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Summer 2022 Edition

Historic Railway House may be demolished

Located on Beaconsfield Avenue, Railway House was built in 1888 as the Station Master's residence. Now the State Government and the Level Crossing Removal Project are looking at demolishing the historic residence to make way for a vehicle overpass to remove the level crossing on Station Street.

Read inside about the history of this building and the fight to save it.

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Upcoming Public Events

Beaconsfield Progress Association Meeting Open to the public
Beaconsfield Community Centre - 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:30pm

Carols by the Creek have been cancelled this year due to the unprecedented wet weather.

Celebrate the wonderful

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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 and printed copies are available from a number of local businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office.

An important local issue is the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) and, in particular, the level crossing at Station Street, Beaconsfield. On behalf of members and the community, BPA organised a Zoom meeting with LXRP on Tuesday 25 October. The meeting was hosted by LXRP and went for half an hour mostly with their staff speaking. Questions were submitted online, however any questions with any reference to the Old Railway House were not discussed. The LXRP have stated a preferred option for a route diagonally south from the Goff St, Beaconsfield Ave and Station St intersection through the Old Railway House property (proposed to be compulsorily acquired and demolished) then an overpass bridge across the railway line and Kenilworth Ave and then joining a new roundabout at Kenilworth Ave. The only way to make representations to LXRP was to complete a survey which has now closed. A petition has been organised by some closely affected residents and hopefully the community will demonstrate their concerns to save this heritage listed house and sign the petition. The final plans for this LXRP project need to be approved by the Minister of Planning. There is considerable community support for the campaign to save the Old Railway House and Bunya Bunya tree.

The proposed capital works at Beaconsfield War Memorial and Bonette Reserve was discussed at the October BPA Meeting. Draft concept plans were presented at that meeting. Subsequently pop-up sessions at Bonette Reserve were held on Sunday 13th November and Wednesday 16th November. An online consultation format was available between 28th October and 25th November at www.cardinia.vic/gov.au/haveyoursay. BPA members and the community have provided Council

with thoughts and comments for the design to best meet our community expectations.

Discussions are being held to consider the community interest in power saving initiatives, renewable energy and planning for a more environmentally friendly future. The Upper Beaconsfield Green Initiative Group have held meetings to discuss various issues including completion of a survey to establish community interest, green initiatives, partnerships with power companies, educating the community, etc. Two BPA members have attended these meetings. If you are interested in solar, home energy efficiency microgrids, and being part of a local Green Initiatives Group then please email secretary@beaconsfield.com.au so initial interest can be assessed.

At the Cardinia Shire Annual Statutory Council Meeting held on 7th November, Cr Tammy Radford was elected as Mayor and Cr Jack Kowarzik was elected as Deputy Mayor. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes for the year ahead in these important roles.

Unfortunately it has been determined that, due to excessive recent rain, Carols by the Creek will not be able to be held at Bob Burgess Reserve this year, and several other venues are either unavailable or unsuitable. The organisers had explored all the options but sadly have to cancel the event this year.

The Beaconsfield Banner is produced by volunteers with costs of printing and overhead expenses covered by advertising revenue and grants from Cardinia Shire Council and from Australian Government for Regional and Local Newspaper Publishers.

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, I hope everyone enjoys a lovely Christmas with family and friends and best wishes for 2023.

Graeme Taylor
President
Beaconsfield Progress Association

Beacon Hills Ward

Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

Bonette Reserve landscape improvements

Cardinia Shire Council invites community feedback on a draft concept plan for Bonette Reserve, Beaconsfield.

Council has developed a draft concept plan to

guide landscape improvements to the reserve.

Bonette Reserve is located at the corner of Woods Street and Old Princes Highway in Beaconsfield and includes the Beaconsfield War Memorial.

Council is keen to incorporate the community's ideas into the final concept plans.

The reserve holds a special place in the heart of the community and the Beaconsfield township.

We want to ensure the reserve plans sensitively consider the heritage context of the site.

We also want to look to create a distinctive public space that offers a place of reflection and ceremony, develop a strong connection to Bob Burgess Reserve and Cardinia Creek, and provide access for all abilities and members of our community.

This is your chance to share your ideas about the future of the reserve through the development of the concept design. We look forward to seeing lots of members of the local Beaconsfield community at a drop-in session – or pop online to provide your comments or fill out a survey.

The draft concept plan outlines improvements to the reserve including provision of accessible parking bay, seating, paths, paving, planting, lighting as well as maintaining existing significant trees and improving accessibility and safety.

