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Bonette Reserve Upgraded

The Beaconsfield War Memorial was erected in 1920 and is on the land which was owned by David Bonette who served in both World Wars. The Reserve was officially named Bonette Reserve in 1951.

This year 2024, Cardinia Shire Council has upgraded the Reserve with new paving, gardens, landscaping and underground power and will be completed with new seating and signage.

The Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service was held at the Reserve on Sunday 21 April.

Read the story on page 13.

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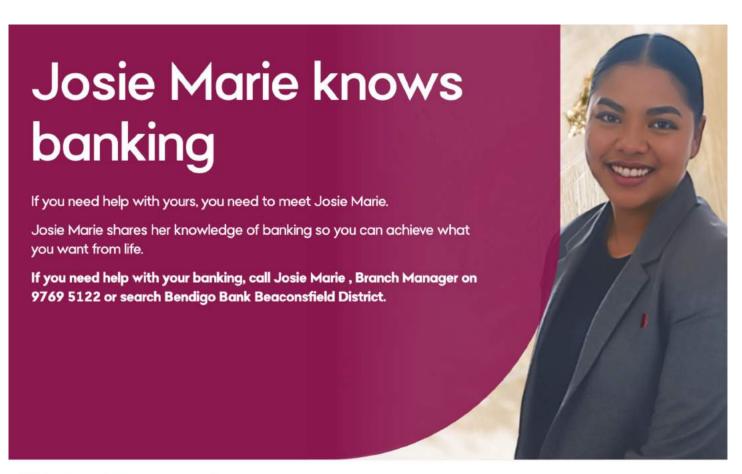
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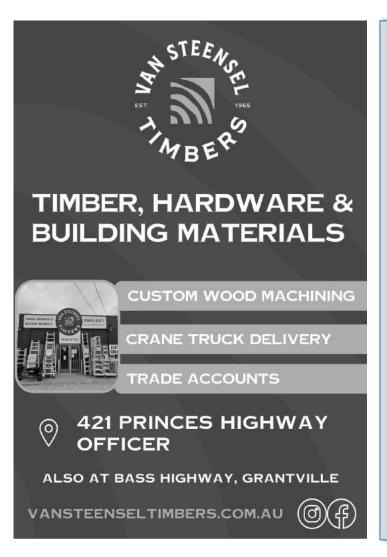
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President's Report



Welcome to this Winter 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 continued on the Road Bridge Overpass which will significantly change the landscape. To enable the build of the Road Bridge there will be part temporary closures of Kenilworth Avenue and Soldiers Road during May and early June. There will be some day and night work to build structures for the new Road Bridge. Large bridge beams will be delivered to the site overnight. There will be increased construction activity, noise and vibration. There will be detours and reduced speed limits and there will be lighting at night. There will be train disruptions from 10pm Friday 17 May to Sunday 2 June. There will be temporary closures and changes to some bus stops. The pedestrian footpath along Kenilworth Ave. will be temporarily closed and replaced by a shuttle bus. No doubt these works will create a great deal of inconvenience for the community using these routes and, in particular, noises 24/7 for local residents.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service was held on Sunday 21 April at the War Memorial site at Bonette Reserve. Approximately 150 people attended in fine weather to remember service men and women who served in wars and conflicts and, in particular, those from Beaconsfield. There was a march along Woods Street prior to the Memorial Service. The Memorial Service included the Memorial address for Lieutenant Edgar Marsden, the reading of the Beaconsfield Soldiers' names and the Ode to the Fallen by Eric Chaplin OAM Upper Beaconsfield RSL President, the Last Post, one minute's silence and the Rouse and laying of the

Wreaths. Thanks to the many people involved in the service.

Cardinia Shire Council has upgraded Bonette Reserve with new paving, gardens, landscaping, underground power, new flag poles and parking and footpath upgrades. Seating and signage will be installed soon. These works have greatly enhanced this Reserve for the use and enjoyment of the community. Thanks to Cardinia Shire Council for undertaking this project.

There is a lot of activity near Beaconsfield Emerald Road in the Berwick Views estate to replace sections of the boardwalk. The affected sections of the timber boardwalk will be replaced with different timber materials to improve the use of the wetlands area.

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 attend the meetings.

Graeme Taylor
President
Beaconsfield Progress Association

Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Brett Owen

Upgrade of Bonette Reserve/Beaconsfield Memorial

Council's upgrade of Bonette Reserve in Beaconsfield is almost complete. The reserve was ready for Beaconsfield's ANZAC Service.

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

The upgrade is not yet fully finished, with seating and signage to be installed in coming weeks.

It was wonderful to see the improvements that have already been made to the reserve when Beaconsfield's ANZAC day service was held there. The improvements to accessibility and safety as well as provision of an accessible parking bay will increase the utility of this space for all.





The paths, paving, new seating and planting along with maintenance of the existing trees ensures that this will be an inviting open space in the heart of Beaconsfield.

Village Green Playground Renewal

The renewed Village Green Playground is now open for play!

The upgraded playground is located at the Village Green Reserve, Stirling Circuit in Beaconsfield within the Panorama Estate.



Through planning the playground renewal in 2023, Council's Parks Planning team engaged with residents who were invited to share their thoughts and ideas on Village Green and what they would like to see included in the upgrade.

