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Helmeted Honeyeater

(Lichenostomus melanops cassidix)

The helmeted honeyeater is the largest and most brightly coloured of the yellow-tufted honeyeater subspecies. It has a distinctive black mask between the yellow throat, pointed yellow ear-tufts and the fixed "helmet" of golden plush like feathers on the forehead, with a dull golden crown and nape demarcated from the dark olive-brown back and wings.

There is currently a trial reintroduction of the Helmeted Honeyeater to Cardinia Creek in the Guy's Hill/ Upper Beaconsfield area. Read the article by Alex Smart on page 23.

Photo: David Piko

Upcoming Public Events

Beaconsfield Progress Association AGM: open to the public
Beaconsfield Community Centre - Tuesday, 17th October @ 7:30pm
including guest speaker and free supper.

Make & Mingle Craft Fair: Saturday, 11 November, 9am—2pm
Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

Carols by the Creek: Sunday, 17th December, 7:30pm
Bob Burgess Reserve.

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President's Report



Welcome to this Spring edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. The Banner is available on our BPA website www.beaconsfield.org.au

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

The most significant local issue we are dealing with is the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) and, in particular, the Level Crossing at Station Street, Beaconsfield. This project identified the potential losses of the heritage Bunya Bunya tree as well as the heritage Railway House built circa 1888 located at 20 Beaconsfield Avenue. After community representations, the LXRP revised plans whereby the heritage significant parts of the Railway House and the Bunya Bunya Tree will be saved. The LXRP have maintained their preferred option for a route diagonally south from Goff Street, Beaconsfield Avenue and Station Street intersection through the Old Railway House property (to be compulsorily acquired) with an overpass bridge across the railway line and Kenilworth Avenue and then joining a new roundabout at Kenilworth Avenue. Recently I looked at the worksite for LXRP Station Street, Beaconsfield Project. I was amazed at the size of the building site with all the equipment, portable rooms for the workers, fencing, the noise affecting neighbours and the loss of most of the railway station's carpark. It will certainly radically change Beaconsfield and be disruptive with construction taking two or more years. We need the community to continue advocacy on this project to obtain a favourable outcome for the area.

Since the Melbourne Water letterbox drop in April/May there is nothing further to report on the Beaconsfield Dam Safety Upgrade Project. Melbourne Water have maintained their position that the Partial Upgrade Option remains their preference and are proceeding with the project with the water level reduced over a three year period.

This Partial Upgrade Option was supported by our Association in all our submissions including to Melbourne Water. It is noted that this announcement only deals with the dam safety. Public access issues will be addressed by the

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

I attended Jim Parkes Reserve for a forum held by Cardinia Shire Council staff to discuss the Redevelopment Masterplans and provide feedback for Stage 1. The redevelopment plan has play areas for juniors and seniors, picnic area with shelter, exercise area, bocce court, seating, shade sails, dry creek bed, deciduous urban forest and Australian native planting.

Recently I have attended annual awards nights for both Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and Beaconsfield Upper Fire Brigade. The work done by our local CFA's is much appreciated by the community and the commitment by volunteers over many years is amazing.

On a personal note, it was sad to hear of the passing of David Brewster. As a child he lived in the Holm Park property before living in a Holm Park Road property for many years. He lived in Tasmania for the past 20+ years. David was well known and active in the Beaconsfield area and was a life member of the Beaconsfield CFA.



Our meeting on Tuesday, 17 October will be our Annual General Meeting as well as a public General Meeting. We are hoping to have a guest speaker. All positions of BPA will be declared vacant and elections held for the positions for the next twelve months. If you are community minded and would like to attend our meetings or be an office bearer we would love to see you or hear from you. Our meetings are held at the Beaconsfield Community Complex on the third Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm to 9 pm.

Graeme Taylor
President
Beaconsfield Progress Association

Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

Guided walk along Cardinia Creek



Cardinia Shire Council staff are leading a guided walk along Cardinia Creek to celebrate the 'Citizen Science Biodiversity Blitz', taking place during the month of September.

'Citizen science' involves collecting records of nature observed in the environment with your smart phone or other device. You then share your observations with others through phone apps such as 'iNaturalist'. These community records can help scientists understand the health of our natural biodiversity.

Participants on the walk will get to admire the tall Manna Gum Eucalypts in the Cardinia Creek woodland. You'll see animal tree hollows where possums and birds live and look at and smell the flowering Acacias. You'll also get to taste some bush foods and learn about the micro bats that fly through the area at night.

Numbers are limited so please register via the link below.

Date: Saturday 9 September 2023

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

Meeting place: At the end of Luke Place where it meets Cardinia Creek, Guys Hill

Bring: Water and wear sturdy footwear – the track can be very wet and muddy.

Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/guys-hill-

[bioblitz-guided-bushwalk-tickets-689744463257](https://www.beaconsfield.vic.gov.au/bioblitz-guided-bushwalk-tickets-689744463257)

Rainwater harvesting at community complex

Beaconsfield Community Complex has been given a super sustainability upgrade. The centre's new rainwater harvesting system means rainwater can now be used for irrigation and toilet flushing. This will save water and save money.

Fully funded by Cardinia Shire Council, it's one of three sustainability upgrades for shire community facilities - Bunyip Hall and Koo Wee Rup Community Centre have also received enviro upgrades.

It's great to see more sustainable initiatives happening across the shire. Council's goal is to achieve net zero council emissions by 2024, and each sustainable upgrade we make is helping us get closer to that target.

Village Green playground to be renewed

As part of Council's annual playground renewal program, Village Green play space will be renewed in 2023-24, using the footprint of the existing playground. Village Green is in the Panorama estate on Stirling Circuit in Beaconsfield.

During a community consultation in August, Council asked for your feedback on how you use this playground and what you'd like to see as part of the renewal. Thanks to everyone who had their say.

