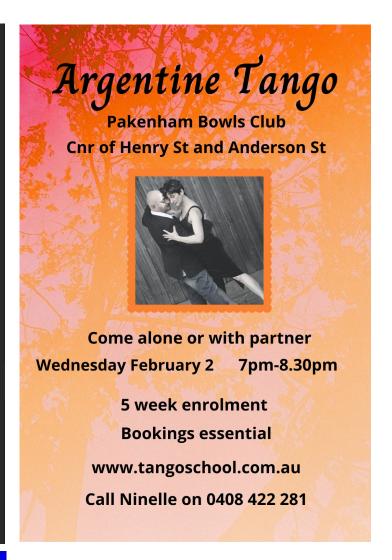




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Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service, 2022

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service first held in 1999 is always held on the Sunday before Anzac Day. This year the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 24 April at the Cenotaph in Beaconsfield Corner of Woods Street and Old Princes Highway There will be a March from the fire station in Woods Street leaving at 1.50pm and the Service commences at 2pm at the Cenotaph.

Members of the community are welcome to join us on the Cenotaph area and chairs will be provided. The usual program of National Anthem, a choir, memorial address, soldiers roll, flag raising, and wreath laying will be followed. Please join us as we remember and honour servicemen and women from all conflicts. This will be a covid safe event supported by Cardinia Shire and organized by Beaconsfield Progress Association.

Beaconsfield has a history of dedicated war service. The website www.beaconsfield.org.au has

information about the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour, and all our WWI servicemen, The Honour Board, and the Cenotaph Memorial. The information from the Digital memorial can now be accessed from the website and provides information about the two world wars, the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, and Beaconsfield Soldiers



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.





The Cake Shop has moved

Long story short, 2017 was where it all began, and 5yrs later we've made it to 2022 and The Cake Stop has survived Covid and moved into a fantastic new location at the Fast Fuel Service Station Beaconsfield next door to Mitre 10 114-120 Old Princess Hwy,

0417 747 858, if you've filled up with fuel in the last few weeks you most likely have seen us.

Owned and managed by Mel & Jo, our Business is continuing to thrive, with many cakes, cupcakes, Macarons and cookies leaving the shop on a daily basis, as well as supplying home bakers with the products they need to

Stop' album for lots of inspiration. Then it is as easy as messaging us on Facebook to place your order, or receive a quote. Also pop in and grab a coffee and a treat, and one of our amazing staff members will be happy to help you.

A special thanks to everyone in the community surrounding us for their support. We wouldn't be here without you.

See Ad on Page 21

treats. Have a look at our Facebook page 'The Cake



create their own yummy masterpieces, one of our favourite products being the Mud Cake Pre Mixes, as well as a very popular Gluten Free Chocolate Mud Mix which is vegan and allergy friendly. We also take many orders for custom celebration cakes and

A Successful Clean Up Australia Day

Cardinia Shire residents, businesses and schools were encouraged to sign up for this year's Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March.

Cardinia Shire Major Councillor Jeff Springfield said with 24.5 cubic meters of rubbish collected and removed from our community last year, it is an important community event to help protect and conserve our local environment.

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

This national event started in 1990. Since then, over 19 million Australians have donated their time as part of Clean Up Australia Day activities over the last 30 years.

More info: www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au



Locals Max and Will doing their part for Clean Up Australia Day



Phone 8768 4400

Neighbourhood Natter

2022 has started with a flurry of new members, new activities, and new energy at the Centre. Our steadfast, regular members have returned, and it is a joy to welcome everybody. After the last rough couple of years, it seems that people are craving the connection of community. As always, we're pleased and proud to provide a venue with opportunities for our community to connect again and hope there is something for everyone.

Something new to learn ...

Beginners Ballroom Dancing is on Tuesdays from 8pm-9pm with a relaxed learning environment to make it more fun than formal. Term 2 is \$96 for 8 weeks.



We welcome a new cooking tutor, Mary, and the office staff are looking forward to the tasty smells and samples which may float down to us! Simple Beginners Italian Cooking will begin on 1st of June from 11am to 3pm for a 3-week course at \$80 plus ingredients.

Try Life Drawing with Janine on Tuesdays 9.30am-12 noon which is \$126 for 9 weeks in Term 2. Clothes stay on...

Something social...

Our wine club is starting back up after a Covid Hiatus. Join us on Thursday 24th March for tasting a variety of wine from 7pm at only \$15 each (all inclusive). You may like to share the details of favourites you discovered in lockdown. Bookings are essential!

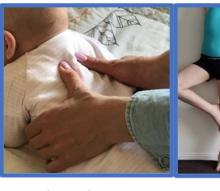
We are also working to get a new Seniors Singles Mixer group started. We already have some interest and would love to get a few more names on the list to ensure a good mixture of people. Ring or email us with your feedback about starting this new group.

