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Major flooding in Beaconsfield.

On January 8th, Beaconsfield experienced another major flood event. Is this something we should look forward to more often in the future?

Flooding of the Beaconsfield railway viaduct. See article and photos on page 11.

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Upcoming Public Events

ANZAC Memorial Service

Beaconsfield War Memorial - Sunday 21st April @1:30pm

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

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President's Report



Welcome to this Autumn edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. The Banner is available on our BPA website www.beaconsfield.org.au and printed copies are

available in the town at businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office and Beaconsfield Pharmacy.

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. Work on the Project continues at a fast rate, and at times works are happening 24/7. In particular, works have commenced on the overpass which will significantly change the landscape. The Level Crossing Removal Project team have held an online information session on 13 February to provide an update on the road bridge and a construction update. Unfortunately many locals could not participate due to loss of power after the storm that afternoon. Local Upper House MP Michael Galea hosted a Community Reference Group for the Station Street, Beaconsfield Project. The Reference Group raised several matters affecting the area, residents, traffic flow, etc. There will be further meetings arranged by LXRP and the Reference Group. If any residents want to have input on this project please contact us.

The Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 21 April commencing at 2pm. As previously the service will be held at the Beaconsfield War Memorial. Prior to the service, there will be a march from the Fire Station along Woods Street. Cardinia Shire Council will be undertaking landscape works at Bonette Reserve. The Tender for the works has been awarded to Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd. Works are due to be completed prior to the date of the ANZAC Memorial Service.

The latest information on the future accessibility of the Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve is uncertain. Cardinia Environment Coalition, the current land managers of the Nature Conservation Reserve, have announced that they are not in a position to continue their role. We await further developments. The proposed refurbishment of the Beaconsfield Reservoir by Melbourne Water is

unchanged.

Cardinia Shire Council Grants are now open for the 2024/2025 year and will close on 29 March, 2024. It is proposed that our Association will apply for a Grant for next year's Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service and a Grant of up to \$1,000 to purchase Christmas trees and decorations for Beaconsfield.

The Beaconsfield Carols by the Creek was held on Sunday 17 December at Bob Burgess Reserve. The Carols were organised by Beaconsfield Baptist Church and BPA and was a wonderful community event. The weather was fine and the crowd of approx. 1200 enjoyed the family friendly event.



The Victorian Government Container Deposit Scheme has started in Beaconsfield. The Machine is located at Mitre 10 Beaconsfield. Community members receive 10 cents for each eligible can, carton or bottle they return. This is a great way to recycle instead of items ending up in land fill.

Our Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month except January and December and start at 7.30pm. Thanks to the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre for their assistance in allowing us to use this venue. All local residents, business owners and others keen to be kept informed on matters predominately related to Beaconsfield are welcome to come to meetings.

Graeme Taylor
President
Beaconsfield progress Association

Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

Children's clothing and toy swap event

Residents can refresh their children's wardrobe and toys for FREE at the upcoming Children's Clothing and Toy Swap event in Beaconsfield.

Council has partnered with The Clothing Exchange, to provide an environmentally friendly way to help parents/guardians of children aged 3-8 years tackle how quickly they grow out of their clothes and toys.

Parents/guardians simply need to bring up to 6 good-quality pre-washed items of clothing and/or 6 good-quality toys to the event.

Event details

- Date: Sunday 7 April
- Time: 10am – 11:30am
- Location: Beaconsfield Community Complex (8 O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield)

To allow more children to attend the event, only one parent/guardian per family please.

Participants need to register for this event.