For project updates visit

www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/village-green-beaconsfield

Draft masterplan for Jim Parkes Reserve

Located between Beaconsfield's two major commercial precincts, Jim Parkes Reserve has been identified for an upgrade in 2023-24. The reserve currently has children's play equipment and a picnic shelter.

Cardinia Shire Council has developed a draft masterplan for the reserve, informed by the Beaconsfield Structure Plan and community input.

In August, Council invited the community to have their say on the draft masterplan on our Creating Cardinia community engagement platform and at a special drop-in session on 8 August. Thanks to everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

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Councillors' Report

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You can stay up to date on the project at www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/jim-parkes-beaconsfield

Brunt Road Level Crossing Removal Project:



The final design released in July 2023 with construction commenced including earthworks foundations, road bridge retaining walls, and underground service

relocation works.

Council has commenced construction of Pioneer Way and Brunt Road intersection upgrade including a new roundabout and the full extension of Pioneer Way.

Connection for all traffic onto the new road bridge over the railway is due for 2024, with full construction and landscaping due to be completed 2025.

Station St Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal Project:

The community consultation feedback was released by the LXR project team to Council on 6th July, noting the main themes valued about the local area were - village like atmosphere, heritage, local flora and fauna and sense of community.

The project has closed 360 car spaces at the train station, with 75 remaining and 11 accessible carparks. Council compliance officers are spending time in the local streets to enforce local parking and encouraging parking at Berwick and other stations.

New temporary school crossings are being created in September along Beaconsfield Ave to ensure safety of school children and all pedestrians.

The project has commenced construction of the temporary site office at Beaconsfield Station with major construction works commencing late in 2023.

Council encourages residents and community members to sign up to the Level Crossing Removal Project's SMS service which provides updates on disruptions and closures.

Text **STATION** to **0418 998 433** for SMS alerts about future construction impacts in Beaconsfield.

People with disability express their creativity

Come along to an exhibition featuring art created by people with a disability.

Hosted by Cardinia Shire Council, the 'Expression' exhibition is an opportunity for artists with disability to showcase their artistic skills and express themselves.

This May, council hosted workshops for people to create art for the 'Expression' exhibition. The workshops were facilitated by local art therapist Nazia Wasif.

All Cardinia Shire residents with disability were also encouraged to submit their artwork.

We have many talented artists with disability in our shire and 'Expression' is a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their work. Make sure you support our local arts community and visit the exhibition, which is opening soon!



'Expression' will run until Sunday 24 September 2023 at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham.

Seniors Festival events this October

The Victorian Seniors Festival is a major statewide event to celebrate the sensational seniors in our community. It takes place every year during the month of October. This year the theme is 'Learn Love Live'.

An exciting range of free or low-cost local events will be held across Cardinia Shire as part of the festival.

- 'Senior-tivity' expo – find out about social opportunities for residents aged 55 and over in our shire – Sat 23 September, 10am to 3pm, Cardinia Men's Shed (free event).
- 'Old time dance event' hosted by Pakenham Rotary, Sun 15 October, 1 to 5pm, Pakenham Hall (free event). Bookings essential.

- ‘It might as well be spring!’ – Live show and Devonshire tea, featuring the unforgettable music of Rodgers and Hammerstein – Wed 18 October, 10am to 12 noon, Cardinia Cultural Centre. Bookings essential.
- ‘Tai chi for all’ – Thurs 26 October, 11am to 1pm, Worrell Reserve, Emerald (free event, no bookings required).

For more information and to book events visit www.whatsoncardinia.com.au

Seniors card holders who’d like to catch some Seniors Festival events in the city or in other locations can enjoy free public transport from 1 to 8 October.

MyCardinia portal launches for residents

Cardinia Shire residents have a new and easier way of paying rates, submitting applications, requesting services and plenty more with the launch of MyCardinia.



Cardinia Shire residents can create a login to then make, manage and track service requests and

transactions they make with council.

Some of the tasks you can do using MyCardinia include registering pets and paying registration fees, reporting an issue or requesting services, tracking the progress of your service request or reported issue, pool registration, or paying a fine.

For more information and to log in or sign up to MyCardinia visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/mycardinia

Future of waste

We need to be putting our household waste to better use and avoiding landfill, so finding an alternative is so important!

Melbourne’s south east urgently needs an alternative to landfill, as it is filling up fast and there are no plans for more to be built. Any household waste we can’t recycle or recover ends up in landfill – there is currently no other solution for residual household waste.



Alongside recycling, and separating food and green waste for composting, advanced waste processing is a smarter solution for the residual household waste than burying it in the ground.

Council has formed a company with other councils to deliver an advanced waste processing alternative to landfill. Together we’ll deliver a vital alternative that will transform how household waste is managed!

Tender proposals from 3 industry candidates to explore new technologies, such as waste being transformed into electricity to power homes and businesses, are currently being evaluated.

Don’t miss the next FREE green waste drop-off events

Residents are encouraged to prepare for the 2023-24 fire season with Council’s free green waste drop-off events this September and October.

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 1 to Monday 4 September 2023

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

Lysterfield – Friday 13 to Monday 16 October 2023

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

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



Beaconsfield Primary School

By Heidi Inglis



At Beaconsfield Primary School, we value the input of our students. There are many opportunities for our students to have a say in their learning and their school. In Grade 6 we offer our students the opportunity to hold a leadership position. Many of our students put their hand up for the role and the teachers and leadership have the hard task of selecting a chosen few. Taylah, one of our school captains, has shared some of her thoughts about learning at Beaconsfield Primary School.

“Learning is one of the main parts of school, either listening or teaching someone else something.

The teachers at Beaconsfield teach us learning in an approachable way, knowing we’ll take in new information.

Our teachers engage us with a different variety of activities. Sometimes we have hands on activities using different equipment like the MAB blocks in Maths or watching a video, taking notes and looking at an autobiography book to look for responses.

In my opinion, the way the teachers plan the activity so they aren’t all the same and they are enjoyable, is a really great way for us to learn.

Like Mr Buckingham said ‘It’s never too late to be a learner, it doesn’t just stop at high school.’

