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## Bunya-Bunya Pine Threatened with Removal

This bunya-bunya pine, *Araucaria bidwillii*, planted in the late 1800's has stood proud over Beaconsfield for generations. It is now threatened by the Victorian state government in order to remove a level crossing on Station Street, along with the historic Railway House.

Read inside about the ongoing fight to save this tree and Railway House from demolition.

*Photo: Robert Cooper*

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**ANZAC Memorial Service**

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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](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au) and printed copies are available from a number of local businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office. Hopefully you have been able to have a restful and enjoyable break over Christmas and New Year. Most activities are now back in full swing. If possible, involve yourselves in community groups, events and activities as Beaconsfield has much to offer.

Currently, the important local issue is the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) and, in particular, the level crossing at Station Street, Beaconsfield. The BPA has informed the community at our meetings and by various online posts and by printed material and organised a public meeting with the LXRP and also made various representations to the LXRP.

The LXRP have stated their preferred option for a route diagonally south from the Goff Street, Beaconsfield Avenue and Station Street intersection through the Old Railway House property (proposed to be compulsorily acquired and demolished), then an overpass bridge across the railway line and Kenilworth Avenue, and then joining a new roundabout at Kenilworth Avenue.

The BPA supports a group of local residents who have protested the proposed demolition of the Old Railway House. In particular, they have used social media, websites and other ways to publicise the possible loss of the Old Railway House and Bunya Bunya tree both noted as having Heritage significance by a report for Cardinia Shire Council.

The loss of the house and tree would occur if the Minister of Planning approved the Project's preferred option. The Group has organised a petition to save the Old Railway House and Bunya Bunya tree and our Association supports the petition.

The BPA was successful in obtaining a 2022/2023 Cardinia Shire Council beautification grant of \$2,000 which will be used for a seat in Beaconsfield Park. The BPA reviews grants available from the local Council, State, and Federal Governments that have a positive effect on the wellbeing of Beaconsfield residents. The BPA appreciates any financial assistance received.

Unfortunately, the outdoor drive-In movie planned for Australia Day 2023 was not able to be held due to insufficient number of people to run and manage the event.

However, planning is well underway for the ANZAC Memorial Service to be held at the Beaconsfield War Memorial on Sunday, 23rd of April commencing at 2pm. A grant will be received from Cardinia Shire Council to cover the costs of this event.



*Gerald Treasure and Graeme Taylor celebrating Community Bank Beaconsfield District 10 year anniversary of operations*

Sadly, the Beaconsfield community lost a true identity with the recent death of Gerald Treasure at the age of 90. He previously owned and operated Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware for many years. He involved himself with many community organisations including the Beaconsfield Football Club (life member), the Community Bank Beaconsfield District (involved in set-up and 10 year Director), the Rotary Club of Berwick, and St.

John of God Hospital. He was loved and respected by the Beaconsfield community. Vale Gerald.

Graeme Taylor  
President  
Beaconsfield Progress Association

# Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

## Beaconsfield Tennis Courts

Cardinia Shire Council is pleased to acknowledge the official opening of the upgraded tennis courts in Beaconsfield.

Two courts were upgraded with the support of Council's

Community Capital Works grant program and the federal government's Stronger Communities grant program.

I congratulate the Beaconsfield Tennis Club for applying for the council grant and for its advocacy for the project. The courts look great.



## Have your say: Active Cardinia Strategy

Council is inviting our community to review and provide feedback on its draft Active Cardinia

Strategy.

The draft Active Cardinia Strategy has been prepared based on feedback received during the initial round of community consultation undertaken in mid-2022.

Providing a framework and direction for the long-term planning, development and management of sport and recreation facilities across the municipality, the draft Strategy also identifies programming and activation opportunities to increase participation in sport and active recreation across the shire.

The draft Active Cardinia Strategy represents Council's commitment to increasing opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation across its communities.

This document outlines a shared vision for Cardinia Shire to foster a healthy and active community, which is supported by a network of high quality and accessible facilities, vibrant clubs, strong partnerships, and that promotes equitable opportunities to engage in sport and active recreation.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the development of this draft through the community consultation last year. We are currently seeking your feedback on the draft document, including your opinions on the identified challenges and opportunities and the proposed actions to be delivered in the short term.

## **Consultation closes Tuesday 7 March 2023.**

Our community can provide input and feedback in a number of ways including:

- Online engagement platform: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)
- In person at our Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer
- By email to [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)
- By post to PO Box 7, Pakenham VIC 3810

For more information visit our Creating Cardinia online engagement platform at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

## **Grant Applications now open**

Applications are now open for Cardinia Shire Council's Community Capital Works Grant Program and Wellbeing Support Grant Program for 2023-24.

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Both grant programs assist community groups to improve community and recreational facilities, as well as help establish new organisations, projects and services within Cardinia Shire.

Applications for these grant programs close 5pm, Friday 31 March 2023.

## About the Community Capital Works Grant Program

This program assists community groups to improve community and recreational facilities to support community networks and enhance community wellbeing.

The Community Capital Works Grant Program is made up of 3 categories:

- **Community Capital Works Grants** support community and recreational facility upgrade works that fall into one of 4 priority areas. Council manage works on behalf of community groups. Community groups are not required to provide matched funding.
- **Community Capital Works Partnership Grants** are available for community and recreational facility upgrade works that fall into one of 3 priority areas. Community groups manage the works with guidance from Council and must provide a matched funding amount based on their annual income.
- **Major Equipment Grants** support major equipment purchases that fall into one of 3 priority areas. Equipment purchases are used to help maintain sporting grounds, outer grounds or large internal areas. Community groups must provide dollar-for-dollar matched funding.

## About the Wellbeing Support Grant Program

This program helps to establish new organisations, projects and services. It also funds initiatives that improve residents' health and wellbeing, support opportunities for volunteering, as well as those which help to build the capacity of community groups, projects and programs to be sustainable.

**Wellbeing Support Grants** Program funding categories are:

- **Seeding grants** to support the cost of starting a new organisation, group, club, program, project or service.
- **Volunteering grants** to help create volunteering programs, train volunteers or promote volunteering opportunities.
- **Small change grants** to assist with a range of ad hoc costs that cannot be met through other funding sources, such as buying small items of equipment, website redevelopment, Christmas decorations and more.