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1184199

Bonette Reserve

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

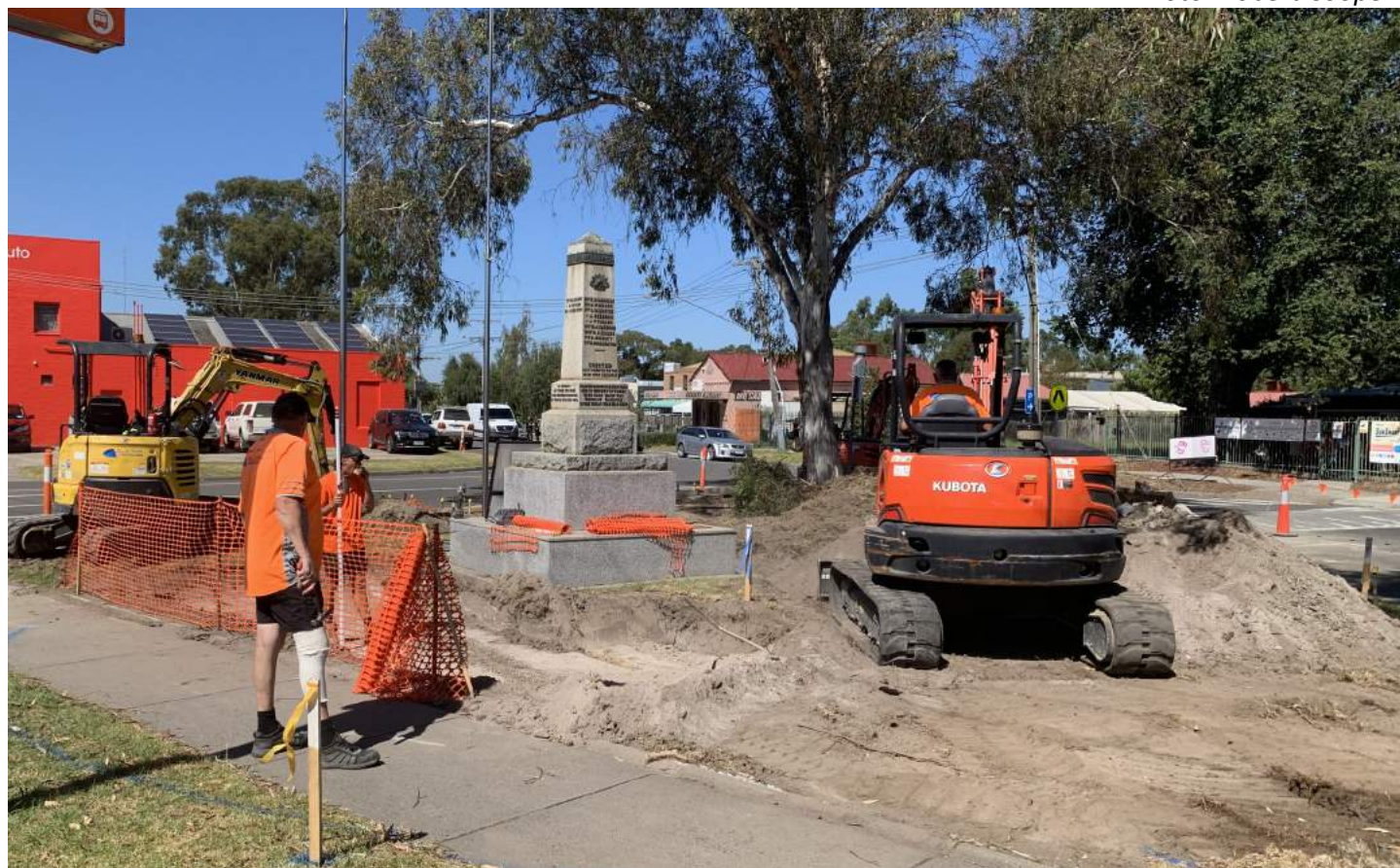
The Beaconsfield Structure Plan, which guides the growth and development of Beaconsfield sets out strategies to improve the area around the War Memorial.

The Historic Memorial and its immediate context are

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Bonette Reserve under redevelopment.

Photo: Robert Cooper



Councillors' Report

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considered by the structure plan to represent an important Civic node for the town of Beaconsfield.

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

Council anticipates the upgrade works will be completed by April 2024.

Council's FREE green waste drop-off events

Council's free green waste drop-off events are back in 2024.

The service helps Cardinia Shire residents to clean up and reduce the fire fuel load on their properties throughout the year.

Council's green waste drop-off events are 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.

Pakenham– Monday 8 to Saturday 13 April 2024

Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

Pakenham – Monday 3 to Saturday 8 June 2024

Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

For further information www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff

Care Finder: Understanding the My Aged Care system and Care Finder program

Do you need support as an older person? Come to the free sessions on Care Finder, a free service that helps you connect with My Aged Care and other community services.

Council is hosting two free sessions this March about Care Finder, a free service for vulnerable older people who need support.

Care Finder can help you:

- understand and interact with *My Aged Care*
- help you access aged care
- find other supporting services in the community.

You can get the support you need to live well, be independent, and feel safe. Don't miss this opportunity!

Date: 12 March 2024 & 19 March 2024

Location: Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer

Time: 10.00am–12.00pm

Cost: Free

To book a seat to attend one of these events please email ageingwell@cardinia.vic.gov.au or call council on 1300 787 624.



Station St Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal

The project is progressing with major concrete piling and bridge abutment works

well underway on both sides of the railway line and into the Melbourne Water catchment area.

The recent full closure of Kenilworth Avenue and the Beaconsfield Avenue underpass is complete, and both are reopened, with Kenilworth Avenue only in an Easterly direction which will remain for several months.

Council Officers are continuing to visit the site to ensure LXP are following all their conditions and a recent spike in carparking overflows is also being investigated by Council Compliance Team.