Taylah – School Captain

Another captain is Piper. Piper is our science captain. Piper is very passionate about science and has worked closely with our science teacher, Anita Jacobsen, and her friends to offer our Grade 2 students a fun activity to promote Science. The grade 2 students were given opportunity to make slime during lunchtimes. Before the activity, Piper

needed to test and work out the correct recipe. She also needed to work with a budget. Here is her recount.

“I’m Piper and I am the science captain for Beacy Primary. Last term I thought about what I could do for a project, when the idea of slime popped into my head. Over the course of many weeks, Ms Jacobsen, my team and I planned and tested our slimes until week 6 when we did the event with the grade twos. It was so much fun and we had a blast.”

Piper – Science Captain

Lastly, we have our Student Representative Council (SRC). This group comprises of two Grade 6 captains, Tilly and Noah and student-chosen representative from grades 3 to 5. This term our SRC is organising a Beacy’s Got Talent show. We are looking forward to our students having the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and we will conclude with a whole school performance with one winning act from each year level performing in front of our school community. The promotion and organisation of this event is all performed by our students.

We understand that students are more engaged in our school when they feel connected and a sense of ownership. Whether it is in the classroom or part of our bigger community, our teachers and staff work hard to support student voice and agency, and it is very evident at Beaconsfield Primary School.

Looking forward to the Spring days to get out and about in Beaconsfield.

Heidi Inglis
Principal
Beaconsfield Primary School

Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Region

By Michael Galea, MP



As always there's lots going on for the area at a state level. Please reach out if I can assist you on any State Government matter.

Level crossing update

Works have commenced on the construction of a bridge over the level crossing at

Station St., Beaconsfield. This project is part of the Government's commitment to remove every level crossing on the Pakenham line by the end of the decade.

As readers will no doubt be aware, following a passionate campaign by locals, the Government has listened and has committed to protecting the Railway House and Bunya Bunya tree.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with the consultation process on this project and shared your views. I'm also grateful to those who have directly advocated to me.

Another concern that has been raised in relation to the level crossing removal is ensuring Goff St. doesn't become a busy thoroughfare following the works. I have taken this up with the project team, and they are working on ideas to avoid this becoming an issue.

To enable the crossing removal, a large part of the station car park is temporarily occupied as a works site until 2025. There will be no net loss of parking spaces once the project is complete. In the meantime, those wanting to drive to the train may wish to consider the new multi-level car park recently opened at Berwick station.

As works ramp up, I will monitor the project closely to ensure the agreed protections for our valuable

heritage are closely complied with and that disruption is minimised as much as possible.

A new local primary school

Many new public schools are being built across the state, and one of them is on our doorstep.

Construction works at Officer Brunt Road Primary School (former interim name) are well advanced, and I recently had the chance to visit the worksite along with Pakenham MP Emma Vulin and the Parliamentary Secretary for Schools, Vicki Ward.

Along with newly-appointed principal Sharon Mitchell, we were thrilled to name the school Kurmile Primary School. Kurmile is pronounced kur-mill-y and means white cockatoo in the Bunurong language.

The school is already accepting enrolments and will open its doors at the start of Term 1 next year.

State Budget 2023 - New Women's Health Clinic at Casey

The State Budget was handed down in late May, and I'm pleased to report on several projects that will benefit this area.

One such initiative is for a new Women's Health clinic to be built at Casey Hospital, one of 20 clinics being delivered as part of a \$221 million investment in Women's health across the state.

The clinics will provide specialist treatment for issues ranging from contraception to endometriosis treatment and menopausal symptoms.

This builds on the Government's commitment to deliver a much-needed expansion of Casey Hospital's emergency department.

Together, these projects will help to ensure Casey Hospital continues to grow in order to keep up with the demands of our fast-growing region.

State Budget 2023 - Mental Health Locals

Funding has also been confirmed to provide a new Mental Health Local facility in Narre Warren.

In addition to this, funds have also been allocated for a future facility in Officer.

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Member's Report

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These facilities provide frontline mental health support for people aged 26 and over who aren't eligible to access the youth-focused Headspace service.

It will be staffed by mental health professionals and free to access without needing a GP's referral.

Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve

I'm delighted to report that the project to build a new pavilion facility at the Upper Beaconsfield Rec Reserve are back on track. The project (which is part-funded through a \$3.35 million grant from the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund) was under risk when Council proposed downgrading the project to an upgrade of the existing building.

This would have been an unsuitable outcome for the community, and I reported on our campaign for a full rebuild in the previous issue of the Banner. I'm pleased that we have now regained a commitment for a full rebuild of the facilities by Council. I'd like to thank the reserve committee, Cr Brett Owen and

Mayor Cr Tammy Radford for their efforts in saving this project.

Power Saving Bonus

The current round of the Power Saving Bonus will close for new applications on the 31st August. If you haven't claimed your \$250 in the current round, you have just days left!



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If there are any State Government matters you wish to discuss with me please make contact by phoning (03) 7501 8868 or emailing michael.galea@parliament.vic.gov.au.



Mind, Body and Mouth - It's All Connected

Dr Nipuni and Heather visited Beaconsfield Kinder during dental health week in August. They had fun talking to the children about how to keep your smile for life. Each child took home a toothbrushing chart to remind them to brush their teeth twice a day.



Left: Dr David Gilbert and Dental Assistant Heather assist a student at Beaconsfield Primary school dress as a dentist and discussed why it's important to visit the dentist regularly to maintain good oral health. Right: Dr Nipuni Bopitiya with Hugo, Amy - Beaconsfield Kindergarten teacher, and Heather our friendly dental assistant visiting the children during Dental Health Week.

Beaconsfield Dental offer the Medicare Child Dental Benefits schedule to eligible children to the age of 18. For more information, please ring the clinic on 97073508 to check if your child is eligible for free dental treatment.

Beaconsfield Dental - Caring for the Community and the Environment.