For more information about Council's Community Capital Works Grant Program and Wellbeing Support Grants Program and to apply, visit Council's website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants) or call 1300 787 624.

## Green Waste Drop Off Events

Council's free green waste drop-off events help Cardinia Shire residents to clean up and reduce the fire fuel load on their properties.

Council's green waste drop-off events are a free service accepting residential amounts of green waste including garden prunings, tree branches and trunks (up to 30 centimetres wide and 1 metre long), weeds, grass clippings, leaves, and flowers.

Residents must present photo ID as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service.

Waste will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

### **Pakenham – Friday 24 to Monday 27 March 2023**

- Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham
- All days: 9am to 4pm

### **Lysterfield – Friday 19 to Monday 22 May 2023**

- Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre, 840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield
- Friday: 8am to 4pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 12pm (noon)
- Monday: 8am to 4pm

### **Pakenham – Friday 21 to Monday 24 July 2023**

- Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham
- All days: 9am to 4pm

## New Waste Services Guides

Council's new 2023 Waste and Recycling guide is here! Guides were delivered to households in early February.

The updated guide contains everything Cardinia residents need to know about their kerbside waste services and hard waste collections. It includes what can go in each bin, details on the bookable hard waste service, a larger A-Z guide for common household items.

There is also additional information for reporting litter and dumped rubbish, our free waste drop-off events, free school incursions and resources for teachers.

If you haven't received one, visit the website to download a copy, or call our friendly Customer Support team on 1300 787 624 to have one mailed out.



## Make and Mingle

MAKE AND MINGLE FRIENDSHIP AND CRAFT GROUP meets every Wednesday during school term 10am-12 noon. You can learn a new craft or bring along your craft to work on or just come along for a cuppa and a chat. We resume for 2023 on the Wednesday 8th February and there will be lots of craft ideas.

Make and Mingle's annual CRAFT FAIR was held on Saturday 5th November. It was a great day for the community to get together for fellowship and lots of Christmas shopping and catching up with friends.

Make and Mingle meets at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, cnr. Desmond Court & Old Princes Hwy, Melway Ref. 214A2 (Enter via Desmond Court).

Look forward to seeing you in 2023.

For information contact:

[makeandmingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au](mailto:makeandmingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au)

# ANZAC Memorial Service

## Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service 2023

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service first held in 1999 is always held on the Sunday before ANZAC Day. This year the service will be held on Sunday 23 April at the Beaconsfield War Memorial on the corner of Woods Street and Old Princes Highway. There will be a march, for all those who would like to march, leaving at 1.50pm from the fire station in Woods Street. The Service commences at 2pm at the War Memorial.

Members of the community are welcome to come to the War Memorial and seating will be provided.

The usual program of National Anthem, Choir and Recorder Ensemble, 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 special tribute is organised by Beaconsfield Progress Association and supported by Cardinia Shire.

Beaconsfield has a history of dedicated war service. The website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au) has information about the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour, and all their WWI Servicemen, the Honour Board and the Beaconsfield War Memorial. Beaconsfield's 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.

See details of the service on page 15



# Neville Muir Recognised in Australia Day Honours

By Rebecca Muir

The late Reverend Neville Muir, a resident of Beaconsfield for almost 20 years, has been made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day Honours List. He was awarded this honour for "significant service to the deaf community, and to international Christian ministry".

Neville's interest in the deaf began as a child. He trained as a teacher of the deaf, and when he decided to sponsor a child through World Vision, he specifically requested a deaf child to sponsor. He was assigned a deaf boy in Korea.

After a number of letters to his sponsor child, Neville was able to visit him and his family on a trip to Korea. His sponsor child's mother told him that there was no church available for her son in sign language, and she begged him to help. Eventually Neville was able to move to Korea and start a deaf church, with his sponsor child as one of the initial four members of that church.

Neville was a large man, with an even bigger heart. As he heard more and more of the situation of deaf people around the world, he was moved to help. Neville went on to found Deaf Ministries International, an organisation that works in twenty-one countries across the globe to provide education, employment, and churches for deaf people. Deaf Ministries International has its headquarters in Pakenham, along with its sister organisation, Deaf Action, which operates the education and child sponsorship activities.

Neville spent a lot of time travelling in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, touching lives and making friends everywhere he went. He would tell many stories of deaf children in remote villages who had never learnt sign language, and who did not even know their own name. All of these children were

offered the chance of education. On one occasion, Neville was travelling in Zambia and was told about a young deaf man in prison. He went out of his way to check in on him, and made a point of visiting him whenever he was in Zambia. Neville became convinced that this man had been framed for

murder by relatives, and began petitioning for him to be given an appeal. Last year, this deaf man was finally pardoned and released. This is an example of Neville's great compassion. He cared deeply about the people he met and would do whatever he could for them.



Neville never let lack of resources deter him, he always believed that God would provide, and would plough ahead with new projects wherever he saw the need, focussed on what he could do to help. Although this drove more practically minded colleagues crazy, Neville's faith and compassion usually turned out to be justified, and projects such as new school buildings, farms, churches, and food relief programs have been able to bless deaf people and their families around the world.

Neville passed away from aggressive prostate cancer in November 2020. He is survived by his wife Lill, and his four sons, three daughters-in-law, and ten grandchildren, and remembered with love by thousands of people around the world. It is wonderful that his legacy has been acknowledged with this honour.

Visit Deaf Ministries International at:  
[www.deafmin.org](http://www.deafmin.org)



# The Ongoing Fight to Save the Historical Railway House From Demolition

By Fran Healy

The Summer Edition of the *Beaconsfield Banner* included an article about the Level Crossing Removal Project in Station St Beaconsfield announcing that in order to build a road bridge over the railway the much-loved Railway House would be acquired and demolished, together with the protected Bunya Bunya tree adjacent to the property.

My last article began with this question; *“What will Beaconsfield look like without the Railway House?”*

Were you able to imagine that? Were you saddened? Were you angry?

Our ‘call to arms’ was responded to, and so many people were moved, or angered enough, to ask what they could do. There were many ways you could voice your concern and the petition at [change.org](https://www.change.org) now has 1290 signatures and there are more on paper.