Council heard that there was 'not a lot to do' at the existing playground, and some found it 'boring', however feedback indicated the park is in a central location and is well used by local families, especially grandparents caring for young children.

Ensuring Village Green offered different play elements to the playground on Tantallon Boulevard, Council worked with playground suppliers to come up with designs that reflected community feedback.

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Councillors' Report

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Final designs were then presented to the community for opinion and the opportunity to vote. The chosen design, completed by a local company, Activity Playgrounds, was preferred by the community, and offers a wide range of play experiences for users, including swings, a basket swing, monkey bars, a track glider, bridges, tunnels and a space for imaginative play. The upgrade also focused on accessibility with a new concrete path and seating, as well as repairs to the partial fencing and edging.

Check it out!

Beaconsfield Wetland Boardwalk Renewals



Renewal and improvement works on the Berwick Views Estate boardwalks in Beaconsfield are well underway. To improve community safety and access, Council is replacing sections of the existing timber boardwalk along the Coronel wetlands near Fieldstone Boulevard and Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.



The existing

timber boardwalk will be replaced with different materials in sections including new timber, retaining wall and granitic sand footpath.

The existing footpath network in the wetland area consists of timber boardwalks and concrete pathways, and the boardwalk was constructed almost 25 years ago during the development of the Berwick Views Estate.



The treated pine components used in this structure have reached the end of their serviceable life and now require replacement before the structure completely fails.

These works are being completed as part of Council's Bridge Renewal program.

Council is working to minimise disruptions to the community, however temporary fencing and footpath closures will be in place for the duration of these works.

The works for the replacement of the extensive boardwalk along the Beaconsfield Emerald Road to the north of the wetlands has undergone detailed design, fabrication and installation.

Works are scheduled to be completed by early June 2024, conditions permitting.

Heritage Grant applications now open

Applications for the Cardinia Shire Heritage Grants are now open to residents until Friday 7 June. The program provides funds to restore and conserve places of heritage value that are covered by a heritage overlay in the Cardinia Shire Planning Scheme.

Funds are available for private sites, as well as places that are open and accessible to the public, including commercial premises and other significant sites. Applications can also be made to include gardens, trees and hedges that have heritage significance.

For publicly accessible places, applicants can apply for up to 50 per cent of the project cost, up to the value of \$5,000. For private places, applicants can apply for 25% of project cost up to a maximum of \$2,500.

To apply for a grant, or to check if your heritage site or tree is eligible, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ heritagegrants

Cardinia Jobs & Skills Showcase

The Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase in partnership with Local Jobs - South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula, Star News Group and Chisholm Skills & Jobs Centre will take place on Thursday 20 June from 10am-1pm.

The second Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase aims to bridge the gap between jobseekers and local employers, providing the opportunity for job seekers to connect with local employers and providers about current vacancies and career pathways.

Workshops will run on the day where jobseekers will receive support with CV and cover letter writing and interview techniques.

For more information visit:

www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/cardinia-business/cardinia-jobs-and-skills-showcase



Beacon Hills Ward Councillor Brett Owen visited Beaconsfield Kindergarten to catch up with Education Leader, Jolene (left), Abbey (centre left), Lexi (centre) and Millie (centre right)

Kindergarten Registrations

Registrations for first round community kindergarten offers will be closing soon.

Kindergarten is an important time in our children's lives and research shows there is considerable benefit to children attending kindergarten programs, which is why council is proud to be able to offer free community kindergarten for families.

It's now time for Cardinia Shire families to register their children for 3-year-old and 4-year-old community kindergarten via Council's online registration portal at any time.

If you'd like your child to be included in first round resident offers for 2025, registrations must be submitted by Sunday 30 June. Please logon onto the online portal to register your child – any registrations received after this date will be included in further round offers.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

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Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal Project Update

By Fran Healey



Another article on the LXRP Beaconsfield did not seem possible, and was not on my radar. What more could I possibly write about that had not already been discussed, complained

about and hashed over? It had worn us down and I guess we all just wanted to move on and get it over and done with. Local residents now shrug their shoulders and say how tired they are of it. We tried our best to stop it but should be happy we saved the Railway House. It is our way of coping, we just get on with things, it will be over one day.

While the construction continues to decimate the landscape, dig up swathes of green and divert traffic there is still news to report to the wider community and those who pass through regularly.

So, what has been happening over the last nine months since the site offices moved in with the workers, machines and plans and a structure the size of a growing multistorey building looms over the Beaconsfield landscape?

Mostly it is busy, except every second Monday which is always an RDO for the sector, although work has been going on 24/7 at the moment with bright lights and machinery with deliveries and



varying shifts of workers. The station carpark size is dramatically reduced.

There is traffic management most days, Kenilworth Avenue is often closed to traffic, or reduced to one lane. The south side of Beaconsfield Ave has been closed to pedestrians and the road has been narrowed due to the 'gawk' screening, fencing and buffers on the road. Coupled with commuter parking on the north side week days it makes for congestion at peak times together with the two school crossings. It is hard for two vehicles to pass safely with the need to give way if you include buses and trucks which frequent the road at all times. It is also difficult, and dangerous, for residents to reverse out

Aerial view of the new overpass under construction. Kenilworth Avenue is on the left with the Railway House and Bunya Bunya pine tree on the right.



of their driveways at this time so patience is required.