A recent online Community update meeting was held where LXP went through their most recent design updates and another meeting date will be announced by LXP soon.



Brunt Road Level Crossing Removal

Major concrete works are taking place on the bridge now with the preparation well underway for the future

tie into Brunt Rd, which will see traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists using the new bridge by mid-year.

An announcement on this timing is coming from LXP very soon and the LXP site compound entry has moved around into Pioneer Way in readiness for this.

The closure of Kenilworth Avenue to Brunt Road and its new connection to Copper Beech Road will be completed within the next 2 weeks and this has reduced construction traffic on Brunt Rd over the last week or so.

There are several other short closures of Janice St and Just Joey Drive for services relocations in the coming weeks and works notices have been sent out to all affected residents and LXP will also be holding more community events in the coming months for further updates.

Residents are encouraged to sign up to the SMS service which provides updates on disruptions and closures in the area.

<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/level-crossing-removal-project/subscribe>



Lighting Upgrade - Perc Allison Reserve Oval

In February, council awarded the tender for new sports field lighting at 5 reserves across the shire which included the Perc Allison Reserve's Oval.

During 2022 condition audits were undertaken for sports lighting infrastructure within the shire. The audits identified and ranked priority works across the recreation reserves and sports facilities. Where assets were determined to be a risk, they were made safe, and a cyclic program of design and replacement established.

The sports field lighting will be replaced with current generation LED, poles, wiring and supporting infrastructure.

I look forward to the much-needed lighting upgrade to support our local sporting clubs.

Village Green Playground Renewal

As part of Council's annual playground renewal program, Village Green playground on Stirling Circuit in Beaconsfield is being renewed. Village Green is located within the Panorama Estate in Beaconsfield and is within walking distance to the local childcare centre and Lifestyle community.

Late last year, residents were asked for their feedback on design options. Thanks to those residents who provided feedback on the design options for the playground renewal. The chosen design was option 4 and construction has commenced.

I am looking forward to this upgraded playground for our community to enjoy.

Councillor Brett Owen
Beacon Hills Ward
Cardinia Shire Council





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Carl's Jr. Opens in Beaconsfield

Carl's Jr., famous for its 'Made Fresh to Order' Chargrilled Burgers, Hand-Scooped Ice Cream Shakes, Hand-Breaded Chicken, Waffle Fries and Bottomless Drinks, officially opened its doors at 215 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (next to the new BP petrol station), on Wednesday, 17th January 2024.

To celebrate the occasion, the iconic burger chain offered FREE burgers for a year, to the first 50 customers on the day. Eager customers and Carl's Jr. fans camped out overnight at the restaurant in Beaconsfield some of which had been lining up since 2pm the day before opening.

Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik attended the grand opening Wednesday morning to celebrate with the Carl's Jr. team, staff, customers and for the official ribbon cutting ceremony to launch the opening of the new restaurant with the Zamm Enterprises team.

"The Cardinia shire is very supportive of the development and opening of Carl's Jr. Beaconsfield as it brings employment for young people and shows confidence in the area."

Mark Van Delft, franchisee of Zamm Enterprises, who owns and operates the Beaconsfield restaurant says, "We are excited to be providing local job opportunities in Beaconsfield for 110 new team members. For many of our team, this will be their first job."

Mark, his wife Mickey, and daughter Lexi have been in the QSR space for 30+ years combined, and were very excited to open their first Carl's Jr. restaurant in January. Locals to South Gippsland, the Van Delft's own, operate and manage Carl's Jr. Beaconsfield, and you are likely to see them in the restaurant

daily, serving and greeting customers.

"As a family, we love watching staff grow and giving them the opportunity to develop. We are doing something we love and are passionate about. We love talking to customers and making them feel welcome and their visit feel special. We are not just your average fast food visit, we serve our guests at their table with a smile and offering bottomless refills when they dine in. We thank everyone for the support and love meeting you all"

Andrew Firn, Managing Director of CJ's QSR Group Pty Ltd, Carl's Jr.'s Master Franchisee in Australia,

announced, "We are delighted to be bringing another Carl's Jr. Restaurant to outer suburbs of Victoria. We are especially excited to provide Carl's Jr.'s famous Burgers, Shakes, Chicken and Fries to the people of Beaconsfield, not only to continue to feed the burger masses but also to support the local community through employment and engagement programs."

Since introducing Carl's Jr. to Australia in 2016 in Bateau

Bay, New South Wales, the brand has grown to 44 restaurants throughout Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and New South Wales. You can visit Carl's Jr. Beaconsfield at 215 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield, VIC.