Our Facebook page ‘Save The Railway House’ has 201 members and it is a good way to see what has been happening. Things were quiet over the Christmas/New Year break but we are back and we are writing, emailing, questioning, and finding support where we can.

The comments and feeling are 100% behind us in our efforts to save the beautiful Railway House, as well as the bunya-bunya pine which is on the significant tree register. It too will be felled to allow for the road bridge.

Here is a small sample of your comments posted online...

*“History deserves to be protected”*

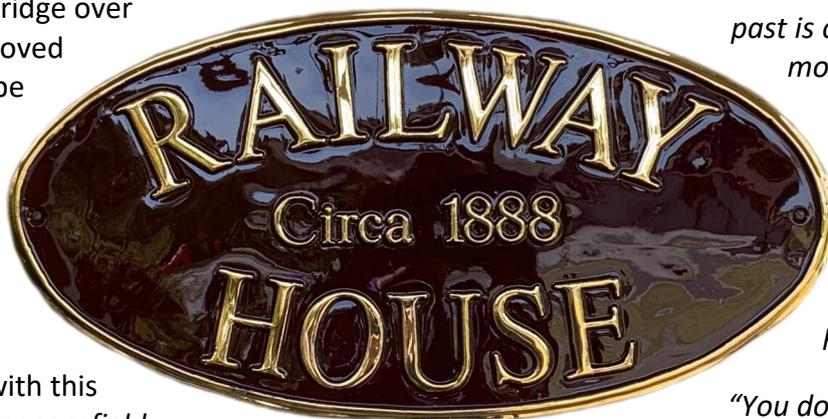
*“We should preserve our history. It is who we are and what we have become. Our past is our foundation to move forward. This is a building worth saving with all its grace and warmth that wraps around you as you enter her domain.”*

*“You don’t get rid of beautiful history just for a road.....”*

*“It breathes Beaconsfield”*

*“We need to keep our history alive with these buildings that are so magnificently restored”*

*“First the historic post office, then the reservoir, now this! We must protect & maintain our historic buildings”*



Had Ian Cole not so expertly researched, renovated, painted, created and restored this house back to its original glory we would never have known what it looked like back in the day when horses and carts rumbled up and down the busy streets of Beaconsfield going about their business. He saw it and appreciated it and had a vision for what it could be again. He succeeded beyond expectations and should be rightly proud of what he, and his wife Yvonne achieved. They passed the baton on to Linda and Brandon who loved it at first sight and now consider themselves custodians of the Railway House to preserve it for future generations. Little did they guess how they would be

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*Auction notice in 2003 when Railway House was purchased by Ian and Yvonne Cole. The first step in a very long renovation process.*

# The Ongoing Fight to Save Railway House

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challenged to hang onto it, not just for their family and their livelihood, but for all of us who love this grand lady. It is a challenging and stressful time for them as they also run their business from the property. They are living in limbo and dealing with Government bureaucrats for whom this is only a job and who seem to have become so desensitised to the fallout of these projects that they fail to grasp the very real and serious implications these announcements create for the family. They are ongoing, life changing and, in this case, unnecessary, as we have shown.

We maintain that this crossing is neither congested or dangerous. In fact, we have seen a decrease in flow since the opening of the O'Shea Rd extension which allows motorists to cross into Berwick and Clyde Rd. The new exit and entrance on the Pakenham Bypass means there are other options that motorists are obviously making use of to save time. We are unable to get the data from a traffic count carried out just before Christmas and would be interested to see how much it has changed since the initial one. The underpass remains a favoured route to cross under the rail line.

The Station Street crossing is at 110 on ALCAM's list of Victoria's crossings by risk. There are much more dangerous and congested crossings desperate to be improved. We do not dispute that LXP save lives but some are more worthy of removal than others.

So, what have we done?

We have learned a lot and been frustrated by the lack of response from any responsible Government department, especially those whose role it is to respond to queries, concerns and provide information.

We have been encouraged by those who support and offer to help.

We have been discouraged when we hear people say "You'll never win" or when those who have travelled this road before us tell of their anger and frustration and ultimately their failure to achieve anything. Even with all their advice and contacts I feel we have made very little progress but we continue to advocate and question.



Exterior of the house both before renovation by Ian Cole c.2003 (above), and today.



Those who have the power know about us, and know what we are trying to do, in that respect we have been very successful.

This is our journey so far

- We heard the news
- Talked with neighbours and affected persons
- Decided we HAD to do something
- Filled in the survey from LXP and spread the word
- Went to BPA meeting to hear from LXP but they didn't show, later we had a Zoom meeting that was very disappointing
- Organised flyers for a letterbox drop and posters for businesses and all were very happy to display
- Arranged for a board for the front of the Railway House to get word out there, thank you Amanda Charles at Kaye Charles Real Estate for not

hesitating when I requested it, it continues to do the job of promoting our cause. I often see passers by stopping to read it.

- Set up an online petition at [www.change.org/SaveRailwayHouse](http://www.change.org/SaveRailwayHouse) which currently has 1290 signatures.
- Set up a FB page to communicate information Save The Railway House and it currently has 201 members.
- Wrote the article for the Summer edition of *Beaconsfield Banner*.
- Went to a Council Meeting in November and asked the following question(s).

*“Does Council have any concerns regarding the LXP in Station St Beaconsfield given that the plans include acquiring an historically significant building namely Railway House at 20 Beaconsfield Ave in order to construct a bridge over rail.”*

Answer from the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment:

*“Council recognises the value of Station Masters House and tree to the community as heritage significance. We are aware of the community’s concerns and recognise how crucial it is to make an effort to protect this heritage property. Council is considered a stakeholder in the design process and will seek to influence outcomes although will not be final decision maker this will be the Minister for Planning who will determine the outcome of the project. 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 and will continue to advocate for the best outcome for the*

*community.”*

- Also asked about environmental concerns of building a road in the Cardinia Creek Wetlands

*“There are further concerns by the community about the intention of LXP to encroach into the Cardinia Creek Wetlands, which therefore has the potential to damage and threaten flora and fauna in the area. The land in question is currently flooded.”*

Answer from the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment:

*“Council also recognises the environmental sensitivities in the area in terms of flooding, flora and fauna of the area. These projects are required under both Federal and State legislation to consider the environmental impacts of the area. Council has, and will continue to, advocate for best outcomes in a difficult and tightly constrained design area and still deliver a much-needed project for the travelling community of Beaconsfield and surrounding areas whilst minimising the impact on environmental sensitive areas. Council will seek to collaborate throughout the design processes to advocate for the careful consideration to limit the impact to the area.”*

- In his speech to Parliament 20/12/22 Brad Battin informed Members about the Railway House, pleaded our cause and invited the Minister to visit. Brad continues to advocate for the Railway House and keeps us updated despite being busy in the electorate, many thanks to him and his team. He always replies to emails and we appreciate this communication.