Community input will help inform the development of the final concept plan.

For more information -

www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/bonette-reserve

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Bonette Reserve is home to the Beaconsfield War Memorial. It is located at the intersection of Woods Street and (old) Princes Highway, Beaconsfield.



Image: Cardinia Shire

Councillors' Report

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Volunteer locally

Looking for a way to give back and connect with the community? One of the many volunteering groups in Cardinia Shire may be for you! Not only does volunteering help to improve the world around you, but it also helps to combat loneliness, improves confidence, and promotes skill sharing. Whether you're interested in gardening and environment, sports, recreation or just want to give back to the community, there is a volunteering opportunity for everyone. So, if you are looking to connect with new people and give back to the community, check out our volunteering directory:

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In the formal engagement for the project Council has provided a submission alongside the community's submissions emphasising the importance of protection of this heritage site.



[Editor's note: See the main article on the effort to save Railway House on page 10]

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.

Brett Owen
Councillor
Beacon Hills Ward
Cardinia Shire Council



LXRP upgrades at Brunt Road and Station Street Beaconsfield

The Victorian Government is making the Pakenham line level crossing free by 2025, including the level

crossings at Brunt Road and Station Street in Beaconsfield.

Early works are underway on Brunt Road with major construction underway next year. Works will get underway on Station Street as designs develop in 2023. For more information, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/lxrp

Council does have serious concerns regarding the LXRP in Station St Beaconsfield given that the plans include acquiring the historically significant building namely Railway House at 20 Beaconsfield Avenue in order to construct a bridge over rail.

Council recognises the value of Station Master's House and the adjacent tree to the community as heritage significance. We are aware of the community's concerns and recognise how crucial it is to protect this heritage property.

Council is considered a stakeholder in the design process and will seek to influence outcomes, although council will not be final decision maker, this will be the Minister for Planning who will determine the outcome of the project.

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Christmas, Looking Back at 1969

By Penny Harris Jennings

Beaconsfield residents have long enjoyed the festive season.

In the lead up to Christmas day in 1969 many families were celebrating achievements accomplished throughout the year.

The 1st Beaconsfield Scouting group were celebrating the presentation of the Queens Scout badge to Beaconsfield Rover Squire, Alan Johnston. Alan received the first ever such award for the 1st Beaconsfield Group, the BBQ celebration was well attended by dignitaries and guests.

Linda Tudden, a student at the Beaconsfield State School received the "Citizen Award" for her work in assisting the senior citizens walkathon and the Egg Appeal.

Marjorie Watson of Station Street, Officer passed her exams to become a registered nursing aide at the Eye and Ear Hospital in Melbourne.

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade received from the Country Fire Authority a new 4 x 4 truck, which was much appreciated for the potential firefighting season.

Businesses published their gratitude in the local newspapers to those residents that frequented their establishment.

Messages included "Greetings for Christmas 1969, with best wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year." Advertisements for gifts and Christmas fare, were prominent in the newspapers encouraging readers to prepare and purchase for the festive season celebration. Many gifts were promoted as "the perfect gift for the whole family", such as the Sparklets Soda Syphon being one such gift. A

traditional gift for men was often a practical item, and in particular in 1969 the favourites were

binoculars or a multitool, which incorporated a wire cutter, ice breaker, nut-cracker, cork opener, tin opener, screw driver, and piercer. The local Pharmacy's recommendation for women was a classic French perfume, other popular items for this year were Psychedelic diaries, notebooks, address books and telephone books. There were also street stalls or the school fair for the purchase of gifts, generally "homemade" or "home grown" items. Beautiful personal presents for mothers and

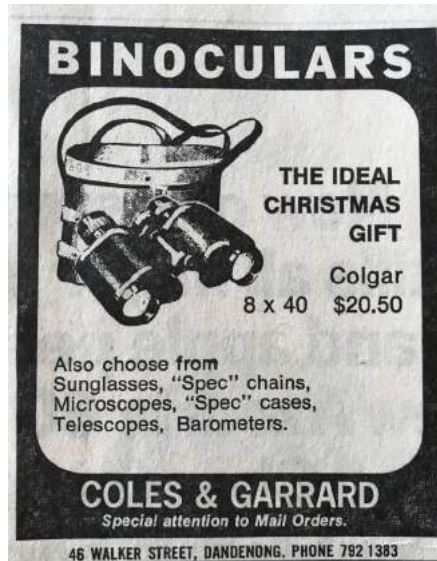
grandmothers were always well received, including hand decorated nightwear or a knitted cardigan.