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BEAconsFIELD KINDERGARTEN

Children's artwork

We have some budding young artists in our Beaconsfield community, and you may have seen some of their artwork on display in the local shops! This is a new community project organised by our Wattle Group teacher, Mrs Soutter, in conjunction with local businesses including Ducky in the Field Cafe, Amcal Pharmacy, Pure Beauty MediSpa, Greens & Grains and GreenSoul Organics. The art display helps support engagement, appreciation and connection, enabling our kinder children to contribute positively to their world and feel like a valued citizen.



Student artwork on display in shops and businesses around Beaconsfield



Beaconsfield Kindergarten is Exceeding the National Quality Standards

Beaconsfield Kindergarten's Woods St service recently underwent an Assessment and Rating (A&R) process by the Department of Education. All early childhood education and care services are assessed every three to five years, with Woods St's previous A&R occurring in 2018 and O'Neil Rd's in 2019.

During the A&R, services are rated against the National Quality Standards in the following areas:

- Quality Area 1: Educational program and practice
- Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety
- Quality Area 3: Physical environment
- Quality Area 4: Staffing arrangements
- Quality Area 5: Relationships with children
- Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Quality Area 7: Governance and leadership

We are very excited to announce that our Woods St kindergarten achieved the highest rating of "Exceeding the National Quality Standard" in all seven Quality Areas, which is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful reflection on our awesome team!!!

Our service at O'Neil Rd currently has an exceeding rating in five of the seven Quality Areas and is also rated as "Exceeding" overall. We expect that O'Neil



The project will see a rotating display of artwork by our local kinder children, with other kinder groups to share the limelight with Wattle Group children once the project is fully up and running.

If you own a local business and would like to display artwork by our Beaconsfield Kindergarten children, please contact us at admin@beaconsfieldkinder.com.au

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LXRP Station St Beaconsfield Update

By Fran Healy

When thinking about what, and how, to write this latest article about LXRP Station St Beaconsfield, I was not sure whether to say that we accept that this Project is all about progress and how we have to learn to live with it and embrace it, or, how this Project is still a hugely unnecessary and costly construction here in Beaconsfield. Am I biased because I live across the road from it and it has greatly impacted my life, and that of my neighbours? Should I just be grateful that we have saved the Railway House and bunya tree from demolition?

LXRP around Melbourne are generally welcomed as they ease congestion, improve safety and often provide brand new stations for commuters. The inconvenience for residents and motorists is accepted for the eventual outcome. Sky Rail, road bridges and trenches are amazing engineering feats and there should be celebrations and congratulations all round when completed. However, here in Beaconsfield does the amount of traffic crossing justify the expense and pain given there are other ways around? Support and comments over the last year tell me that almost all of you do not think so.

So, for those of you who have no need to venture into the Station St./ Beaconsfield Ave part of Beaconsfield, this update is for you.

For those of you who helped us campaign to save the Railway House and bunya bunya tree, wherever you may live, this is for you.

For those of you who, like me, live at Ground Zero of LXRP, you already know what we are enduring every day, all day.

The project to remove the little used level crossing at Station St., Beaconsfield (as opposed to Station St., Officer, that will close) has been underway for four weeks now. Yes, we saved the Railway House and bunya bunya tree but I hope we can still say that in two years.

We had hoped the project would be shelved and the crossing closed, there are a myriad of ways to cross the railway line and we are much better served here than if you lived between Hallam Rd. and Webb St., Narre Warren, for example, or Cardinia Rd and McGregor Rd where there are kilometres between

crossings. However, the Labor Government decided, in its infinite wisdom of all things transport and apparently very deep pockets of our money, that spending millions on a huge road bridge was a great and expensive idea! We thought not, and had great support, but sadly contracts were signed and work has begun.

So? What does it look like now? You have probably walked, or driven past this quiet area. The Railway House stood proudly with its red post box out the front.

Here we are recently celebrating with a picnic when our efforts to save Railway House were successful.



The view is vastly different today.



Now there is noisy activity all day long, with heavy vehicles, cranes and trucks constantly busy on this previously quiet thoroughfare, and they are only setting up ready to begin! The crew who will work here will obviously be huge judging by the number of offices, tea rooms, meeting rooms and whatever else will be housed in the double storey complex. I have already counted fourteen air conditioning units, and that is only from one side.



mostly during the day, and their pleasant, helpful attitude is an effort to appease those of us about to be damaged by this process, let's face it - they have had plenty of practise over the last few years of the Big Build.

A smoking ceremony was held to signal the start of the Project here and seems somewhat ironic given that what was once a quiet patch of greenery and refuge for nature is fast becoming a concrete jungle of danger

and risk.

When we see the expense that is this construction it is disappointing to read daily in the papers the various important ways this money could be put to better use e.g. Road maintenance/maintaining disability teachers in schools/reducing waiting lists for surgery/getting ambulances back on the roads attending to cases rather than ramping and many other more vital services to support.

However, it seems that the boat has sailed for stopping this project from going ahead. It is now up to all of us to keep an eye out when we see issues we are concerned about and raise it with the team at contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au.

They do respond to your concerns and like to engage with, and provide support to the community. They welcome ideas you may have regarding recycling of felled trees and repurposing items, working with local schools and sport and participating in working bees etc. Contact the team if you have ideas. If you live nearby and miss them when they call you may like to register with them for more personal communication, alternatively, if you do not want to hear from them, they will respect that too.

As we brace ourselves for what is ahead, I think back to my introduction. I hope the time to completion passes quickly and smoothly. I really hope that the Railway House and bunya tree can survive as well. Our community at the coal face here in the surrounding area will really need to support each other and stick together in the years to come.

We wish Linda and her family, the previous owners who are still currently looking for a suitable home as lovely as the one they are leaving, all the best as they move forward with their lives.

We did the very best we could in very difficult times.