*Kitchen in the house both before renovation c.2003 (above), and today.*



*Photos: Peake Real Estate*

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# The Ongoing Fight to Save Railway House

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- Sent an email to LXP Team and received the following reply from Kevin Devlin after quite some time which, in part, states:

*“As you have noted, this design necessitates the acquisition of one residential property. The decision to acquire private homes is never taken lightly and the Project is working closely with the owner throughout the acquisition process. It is acknowledged that this house was also formerly the Station Masters House associated with Beaconsfield Station. All the relevant planning approvals will be sought from the Minister for Planning before the Project proceeds. However, it should be noted that the property has been assessed by experts in the field and does not feature on the State’s Heritage Register, due in part to the fact that the house has been significantly modified since its original construction.*

*“Nevertheless, the Project team understands the community’s attachment to the property and is working to identify opportunities to retain certain historical elements. The Project team will continue to work with Council and the community on these opportunities as the project is further developed.”*

- Had an article published in the *Pakenham Gazette* on 23/11/22.
- Manned a stall at Akoonah Park Market to spread the word and get more signatures.
- All residents received an update from LXP with results of their survey to the community to tell us

what we value i.e. flora and fauna, village-like feel and pathways and connections. Sadly, no mention of our concerns that we know we raised time and again.

- Sent an email (8/2/23) detailing our concerns and questions to all stakeholders and decision makers including Jacinta Allan (Minister for Construction) Sonya Kilkenny (Planning Minister) LXP team and leadership et al. Currently no responses except from Brad Battin and one automated reply.



*Exterior of the house today. Beautifully restored and landscaped.*

- Currently in discussion with various people who have offered to have meetings and discussions about helping and we are awaiting the results of these.

- Applied for an Interim Protection Order on Railway House. Waiting on a decision.

- News breaks about the Government not being transparent about LXP statistics and priorities, which could very well apply to us.

- Have had an offer from Joe Toscano from Radio 3CR to dedicate a show to the Railway House.

- The *Pakenham Gazette* will be running an article again soon.

- Held a Public Meeting from 7.30pm 21/2/23 at the beginning of the Beaconsfield Progress Association February meeting. We invited all Cardinia Councillors and other interested parties to give an update as to what has been happening.

This meeting was attended by 50+ interested people, not just locals, also from Upper Beaconsfield and Berwick. Cr Brett Owen and Cr Graeme Moore attended, with apologies from Cr Kaye Cameron and Cr Stephanie Davies who emphasised their support for the Railway House. Brad Battin was in Parliament

but sent his apologies also. I gave an update as to what has been happening. Ian Cole spoke about his journey restoring the Railway House while the current owner, Linda, very bravely spoke to us about the uncertainty her family is facing and the toll this is taking. As she spoke through tears she showed her determination to ensure this house is kept for Beaconsfield because it means as much to the community as it does to them. Cr Brett Owen assured us of the support Council will give us and that they will continue to strongly advocate for the Railway House and will ensure they keep discussing design options with LXP personnel. There is a closed meeting planned for 20 March and he is happy to put any of your questions to them at this meeting.

Our stance hasn't changed, we aim to save the Railway House for the owners, for Beaconsfield, and in the interests of common sense.

The hardest part has been getting any responses from the powers that be. Throughout this all we have been respectful, patient, but determined. We have raised more than valid points, done research, explored every possibility that we know of and will continue to pursue every avenue we can.

Foremost we do not want to be aggressive, disrespectful or confrontational, but to be honest I can understand how it comes to that when you keep hitting brick walls.

Last time I looked we lived in a democracy where we are all equal, where it is actually our tax that pays for this, so in theory, we should have the right to question. I admit to being very discouraged as time goes by. I see machines arriving and I break out in a cold sweat when I see workers in high vis vests and wonder if this is the day of no return. We feel the hopes of all of you behind us, what a responsibility!

Where to from here??

We will submit questions to Brett Owen to put to LXP at their meeting on 20/2/23 and trust that the Council will be proactive in ensuring all options are considered.

We will keep trying to find out information for you.

We will continue to reach out on social media for people who can assist us and will use it to let you all know of any and all developments.

We will explore the idea of the radio show to get word out there.