Gift giving for the young was highly promoted to encourage popularity, and in 1969 the most coveted by children were the Nerfball, Sindy Doll, Model Apollo Moon Rocket, Risk Board Game and the Malvern Star Bike.

It was a particularly busy time for Santa, visiting the State School with his sack of gifts. Santa would give a present, most often a book. Children would often have a fancy dress day and perform dances to entertain their parents or perform the Nativity Play.

Young people from various groups presented concerts for their end of school year at the Beaconsfield Hall, since demolished. There were Christmas Parties and the Carols by Candlelight evenings to attend, carols sung by the crowd attending accompanied by the local Brass Bands.

The festive season may have changed since 1969 but without doubt all those who enjoy the celebration will create a special gathering which will continue to include delicious food and gift giving.



Are you interested in helping the environment?

By Viv Williams

Can you help make a wonderful community asset even better?

Beaconsfield residents appreciate our leafy town particularly our many parks such as the Kath Roberts Reserve and Bob Burgess Park, and of course the well-known Beaconsfield Park which forms part of the Cardinia Creek Sanctuary and Akoonah Park.

For many years the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary (FoCCS) has maintained and improved the area through working bees and plantings in consultation with relevant statutory bodies.

During Covid restrictions many local people used the Cardinia Creek area for their exercise, in fact over-used it and destroyed many of the pre-Covid plantings. Whilst all sections of the park have been affected, the areas surrounding walking tracks, playgrounds and popular dog-swimming parts of Cardinia Creek are in dire need of restoration.

Like other voluntary groups FoCCS was unable to continue its regular activities during the pandemic. Now that normalcy is slowly returning, the FoCCS is eager to return but needs your help. Everyone is invited to assist the group regardless of age, ability or experience with supervised children and dogs very welcome. If you have enjoyed Cardinia Creek and its wonderful bushland, why not give something back to the community and help restore this valuable asset?

Perhaps you belong to a social group and would like to plant together. FoCCS provides the plants, tools and supervision and you provide the labour. Teachers may like to incorporate positive action into their curriculum



as we have successfully involved pre-school children in environmental activities.

If you are interested in actively contributing, whether on a one-off basis or as a regular member, please contact April, the FoCCS Secretary, on 0422056809 for further information. You are assured of a very warm welcome.



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In September MYC took the stage with Opera Australia in two performances of Barber of Seville. Participating in this hilarious show was super special for the choristers.



MYC has loved and appreciated being part of the Beaconsfield Community, and with very mixed feelings we moved into Hampton Park Secondary College in Term 4. Huge thanks to Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre for hosting us for the last couple of years. We're both sorry to leave and enjoying the partnership with HPSC and engaging with a new community.

To celebrate Children's Week, supported by Department of Education, MYC invited children

for hour-long workshops for three different age-groups, followed by a performance. It's impressive and rewarding that so much can be learnt/produced in an hour.

VicHealth: Reimagining Health project has been highly successful and will continue on through 2023. Participants enjoy the classes and are improving social and communication skills through music, ably

lead by Fiona Moseley, a speech pathologist and past MYC chorister. We're hugely excited to offer this program for children with learning difficulties/intellectual disabilities.

MYC celebrated the year with a

workshops-and-concert event at the Rivergum Performing Arts Centre in Hampton Park. The concert featured performances by each of the workshop groups, showcased all MYC's choirs and featured guest artists Thursday's Child. It was a FUN

night! Although we've moved out of Beaconsfield, please do look out for advertising of MYC's events and come along to share the gift of music.



Thanks Beaconsfield – all the best for the holidays and for the future!

The Flying Free Therapy Choir Pilot Program, a

Historic Beaconsfield Railway House Eyed For Demolition

By Fran Healy

I begin this article with a question

“What will Beaconsfield look like without the Railway House (Station Master’s Residence) standing proudly near the Beaconsfield Station since its completion over 150 years ago?”

What will Beaconsfield feel like when our daily walk, or drive, or commute means we no longer glimpse a scene from long ago when life was simple?

Imagine our town when we no longer see the red letterbox with number 20 on it and smile. This is about to become a reality for all of us in the very near future.

The proposed Level Crossing Replacement Project in Station St Beaconsfield means that the Victorian Government will acquire Railway House and demolish it in order to build a very big bridge over a very small railway line with no real advantage.