- Fran Healy



Vegetation has been ripped out and a small temporary fence put up just a few metres around the bunya tree. The impact on the natural environment will cause disruption of habitat for many native flora and fauna and this will ramp up as work progresses down towards the Cardinia Creek. I wonder about the fate of the little

echidna that has been seen around the Railway House and the platypus that call the Cardinia Creek home as much effort has gone into ensuring these little creatures are safe and thriving. A group of kangaroos was also seen in the vicinity recently.

The reduction in carparking spaces at the station has seen a major increase in parking in local streets not designed for all day parking. Some of the drivers need to exercise care and thought as some park too close to driveways and thereby make it hard for residents to safely reverse out. Thank you to Council Parking Officers making regular checks to book those motorists who park illegally. It is particularly hard on bin days when bins are out but cannot be accessed. Commuters have been advised to park at Berwick Station but unfortunately commuters from Narre Warren have been advised to do the same while Webb St and Narre Warren Station faces its own LXR.

Driving down Beaconsfield Ave, especially at school times, has become quite dangerous with cars parked all day, trucks driving in and out and residents attempting to back out of their driveways so please take extra care and drive to the conditions.

Happy to report the Level Crossing Project Team has swung into action, door knocking affected residents,

Healthy Eating with GreenSoul Organics and Greens & Grains Café

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Make and Mingle

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday 10 am – 12 noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, 7 Desmond Court.



Quilt made by Roberta.

There are lots of knitting projects and paper craft. As well as knitting for family many knitted items are donated to others, both locally and overseas. The group has also been making quilts and carry bags.

You can learn a new craft or bring your own craft



These knitted bears made by Make and Mingle group will be donated to a local hospital.

project to work on or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

SAVE THE DATE

Make and Mingle's famous craft fair will be held on Saturday November 11th 9am-2pm. make a note in your diaries. This year there will

be more stall holders with handmade craft, just in time for your Christmas gifts. There will be craft supplies as well as face painting and balloon animals for the children. Complimentary tea and coffee are available, and entry is free.

See ad on page 31



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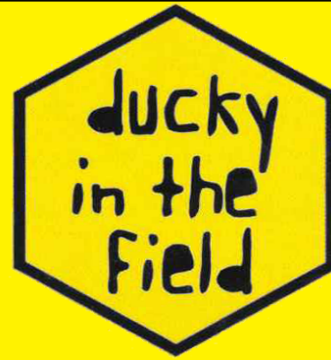


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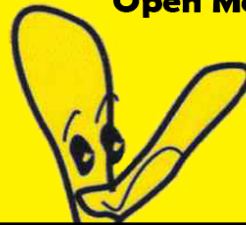


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Beaconsfield CFA



The winter period has been a busy one for your Brigade.

A number of house fires brings a reminder to ensure you all have an active smoke detector in your homes. They simply save lives.

Unfortunately the brigade has attended three serious motor vehicle accidents in and around the township.

Not only do they take a toll on family and friends but also all the first responders.

We are not immune to the sights we see and only ask that you take care and drive to the conditions of the environment so we all sleep well.

Training moves to the next level with summer approaching and early indications that our fire season could be a long and potentially dangerous one.

The brigade recently held their annual awards night with a 55 years service medal award for Tony Lukas, Brigade Life Membership to former Captain Paul Hayes, 35 year medal to Rhys Owen, and 40 years service to Noel Seabrook.

The brigade has a wealth of long serving members that are recognised for their outstanding service to the brigade, the CFA and of course the community of Beaconsfield.



Life members present on the night

Back row: Rhys Owen, Matteo Di Carlo, Tony Lukas, Murray Johnston, Noel Seabrook, James Cain

Front row: Paul Hayes, Anthony Hester, Glenn Dorning

Recently a formal presentation took place for the emergency service medal awarded to 15 members of the station who carried out various roles during the 2019 /2020 fires.

These awards highlight the enormous effort that members go to to provide our community with fire protection and is recognition for dedication and valour during an emergency.



Noel Seabrook, FRV Officer



Rhys Owen, FRV Officer

Finally, I will provide some tips prior to the 2023 /2024 fire season in the next edition of the *Banner*.

Please stay safe.



Phone 8768 4400

Neighbourhood Natter

We hope that time is flying like it is because we're all having so much fun! Our Centre is bustling, even at this traditionally slower time of the year when so many of our members usually follow the sun North.

Our term program can be found on our website and has something for everyone: www.bncinc.org.au.

Community Food Pantry

We are thrilled to advise that we have developed a very welcome partnership with Woolworths Beaconsfield and their food diversion program. We have been able to add bread to the community pantry and whatever other grocery items that are available on our pickup days.

Although the items are primarily for those in need of urgent food relief, if you would like to take something from the pantry to save a trip to the shops or take advantage of the bread before it reaches its best before date, we encourage a cash donation of which 100% is used to purchase more essential stock. Please give whatever you can to assist those who aren't doing so well.

You can also donate pantry staples and basic toiletries for this service at Reception or directly onto the pantry shelves. Please ensure items are not past their use by/best before dates.

Our beautiful knitters, who voluntarily click their needles together to turn out knitted items for charity, recently donated another stack of their amazing work. 16 large blankets, 38 knee rugs, 4 pairs of mittens, 1 jumper, 6 scarves, 6 beanies and 4 pairs of slippers were part of this handover to warm those people in our community suffering hardship.

The Knitting Group meet each Monday 1pm-3pm at

the Centre and new knitters are always welcome. They also appreciate donations of wool, and these will be gratefully received at our Reception.

JOIN US FOR OUR AGM:

A dark blue poster for the Annual General Meeting. At the top is the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Inc logo. Below it, the text "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath, the date and time "Tuesday 10 October 2023 1:00 PM" are displayed in white. The location "Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre 8 O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield, 3807" is listed in a smaller white font. At the bottom, there is an illustration of four people sitting around a table, engaged in conversation. Below the illustration, the text "Please RSVP for catering purposes or more information: contactus@bncinc.org.au" is written in white. The background features a subtle white grid pattern on the right side.