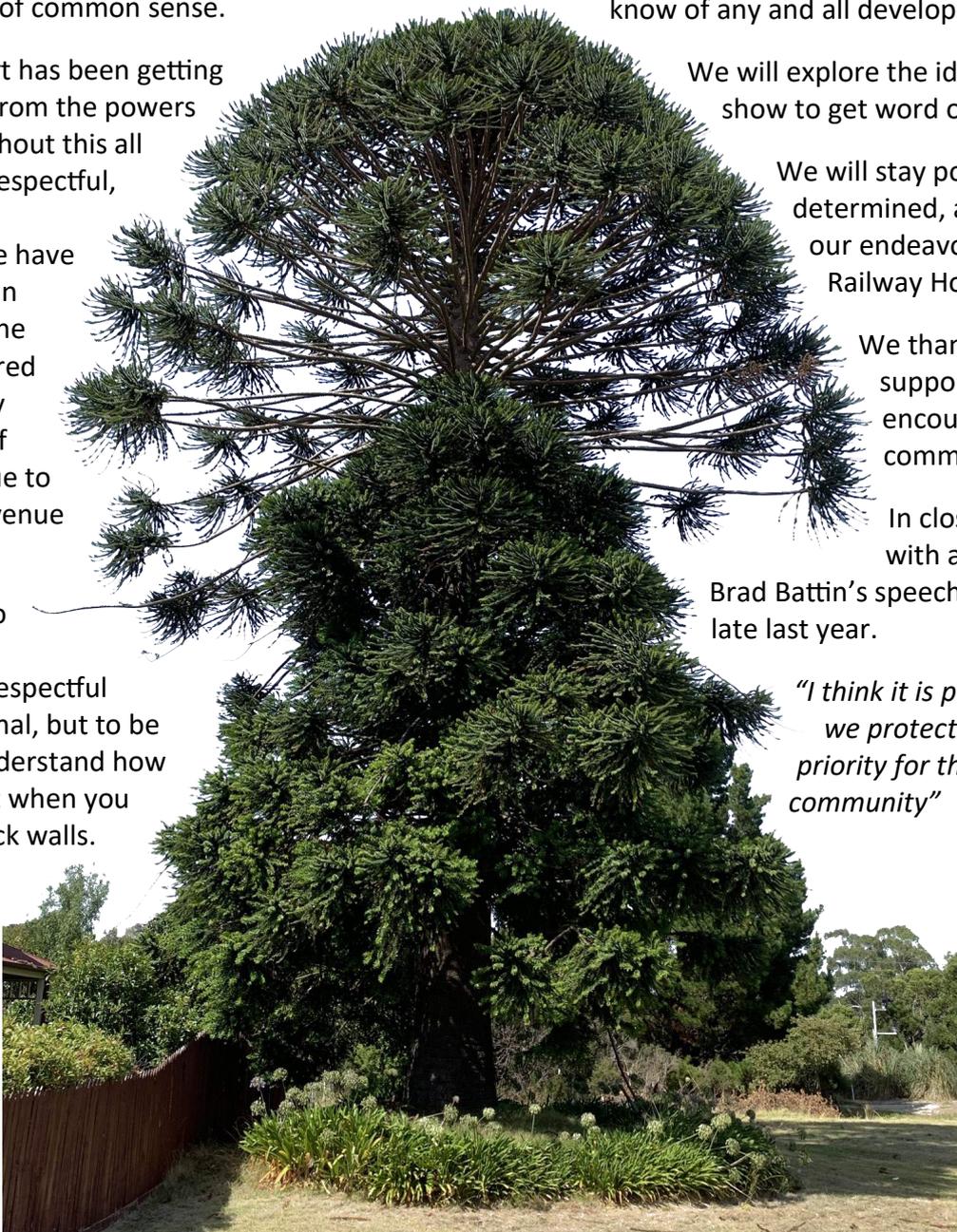
We will stay positive, determined, and persist in our endeavours to save the Railway House.

We thank you for your support and encouraging comments every day.

In closing I will finish with a quote from Brad Battin's speech to Parliament late last year.

*"I think it is paramount that we protect this house as a priority for the Beaconsfield community"*

*The enormous old bunya-bunya tree next to the house is also threatened by the proposed LXP project.*



*Photo: Robert Cooper*

# Cranbourne Friends

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria



## Growing Friends - Autumn Plant Sale

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March 2023

10am to 4pm

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### Australian Garden - Cranbourne, near the kiosk

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Come along and select from a range of small and large plants, many of which you'll find in the Australian Garden



*Plant Sale, Spring 2021.*

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# Beaconsfield CFA



Your brigade has been very busy over the last quarter with 29 turnouts in December and 40 in January. Whilst some were bread and butter calls to assist our neighbouring brigades we had

two significant house fires in Clyde North with both homes totally destroyed. Both losses indicated that the source of these fires was unattended cooking in the kitchen. Please either turn it off or ensure someone is in attendance at all times. A third fire in Berwick was saved but will require extensive repair.

At the time of writing we have had a pleasant summer with no major outbreaks.

Our brigade was involved with the memorial service at Cockatoo on February 12. This service was to commemorate 40 years since Ash Wednesday.

The Brigade still has two members who experienced the Ash Wednesday bushfires, namely Tony Lukas and Ron Woodfine, and Murray Johnston who only recently transferred to Phillip Island Brigade. All of us were able to attend a moving and fitting memorial service with our junior brigade members led by 3rd Lt. Jason Mackenzie marching with and delivering the floral tributes to those laying the wreaths. The CFA family lost 14 members on that fateful day doing the job they had trained for in protecting our community.

The brigade will be at the Berwick show for fire protection and public information, a role that we have done, assisting the Berwick brigade, for 40 plus years.

Please stay safe in fire prone areas and remember if in doubt on a hot windy day JUST LEAVE EARLY.

Best wishes  
Tony Lukas





**Phone 8768 4400**

## Neighbourhood Natter

Another year has begun, and we've been stunned by the flood of returning members and new faces who have joined their favourite programs. Multiple classes are already full with waiting lists, which delights us!

Continue to get in touch throughout the term if you're interested in any of the activities in our program as we are always juggling to see if we can offer extra sessions or find a way to accommodate everyone's preferences as quickly as possible.

We're happy to announce that one of our favourite tutors has returned to offer evening floral workshops. Sharon from Bunty and Fuzz previously held very popular classes at the Centre, so get in early to book for "Fancy Fishbowl" on the 16th of March or "Elegant Hatbox Design" on April 6th from 7.00pm. Cost is \$75 each with all materials included.



Our other florist tutor, Betty, is still doing daytime floral workshops and her "Easter Decorative Floral" is March 31st from 12.30pm. For just \$50, you will construct a beautiful table decoration for your Easter celebrations.

Following up on popular feedback regarding our cooking workshops, Mary is now available for evening sessions to share her favourite recipes and

make some amazing food. We hope that this change will enable more people to take advantage of this delicious opportunity.

Visitors to the Centre may have noticed a certain freshness this year, and this is due to Cardinia Shire Council's partnership with us to get the interior of our facility painted during the school holidays. We are grateful to the entire team who worked to get the job done without too much inconvenience for our regular users.

Thanks to the Living Local Fund Community Grant from the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR), we are also very pleased with the new bookshelves for our free book swap area which were fitted during the holiday break.