The Railway House was built in 1888 by local builder James Adamson for Charles Nott. Over the years it has been a family home, a Ladies College and a

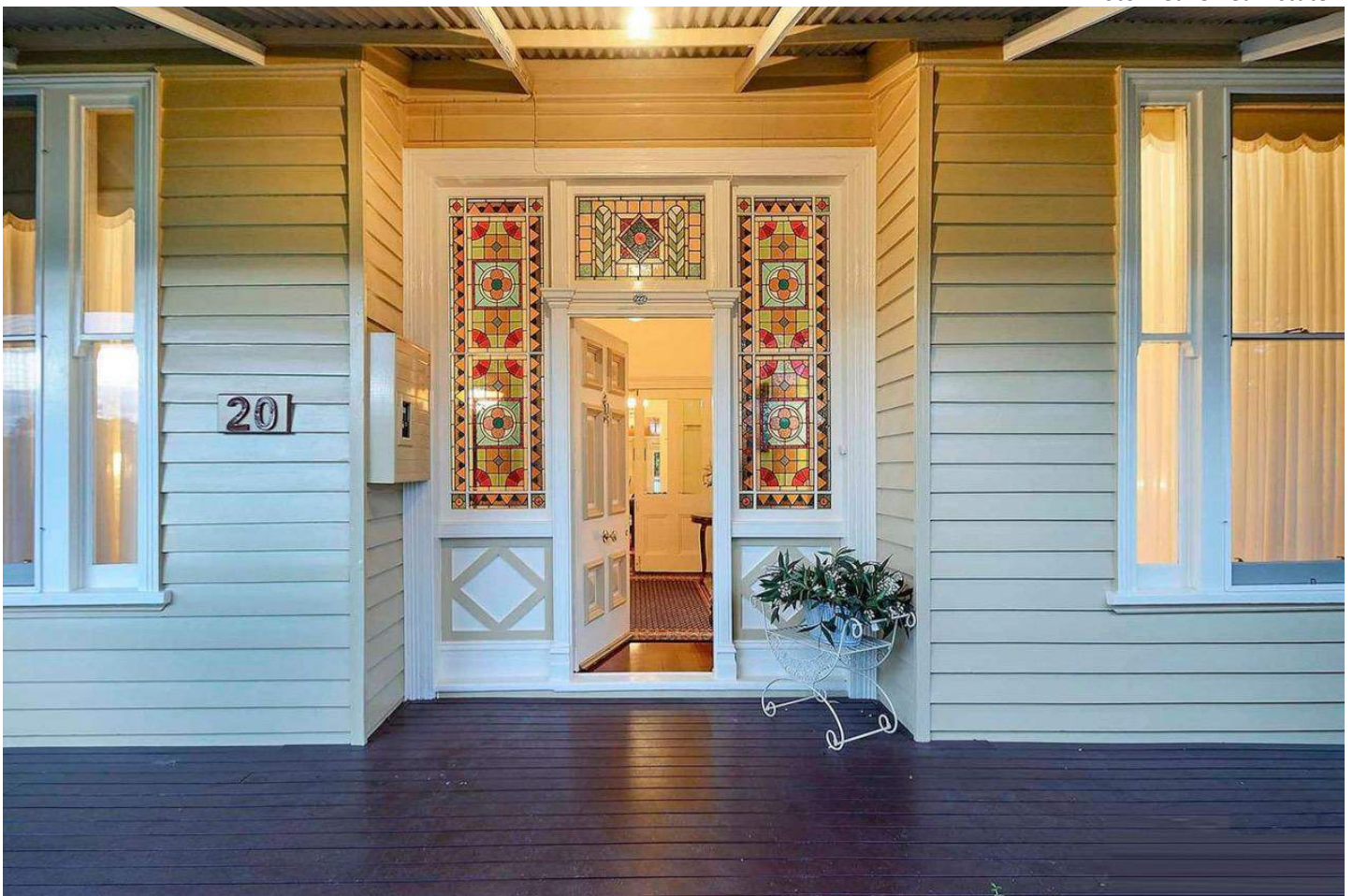
holiday home as well as the Station Master’s Residence. The original property number can still be found above the door! It has witnessed the growth of Beaconsfield from a quiet country town to the bustling community it is today.

The bunya bunya pine planted at the front of the Railway house although a remnant of the Kenilworth Gardens of the 1880’s was planted when Railway House foundations were laid in 1888 so is in fact as old as the house. It is a very healthy, rare example of its type and is now on the significant trees listing.

It has become a landmark known by all when describing Beaconsfield and surrounds. It is featured in books about the history of Beaconsfield.