It is the time of the year for us to reflect on the past financial year and thank our wonderful volunteer Committee of Management for their contributions.

It is also the opportunity for new community members to join the governance team. We welcome people from all walks of life with the simple, common desire to support their local community centre, and by extension, their community. You will receive full support and a rewarding experience. Come along to the AGM or have a chat with our lovely Reception staff about the details of volunteering and grab a nomination form.

Beginners Yoga

Due to popular feedback, we are delighted to offer a new evening beginner's yoga class from 7pm-8pm on Wednesdays. Enya is one of our new yoga instructors and is getting rave reviews from her time covering Karen's classes, so book in for this session now!

FREE TAX HELP

Assistance for low-income earners to submit their tax returns is back at the Centre this year until the end of October. Appointments are available each Friday morning during term time and bookings are essential. Contact us to ensure you are eligible for this service and to schedule your appointment.

BNC Children's Room

The children recently had fun picking rosemary from the Children's Room herb garden. We have been learning all about this aromatic plant, and even taking some home for cooking.



There are some limited places available for children over 3 years old in our Occasional Care sessions and wait lists offered to ensure you're in line to hear about all other placements as they become available. The sessions provide children with interesting and creative themes across all areas of development in a small, inclusive and nurturing environment. Siblings can remain together in sessions and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available for eligible families in our licensed childcare. Contact us for more information and to check for availability in your preferred session.

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Our amazing, long-serving staff are still here to give the best care and education to your children that you've come to expect. But with changes in the childcare sector, we are looking for an additional Diploma qualified educator to meet the regulations.

Miss Anne unfortunately broke her foot and we're all looking forward to her returning to her full duties as soon as she can hobble back in. We are also planning for when Miss Alison will soon be taking a short leave of absence. So, although we are seeing some new faces coming in to relieve our staff temporarily, we are ensuring the highest quality of care remains our priority.

Check our latest program for details of what other activities we have at the Centre. 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.

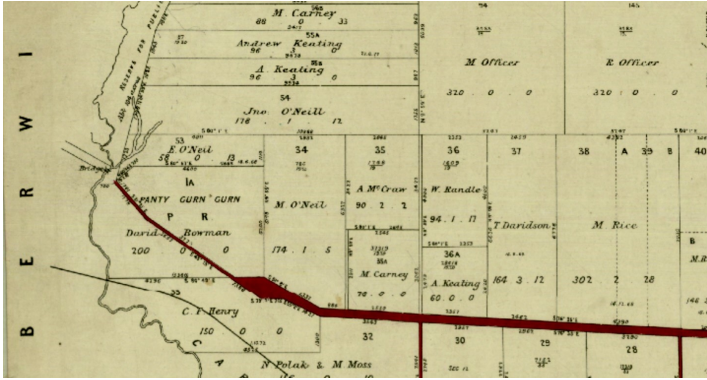
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Beaconsfield History - Dr. Leila Keating

By Penny Harris Jennings

William Andrew Joseph Keating and his wife Ellen owned the cottage known as “Fairwood Park”, Beaconsfield, having inherited the property from William’s father Andrew Keating in March 1899.



Unfortunately, only sixteen months later William died of pneumonia, leaving his wife Ellen and their four-month old daughter Leila. Ellen’s parents and brother came from Walhalla to support her and help operate the farm.



In 1907 Leila is attending the Officer State School, there are only 21 children in a one room school house and the teacher is Miss Dulfer. Students at the school included the Rix sisters Mable and Violet.

Leila was an avid writer and on one occasion wrote “I have no brothers or sisters, and sometimes I feel a bit lonely”.

Upon completion at Officer State School Leila then goes on to study at Melbourne

University, graduating in 1915 with an arts degree. Her subjects passed were English language and literature, French language and literature, British history, geography and algebra.

Leila and her mother Ellen, then move to Sydney where Leila studies medicine and completes her final degree examination in 1925. After graduating, she was appointed resident medical officer at the

Lithgow Hospital, Sydney.

Dr Leila Keating went on to be a remarkable woman, she was the first woman to sign on the cargo ship “Port Lincoln” as the ship’s doctor. After winning an international scholarship she arrived in London in August 1927, to study and live at Crosby Hall, Cambridge University, Chelsea. Crosby Hall was a newly dedicated historical building refurbished as the headquarters of the International Federation of University Women, female graduates from all over the world attended, the first evening at the welcome dinner 27 nations were represented.

After graduating in London, Leila returned to Sydney to take charge of the radio-therapy at St Vincent’s Hospital.

Leila was one of the most prominent radio-therapists in Sydney, she also took part in the study of Hodgkin’s disease for the Cancer Research Committee.

Leila was a strong advocate for women’s role in the workplace.

In 1935 she spoke as the newly elected president of the Australian Open-Door Council at a luncheon of the Victorian Women’s Movement. She advocated for equal rates of pay and women having public positions of equal status to men.

In 1936 Leila was at the peak of her career, a leading radiologist in charge of the radio therapy department at St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney. Tragically at the young age of 36 Leila died after a routine appendicitis operation. Her obituary was published in newspapers in both Australia and England commending her for her outstanding contribution to medicine and women’s rights.

Sadly Leila is buried alone at the Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney.

HELMETED HONEYEATER: Bird Emblem for Victoria

By Alex Smart

Members of APS-Wilson Park Berwick knew that the Helmeted Honeyeater was described from a specimen collected at Bass River, Westernport, more than 150 years ago.

In 2014 we approached Bob Anderson OAM, long term President of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater (He Ho's), based at Yellingbo, with a request to speak to our group at Wilson Botanic Park. Bob understood that, since settlement, He Ho's had lived on the Cardinia Creek until the last confirmed sighting just prior to the devastating Ash Wednesday fires.

The Yellingbo reserve is home to the only established wild population and it was vital that other populations become established. Bob suggested we should endeavour to have a trial reintroduction along the Cardinia Creek.