It has made the whole area feel much brighter, cleaner, and neater. We're so grateful to David from McCormick Builders who stepped up and rescued us when we were struggling to get the work completed.

We sadly had to say farewell to our wonderful Administration & Venue Officer, Sally, when she moved out to the country. Because she wouldn't

agree to commute two hours each way to continue on with us, we went on the search for her replacement late last year. After a recruitment process that revealed so many amazing people who would fit in beautifully at our Centre, we think that we have picked the best of the best with Leanne Gelderbloem.



Leanne is a Beaconsfield local and is already proving to be a fantastic addition to our office team. Leanne will be able to help with any venue hire enquiries and you will see her gorgeous, smiling face at reception on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## BNC Children's Room

Our amazing Children's Room staff have returned full of enthusiasm for our first year with extended 8-hour Occasional Care sessions now available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There is also a shorter four hour session running on Monday afternoons.

We are excited to offer our "Date Night" Occasional Care sessions which is a Saturday evening of care so that parents can enjoy an evening of child-free fun. Upcoming dates will be advertised on our website and social media. One-time enrolments are welcome along with children already attending our service.

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.

We are delighted to introduce and welcome Nicola Holten to our Children's Room team.



Niki is working towards her Childcare Certificate III qualification and joins us for the afternoon shifts of the longer Occasional Care sessions. Having previously used the service for her own children, Niki is very familiar with the warm environment and educational program we offer and so is fitting in perfectly. The children attending the sessions are drawn to her lovely, calm manner and we are loving everything she is adding to our Children's Room.

Playgroup still has some limited availability for places on Mondays and Tuesday mornings. This is a fun and social opportunity for you to enjoy various activities with your little ones and meet other local families.

You may not be aware that our Children's Room is available to the general public to hire on weekends for children's parties. It is a cost effective way to host an event and we welcome enquiries about this space as well as our Meeting Room and Craft Room.

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:

[www.bncinc.org.au](http://www.bncinc.org.au)

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

**Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre**  
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# Australian Plant Society moves to Pakenham

By Wendy Smart

APS-Wilson Park (Berwick) Inc. has become APS Cardinia Region Inc.

Over many months the APS-Wilson Park (Berwick) group had been forced to consider the viability of the group continuing or winding up.

Membership had fallen to 14 people with most being in an older age group making organising any activities difficult. Four of our committee were octogenarians.

Our committee examined the option of amalgamation with another APS Vic group, but the nearest groups are invariably some distance and travel time from our Berwick base.

We were aware that over the past few years the Deep Creek Reserve at Pakenham has become the most vibrant environmental centre in the south east area of greater Melbourne. Being just 12km from Berwick the committee decided to shift our group there anticipating interest could generate recruitment of new members.

Deep Creek Reserve was created by Cardinia Council in conjunction with the Pakenham Golf Club and the Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC).

CEC has operated an indigenous nursery on various sites for 20 years. Now that nursery is established in excellent facilities funded by the Cardinia Council with support from the local philanthropic Andrews Foundation. More than 20 volunteers are actively involved in the nursery. The nursery is open to the public on Friday mornings.

On Saturday 28th May 2022 we held a "Re-Launch" of our group in the Functions Room at Deep Creek Reserve with speakers being APS-Vic President Chris Clarke, Vice-President Miriam Ford and John Arnott, Manager of Horticulture, Cranbourne Gardens of

RBGV. Fifty people attended the launch, several joined on the day and many more expressed interest through Facebook. We are excited that, by now, we now have 35 paid memberships.

At a special general meeting members adopted the name "Australian Plants Society Cardinia Region Inc." Our

group will operate as APS Cardinia Region Inc.

The name was chosen to represent a wide area embracing Cardinia and Casey Councils and many vegetation classes in the southern Yarra Ranges and across the Gippsland Plain.

Meetings will continue on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm in the Functions Room at Deep Creek Reserve, 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham. New members are always welcome.

For more than 20 years APS-Wilson Park

(Berwick) conducted an Annual Plant Sale until suspended by Covid19 restrictions. Now we have booked to hold our 2023 plant sale undercover at Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick on Saturday 2nd September 2023.

Wendy Smart  
Secretary  
APS Cardinia Region



*Growling Grass Frog.*

*Photo: Alex Smart*



*Sculptures of growling grass frogs tadpoles and All Abilities Playground at Deep Creek Reserve.*

*Photo: Alex Smart*

# Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society By Penny Harris Jennings

The Berwick -Pakenham Historical Society was founded in 1961. The Society and Museum includes collections from all the towns within the “Shire of Berwick”, the Shire was proclaimed on 12 May 1868. (Now Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey)

The Shire in 1961 included Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Upper, Berwick, Bunyip, Cockatoo, Cora Lynn, Doveton, Garfield, Gembrook, Hallam, Harkaway, Iona, Koo Wee Rup (and North), Maryknoll, Nar Nar Goon (and North), Narre Warren (and North), Officer, Pakenham, Pakenham Upper, Rythdale, Tonimbuk, Toomuc Valley, Tynong and Vervale.

The Society and Museum are now situated in the Historic Council Chambers situated at 85 Princes Highway, Pakenham.

The collection is far more extensive than just Berwick and Pakenham including many items from Beaconsfield and Officer. There are donations from many local residents. The collection is diverse and eclectic, containing items such as house or business objects, garments, memorabilia, ephemera, maps, posters, photographs and more.

Examples that pertain to Beaconsfield include the following;



- The Beaconsfield Football Club, Grand Presentation Ball Poster from Friday 23 September, 1955. This was a community highlight with a “Star vocalist”, an orchestra and supper being served.

Club Gymkhana advertisement when the racecourse was next to the Central Hotel.

- Clearing Sale posters from the 1800 ‘s and 1900’s are included in the collection. These posters give an insight into properties, homes, furniture and function of local farms.



- The photograph collection includes a large framed



Mowing with bullocks beside Central Hotel Beaconsfield.

photograph of bullocks mowing beside the Central Hotel, the image depicts bullocks with hard working men and a ploughing machine in action.

- On display is Kath and Morris Brownfield ‘s cutlery canteen that was presented to them from the Officer Patriotic Society on the occasion of their wedding.