A kangaroo was hit on Beaconsfield Ave early one morning in March and needed to be euthanised. This was distressing for all concerned and could be seen as a result of the intrusion on its habitat and also being unable to seek safety as the road gives it no means of escape.

A request was made to Cardinia Council to ban parking in Beaconsfield Ave for the duration of the Project due to safety concerns and wildlife impact but this was refused.

Easter Tuesday brought heavy rain just before drainage works were due to start and Beaconsfield Ave was to be closed for the school holidays. The water from the easement between Souter St and Goff St did not cope and flooded three properties that back onto it. The residents on the corner could not get out of their house, not only was their garden fully submerged but under the house a raging torrent and water halfway across the road. Two other properties adjoining the easement had flooded gardens and sheds. Workers from LXRP were sent to assess and put in place pumps to both ensure the water was drained away and to make sure no more water was able to back up. They returned a couple of days later to sweep and clean the driveway of debris. Work started as planned on the drainage works later in the week, however, to date, the residents are being forced to get their own insurance to repair the damage as LXRP now blames the Council for the easement but Council assessment is that this was not the case.

See below for the Council correspondence 11/4/24

"Council is aware of residents that were impacted by flooding along Beaconsfield Avenue near the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) works.

Council Operations and surveillance teams have been working constantly since the incident to check all Council's drainage network and communicating with residents directly and to date have found nothing within the network that could have caused the flooding impact to these properties. Council executives have discussed the matter with the LXRP executives, and we have been assured that LXRP are discussing and assisting the residents directly. We currently have no formal statement from LXRP but as investigations continue, we will provide an update to Councillors.



Flooding into private property caused by the Level Crossing Removal Project on the corner of Beaconsfield Avenue and Goff Street, immediately adjacent to the construction works.

Council Officers are also working closely with the LXRP team to understand if any of their project works may have caused this flooding, Council Officers will continue to communicate directly with the affected residents but encourage the residents to continue the open discussions with LXRP."

So, life goes on for those of us at Ground Zero and we hope that it will be finished ahead of time and they will move on and we can adjust to the changed view. The station itself however will not get any attention as it is not part of the project and will continue to offer no protection to commuters in hot, cold or wet weather with no facilities. Pakenham and Narre Warren in this respect were luckier.

It is positive to note that while it was thought that the newer rear of the Railway House would need to be removed, to date this has not happened. The construction is very close to it but it looks safe at the moment and hopefully the Railway House will remain intact and will be able to serve the community going forward.

I am also happy to report that two small bunya bunya tree seedlings that I potted before the owners moved out are growing and thriving.

Those of us who are neighbours to this Project are just surviving day to day and try to support each other. Those of you who grumble about the traffic snarls and road closures spare a thought for us. We look forward to the day this expensive LXRP moves on and hopefully the advantages the Government spruiked to us when justifying the money spent will materialise.

Beaconsfield CFA



Well, summer was the season that whilst not great for beach lovers it was great from a firefighter's perspective. We still had serious fires in the west of the state but our region was relatively fire free for 2024.

Summer may have been quieter than usual but the number of calls were some days up to three.

There are two types of call outs that highlight the need for care. We are currently experiencing a number of house fires with the point of origin being the kitchen area, so please ensure your kitchen has all appliances and stove top switched off if you leave the premises or are not inside the house.

Secondly, motor vehicle accidents with serious crashes at the new freeway interchange with O'Shea Road. This intersection requires 100% concentration with the various light sequences bringing some drivers undone as they enter against a red light or arrow. Other areas are the main street shopping complexes. Please take care and stay safe.

The brigade was called out to a garage fire in Clyde North. On route it was upgraded to 9 garages involved and on arrival 2 home units added were also on fire. It took a concerted effort by 6 stations including Fire Rescue Victoria appliances to bring the fire under control.

Finally, it was the brigade's 80th Birthday last month. The day was celebrated by a members and family photo followed by a BBQ. It is an amazing journey from the original station to a state of the art station we have in Woods St today.

Stay safe and remember your smoke alarm batteries need annual checks.

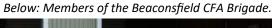
By Tony Lucas



Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

Above: Life members

Back row left to right: Michael Ott, Glenn Dorning, James Cain, Bev Burgess, Jason Mckenzie, Mateo Di Carlo Front row: Don Tye, Reece Owen, Bob Macpherson, Brian Unwin, Tony Lukas, Ron Woodfine, Noel Seabrook





Historic Nameplates Return to Beaconsfield

By Ann Taylor

The original 65 nameplates made in 1929 for the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour have been returned to Beaconsfield and the plan is to display them at Berwick Pakenham Historical Society for all to see.

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displayed on a new plaque within the Beaconsfield area.

Beaconsfield Progress Association inc. decided to

ensure that the new plaque was made and displayed. With research for all the soldiers' names by historian Penny Harris Jennings and support from the Victorian Government and the Victorian Veterans Council with a Restoring Community War Memorials Grant new Bronze plaques were made and installed at Beaconsfield Park on the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and Old Princes Hwy in 2014. Information about each of the servicemen has been published in a booklet 'Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour; servicemen remembered' and is also on the digital memorial on the BPA website www.beaconsfield.org.au

The original 65 nameplates are 95 years old and are fragile. However, BPHS & BPA are hoping to be able to display them in a purposebuilt case at Berwick Pakenham Historical Society and are currently working on an application for a Grant and plans for the display case.