Something for a healthy mind...

Recognising the emotional and mental impact of Covid, we have enlisted an accredited counsellor to facilitate a new support group. Instead of trying to book an expensive private session or floundering on a waiting list, attend this safe and non-judgemental setting where nothing is off the table to discuss. \$60 for a 4 week block of sessions on Mondays 7.00pm-8.00pm or Fridays 2.00pm-3.00pm.

Something for the kids...

Baby and children's yoga with Melinda is an exciting new addition to what is offered at the Centre. Check the program for more details of session times and age groups.



Something else...

Relax and unwind in our Yoga classes or Meditation sessions. Midweek yoga from 9.30am – 10.45am on Wednesdays is only \$126 for 9 weeks in Term 2. Meditation is on Tuesdays from 11am – 12 noon and \$117 for the term. Meet new friends to explore the neighbourhood with in our free Friday morning walking group.

There is so much more to discover at your Neighbourhood Centre. Our classes are flexible, welcoming and fun, and most can be joined at any time during a term if positions are available. (A prorata charge will be calcualted for the remaining weeks.)

Hard copies of the term program 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.

POWER SAVING BONUS



The Victorian State Government's Power Saving Bonus has been extended. This one-off \$250 payment helps eligible Victorians experiencing energy bill stress. To be eligible, you must be receiving a government Concession payment such as the pension and have an electricity bill in your name. It can be claimed once per household.

Email 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.

BNC Children's Room

Our Children's Room continues to be a favourite for families in the area as children often attend Playgroup with parents, grandparents or carers and become familiar with the room for progression on to Occasional Care. Occasional Care is an alternative to long day care Centres and we're very proud of our flexible and educational program. Our qualified and experienced staff are skilled with multiple strategies to bring out the very best in children, and with smaller groups can give each child more attention and personalised care. Sessions are family grouped, meaning siblings stay together. The licensed

program also attracts Child Care Subsidy (CCS) benefits to assist eligible families with fees.

The new longer session of Occasional Care (8.30am-4.30pm) on Thursdays is proving to be a success. Children have a rest time to ensure they are not strained by a full 8-hour day.



You may see a new face when you pick up your child as Phoebe joins our Children's Room team. Phoebe is almost finished with her Primary Education degree and assists in a casual capacity to ensure there are always correct staff ratios in the room.

We are interested in adding another casual or potentially a permanent, part-time staff member, so if you or someone you know have qualifications in early childhood education (or equivalent), or you're working towards qualifications, please get in touch with us for a chat.





Our Occasional Care and Playgroup lists are quite full, but there is always a bit of movement at the start of the year and so there is still availability in all sessions, so get in touch now to secure your place. Playgroup runs on Monday and Tuesday mornings with three different times and Occasional Care is on Thursdays and Fridays with a dedicated 3-Year-Old program running on Wednesdays. Our friendly staff are here to answer any questions and help you choose sessions that work for you.

Please note that we are following all mandated directions for Covid safety and double vaccination status is still currently 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 Phone: 8768 4400



Brad Battin MP



The New Year has certainly shared with us renewed opportunities to catch up with family and friends, schools re-opening with face-to-face learning and our community continuing to support each other as

we 'Think Local, Support Local'. I hope everyone has stayed safe during this time and continue to look after one another as we go about our day.

The people within the electorate of Gembrook have always shared their community spirit by supporting those in need. I love this camaraderie that is highlighted in our sporting clubs, schools, volunteer organisations, local shops and restaurants. Throughout this year, I will be reaching out to as many of you as I can, as we continue to strengthen and rebuild our community and engage with new community groups, sporting clubs, businesses and schools in the new Berwick electorate. Most of you will know that the State electorate boundaries have changed, and I will be standing as the Liberal candidate for the new seat of Berwick. I will continue to work for my community as the current Member of Parliament for Gembrook and represent you in Parliament as always.

My passion and drive will continue to focus on my community which has now grown to include the new seat of Berwick. I am enthusiastic to bring the message of 'Think Local, Support Local' to more people and encourage everyone to contribute to our local providers, clubs, retail shops and volunteer

It is great to see our sporting clubs shine again with the enthusiasm of competitive play and social gatherings as per current government guidelines. I enjoy watching training and attending the games of all our sporting clubs and sharing in social time with clubs, groups and schools.

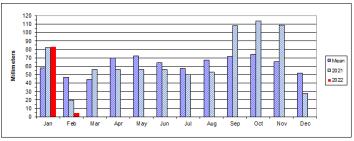
If there are any stories, comments or concerns you have that you would like to share with me, please contact me on 5953 0216 or

brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au. You can also follow me on social media via my website: www.bradbattin.com.au.