- 8 May 1943. A gift from Graeme Brownfield.

There are many local history publications for sale at the Museum. Last

year a new book, *Pakenham - Then and Now* by secretary Audrey Dodson was published. Cardinia Shire hosted a launch at Pakenham Cultural Centre.

This year Audrey was the recipient of the Cardinia Shire Council Australia Day Award, Senior Citizen of the Year. Audrey is a well-known local resident as she taught at both Beaconsfield State School and Pakenham Consolidated School and has previously written the Beaconsfield State School history book.

To view the collection the society and museum are open each Sunday afternoon 2-4:30pm, 85 Princes Highway, Pakenham.

Contact email, [bphs1961@gmail.com](mailto:bphs1961@gmail.com)

- A poster of the Beaconsfield Sports

# Member for Berwick

By Brad Battin MP



Brad Battin MP

It has been a busy start to 2023, and unfortunately, I still do not have an update for you all on my new office location with Parliament still working on finding me a new home. I want to assure you all I am busy meeting with locals at our local cafes and community organisations addressing concerns many of you are having locally.

Firstly, I wanted to give you a quick update on the Beaconsfield Railway House, I have and continue to communicate with the current owners of the home and residents on the matter. I am currently awaiting responses from the Minister for Public Transport on questions I asked around the level crossing removal and will be sure to update the community as soon as I get more information. It is important the state government listen to the community on this matter.

I am also raising with Council the concerns from many locals on the speed and dangerous traffic behaviour on Woods Street. Many have expressed the number of accidents in the area have increased in recent months. I hope Cardinia Shire Council undertake a review of the street and make appropriate actions where needed.

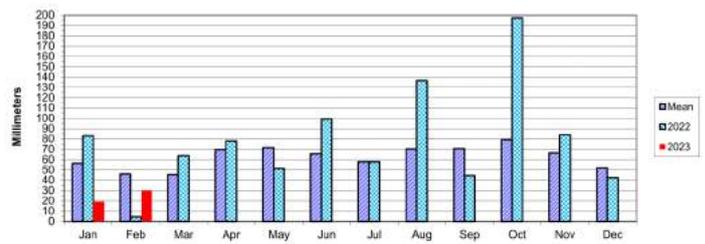
I know grass maintenance in the town is also a continuing concern and one I am still discussing with Council and the state government in ensuring Beaconsfield is looking its best.

On a wider scale, I know the increase in cost of living is placing pressure on many families and will continue to as we head further into 2023. We have many wonderful community organisations and support services out there to assist you if you need assistance.

I may not have a physical office in the electorate of Berwick but I am as accessible as ever. Please do not hesitate to call my office on 5953 0216, email me via [brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au) or direct message me on Facebook or Instagram. If you see me around at one of our many local cafes, please come and say hi and raise any issues you would like me to address on your behalf.

Brad Battin MP, Liberal State Member for Berwick

# Beaconsfield Rainfall



Mean rainfall calculated from September 1997

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mm	19.25	29.75	63.7	78.1	51	99	58	136.7	44.5	197.5	84	42.5
Rain Days	5	6	11	8	13	11	13	16	8	15	11	6

## BEACONSFIELD BANNER

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

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# Clean Up Australia Day

Cardinia Shire residents, businesses and schools are encouraged to sign up for this year's Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 5 March.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Tammy Radford said Clean Up Australia day plays a vital role in addressing environmental challenges within our Shire.

"Participating in Clean Up Australia Day fosters a sense of community spirit whilst making impactful change for our environment," Cr Radford said.

"The Clean Up Australia Day website has a range of spots throughout the shire that you can choose from, or you can register your own local park, reserve or walking track as a 'clean up' site."

All Cardinia Shire residents who register a site will receive a free 'clean-up kit' including bags and gloves.

Council will also assist with the collection and disposal of all rubbish collected on the day.

If volunteers cannot organise a site on Clean Up Australia Day, they can organise a Clean Up for any day of the year by simply registering their 'clean up' site and notifying Council to have the litter collected and disposed of after their event.

Clean Up Australia Day is the nation's largest community-based environmental event and more than 20 million Australians have participated since 1990.

Schools and local businesses can sign up for Business Clean Up Day on Tuesday 28 February and Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 3 March.

More info: [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)



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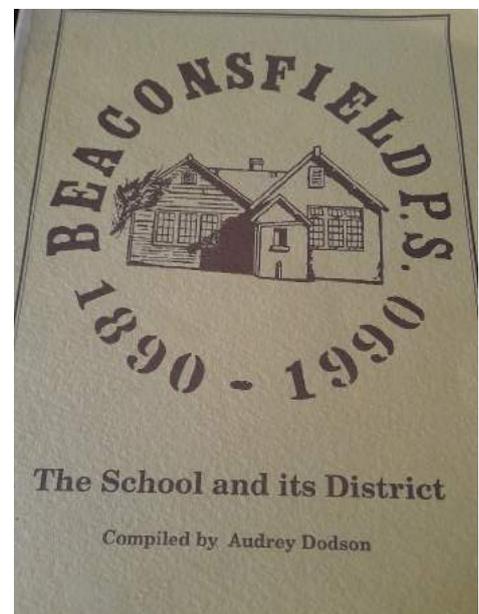
# Cardinia Shire Senior Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Audrey Dodson for her award as Cardinia Shire Senior Citizen of the Year 2023

Audrey was a foundation member of the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society in 1961 and has been secretary since 1988.

Audrey taught at Beaconsfield Primary School and when the school celebrated their centenary she compiled the book *Beaconsfield P.S. 1890-1990*, the school and its district.

She has just recently compiled a book *Pakenham; Then and Now* a pictorial history, for the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society





# Beaconsfield Officer Scout Group

Scouting is back to normal at Beaconsfield Officer Scout Group. All our youth from the Joeys to the Rovers have been enjoying meeting weekly during



term time with lots of camping, learning new skills and other adventurous activities over the past year. At the beginning of October our youngest section, the Joeys, attended Kangaroo at Lardner Park where they had a fantastic weekend camping with other

Joeys across the state. They learnt many new skills and took part in lots of fun activities and made lots of new friends. Later on this year our Cub section have Cuboree which is a 5-day camp during the school holidays with other Cubs from around the state.