So it is hoped that after 95 years these original nameplates may finally be displayed and will be a fitting tribute to the 65 servicemen.

After World War I, the Beaconsfield Progress
Association applied to the Roads Board to plant an
Avenue of Honour and Philanthropist Ada Armytage
donated the funds for the planting of the 123 Hybrid
Black Poplars along the main road in 1929.

Individual metal nameplates were made for each of the 65 servicemen, but for various reasons were never displayed. Extensive research has discovered that the nameplates were found stored in Adamson's old Hardware Store in Woods Street and then handed over to City of Casey in the 1980's.

The late Tony Rushton, a local Beaconsfield resident, located the nameplates stored in the City of Casey Depot. He was responsible for initiating the project that would see the names of the 65 servicemen





Mothers' Day was a huge focus at kindergarten as we started Term 2, with all children busy making gifts for their mums/special persons and planning special events.

All groups celebrated their mothers/special persons with an event at kinder, either during



session or in the evening with many children (and some mums) already dressed for bed. We appreciate families taking time out of

their busy schedules to help celebrate with the children. Showing their mum/special person around kinder and participating in activities together helps children develop a sense of belonging to kinder and strengthens the connections between home and kinder.



Beaconsfield Kindergarten's Myrtle and Wattle Groups have been very excited to start bush kinder in Term 2. Due to a change in timetable, both groups are now running their bush kinder sessions at Wilson Botanic Park in Berwick.

Children's safety is always important, a key factor at kinder, and never more so than when we're out and about with the children.



Our Myrtle and Wattle children started their bush kinder experience with lots of discussions about safety and boundaries. They also discussed connection to country and how they can be respectful to the land. These conversations will continue throughout the bush kinder program as children's awareness, confidence and understanding develop.



While there is a serious side to bush kinder, it is, of course, mostly about having FUN! Some of the adventures to date have included climbing up and sliding or rolling down hills, using binoculars and magnifying glasses looking high and low, digging for bugs, playing in puddles and games such as tiggy and "What's the Time Mr Wolf?".

If you see us out and about in Wilson Botanic Park, we'd love you to give us a wave but ask that you please respect our space and the children's safety by not coming over to chat.

By Nicole Hanssen Centre Manager

2024 Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service was held on Sunday 21 April 2024. The weather was fine and the upgraded War Memorial Site on Bonette Reserve was ready. The service is always held on the Sunday before Anzac Day and this was the 25th year and acknowledgement was made to the late Tony Rushton, Beaconsfield resident who initiated and organised services.



Around 150 people gathered to remember service men and women who have served in wars and conflicts and to acknowledge the service of Beaconsfield servicemen and women. The Memorial Service started with a march along Woods Street from the Beaconsfield CFA station to the memorial. Piper Liam Irving and Berwick Guides and Beaconsfield Scouts led the service joined by Beaconsfield CFA team and members of the RSL and

Graeme Taylor, President of **Beaconsfield Progress** Association welcomed everyone. Casey Choir and Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Ensemble performed special pieces and accompanied the singing of God Save The King and the National Anthem. Prayers were read by Pastor Duncan Becsi

local community.

from Beaconsfield Baptist Church. The Memorial Address for Lieutenant Edgar John Marsden who served in WWI was written by Penny Harris Jennings and read by Cr Brett Owen. The President of Upper Beaconsfield RSL Eric Chaplin, OAM, read the Beaconsfield Soldiers' names and the 'Ode to the Fallen' The junior members of Beaconsfield CFA assisted in the wreath laying by RSL members as well as Jason Wood MP, Cardinia Shire Mayor Jack Kowarzik and Cr Brett Owen, Beaconsfield CFA, Beaconsfield Progress Association, Berwick Guides, Descendants of Servicemen and a wreath to remember Animals in War. Rosemary sprigs were also laid. The Last Post was played by bugler Brad Inman and flags raised by Beaconsfield Scouts.

A delicious afternoon tea was served at the Beaconsfield Kindergarten thanks to our local businesses Cake Stop and BGT café and BPA Committee.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and participating in the day. Even though only a small team they did a great job. Thank you to Cardinia Shire for providing a grant from the Festivals and Events Fund.

Also, a huge thank you to the team led by Roland Rozario from Cardinia Shire who worked on the upgrade of the Beaconsfield War Memorial -Bonette Reserve. After all the planning, the work was done in just under 2 months and it was ready for the Service on 21 April. The site has had a lot of remedial work especially lowering the site to make the ground even and then paving the area. Also the

> underground power source, new flag poles, landscaping and indigenous native plants along with parking and footpath upgrades. Seating and signage will be installed shortly. There have been many favourable comments from the Beaconsfield Community about the upgrade and this area with the War Memorial originally unveiled in 1920, will continue to

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2024 Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service Address

Edgar John Marsden.

Written by Penny Harris Jennings, 2024. Read by Cr. Brett Owen.

This sunny April Sunday we gather to commemorate the men and women who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, especially those connected to Beaconsfield.

Today we reflect on the life of Lieutenant Edgar John Marsden.

Edgar John Marsden was born in Fitzroy on 6 August 1880.