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Beaconsfield CFA



The brigade celebrates its 80th anniversary in March 2024 having been established in March 1944 following the devastating Black Friday Fires in 1939. Much has changed since then in terms of members, equipment and the number and type of calls, but the commitment to serving the community remains strong.

The brigade has been busy attending 217 emergency calls since July 2023. A large number of calls are for alarms in hospitals, nursing homes and education facilities. Since the opening of the Princes Freeway/ O'Shea Road interchange, the brigade has also

regularly attended car accidents at this intersection. Take care when using this intersection and be vigilant to the actions of other drivers even if you have a green light! On Tuesday 13 February, the brigade along with other CFA crews supported the Emerald SES with clearing trees from roads following severe storms which saw over half a million homes lose power in Victoria. Having seen the storm impact at Emerald, Beaconsfield was very fortunate to avoid the brunt of the storms.

The brigade attended the Berwick Show on the weekend of 24 and 25 February along with Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigades to show the community some of our trucks, talk about what we do, and fire safety. A highlight was Berwick's original 1926 Buick fire truck on display which is being restored by the Berwick Fire Brigade. The brigade was proud to be awarded a second place ribbon for a trade display.



Photos from the Berwick Show: (above left) Beaconsfield Brigade receiving the 2nd place for best trade display, (above) 1926 Buick fire truck being restored by Berwick CFA, Beaconsfield Fire Brigade display at the Berwick showgrounds (below).



January Flooding in Beaconsfield

The previous big flood of this magnitude in Beaconsfield was in Jan 2011. This was the last time that Soldiers Road was closed near the Beaconsfield Railway Station. This year, on January 8th following heavy rain, we again saw Soldiers Road closed, and over one metre of water was measured under the viaduct at Beaconsfield Station. There was also wide spread flooding at Akoonah Park and the footbridge at the tennis courts was completely cut off, with a raging torrent of water flowing down Cardinia Creek. This was quite an event for the town and there were many people roaming around to see the event for themselves.

Beaconsfield registered 61mm of rain on this day which was exacerbated by 20mm the day before causing the ground to already be saturated.



The Cardinia Creek high water bypass under the Princes Highway Link on the east side (above)

Soldiers Road, viewed from Beaconsfield railway station looking south (left)

South of Beaconsfield railway station (below)



Photos: Colin Brewer



BEAconsFIELD KINDERGARTEN

Beaconsfield Kindergarten has welcomed another cohort of children, who are all settling well into their new kindergarten environment. Our initial orientation program provided an opportunity for educators to support children in their transition to kindergarten, particularly in empowering each child to successfully part from their loved ones and enjoy their time at kinder.

The smaller groups that are offered during the orientation program support children as they begin to build their confidence and develop relationships with kindergarten staff and their peers. This is particularly important for children who are new to our service, especially our three-year-old groups. During this time, educators work on building trusting relationships with each child as they begin to learn about the children and establish routines and guidelines that are important for everybody to be able to contribute to and feel safe in a large group setting.

With the orientation program now over, we have continued our focus on belonging and community. Our community engagement has started with family nights at kinder for each of our 4yo group, and stay

and play sessions for our 3yo groups. We decorated wooden animals for display at the Berwick Show, and some children were very proud to attend the Show and see their work on display in the community. During March we will be celebrating Harmony Day – a time to recognise our diversity and bring together Australians from all different backgrounds to show that we all belong.



Meet our staffing team

2024 has seen some changes to the Beaconsfield Kindergarten staffing team and you might see some new faces around. Please welcome Gemma and Gabbie to our Woods St team, and Kaitlyn to our O'Neil Rd team. You will also see plenty of familiar teachers and educators at both of our kinders, who are looking forward to a fantastic year with our 2024 children.



Oh Christmas Tree

As Beaconsfield residents embraced Christmas in their front yards, with lights flashing on fences and trees and blow-up characters waving to passersby, very little was acknowledged in public spaces like the shopping precinct and parks. Some time ago councils across many municipalities decided not to continue decorating public arenas, however, they do offer small grants to community organizations who chose to put in an effort to add some Christmas joy around the neighbourhood. These grants cutoff in March each year.

After reading several posts from residents in a local Facebook group, expressing their dismay that the town is not embracing the Christmas spirit, Beaconsfield Progress Association contacted council to see if we could set up a display safely with their approval. After numerous emails it was agreed by both parties to install a small Christmas tree display on the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and Fieldstone Blvd. BPA were too late to ask for a grant from the council to pay for the display, however, it was decided BPA could afford four trees with

lighting and bright decorations.

As December approached, council quickly installed four metal posts, so the Christmas trees remained upright. BPA chose the wettest day in December to install and decorate the trees. As rain fell, two kind residents, Yolanda and Jackson, stopped and offered to help. For two hours we endured the weather and just as we finished, it decided to stop raining.