Scout ages range from 5yrs to 25yrs so come along and join the fun. There is also an opportunity for adult volunteers or students needing practical experience to come and help out. Contact email for enquiries [beaconsfieldscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfieldscoutgroup@gmail.com).

Scout Hall:  
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Joey Scouts 5 - 8 Years	Tuesdays 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm
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Scouts 11 - 15 years	Thursdays 7 pm – 9 pm
Venture Scouts 15 - 18 years	Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Rovers 18 - 25 years	Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm





2023 Action on the footy field is about to hot up for Beaconsfield Football Club with practice matches arranged for Sat. 11th March (vs Mornington) & Sat 18th March (vs Noble Park). Both will be held at Holm Park with canteen & Can Bar in operation. Numbers have been excellent at training and with some new recruits, along with returning talented players and lots of Junior taking the step up to Senior level, the expectations are high for a good year of football for all our teams – Seniors, Development, U/19's and Women's.

The season commences for our men's teams on Sat 1st April with an away match at Mitcham where the Seniors will be a twilight fixture commencing at 4.30pm. Our first home game is on Sat 15th April vs Bayswater.

Membership tickets are now available and a great way to support the club and enjoy Saturdays at our great facilities at Holm Park Reserve. \$80 Single or \$120 Family memberships and available at the ground on training nights or contact Geoff McGowan (0410 446 988) or Mark Hornstra (0418 330 083).

Our club & local community lost a true icon with the recent death of our esteemed life member, Gerald Treasure aged 90. Gerald had been involved with our club since the 1970's and also made a massive contribution to our town through various activities that he was involved with such as the Beaconsfield Community Bank, his Beaconsfield Timber & Hardware business, Rotary and St John of God Hospital. Gerald's standing in the community was reflected by the many tributes paid to him on his passing.

On Sunday 26th March the football club will be holding its major fundraising event, the Annual 10K draw. This great day has been going for nearly 35 years and at \$130 a ticket, which provides Lunch & drinks for 2 people, is a good way to catch up with other locals before the season commences the

following week. Contact Lawrie Canning (0437 285 795) for tickets and any inquiries.

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

You can keep up with all the Beacy footy news on our Facebook page and we would encourage you all to get involved with your community club in 2023 whether its with the Juniors or Seniors, but it is great place to form life long connections and friendships.

Our 2023 home games draw for our men's teams is as below.-

### **BEACONSFIELD FC – HOME GAMES 2023 SEASON**

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- 20th MAY – RD 7 vs MONTROSE (Past Players & Officials Annual Luncheon – Reunion for 1953 & 2003 premierships)
- 3rd JUNE – RD 9 vs LILYDALE
- 17th JUNE – RD 10 vs MITCHAM
- 1st JULY – RD 12 vs CROYDON
- 15th JULY – RD 14 vs MOOROOLBARK



*The late Gerald Treasure with son Rohan – wonderful supporters of Beaconsfield FC and the local community.*



Jason Wood MP and councillor Brett Owen officially opened our newly resurfaced 1& 2 courts at Beaconsfield Tennis Club in January during the BTC open day. Ossie's coaching team held some fun activities for the kids while the committee, mid-week ladies and senior members coordinated adult activities and feeding the masses. Thank you to all our helpers, committee, Jason, and Brett for all your support.



### Beaconsfield Junior Tournament

BTC had a great day on the courts for the first Beacy tournament of the year. All 9 courts were full for over 5 hours of quality tennis on the first day.



Congratulations to the finalists of the singles events...

A grade: Will Kent def. Noah Keltie

B grade: Justin Song def. Lachlan Peake

C grade: Victoria Peake def. Thomas Peake

D grade: Zachary Wilson def. Asher Wilson



Congratulations to the finalists of the doubles on the second day...

A-B grade: Noah Keltie & Masato Burgess def Kai McQualter & Viran Dhamakirti.

C-D grade: Zachary & Asher Wilson def Chaise Watersten & Xavier Fisher

Thanks to the parents, grand-parents and siblings who supported the players.

### Mid Week Ladies



Congratulations to Beaconsfield Section 2 Runners-up DDTA Spring season 2022. Left to right, Celia Kenny, Nat Szybkowski, Lee Moon, Tee Suhail, Rosemary Cornish, Rebecca Pryor.

### Santa

Look who paid us a visit at Christmas time. Thank you, Santa, for the lollies and entertaining the kids with your exceptional tennis skills. Also, a big thank you goes to our Platinum sponsors, Syarif and Rachel from Peake Real Estate for the yummy BBQ. OTC ran some great activities for the kids and Josh McCormick, his partner



Ellie, committee member Louise and tennis mum Mel put on additional treats. Thank you also to our Leadership academy players for the decorations. It was a fantastic way to end the year.



## **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**

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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 next edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for articles and advertising is

**15th May, 2023.**

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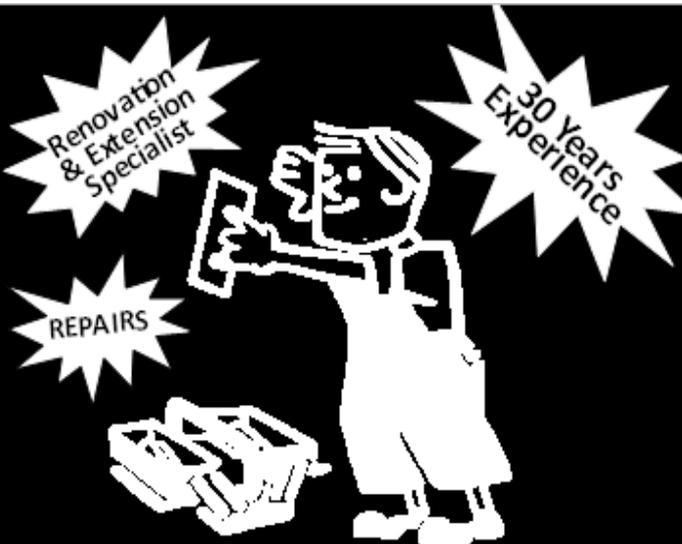


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