He lived his formative years in Hawthorn and Brighton, attending Rolyat School, Brighton Grammar and Haileybury College.

Edgar was a talented and accomplished student, including an awarded prize for Latin, the Cricket Captain of 1896/1897, and he was an excellent tenor singer.

Upon completing school, Edgar joined the Australian Army in 1897. He was stationed at Queenscliff serving with the Australian Military Forces and promoted to Lieutenant in 1900. After his extensive high achievements within the Army, in 1907 Edgar transferred to Reserve of Officers on his request.

Leaving Australia to take up residence in England, Edgar was pursuing his career in singing. He filled roles as principal tenor at the famous Savoy Theatre, London and appeared at the Grand Opera, Covent Garden. In 1913 Edgar returned to Australia to be with his ill father who later died in December. Edgar was booked to appear in New York but cancelled his contract to volunteer for active service with the commencement of WW1.

Edgar enlisted with the Australian Imperial Forces on 3 September 1915 and embarked for overseas service on 27 September 1915, serving initially in Egypt and then France. Edgar suffered numerous illnesses and injuries including mumps and influenza. In 1917 Edgar was severely gassed at Anzac Ridge just outside of Passchendaele. He was transferred to England and spent many weeks in hospital.

Edgar's service appointment was terminated 8 July 1918.

On 7 June 1917 while in England, Edgar married nurse Muriel Alice Aldridge. Edgar with his family returned to Australia in 1920.

He struggled with ill health, preventing him from further military service or the possibility of returning to his singing career.

Struggling to provide for his growing family, Edgar was advised by his doctor that country living would be beneficial given his ailments.

Edgar applied and received soldier settlement land in Beaconsfield and took up farming life, predominately dairy farming.

The 100 acres had Cardinia Creek frontage and was described in 1927 as a property with "10 paddocks, crop millet, oats and potatoes; small orchard, pine plantation. Weatherboard bungalow of six large rooms; extensive verandas, gas, water laid on, telephone and 21/4 miles to the Railway Station".

Edgar enjoyed country life and community activities, returning to playing cricket with local teams and hunting.

Clearly with regret Edgar could not continue farming, he wrote in 1933,

"We had a beautiful little farm but it was too small and the prospects of the dairy farmer became very bad". Edgar and his family then lived in Brighton, he

Long Working Day.

"Poor cows and poor prices for milk are what we are up against in Victoria." said Mr. Edgar John Maraden, dairy farmer, of Beaconsfield, when giving evidence yesterday before the State Parliamentary Select committee which is inquiring into conditions in the dairying industry.

"As a business proposition, the ordinary cow which I could afford to buy on the market is absolutely useless," witness said. "My highest production in the last five years from 24 cows on a farm of 100 acres was 134 quarts of milk a day; it varied from 130 to 100 quarta a day. I have been commencing work at 4 o'clock in the morning, but it has been impossible for me to finish before 10 o'clock at night. When I could no longer afford to employ a man I had to work until midnight. For months I was having only from three to four hours' sleep a night. My wife had to work much harder than she should have done, and my little boy, aged nine years, did his bit, too. I paid from £4/10/ to £15 each for the cows. I have got rid of them now, and I intend to reorganise my herd. I will not go back unless I can obtain cows with milking records. The average price which I have been receiving for milk is 1/a gallon. This barely covers the production cost. I consider that retailers of milk in the city are making a profit of up to 1/a gallon."

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2024 ANZAC Memorial Service

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be a place where Beaconsfield Servicemen and Women can be remembered along with servicemen and women from all wars and conflicts.





Top: Upper Beaconsfield RSL President Eric Chaplin OAM, reading the soldiers names and the 'Ode to the fallen'.

Above: March to the War Memorial.

Below: Bugler Brad Inman playing the Last Post.

Cenotaph in Bonette Reserve. Right: Delicious ANZAC Biscuits and sweets enjoyed

Above: The newly landscaped

after the service at the Beaconsfield Kindergarten.

Below: Piper Liam Irving.











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had mixed success with different occupations, his health constantly impairing his capabilities. In the 1940's he enjoyed being a radio announcer on the station 3DB.

In 1946 he was injured in an accident when he was hit by a tram in Flinders Street, he was admitted to

hospital with a broken arm.



With declining health Edgar died on 9 September 1955 at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg.

Edgar is one of the 65 soldiers included on the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour list.

What Edgar found after the war living in Beaconsfield, was Peace.

Lest We Forget.



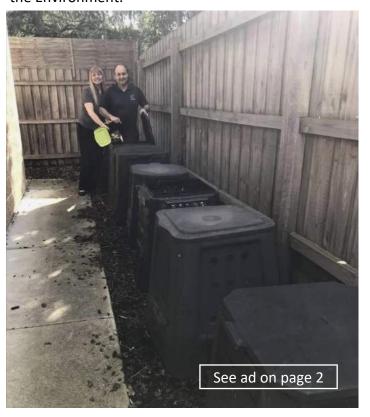
Lt. Edgar John Marsden - 1880-1955

Beaconsfield Dental Recycling Reducing Landfill

Beaconsfield Dental has numerous environmental initiatives in place. These include 144 solar panels, an indigenous and native garden, 17,000 litres for toilet flush and irrigation, as well as other measures to reduce our environmental impact. For more information go to www.beaconsfielddental.com.au and click the link to see our environmental policy. Today's topic is about recycling at Beaconsfield Dental. Apart from the usual recycling of items in the blue bins, further measures are implemented to reduce waste. This includes 14 compost bins that are used for garden waste, shredded paper and sterilization pouch paper. The kitchen has a small compost bin for food scraps, coffee grounds and other compostable items which are transferred to the compost bins. Beaconsfield Dental also has a trial compost bin to test the compostability of certain items such as latex gloves and other dental materials that claim to be compostable.