For three weeks, the trees endured rain, wind, and hail, often losing their decorations, only to be replaced by kind passersby. The feedback BPA received was overwhelming with some residents posting photo's as they enjoyed the display.

We would like to express our gratitude to Samantha from council, for putting in the extra effort to ensure we could get our display up in a very short time. Also, a big thank you to Yolanda and Jackson for stopping and helping us through a difficult time.

Plans are already in motion for next years display. If you would like to be involved, please feel free to contact us and we would love to hear from you.



Now over two weekends

This long running Cardinia event beginning in 1976, will be held at the amazing Pink Hill Hotel Function space in 2024.



“This brand-new facility is an exciting venue to hold this year’s exhibition and sale of traditional and fine art”, event coordinator Jillian Ronald said. “If you haven’t been to the Pink Hill Hotel this is the perfect opportunity to come and have a look. The Art Show will be open for 10 days and there will be something for everyone. We are very excited to see the Art Show step it up a notch.”

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A Tribute to Rob Porter

By Penny Harris Jennings

Sadly, Rob Porter passed away on 25 December 2023.



Rob's commitment to the community of Officer was steadfast and absolute.

Rob's father, James Porter, arrived in Officer from Ireland in the 1930's. He was a bridge builder, employed by the Country Roads Board. James married local girl Jean Tivendale on 16 November 1935 at the Officer Union Church. They had four sons, Edward, George, Robert and Russell. All the boys attended Officer Primary School.

After completing Primary School Rob then went on to Dandenong Technical School serving his apprenticeship in Plumbing with Graham Edwards from Nar Nar Goon.

Rob won the Victorian Plumbing Top Apprenticeship of the year in 1962.

On completion of his apprenticeship Rob established his own business, Porter Plumbing Service.

Rob loved sport, especially football. He played for the Officer Football Club, where he won best and fairest Award for the South West Gippsland League. Rob was thrilled when he had a season playing for Hawthorn Football Club.

In January 1966 Rob married his childhood sweetheart Carol Gilbert in the Officer Union Church. They built their home in Officer and had two sons, Geoffrey and Gavin.

Rob and Carol enjoyed being involved in the local community groups. Rob coached the Officer Football Club senior team, he was President of the Officer Football Club and for 51 years President of the Officer

Recreation Reserve Committee. He was awarded a life membership for both the Officer Football Club and the Cricket Club.

He was on many committees throughout his life including, Officer and District Community Association, the Officer Public Hall Committee, Officer Scouts and the Officer Union Church Committee.

Rob was nominated and won several community awards, the Cardinia Shire Stan Henwood Award 2015 and the Senior Citizen Award 2020.

Family, friends and the Officer community will be forever grateful to Rob, he gave his best and we are all the better for having known him.

Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service 2024

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 21 April at the Beaconsfield War Memorial on the corner of Woods Street and Old Princes Hwy. There will be a march, for all those who would like to participate, 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 invited 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 from all conflicts. This special tribute is organised by Beaconsfield Progress Association and supported by Cardinia Shire. Afternoon tea will be provided after the service.

Beaconsfield has a history of dedicated war service. The website 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.

A vertical poster for the Anzac Memorial Service. The title 'Anzac Memorial Service' is at the top in large black font, flanked by red poppies. Below the title is a dark blue box with white text inviting the community to the service at the Beaconsfield War Memorial. To the right is a photo of a marching band. Further right is a red vertical banner with 'Sunday 21st April' in white. Below the photo is another dark blue box with the march and service times. At the bottom left is a dark blue box with contact information. At the bottom right is the Cardinia Shire logo with the text 'Proudly supported by'. The entire poster is decorated with red poppies and green leaves.

Anzac Memorial Service

Beaconsfield Progress Association and the Cardinia Shire Council would like to invite you to the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service.

Beaconsfield War Memorial
Cnr Woods Street & Old Princes Hwy

Sunday 21st April

March Commences : 1:50pm
Service Commences: 2pm

Contact:
secretary@beaconsfield.org.au

Seating will be made available on the day

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Carols by the Creek 2023 back at Bob Burgess

After a few years missing in the community, it was so great to see Carols by the Creek back and in the original location by the iconic Cardinia Creek in Bob Burgess Reserve. Melbourne turned on the weather for a stunning day with perfect conditions and it was a night for family and friends to enjoy and celebrate Christmas together as a community. There was a great turn out from the community as families had picnic teas.

The talent of performances by Beaconsfield Baptist Church Band, Daughters of the King, the Eleven 88 dancers and local artist Chenuli Haththimuni meant there was something for everyone to enjoy and then everyone joined in singing the well-known Christmas Carols.