The result of that conversation was that in April 2015 our APS group organised a public meeting at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. More than 100 people attended. Speakers included Bob Anderson OAM, Kelvin Thomson MP (former Shadow Minister for the Environment and a bird enthusiast), and Dr Roger Francey (a CSIRO scientist and former resident of Upper Beaconsfield).

The federally constituted Helmeted Honeyeater recovery team responded enthusiastically. The team made visits and several areas

were selected for further habitat assessment. Eventually Environment Consultants identified the

Cardinia Creek, upstream from Guys Hill, as the preferred site for a trial release. Years passed and a few months ago representatives from Zoo's Victoria (who run the captive breeding program at Healesville sanctuary) announced plans for a trial release of 50 He Ho's at Guys Hill in 2024 and 2025, subject to the success of numbers bred.

The latest news is that Zoo's Vic are fencing off areas of Crown land so that feral deer can be excluded from areas where natural regeneration of vegetation should occur; they will then install aviaries to help captive birds transition into a new environment. Zoo's Vic will

conduct the releases and monitor the birds as, hopefully, they settle and breed where their ancestors lived.



Member for Berwick

By Brad Battin MP



Brad Battin MP

Sports season continues to see many clubs and teams in the midst of finals, with training commencing for many of the other sports leading into the spring/summer season. The hype of activity and social connection during this time

is wonderful to see as a way we can support our local clubs and organisations.

As an introduction to a sport that we have not heard too much about, Beaconsfield Tennis Club would like to know if there is anyone who has an interest in playing Pickleball. Please head to the survey on my website www.bradbattin.com.au to register your interest.

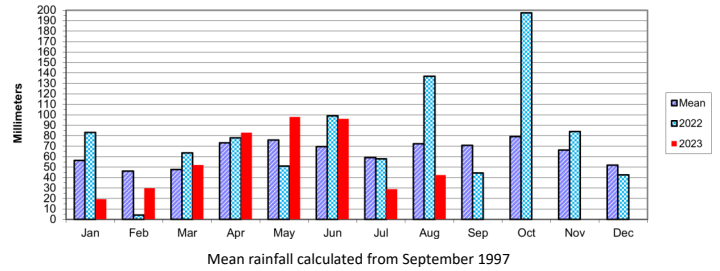
With the railway crossing removal project well underway, the Beaconsfield Railway Station is the latest to feel the impact with the closure of 360 car park spaces. Millions of dollars were spent to recently upgrade the car park, now to have it closed is disappointing. I also worked with the local community to help save the Railway House and the Bunya Bunya pine tree, which has seen the Railway House partially saved along with the Bunya Bunya pine tree. There were many attempts made to the government to obtain detailed traffic reports and to date, the government have kept these hidden.

I still do not have a permanent office in the Berwick electorate and parliament services assures me that we will have a temporary office in the not-too-distant future.

In the meantime, I will be supporting our local coffee shops and markets, please keep an eye on my socials for details of when and where I will be. Please feel free to come and have a chat about the important issues in our community.

If you would like to share your thoughts or any concerns with me, please feel free to contact me on 5953 0216 or brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au. You can also follow me on social media via my website: www.bradbattin.com.au, Twitter: [@BradBattinMP](https://twitter.com/BradBattinMP), Facebook: [@BradBattinMP](https://www.facebook.com/BradBattinMP), Instagram: [@bradbattinmp](https://www.instagram.com/bradbattinmp), LinkedIn: [Brad-Battin](https://www.linkedin.com/in/Brad-Battin) and YouTube: [Brad Battin MP](https://www.youtube.com/BradBattinMP).

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Beaconsfield Kindergarten

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Road will have its next A&R sometime in the next twelve months.

Committee of Management

You may be aware that Beaconsfield Kindergarten is one of the few kindergartens in the local Cardinia/ Casey area that is still run by a volunteer Committee of Management. But do you know what that means? Some of the benefits of being an independent, committee-run kinder include:

- Community focus: Our kindergartens are both located in Beaconsfield, and it is this community that we serve. Our policies and procedures reflect the needs of our local community, and all funding and fundraising is spent at our services, rather than spread across many services. We have greater individuality, with our educators having freedom to adapt the kinder program to meet the interests and needs of the children.
- Parent involvement: The great beauty of a committee of management is that it is made up of

current families attending our kindergarten. With the guidance of our expert teaching and administration staff, these families, who represent our local community, are able to make decisions on matters that directly affect them and their children. Examples include, but are not limited, improvements to the kinder, purchases, program models, timetables, policy development and recruitment of staff.

- Dedicated, long term staff: The majority of our staff have worked at our kinder for many years, with Mrs Hancock and Nicole Ferguson leading the count at over 20 years each! Our staffing team work closely with the committee of management to influence the direction of our kinder. They appreciate the stability in their employment and the enjoyment they get from seeing returning families and making strong connections within our local community.

We are very lucky to have retained our independence. It can only be done with a strong community behind us, and we would like to thank the Beaconsfield community for continuing to support our kindergarten.



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Contact the Banner at banner@beaconsfield.org.au





The Berwick Bowling Club is preparing for yet another busy event season. During the months of October to March we host many different groups and businesses for their annual get togethers. Whether it be Staff and Business Christmas parties, friends get togethers, birthday parties, end of year celebrations or just a day out, the club becomes a hive of activity.

Whilst the venue is picturesque and the all-weather facilities guarantee your event is secure, the club offers basic catering functions with your bookings and a fully stocked bar to make sure all your needs are covered.

If you would like to book an event please contact the club through its website functions and/or barefoot bowls pages by going to

www.berwickbowlingclub.com.au Our availability becomes limited so don't wait and secure your dates now.

Our Annual "Try Bowls" days are on Sunday 17th September and Sunday 1st October 2023 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

These days attract many new bowlers each year to the club and is a great way to come down, have a look at the club and meet some of our fantastic members. The days are free and there is no need to book. For more information contact Cheryl Dawson on 0400 720 789.