In addition, regular trips are made to waste transfer stations and other facilities that accept items such as electrical items, printer cartridges and batteries. Beaconsfield Dental has receptacles for items such as batteries for collection and recycling.

Beaconsfield Dental - Caring for the Community and the Environment





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Neighbourhood Natter

e're loving the Autumn colour, although our members have expressed mixed feelings about the arrival of cooler weather. The Centre is a lovely nook to find warmth and connect with your community with just as much activity and variety as ever. Check out a copy of our Term 2 program for the details. It's available on our website www.bncinc.org.au or call past the Centre for a hard copy.

Our line dancing tutor, Nathalie, put in an extraordinary amount of work to facilitate a successful Biggest Morning Tea fundraising event on May 3rd. With her team of volunteers, generous sponsors, entry fees and donations, Nathalie raised an awesome \$3,681 for the Cancer Council. Donations can continue to be made on the Cancer Council's website by scanning the QR code below:







L-R: Nathalie, Darren & Anna Photo: Tiffany's Photography

he Line Dancing themed event attracted about 80 guests who filled the floor under the expert direction of our regular instructors Nathalie and Anna and special guest Darren. Attendees enjoyed a massive selection of delicious food with their cuppas and unlimited line dancing.



Photo: Tiffany's Photography



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Thanks to everyone who participated in and donated to this fun afternoon. Lucky winners took home 21 raffle hampers worth hundreds of dollars. We are grateful to the local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle as well as making significant cash donations for this worthy cause:

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Line Dancing www.cheyenneonqueue.com.au facebook.com/groups/cheyenneonqueue



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n other news, we were sad but understanding when our longest serving Committee of Management member Gwen Neve made the decision to step down from her duties. We held a small lunch to honour Gwen's service and acknowledge the decades during which she gave her time so selflessly to our Centre's governing body.



Thankfully, Gwen will still be the main facilitator of the Midway Group on Monday afternoons, so this is by no means the last we'll see of Gwen!

Along with Committee and staff from past and present, Cr. Brett Owen attended Gwen's luncheon to offer his thanks and pay tribute for her contributions to our community.

A small group of interested community members took the recent opportunity of attending a guided tour of Victorian Parliament with local MP Brad Battin and his lovely staff member, Suzannah. This was an interesting and very informative visit of the beautiful, heritage building.



Brad promised to continue his support and advocacy for ongoing, increased funding for Victorian Neighbourhood Houses. We're grateful that he acknowledges the value and impact of our work and community service.

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Neighbourhood Natter (Continued from page 21)



Victoria Law Foundation

To celebrate Law Week, we hosted a free information session about legal wills on May 21st. Local firm, Johnstone and Reimer Lawyers gave their time to share the ins and outs of Wills, Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney. Attendees enjoyed light refreshments and free childcare was available for families to take advantage for the session with thanks to a small grant from the Victoria Law Foundation.

Our knitting group have done it again with their April handover of 308 knitted items for those in need including blankets, beanies, gloves and scarves for Bless Collective and Food Pantry.



Thank you to Anne, our Children's Room Coordinator, for her extra work and everyone who donated prizes for our Mother's Day Raffle. We raised over \$350 and gave away 11 lovely prize hampers.



BNC Children's Room

or the first time in a while, there are spaces available for an immediate start in our morning Playgroup sessions. Activities are set up for you and your child to

enjoy in our Children's Room with our qualified childcare educator, Judith, there to facilitate the group. This is a great beginning for your child to learn through play and socialising with your support, and it helps to familiarise them with the room if you would like to progress to Occasional Care with us. Children bring a snack and drink and clothes suitable for some messy activities.





Monday and Tuesday morning Playgroup sessions are 9am-11am each week in school terms and an extra session runs on Tuesdays from 11.30am-1.30pm. The cost equates to \$7.50 each week paid in advance for however many weeks remain in the term. Second children are \$4.00 and babies or additional siblings are \$2.50 each.



e have the opportunity for a diploma qualified educator to join our team for Occasional Care. This position would suit someone looking for just a little guaranteed work each week and would also be our go-to person for covering other staff absences.

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

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Bendigo Bank - Giving Back To Keep Us Safe

Media Release - Each year the Victoria State Emergency Service celebrates Wear Orange Wednesday in May.

The day is a national day of thanks to the thousands of VICSES volunteers who serve the Victorian community 24 hours a day, seven days a week through storm, flood, road crash rescue, and much more. It was opportune that Pakenham SES attended Community Bank Beaconsfield District Branch on Wednesday 22 May 2024, which was Wear Orange Day!

The Cardinia Shire is no stranger to disasters, from bushfires, accidents and storms, our community has been through its fair share. However, the response and recovery from disasters and emergencies would not be possible without the support of the local State Emergency Service (SES) crew.