A big thank you to all who made this day such a success! We look forward to seeing you at this year's event, which is scheduled to be held on Sunday 22nd December 2024.

Glynn Owen.





Phone 8768 4400

Neighbourhood Natter

Welcome to 2024! With the beginning of a new year, we have some fun Beginners' programs to share.

Start hitting your new year fitness resolutions with Strength Training for Over 50s (Beginners to Intermediate) at 9.30am-10.15am on Wednesdays for just \$8 per session. Or perhaps Beginners' Ballroom Dancing on Tuesdays from 7pm-8pm for \$112 for the term will appeal. Maybe meet your intention for increased creativity with Drawing Classes for Beginners or Painting with Watercolours for Beginners. Contact us for more details and availability.

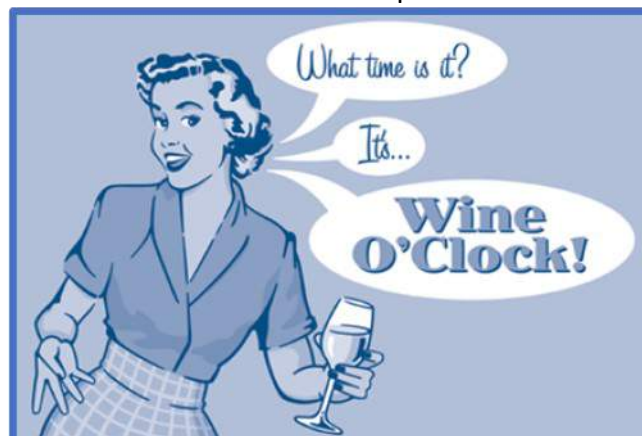
Our resident florist Sharon usually sells out her workshops with many returning members becoming quite experienced floral arrangers in their own right, so Sharon wants to make sure beginners are encouraged to attend the upcoming classes.



The workshops are just \$75 each and you get to take home your stunning arrangement following a very fun and educational evening. Term 2 will see us add specific Beginners' Floral sessions designed for those who have not attended a class before. Look out for details in our Term 2 program available late March.

The number of expressions of interest received for

our Choir have been fantastic and we're delighted to be able to move forward in facilitating this group of music lovers to develop a new regular meeting time. The more the merrier, so get in touch to begin this musical adventure from its inception.



The BNC Wine Club is adding a twist to their next meeting with a 1950s themed event. From 7pm on Friday 8th March, for just \$40 per person, there will be a cocktail upon arrival, and tastings of a sparkling wine, two whites and two reds with a bit of 50s flair. The evening will be topped off with a dessert cocktail with canapes and finger foods served throughout the evening. First-time and/or one-time participants are welcome to join our regular tasters for this special, fun night. For designated drivers and non-drinkers who would appreciate simply socialising and dressing up, there is a reduced price of \$15 per person to enjoy the nibbles and soft drink only. Bookings are essential for catering purposes and numbers are limited, so don't miss out!



Hearing Australia will be conducting free hearing checks at the Centre on Monday 18th March between 1pm-3pm. Bookings are essential as an appointment cannot be guaranteed for drop-ins on the day.

We were very happy to welcome a new Committee of Management member towards the end of last year. Barry Small brings his extensive experience in governance, risk management and process improvement to the team. We now have a full complement of 12 Committee members for the 2023/2024 year. You can still express your interest in volunteering for our Committee throughout the year as there is usually some movement and resulting vacancies by the time of our AGM in October.

Our amazing knitters from the Monday Knitting

group clicked away another extraordinary year of donations for those in need. The December handover of toys helped charities like Bless Collective and Food Pantry put hampers together for families at Christmas and brought the annual tally of knitted items to an enormous 647.



The Pakenham Op Shop, Casey Hospital and Beaconsfield Ambulance Station were also recipients of knitted items. Donations included blankets and other winter warmers earlier in the year. A display window at the Centre also offers a selection of knitted items for purchase with all money going back to buy more wool and stuffing, so the community can support the group and take home a unique, beautiful, knitted treasure. There were 138 additional items knitted for this purpose.

BNC Children's Room

Our Occasional Care program is in great demand and sessions are currently full with waiting lists now in place. We offer casual or emergency placement if there is a vacancy in a session due to the absence of a permanent place holder. Reach out to us for more details and to add your name to the contact list for notification of an available place up for grabs.

The New Year has begun with many smiling new faces and some familiar ones as well. The

Collaborative Care arrangement we have with Beaconsfield Kindergarten is being well utilised by families with children attending both services. This additional service helps parents by ensuring their kinder kids can be transferred between services before or after their session to allow for a full day of work or other commitments.