When purchased by Ian and Yvonne Cole in 2002 it leaked, was rundown and neglected. Ian and Yvonne spent years and much money ensuring that this special house was restored as faithfully as possible. Inside and out, it is testament to their attention to detail, and the carpentry, restoration skills and patience of Ian.

Photo: Peake Real Estate



Yvonne created a wonderful garden and painted metres and metres of wall, cornices and skirting boards!! They jumped through all the hoops Heritage Victoria presented to them despite being initially told it was external control colour only.

As a neighbour, and friend, I know how much they loved living there and being a part of the Beaconsfield

Photo: Peake Real Estate



community. Ian epitomised this by being a great spokesman and champion of all that is great about Beaconsfield, especially its history. He wrote many articles in the Beaconsfield Banner detailing their renovation ups and downs.

When Ian and Yvonne reluctantly sold in 2018 to move to a smaller property the current owners moved in with the same determination to preserve

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this beautiful home for future generations. They see themselves only as custodians of this property for Beaconsfield in the many years to come. They love living there and take great pride in ensuring they continue to add to the story of the Railway House but it is first and foremost their home.

The news that this beautiful home, and heritage property, is to be acquired and demolished was sad and shocking news to hear indeed. The official notices from the LXP made no mention that the property being acquired was the Railway House and there is no understanding or appreciation that it has such significance for the community. It would be devastating for anyone to hear that what was your home was going to be taken and you had absolutely no say in the process. We feel for the owners and this is now a call to arms for our very tight knit Beaconsfield community. It is like this home belongs to all of us, we see it on our travels around the town and have almost taken it for granted over the years.

We do not want this to happen, we need to object in the strongest possible way to those responsible that the Railway House must stay. In order for this to happen we need people power and the power of

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Historic Railway House Eyed For Demolition (from page 14)

your voices. Our democracy demands that we be heard because this affects us, our community and the future generations to show that we value our past. Too many of our heritage buildings have been lost to us over the past few years. The Old Post Office in Woods St was torn down and a lonely space now stands as a reminder every day.

Instead of the Railway House there will be a bridge over the road and two roundabouts, one of which will be constructed in the Cardinia Creek Parkland. The justification for removing the level crossing was that it was congested and dangerous but it fulfills neither of those criteria, in fact we would argue that roundabouts create their own congestion, especially at peak time when traffic is approaching the roundabout from all directions as is the case at Soldiers Rd and Kangan Dr. The wetlands flora and fauna will be adversely affected during construction and the engineering feat of ensuring the stability of the bridge is challenging indeed with the whole area being recently under significant flooding. The speed with which these level crossings are being removed is truly worrying without due diligence being undertaken. The floods in Lilydale are being blamed on the hasty build of the new Lilydale Station and the business owners are now paying the price and say that they expressed their concerns at the time but were not listened to. We do not want to be in that position in the future when we are able now to

ensure that where we live is protected and our concerns are heard. This is our chance to speak about these very serious issues before it is too late.

Despite these concerns our priority is saving the Railway House. These houses don't stand the test of time on their own. It takes those who care for them to preserve them, it takes the community to call out efforts to remove them. Our love of all things historical can be seen whenever the steam train puffs and whistles its way up the Pakenham line to Gippsland and spectators line the tracks and level crossings all the way to wave and remember a bygone era that isn't really gone when we can experience it in what we see and hear and love.

To have your say please go to www.change.org/SaveRailwayHouse and sign the petition

To keep updated on news and progress visit the FB page [Save the Railway House](#)

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Approximate location of the proposed road overpass connecting Beaconsfield Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue, with current level crossing removed as indicated. Railway House is seen on Beaconsfield Avenue (#20), south of Souter Street.

The organisers were at Akoonah Market this past weekend to spread the word about Railway House. After getting nearly 1000 signatures on our online petition, an article in the Pakenham Gazette, a sign in front of the house, a council meeting and emails to decision makers that go unanswered, the conversation is still ongoing.



The information bill board erected in front of the house was sponsored by Kaye Charles Real Estate

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Beaconsfield CFA



I would like to share with the community some history of the brigade.

The Beaconsfield CFA was founded in 1944 and only recently lost one of its first members,

Bruce Adamson, a name synonymous with Beaconsfield.

The original station which housed our first vehicle and a small meeting room sits at the rear of the old fire station and the front which now houses a mower business was completed in 1972. We are now comfortably housed in our new station nearly opposite the old building.



1969 - The group of volunteers on the morning the old fire station was repositioned in readiness to build the current station. Pictured L to R: Barry Chester, Alan Burgess, Arthur Adamson, Bob Burgess, Kane Harris, George Boulds, David Hoare, Bruce Adamson, Peter Aurisch, Graham Aurisch and Bruce Stranger.