Brad Battin MP

Liberal State Member for Gembrook

Beaconsfield Rainfall Data



Mean rainfall calculated from September 1997

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Rain Days	4	3	9	8	8	7	8	9	12	14	7	6

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

The Banner is a quarterly publication produced by volunteers.

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.

Are you in High School or Uni and are interested in journalism?

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



Heritage Festival in Casey/Cardinia – Online for 2022

The annual Heritage Festival in Casey Cardinia, facilitated by our local history groups in partnership with Casey Cardinia Libraries, will be held again online in 2022.

Scheduled for Monday 2nd May, the event program is currently being finalised, but will includes presentations from local history groups in the area, around the theme of curiosity.

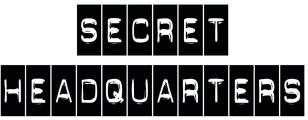
The day's program will culminate in a presentation from the Public Records of Victoria, with an exploration of the treasures that you can access from them, both online and in person.

More details will be available by April, through the library events page at: https://events.ccl.vic.gov.au.









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Not-For-Profit Building Local Housing (Continued from page 9)

mission is to create new beginnings for women at risk of homelessness by providing permanent and affordable homes and access to support networks. WPI has embarked upon a project to assist lowincome women with some savings (usually a small superannuation payout). This makes them ineligible for social housing that WPI typically provides, yet they don't have the financial capacity to access a mortgage or own a home on their own. These women are currently locked into the private rental market watching their savings being depleted which puts them at risk of homelessness in the future. WPI has built four town homes in Beaconsfield to pilot this project. The homes provides women with an opportunity to make a \$150,000 investment to secure a high quality, affordable and adaptable home that will allow them to age in place. The value of their original investment will be preserved and can be accessed, with interest, at any time in the future if they decide the property no longer meets their needs. The women will be charged rent that is no more than 30% of their income and WPI will be responsible for the costs of maintaining the properties.

Older women become homeless at a later stage following a conventional life of working and raising a family. They typically have modest savings, retire with superannuation savings that are 40% less than men (on average), and own fewer assets as they were likely to have been the primary carers of the family. This places women at a financial disadvantage compared to men of the same age. A single crisis or change of circumstances can lead them to homelessness.

For those interested in more details, please contact

Jeanette Large, CEO on 0400199426 or email <u>jeanette@wpi.org.au</u>.

Sally Martin, Communications Manager on 0413777455 or email sally@wpi.org.au.

Cardinia Shire's Annual Indigenous Plant Giveaway

Council and the Cardinia Environment Coalition Inc. Nursery are giving away two free native plants to the first 1,000 Cardinia Shire households who take up the offer.

The plants are available at Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC) Inc Nursery at Deep Creek Reserve (62 Cameron Way, Pakenham) from now until Friday 17 June 2022, or while stock lasts.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield said the free plant giveaway would encourage residents to plant native species in their gardens.

"Native plants are so important for our biodiversity. A garden planted out with native varieties that are indigenous to our shire helps to build a healthier ecosystem and support our local wildlife.

"Council is proud to support our community to create a greener Cardinia Shire through the investment of 2 native plants for 1,000 households to plant in their gardens," Cr Springfield said.

Cardinia Shire residents must bring proof of address to CEC Inc. Nursery at Deep Creek Reserve to receive 2 free native tube stock plants. Residents can choose from small to large woody stem trees. Two plants per household.

CEC Nursery Inc. at Deep Creek Reserve is located at 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham. It is open from 9am-12pm on Fridays.

For more information on the giveaway and local native plant nurseries in Cardinia Shire visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ nurseries

For more information on creating a native garden at home visit

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/plantguide







The Beaconsfield Football Club is keen to get back to footy action after another Covid interrupted year in 2021. We look forward to welcoming all our locals to Holm Park Reserve as our club embraces a new competition where we will be part of Eastern FNL 1st Division. There will be 9 new clubs to take on and learn colours and ground locations etc but we look forward to the challenge.

An undoubted highlight of the 2021 presentations was the bestowing of Life Membership on Stacey & Hugh Matthews in recognition of their tremendous service to our football club since they first became involved with our Juniors in the early 2000's. They continue to be great contributors, often being amongst the first to arrive on match days & still working long after the matches are completed. Congratulations, Stacey & Hugh on this well deserved honour.

The club's season commences with a home game against South Wantirna on Sat 2nd April and we will also be hosting a reunion gathering for our 2001 Senior premiership team at this match, after it was originally planned to be held late last season.

Practice matches are scheduled on Sat 12th March (vs Noble Park); Sat. 19th March Twilight match (vs Cranbourne) & Sat. 26th March (vs Mitcham) all at Holm Park Reserve and our canteen & Canbar will be in operation.