Thanks to Community Bank Beaconsfield District part of Bendigo Bank, VICSES Pakenham can further invest in upgrading their emergency response vehicle with a \$10,000 grant from the Bank's Community Grants Program.

The funding will be put towards the purchase of a new Emergency Response Vehicle for the district.

Community Bank Beaconsfield District Chairman,

Graeme Taylor said "we are pleased to support our local SES volunteers, with a grant that helps them continue to do what they do best, respond to the needs of our community quickly and effectively.

Our local SES volunteers have a proud history of helping, protecting and educating communities which aligns with our Branches goals."

Josie Marie, Community Bank Beaconsfield Branch Manager said, "you may not think who you bank with matters. But it does. For our customers, their banking is making a real difference. Every day, our customers help change lives and save lives simply by banking with us.

Their banking enabled us to support the VICSES Pakenham with a grant to help fund the purchase of a new emergency response vehicle. You need a bank to provide the products and services you need. We need your banking to help us make a difference in our community."

VICSES Pakenham Unit Controller, Hassan Fahd said, "we would like to take this opportunity to thank Community Bank Beaconsfield District for this community grant. A local business showing support in this way means a lot to our volunteers who put their time in. We look forward to building a strong partnership with the Branch."



Giving back: VICSES Pakenham team visited Community Bank Beaconsfield District Branch, to show their appreciation for the \$10,000 grant provided to them by the Bank. L to R: Pakenham SES Team Members, Rachel Violi, Networks & Partnerships Manager, Ben Mailo, Deputy Controller Training, Mathew Haesler, Deputy Controller Assets & Facilities met with Community Bank Beaconsfield District Branch and Board members, Josie Marie Branch Manager, Graeme Taylor Chairman, Karen Chipperfield Board Member, Nicole Ryan Customer Service Officer and Jackie Murtagh Customer Service Officer.

Member for Berwick

By Brad Battin MP



Brad Battin MP

It is very exciting to be in our new office in Berwick and we have taken great pleasure in meeting new faces and learning more about the many new organisations and groups in our community. It reinforces to me the

importance of staying connected with people, which enables the sharing of ideas and concerns that all work towards growing and strengthening our community.

The recent state government budget announcements have highlighted the many broken election promises for our electorate. In total we are paying 54 new taxes, including a rent tax, health tax, school tax and an increase to the fire service levy. Our hospitals continue to be under pressure and there is no money for new projects in the Berwick electorate. Beaconsfield Railway station has missed out again on a much needed upgrade to provide shelter and accessible toilets for those with a disability. This is 10 years of state government mismanagement. Please go to my website for more information; www.bradbattin.com.au. I will continue to advocate for my community in parliament as your state member for the Berwick electorate.

There is still so much we can do as a community to support each other through the cost-of-living crisis by reaching out to those in need, supporting our local clubs, organisations, cafes, and restaurants. Our small businesses and volunteer organisations can remain a big part of who we are as we share in all that is good in our community.

Please feel free to drop by my office if you have any questions or comments to share, or you can contact me on 5953 0216 or via email at

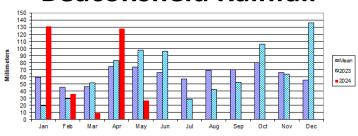
<u>berwick@parliament.vic.gov.au</u>. You can also follow me on social media via my website:

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Beaconsfield Rainfall



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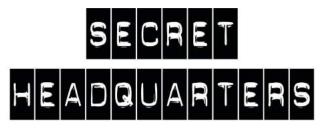


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term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church 7 Desmond Court. You

are welcome to bring your craft to work on or just come for a cuppa and a chat.

This group has a heart for helping others and in May they hosted "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea". Money raised goes to the Cancer Council to help with cancer research. So many within the group have been touched by cancer in some way and they appreciate this opportunity to show their support.



envelope or tear them off with a big margin around them and then drop them into Beaconsfield Baptist Church, that would really help. The stamps are sorted and trimmed and go to stamp dealers and the money raised helps to support missions both in Australia and overseas.

The group also packs care bears with survival kits. These bears have cheered many people, just when they needed a lift.

You are very welcome to come along on a Wednesday to Make and Mingle for a cuppa and a chat.

Make and Mingle also contributes to Follow Bless Collective Community Care by donating food items

suitable for food parcels and hampers for those requiring them.

Your used postage stamps can help raise money for missions. We don't receive as many letters with postage stamps on them as we used to. However, if you save the stamps, please leave them on the



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The Berwick Bowling Club, in conjunction with the City of Casey Council and Bowls Victoria have been running the "BOWLING WITH BABIES" program through the months of April and May.

This is a new concept for the City of Casey where mums and dads have an opportunity to meet with like-minded parents to join Bowling with Babies which brings new and expecting parents together to enjoy a coffee, a chat, and a social roll. Supported by VicHealth, Bowling with Babies aims to assist less active parents to become more active and enable them time to focus on their physical well-being in a fun, relaxing and comfortable environment — with their baby.

If you're expecting, attending a Bowling with Babies

session also enables you to connect with other parents in your local area, and help to build a supportive peer network before your baby arrives. Family and friends are always welcome and encouraged to join in the fun with you! Keep an eye on the Berwick Bowling Club Facebook page to find out when the next program starts.