Original fire station prior to the 1972 addition on the front

I joined in March 1967 and recently completed 55 years of service.

It is important to reflect on how devastating the Ash



deemed to have catastrophic results in the event of a fire.

Stay safe and fire aware.

Tony Lukas

The new CFA fire station located opposite the original one on Woods Street.

Wednesday fires were on our region and ensure we do everything in our power to ensure it never happens again.

This coming February 16th will be 40 years since that fateful day with a commemorative day in Cockatoo to reflect that fateful time.

Well, summer is approaching and it is time to dust off your fire plan for those who live on the rural urban interface and ensure ALL families are familiar with what your plan contains and that any updates are known by all family members



Beaconsfield CFA Station and newly added appliance bay, c.1972

If you do not have a plan and need assistance, help is available via the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Finally, the brigade has been busier than usual with up to 3 call outs some days.

Calls vary from false alarms, set alarms, motor vehicle accidents, house and garage fires.

As hot weather approaches please be fire aware and check how you would be affected on a day that is



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Neighbourhood Natter

Christmas is suddenly around the corner and even though the shops have been tinselised since October, it still feels like it came upon us very quickly.

Our big fundraiser of the year, the Christmas Raffle, is back with some lovely hampers to be won. We encourage the donation of prizes from our community as well as entries to ensure a successful raffle. Your chance to win is only \$1 per ticket at Reception or bank transfers are welcome if you can't attend the Centre. Just get in touch to let us know how many tickets you would like.

If you haven't already claimed the one-off payment of \$250 that is offered to ease cost-of-living pressures and encourage Victorians to compare their household energy prices and save money, you have until July 2023. You will need to have a recent residential electricity bill and be the account holder for that bill.

We're finishing off the year with a Christmas Floral workshop. From 12.30pm on Friday 9th of December, it's just \$45 for all materials to make your own Christmas Floral arrangement. Add a \$2.50 workshop membership if you are not already a member at the Centre and bring your own scissors or secateurs.



Our talented members continue to astonish us with their work. We were thoroughly awed by this amazing Patchwork quilt and striking painting. Do you see yourself in these pictures? Contact us to join in!

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In other news, we are so very, very proud of our own Children's Dance Teacher, Miss Erin, who represented Australia in the recent IPL World Championships up on the Gold Coast.

Erin (pictured below middle) took home the gold medal and became the new International Powerlifting League World Champion for the U67.5kg weight category. Squatting with a massive 180kg, benching 70kg and deadlifting a huge 175kg- this woman is amazing!



Our AGM was held in October, and we're pleased to welcome back returning members and introduce some new faces on our Committee of Management for 2022/2023:

President: Noel Wyett

Vice President: Tania Baxter

Secretary: Katharine O'Carroll

Treasurer: Sharyn Cronin

General Members: Valerie Boumann, Alyssa Jones, Gwen Neve, Miryam Prasetyo, Monica Spiteri, Shoheli Sunjida and Maria Tucci.

We are so grateful that these wonderful volunteers have put their hands up to govern the Centre and ensure we continue to meet our community's needs. We also farewell those members who have served their time and step down with our many thanks.

BNC Children's Room

When there was a break in the rain, the kids had fun with a matching game, exploring the garden to find where the mystery photos were taken.



Our 2023 Children's Room timetable seems to be just what local families want with our longer 8-hour sessions of Occasional Care on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays almost full. Some availability remains for the Monday afternoon four hour session. Get in touch to discuss the available options for your needs. We can put you on the waiting list for a permanent place if there is no immediate availability or you may prefer to be on our contact list for casual or emergency care.

A reminder that our Children's Room is available to hire on weekends for children's parties. At just \$40 per hour, it can provide a great space to make your own and hold your special event. Contact the office for more details on 8768 4400.

Our Term 4 programs are in full swing until we close on December 16, but newcomers are welcome at any time. Keep an eye out for our 2023 Term 1 Program: www.bncinc.org.au

Hard copies of our 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.

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

Stay connected!

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Member for Gembrook



Brad Battin MP

By Brad Battin MP

Well, this is difficult. As I write this there are 17 days until the State Election, as you read it, the election will be run and won by someone. If my opponent was elected, I wish them all the best, if I am returned, I look forward to working with the community again.