Our club is also a fantastic place for community groups, Yoga/Pilates classes, art & craft classes to come together as a different option than the normal spaces. You can use the indoor space or take advantage of the great outdoor, undercover green with digital scoreboards showing video's, clips and even your favourite music whilst conducting your classes.

We're more than just a bowls club, come down and have a look or jump on the website or Facebook pages to keep up to date with everything that is available and the latest news.





It's been a busy & exciting 2023 season for Beaconsfield Football Club. With an excellent standard of football in the Eastern FNL Division One, interest has been great with crowds up and our volunteers kept busy throughout.

We are so grateful to all those volunteers who enable our club to run efficiently and we know they all enjoy the camaraderie that comes from working together for a common cause.

On field our Senior & U/19.5 teams made the finals with the Reserves & Women's teams performing well but unable to match the more experienced teams at the top of the ladders. Our Junior club also had a wonderful season with 10 of the sides playing finals as they continue to produce future senior players and good citizens through their efforts. This is reflected in the fact that 18 of our senior team in the final round were graduates from our own juniors.

We got to hold our Sponsors & Life Members Luncheon at our last home game of the season and this was a great opportunity to thank them all for their terrific support of Beaconsfield FC, with many of those attending having been part of the club for more than twenty years.

Our Senior Club's Presentation Night is set for Saturday, 23rd September at Pink Hill Hotel, Beaconsfield with more details on booking etc on the club's Facebook page or contact Mark Hornstra (0418 330 083).

The final Women's team game for 2023 marked the end of an era for our President / Senior Women's Coach, Troy Robinson. Troy was the instigator of women's footy here at Beacy when he started coaching Youth Girls from U13-U18 between the years 2012-2015 and winning premierships in 2013, 2014 and 2015. He then continued on into Senior Women's in 2016, took a pause and returned to

coaching Senior Women's in 2019-2023. Throughout this period he coached some amazingly talented, now AFLW players such as Ellie Blackburn, Georgia Gee, Samantha Johnson, Tylah Hanks, Tyanna Smith and Jess Matin. Troy has been an influence in making Beacy a powerhouse in junior female football and in making female football a priority for our football club.

Whilst Troy has hung his whistle up now that the Senior Women's season has come to an end, he will no doubt have many fine and interesting memories from his female coaching days. Beacy FC thanks Troy for his hard work and dedication in getting our female teams up and running and cementing their place in grass roots football

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 2024 whether its with the Juniors or Seniors but it is a great place to form life long connections and friendships.



Troy Robinson in his last day coaching the Women's team 2023



Troy with his Best Clubperson trophy & his team. Troy has won the Best Clubperson trophy the last four seasons.



Memberships 2023/2024

Beaconsfield Tennis Club memberships have now opened for renewal for the 2023/2024 season.

Prices have slightly increased due to increased facility costs, however, the key charge is no longer required. Adult and Family play (social & competition) gives unlimited free access to all courts during the day if not being used for coaching or competition.

Credit card is now available for payments

online. Go to www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com/Membership and follow the links.

Phone (03) 88205853 if you require any assistance.

Juniors Tournaments

Congratulations to Jaxon Westling for coming 3rd in the Western Heights 2023 Community competition. Jaxon, from Section 9 has continued to go strength to strength with his tennis. Well done Jaxon.



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Noah Keltie (second from the left) and his Central Gippsland team on winning this weekend's state teams event in Shepparton.

They had a narrow win on sets in the semifinal against Mornington region and then defeated Loddon region 5 rubbers to 1 in the final with Noah playing some awesome tennis to record a 5-3, 4-1 singles win.

A brilliant week for all 4 players



Halloween at Beaconsfield Tennis Club

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club will be holding a special Halloween event again this year for club members and coaching families. There will be fun games, such as roll the pumpkin and wrap the mummy. There will be fancy dress prizes, face painting, free BBQ and lots and lots of lollies. Starting time: 5pm at the tennis club, on October 31st.



New Program: Kerry's Tennis 60plus

In memory of our very dear friend, Kerry McKean, who passed away in May 2022, the Beaconsfield Tennis Club, in collaboration with Ossie Tennis Coaching has developed a program for those aged 60 years and above who would like to play tennis.

Once a month on a Thursday afternoon, OTC will run a modified tennis program for 45 minutes. The participants can then enjoy another 30 minutes of social play if they wish. Waiting in the club rooms when they finish is a fully catered afternoon tea where they can sit and chat about their experiences on court. All this for only \$10 a session.

Registrations are required for catering purposes.

If you or a family member is wanting to join one or more of these sessions, let us know by calling 8820 5853. Dates 2023: Sept 14, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14

Start Time: 12pm

Transportation to and from courts is not included.

Thank you to our sponsors!

The Community Bank Beaconsfield District, as a major sponsor, has just announced they are fully funding current maintenance works on courts 5 - 8. Thank you, Bendigo Bank, for all your support.

Thank you also to Syarif and Rachel from Peak Real Estate, The Central Hotel Beaconsfield and Brad Battin, on your continued support you give to our wonderful sporting facility. Remember to support those who support our club.

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

Casual Court Hire

\$15 per court (per hour)

Book a court is now available through our website: www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com

Go to Court hire and follow the links. The synthetic grass courts are available for hire only when not in use. Competitions and coaching take precedence.

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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, you can 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. Please send photos as attachments.

All articles must contain the contributor's name and contact details for verification purposes.

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	B&W	Colour
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All advertising enquiries please email to: banner@beaconsfield.org.au.

Advertisements to be submitted by email as a JPG, PNG, or Microsoft Word document.

Next Deadline

The deadline for contributing to the next edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for articles and advertising is

15th November, 2023.

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Saturday 11th NOV 2023. 9am - 2pm


At Beaconsfield Baptist Church
Cnr Old Princes Hwy & Desmond Crt, Beaconsfield
Melway Ref: 214 A2
(enter via Desmond Court)

FREE ENTRY

There will be something for everyone
Face Painting and balloon animals for children
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