The children have loved our new "Who is Playing Today?" wall as they find themselves or their friends each session. This is a fabulous example of one fun way we're meeting the Early Years Learning Framework Outcome 1: Children having a strong sense of identity and belonging. It's also proven to be a great transition strategy to welcome each child as they arrive and promote inclusivity.

Our Term 1 Program is packed with much more including all our beloved regular activities and classes. Hard copies are available at Reception for every term and the digital version is available on our website www.bncinc.org.au. If you would like every edition emailed, please let us know by dropping a line to: program@bncinc.org.au.

Add us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates. We welcome your enquiries and feedback. Stay connected to your community!

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Member for Berwick

By Brad Battin MP



Brad Battin MP

I am pleased to share news of our move in date to the new Berwick electorate office in 4/6 Wheeler St, Berwick as the 20th of March 2024. Please check my socials for related updates. I look forward to welcoming you to the new office and will ensure between now and then our service to you remains available.

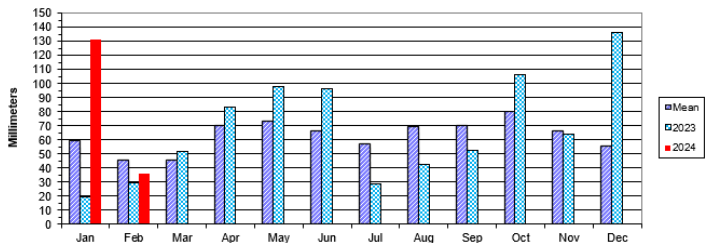
If you had the chance to attend the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival on Sunday 18th of February, I am sure you would agree that it was a fabulous event. This event highlights for me the importance of community and recognition of how we can work together to showcase important issues within society.

Please be mindful of the social isolation that grips some people; old and young which is growing after the last few years. Some people may need a little encouragement to get out and meet people. If you know of people in your local street or area who are struggling to get back into the community make sure you reach out and see if you can assist. If not, contact the council to see if any of their services can help or offer advice. Connected communities are stronger communities.

My staff and I are still available to you from our temporary office in Narre Warren, if you have any questions or comments to share, please feel free to contact me on 5953 0216 or via berwick@parliament.vic.gov.au. You can also follow me on social media via my website: www.bradbattin.com.au,
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Beaconsfield Rainfall



Mean rainfall calculated from September 1997

	2024		2023									
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
mm	131.5	36	52	83	98	96	29	42.5	52.5	106.5	64	136.5
Rain Days	8	4	7	8	15	14	5	8	6	9	8	10

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Eric Chaplin - OAM

Congratulations to Eric Chaplin, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) at the 2024 Australia Day Awards.

Eric Chaplin has been President of Upper Beaconsfield RSL sub-branch for almost 25 years. He has been exceptional in his care for the returned servicemen in this area and also for many residents in the local community.

Beaconsfield does not have a RSL but does have a rich war history with many servicemen and women who served in World War I & World War II and other conflicts. Eric has always attended the Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Services and provided the roll call of Beaconsfield servicemen & women. He has also supported Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour and Digital Memorial.

Eric is always there to lend a hand whenever needed in so many other ways too and so many have been helped over the years. Our local area is truly blessed by all Eric has done for this community over the years.



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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 2024 on Wednesday 7th of February and there will be lots of craft ideas. You can bring your own crafts to work on or have help with that UFO craft or just come along for a chat and a cuppa. All enjoyed over morning tea.

Make and Mingle's annual Craft Fair was held on Saturday 11th 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. 214 A2 (enter via Desmond Court).

Look forward to seeing you in 2024.

For information contact:

makeandmingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au

Recycling in Beaconsfield

Rohan Treasure and his team at Mitre 10 Beaconsfield have been supporting Beaconsfield Community in many ways over the years.

They are now very active in ensuring that recycling is made easy and done correctly in Cardinia Shire.



VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME. The collection machine for Beaconsfield is located in the carpark of Mitre 10. Bring along your eligible bottles and cans each for a 10 cents refund. You can either keep your refund or support your favourite charity or community organisation with a donation or you can request a voucher to be

redeemed at participating local stores. Download the VGCDs and make your selection. There are a number of local sporting groups or community groups you can choose to support in this area.

E-WASTE. They have a Cardinia Shire E-Waste container inside the store. E waste is any item that has a battery, cord or plug and is at the end of its useful life. E waste is banned from Victorian landfill, so it cannot be put into any household garbage bins. So, take along used batteries and small electrical items to recycle and place in the labelled container within the store.

PLASTIC PLANT POT & LABELS. PP5 recycling service for plant pots and labels with the PP5 recycle label on them. The pots can be left in a large basket in the carpark near the entrance to the store.