No matter the outcome, I would like to put on record my thanks and appreciation to Malik (Labor), Hayley (Greens), Katherine (Animal Justice), Joel (Family First Victoria) and Kerry (Freedom Party). It was only the six of us nominated at the time I write this, and I want to thank them all for being an active part of our democracy. We are lucky and privileged in Australia to have a system that not only allows but encourages participation in our democracy without fear or favour. If any other candidates nominated after I write this, thank you to you also.

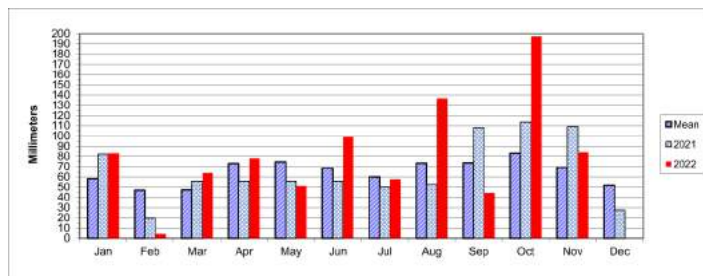
Anyway, the best way to write from here on is to say we now need to turn our focus from the State Election to the state fire season. Victoria knows all too well what a lack of preparation can result in. The Government has a responsibility on public land, and we know more could be done here. At the same time individuals have a responsibility to protect their own houses and community. Make sure you empty the gutters, clear as much as possible to prevent fire reaching your home. You can seek advice from the awesome team at the Beaconsfield CFA, the volunteers there know the risks and the best prevention options.

Also, Council can offer advice and I am confident they will point you in the right direction for support if you need it. Don't leave it too late, make sure you and your family have a fire plan as they do save lives. Finally, with preparation, reach out to the neighbours who are a little more vulnerable, they may need some assistance as this may impact your families' plans.

Take care this summer, and no matter who your local MP is from 27 November onwards, they should be there to assist you and offer guidance. Thank you again and have a wonderful Christmas. (I can't believe I am already saying that in November.)

Brad Battin – Your Local MP?

Beaconsfield Rainfall



Mean rainfall calculated from September 1997

	2022												2021
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	D
mm	83	4.25	63.7	78.1	51	99	58	136.7	44.5	197.5	84	27.75	
Rain Days	4	3	11	8	13	11	13	16	8	15	11	6	

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The Beaconsfield Football Club held their AGM in October with the following members of the Executive elected –

President – Troy Robinson (for his 8th season); Vice-Presidents – Mark Hornstra, Sponsorship - Scott Hilton, Footy Ops - Paul Matson; Junior Club Pres: Kym- Maree Ingram; Secretary – Andrea Cockayne; Treasurer – Nadine Bommert.

Life Memberships were awarded at our Presentation Night to long serving club people in Ian Meyer & Terry Lock and congratulations to both for this well deserved honour.

Pre-Season Training for the 2023 season commenced on 22nd November and will include Tues/Thursday sessions until Christmas break. The club is busy getting players & staff in place for a demanding second season in the strong Eastern FNL, and welcomes all newcomers to come along to Holm Park and get involved.

Another recent highlight of the year was the naming of our Team of the Decade 2011-2020 which had been delayed from previous seasons due to the impact of Covid. The unveiling took place on-line with a presentation to recipients planned for early in the 2023 season.



Terry Lock receiving his Life Membership



Ian Meyer with his Life Members badge



Another great local event which involved quite a few football identities was a “Living wake” for Betty & Brian Doble held in conjunction with their 90th birthdays. The Doble family were a massive part of the Junior & Senior football clubs from the early 1970’s and there were numerous Life Members gathered to share the occasion at the old clubrooms at Perc Allison Reserve.

The club continues to put on great live bands over the summer period with the Abba tribute band performing in December and more acts to follow. You can keep up with all activities via our Beaconsfield Football Club Facebook page.



2011-2020 BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

TEAM OF THE DECADE

FOLLOWERS	SCOTT MEYER (VC)  RUCK			BACKLINE			COACH	CLINT EVANS 		
	DAMIEN JOHNSTON  RUCK ROVER			BACK POCKET JAKE BOWD  BACK FLANK				DANIEL BATTAGLIN  FULL BACK	JAYDEN GEE  BACK POCKET	
	SEAN DWYER  ROVER			CENTRE HALF BACK SHAUN POLLARD  CENTRE HALF BACK				ROB TAYLOR  BACK FLANK		
INTERCHANGE	DANIEL JOHNSTON 			CENTRE LINE			TRAINERS	PAUL OLSSON 		
	RILEY VERBI 			WING JESSE LINKINS  WING					DANIEL MISLICKI (C)  CENTRE	LACHIE MODICA  WING
	AARON GWODZDIEWSKI 			HAIR FLOWERS					BEAU DOWLER  CENTRE HALF FWD	JOSH DODSWORTH  FORWARD FLANK
FORWARDS	JAKE AARTS 			FORWARD FLANK KRIS FLETCHER  FORWARD FLANK			TRAINERS	HUGH MATTHEWS 		
	TROY MCDERMOTT  FORWARD POCKET			FULL FORWARD TAYLOR JOYCE  FULL FORWARD					DAMIAN SZWAJA  FORWARD POCKET	



