

## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc

### Comments about the Railway House

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Beaconsfield Community Complex

#### **Opening and Welcome :** President Graeme Taylor

- Opened the meeting at 7:36pm

**Attendance:** Nick Hock, Julie Hock, Jackie Oullette, Monica Sanders, Geoff Cantwell, Lyn Wood, Phil Wood, Lissette Van Diemen, Jackie Kosmak, Tricia Dukes, David Scott, Brett McEvoy, David McKenzie, Evan Gaulke, Linda Hitch, Sloane Hooper, Andrea Hooper, Edna Primrose, Ian Cole, Yvonne Cole, Viv Williams, Bron McCormick, Margret Wilkie, Shirley Reardon,, Andrew Davies, Lisbeth Davies, Graeme Taylor, Suzanne Brewer, Ann Taylor, Bob Cooper, Colin Brewer, Andrew Brewster, Brett Owen, Graeme Moore, Michael Mamouney, Tammy Lobarto on behalf of Michael Galea MP, Stuart Merrick, D Parr, P Jatt, Fran Healey.

#### **Guest Speaker: SAVE RAILWAY HOUSE**

There is a small group of people running a Campaign to save the railway house

Fran Healy: Grateful of all the people that have come tonight to support our Beaconsfield. The house is an icon in the area. The ball is rolling and gathering a lot of numbers behind saving the house.

Over 1200 signatures and 200 Face book followers.

What will Beaconsfield look like without the house.

People are behind us 100% behind us no negative comments

Ian and Yvonne Cole were the people that completely restored the house from a shack to what it is today.

Our Journey we made flyers and posters in local shops, article in the Pakenham Gazette.

Council recognizes the Beaconsfield railway house and will advocate to keep the house

Brad Battin, our local state member, is supporting the house be kept and has always get back to Fran. Brad, in a speech to Parliament mentioned the house and its potential demise.

Ian Cole spoke about why we sold it, it was because Yvonne got sick, it was going to be our forever house, things change. The house was a wreck when we purchased it, it was not liveable.

The Bunya tree and the garden is all Yvonne's work.

The weather boards have been replaced and put back by the mm to Ian did this to maintain the original look.

We think the house was built in 1888

The skirting board needed be made to the original profile

Linda is current owner of the house, and it has been quite stressful, we are both engineers and we work out of the house. You could see the love and perseverance in every aspect of the house and we look after every aspect of the house to preserve it.

Brett Owen Councillor from Cardinia shire as a councillor I will do anything I can do to save the house

Council is a stake holder in the project but in the end the minister of planning can do what ever he likes, he has the power to decide or not what happens

There was an example in Coburg where a historic house has been saved for a level removal people. LXP will come to the council to give a briefing to the councillors on 20<sup>th</sup> March to talk about the process. Please consider reaching out to the upper house members as well.

Tammy Lobarto spoke who works for Michael Galea the upper house member for this area, people should contact him, he is talking to the planning minister and hopeful of some consideration there are no guarantees.

Thanks, you to all who contributed and in attendance.

NEXT General Meeting Tues 21 March 2023 7.30 pm Beaconsfield Community complex