Memberships in various categories are now available and this is a great way to support the club and get to meet fellow Beacy locals. Contact Mark Hornstra (0418 330 083) for all details.

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.



Flashback 20 years



2001 Senior Premiership Team

You can find us at:

Website: www.beaconsfieldfc.com Facebook: @beaconsfieldfootballclub

Email: secretary@beaconsfieldfc.com

2021 Life Members; Stacey and Hugh Mathews



As we enter the final month of Summer, you would have noticed a hive of activity at the Beaconsfield Tennis Club. After the completion of the Beaconsfield Junior Tennis Tournament mid-Jan, Open day was held on January 22nd, and then Sunday Funday the week later, on the last Sunday of the month.

Yes, we still have restrictions in place, whether it be the QR check-in, clubhouse limitations (toilet access only upon request) and social distancing requirements, however, the coaching team and committee are trying their best to ensure you enjoy your tennis and that your inconvenience is minimal. For more information on the Covid-19 requirements, please refer to the club website,

www.beaconsfieldtennisinc.com.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at the clubrooms on December 6th 2021. The following positions were filled.

• President: Andrew McKenzie-Smith

Vice President: Bronwyn McCormick

• Secretary: Maurice Potter

• Treasurer: Bronwyn McCormick

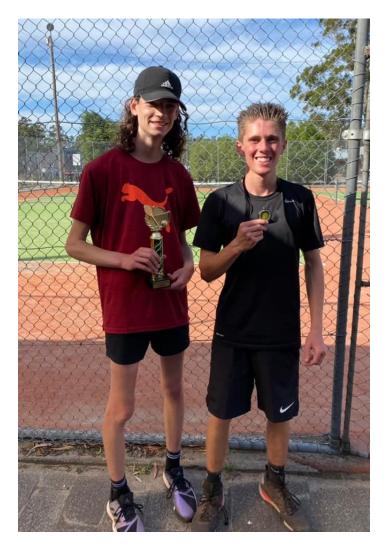
Assistant Treasurer: Barry Fletcher

 General Committee: Josh McCormick, Kerry McKean Anja Potter, Jenny Ponter and Adrian Walsh

Beaconsfield Tennis Tournament

The annual Beaconsfield junior tournament was conducted on January 12th and 13th with 55 entrants competing in singles and doubles events. Players came from as far away as Phillip Island, Gippsland and Glen Waverley to compete. Congratulations to the A grade winner, Beaconsfield TC member, Noah Dorling who defeated his club mate Lachie Pitman in a high standard final.

The next event is scheduled for Thursday April the 21st. Email <u>ossie30@bigpond.net.au</u> for entry details.



Beaconsfield Open Day

On Saturday January the 22nd the Beaconsfield TC held our annual Open Day. The club provided FREE Hotshots coaching, Cardio tennis, BBQ, drinks, icepoles and professional face-painting. Over 60 locals enjoyed the various activities on and off the tennis courts. Thank you to the club volunteers and coaches for making the day a huge success as we had all 9 courts in action throughout the event.

Congratulations to Lisa Hill who won the door-prize raffle.

Beaconsfield Sunday Funday

On the last Sunday of each month, over Spring, Summer and Autumn, Beaconsfield Tennis Club holds a Funday from 3pm-7.30pm. Tennis equipment is available for free use for those families wanting to try the game and free egg and bacon rolls, cupcakes from The Cake Stop, as well as free Zooper Doopers and drinks for those who need rehydrating. January Funday was a huge success, with families occupying the courts until late in the evening. You don't need to be a member to attend. Just put on those runners and come down to say hello. This event is proudly supported by the

Cardinia Park Hotel community support fund.

Mid-week Social Tennis

Beaconsfield Tennis club have 3 mid-week social competitions that are available for both members and non-members. The Beaconsfield/Officer Hardhitters competition runs on Monday nights at 7.30pm for experienced players. Beaconsfield/Officer Wednesday Social Tennis operates on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm and Men's Social Tennis runs on Thursday nights from 7.30pm. All of these competitions' welcome new players. Just head down to the courts and talk to our committee on the night or visit the

<u>www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com</u> website for more information.

New BTC Merchandise

For those looking for new playing outfits or something to keep you warm as the colder mornings approach, Beaconsfield Tennis club merchandise days are being help at the club during Feb – May. Refer to the Facebook page: Beaconsfield Tennis Club Community to see the days and times. If you are unable to attend the merchandise days, go to www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com and download the merchandise form and follow the instructions.

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 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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Email: mauricepotter@bigpond.com

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

Website: <u>www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com</u>

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Email: ossie30@bigpondnet.au





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.brv.vic.gov.au/cleanup



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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

Correspondence

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

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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 **15th May, 2022.**

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