It's been a frustrating time of the year for tennis with all the wind and rain over Spring. The BTC committee and the coaching team have been continually repairing courts and picking up branches to ensure our competitions and coaching remain on schedule. A big thank you to Ossie's Tennis Coaching for putting in the effort to ensure all our players have some court time during the season.

Now that Christmas is just around the corner the BTC committee would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas. The weekly competitions are on a break over January, but keep watching our Facebook page and website as we announce open days, tournaments and tennis 4 teens over the school holidays.

Halloween at the BTC

Like most days in October, Halloween rained and rained and rained. Regardless of the weather, BTC held their annual Halloween event inside the



clubhouse with over 80 trick and treaters scaring the organisers. Activities included wrap the 'daddy', pumpkin bowling, eyeball rolling and much more. Two best dressed competitions were held, and Party Girl World Cranbourne supplied the face painting. Some of the prizes consisted of some fantastic Halloween themed cakes and a chocolate house from The Cake Stop.

Free Court Access

On the night of the men's AO final, Beaconsfield Tennis Club will be opening their doors for free tennis. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more information about food and activities run on the night. The final will be shown on the TV in the clubrooms on the night, so you won't miss out.



Coach's Corner

Ossie's rules of tennis...

- 1 The game plan is simple: win the last point
- 2 Smile: you will play better
- 3 Footwork is key: so, bring the energy
- 4 Defend cross court
- 5 Attack down the line
- 6 When hitting from outside the court go cross-court
- 7 When hitting from inside the court go down the line
- 8 Three-metre rule: when pushed 3m behind the baseline aim 3m above the net
- 9 Never double fault in a tiebreaker
- 10 Never miss a passing shot long (depth is not important)
- 11 Never miss a drop shot or lob wide (width is not important)
- 12 Respect your opponent & the sport
- 13 Listen to your coach

Tennis 4 Teens

Tennis 4 Teens will continue through Spring and Summer, including school holidays, on various Sundays announced on the Beaconsfield Tennis Club Community Facebook page.

Watch out for the announcements that week or contact us through Facebook or the website: www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com for more information.

Interclub Competition

Midweek Women's Comp

For the ladies, our club participates in the Dandenong and District Tennis Association competition on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings commencing at 9:30. Contact Anja Potter 0437 074 287

Junior competition

For both girls and boys up to the age of 18, our club participates in the Berwick and District Tennis Association on both Saturday and Sunday mornings commencing at 8:00am. Contact Brad Meates 0405 428 208

Senior competition

Our club participates in the WDTA on Saturday afternoons and is open to all ladies and gentlemen. Contact Adrian Walsh 0425 747 615

Social Competition

Monday/Wed night mixed Comp

Beaconsfield and Officer have two social competitions in collaboration with each other. Wednesday night social is for all abilities for all ages. It's a great night out for those who like a game of tennis but don't take it very seriously. For the more experienced serious player, Beaconsfield/Officer have a Monday night advanced hitters' competition. The format is Rubbers with teams of two. Price per night for both Monday and Wednesday night competitions: Members \$5 and Non members \$10. Contact Maurie on 0437 759 793 for Wednesday night social and contact Josh McCormick on 0458 869 252 for Advanced Hitters.

Casual Men's Thurs night

For a very casual men only hit, Thursday night is for you. Contact Gavin Baxter 0418 107 363
All night competitions commence at 7:30pm.

Veterans Day Social

For a Sunday morning social hit, come down to the courts at around 8:00 am for a social hit and free coffee from the canteen. Contact Les Donaldson 0409 435 121

2022/23 Annual Membership Fees

NEW SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIPS 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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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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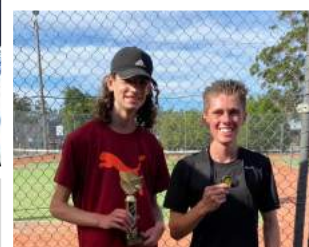
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