Our club is continually hosting different groups for Barefoot Bowls, Birthdays, Corporate groups and more. The clubhouse is 600m2 and able to host large and small groups and accommodate most requests and can cater for those who require it. Throughout the winter months, with the canopy roof over green 3, we can provide bowls 12 months of the year.

New members are always welcome to the club, and we host new bowler coaching sessions from 10am every Friday morning and most Sunday mornings for those not able to attend on Friday mornings. From learning the basics to more advanced coaching, we have something for everyone.

So, looking for something new to get out and about in the local community? Try the Berwick Bowling Club, located within the Edwin Flack Reserve sporting complex.





The 2024 football season is well underway for Beaconsfield FC. Our Seniors have started well and currently sit 3rd on the ladder with our Reserves & U/19.5's both in 5th spot. Our women's team has had excellent player numbers & shown great enthusiasm under new coach John Blackburn but have faced some strong opposition in the Division 1 level. Crowds have been up this season with lots of families enjoying the local footy.

We have already hosted our annual Ladies Day event with funds raised going to "Outside the Locker Room" organisation to assist with their much-needed work. Well done to all involved in making this such a great event.

Any local business wanting to be involved in one of our biggest local community activities through sponsorship or awards can contact our

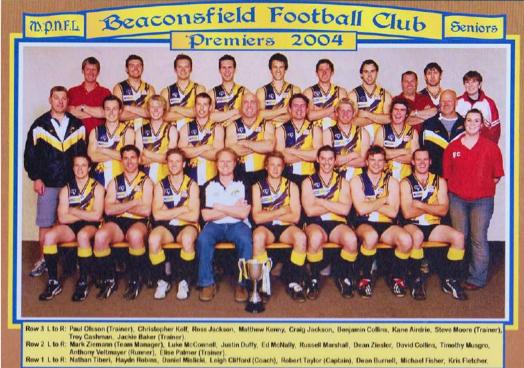
Sponsorship team - Chris Murrin (0423 873 616) or Geoff McGowan (0410 446 988).

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 but it is great place to form life long connections and friendships.

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

BEACONSFIELD FC – REMAINING HOME GAMES 2024 SEASON
Saturday 25TH MAY – RD 8 VS MITCHAM
Saturday 22ND JUNE – RD 11 VS NTH RINGWOOD
Saturday 6TH JULY – RD 13 VS STH BELGRAVE(Rivalry for Rik
(Crazy) Crook Cup & PREMIERSHIP REUNION WEEKEND)

Saturday 13TH JULY – RD 14 VS MONTROSE Saturday 3RD AUGUST - RD 16 VS DONCASTER Saturday 17TH AUGUST – RD 18 VS BAYSWATER 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. The Friday night will feature a celebration dinner at our Holm Park social rooms. Guest speakers and great memories to be recalled. Bookings for the dinner are essential. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased via Trybooking (see our Facebook post). www.trybooking.com/CRLVP



Our 2004 premiership team who will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their win over Seaford.

Our Beacy future senior players taking to the field with the Senior team in Round 1.





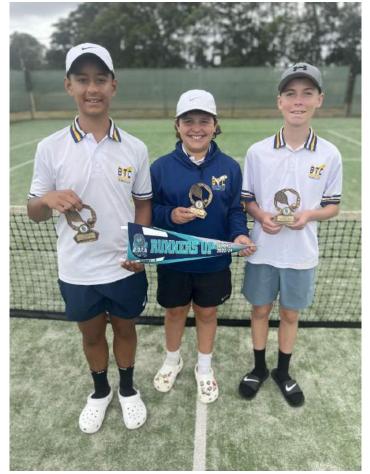
Junior Competition Summer Champions

Congratulations to all our teams who made the grand finals in the Summer Season.

Osbourne Shield Blue - Premiers



Rubbers 4 Blue - Runners Up



Rubbers 5 Blue - Premiers



Section 17 Blue - Runners Up



Section 14 - Premiers



Section 13 - Premiers



Monday Night Advanced Hitters

To close out our 2023/2024 summer season of the Officer/Beaconsfield Monday Night Advanced Hitters, the Shi Tzu's and Labradors fought out a hard battle at Officer. After 2 hours and 28 minutes the Shi Tzu's (Matt and Brad) 32 points, defeated the Labradors (Didier and Ethan) 19. Great weather, great tennis, great night.





Trivia Night

Over 60 Trivia buffs gathered at the Central Hotel in Beaconsfield for a fun 70's-80's fundraiser night in April. Hosted by BTC committee member, Josh McCormick, the tennis club raised over \$1600 which goes to maintenance of courts. Congratulations to Michael Utting on winning the \$500 Beaconsfield Travel Centre raffle prize. Thank you to the Beaconsfield Travel Center and Tilnak Art for the lovely prizes. Also a big thank you to the Central Hotel for allowing us to hold this event and for the lovely meals and gift vouchers.

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

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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.

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With each edition of the *Beaconsfield Banner* we attempt to capture some of the special things going on in our small town.

A sincere thank you to everyone involved in capturing these special moments by taking the time to prepare and submit articles and photographs.

Perhaps it goes without saying but all of us at the BPA have a passion and love for our great town. If you feel

the same way, you can get involved by:

- · Attending our monthly public BPA meetings
- Submitting an article (any subject welcome)
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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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