BEACONSFIELD DENTAL also have recycling of used dental products such as empty toothpaste tubes, used toothbrushes and even the product packaging can be recycled with the funds supporting Beaconsfield Primary School.

SO LET'S GET RECYCLING IN BEACONSFIELD and look after our environment.





2024 Action on the footy field is getting serious with practice matches arranged for Sat. 16th March (vs Noble Park) & Sat 23rd March (vs Mornington). 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 lots of talented Juniors taking the step up to Senior level, the expectations are high for a good year of football for all our teams –

Seniors, Development, U/19.5's & Women's.

The season commences for our Men's teams on Sat 6th April with a Home game against Wantirna South.

Membership Tickets are a great way to support the

club and enjoy Saturdays at our great facilities at Holm Park Reserve. Single or Family memberships are available at the ground on training nights or contact Geoff McGowan (0410 446 988.)

On **Sunday 24th March** the football club will be holding its major fundraising event, the **Annual 10K draw**. This great day has been going for 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. Contact Andrea Cockayne (0412 257 093) 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 - Chris Murrin - (0423 873 616) 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 2024, whether it's with the Juniors or Seniors it is a great place to form life long connections and friendships.

Our 2024 home games draw for our Men's teams is as below -

BEACONSFIELD FC – HOME GAMES 2024 SEASON (ALL ON SATURDAYS)

6TH APRIL – RD 1 VS WANTIRNA SOUTH;

11TH MAY – RD 6 VS PARK ORCHARDS;

22ND JUNE – RD 11 VS NTH RINGWOOD;

6TH JULY – RD 13 VS STH BELGRAVE (Rivalry for Rik (Crazy) Crook Cup & PREMIERSHIP REUNION WEEKEND)

13TH JULY – RD 14 VS MONTROSE;

17TH AUGUST – RD 18 VS BAYSWATER

20TH APRIL – RD 3 VS MOOROOLBARK

25TH MAY – RD 8 VS MITCHAM

3RD AUGUST - RD 16 VS DONCASTER



On the weekend of **Friday 5th July & Sat 6th July** we will be holding triple premiership celebrations of our flag winning teams of 1974, 2004 & 2014 teams for all players, committees & supporters. More details to come.

Shown here is our 1974 premiership team who will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their win over Keysborough.



Mid-Week Ladies Results

Congratulations to Beaconsfield's Mid- Week Ladies in the Spring competition 2023.



DDTA Tuesday Section 2 - Beaconsfield 4-39 d Berwick Red 2-31. Premier Players L to R Anja Potter, Dawn Snelson, Jenny Ponter, Lorraine Macreadie. Absent Helen Alexander, Janet Bechet. (28th November, 2023)



DDTA Wednesday Section 1 - Beaconsfield Red d Beaconsfield Blue. Premier Players L to R Brenda Wood, Louise Mettes, Anne Ormiston, Lorraine Macreadie. Absent Bronwyn Rogers, Lynne Day. (22nd November, 2023)



DDTA Wednesday Section 1 - Runners-up Beaconsfield Blue. Players L to R Dawn Snelson, Karen Cavalot, Terry Sheafe, Janine Harding, Liz Drew

Social Tennis at Beaconsfield Tennis Club

Do you like tennis but don't want to play competition? Do you like to have a hit, but you don't have any one to play tennis with? Beaconsfield Tennis Club has several options for adult social tennis. Go to www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com and check out the choices.



Women's Monday Morning social, Kerry 50 plus, Men's Thursday night, Sunday Veteran's.

For those wanting a little competition but don't want to feel they are playing in the 'Australian Open', we also have some mid-week adult night events. Monday night Advanced hitters and Tues/Wednesday social (all abilities). If you have any questions, feel free to go to the website and send a message to our friendly community liaison manager or read further for more details.

'ReturnIt' recycling

Beaconsfield Tennis Club has registered as a charity with the Container Deposit scheme. Remember to key the Partner Identification code C2000009527 after you have made your container deposit and every 10 cents goes to our wonderful club. It's very easy and quick to use. The nearest deposit venue is at Mitre 10 Beaconsfield.

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

NEW' Women's Social

Casual hit with other women from Beaconsfield Tennis Club. Members are free. Non-members \$5. Monday mornings commencing at 9:30. Contact Anja Potter 0437 074 287

Kerry 50 plus

Something special for a tennis beginner or someone who hasn't been on court for a long time. You don't have to be over 50 to join in. To find out more information or to register your interest, go to our website www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com.

Casual Court Hire

\$15 per court (per hour)

Book a court is now available through our website: <https://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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All articles must contain the contributor's name and contact details for verification purposes.

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