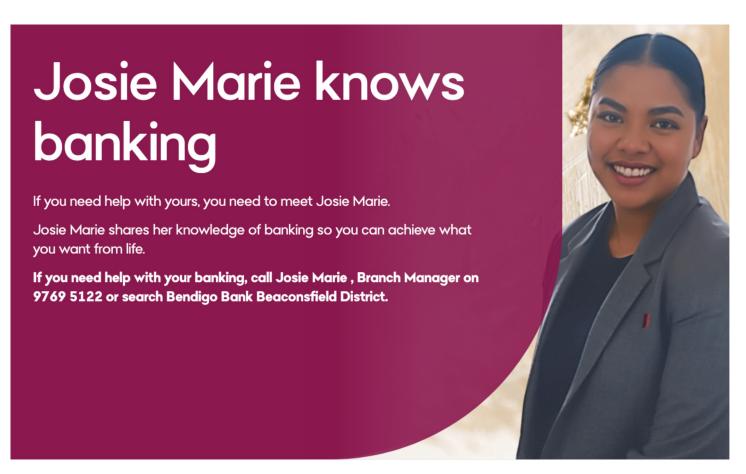
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# **President's Report**



Welcome to this Autumn edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. The Banner is available on our BPA website <a href="https://www.beaconsfield.org.au">www.beaconsfield.org.au</a> and printed copies are available in the town at businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office and Beaconsfield Pharmacy.

A 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. This results in temporary road closures and bus disruptions. In particular, works have continued on the road bridge overpass which is overwhelming in size and will significantly change the landscape. In early December some BPA members and local residents attended the Local Community Reference Group to discuss concerns of local residents with the LXRP works. The meeting was arranged by Michael Galea MP. Updates on the works are provided monthly by LXRP and indicate that the project is progressing well and should be completed mid to late 2025. Fifty seven pylons for the bridge were completed and work is well underway on the Overpass (all 427 metres of road).

A Survey was conducted by LXRP for a name for the road bridge overpass as it is a new road. The names put forward were Rushton Road, McKenna Drive, Nott Drive and Parklands Drive. A recent article in the Pakenham Gazette indicated a preference for McKenna Drive based on the level of responses. It has since been announced that it would be named McKenna Drive. It is proposed that McKenna Drive will be open for traffic from Monday 24 March.

For future place names, Cardinia Shire Council encourages locals to nominate extraordinary individuals who have left a notable legacy within the community to be included in the Victorian governments' Name a Place campaign. This campaign spotlights local heroes for commemorating them when place naming new streets, parks, community facilities and buildings.

BPA recently received a Cardinia Shire Wellbeing / Support Grant of \$1,000 for our Operation Christmas Trees and decorations in Beaconsfield. This year was a fabulous display with 11 trees at 4 locations. The local community including Beaconsfield Primary School, Beaconsfield Tennis Club. BPA and co-opted members were involved with special displays and also lots of bows on trees. Thanks to Bronwyn McCormick and all her well organised team of helpers. There have been many positive comments from the community. We hope to be able to do even more decorations with the help of the community next Christmas.

The upgraded Jim Parkes Reserve looks great and was officially opened on 23 January. Guests included Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik, Cardinia Shire Councillors Brett Owen, Alanna Pomeroy and Casey Thomsen, S.E. Metro State Government members Michael Galea and Lee Tarlamis, the family of the late Jim Parkes, Penny Harris Jennings, Ted Owen and BPA Members. The project was equally funded by Cardinia Shire Council and the Victorian State Government. (More details and photos in this issue of the Banner).

The works on Bonette Reserve and Beaconsfield War Memorial are nearly complete and it is looking good now that the seating has been installed. The Interpretation plaque has just been installed a few weeks ago and looks very good. The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service will be held there again this year on Sunday 20 April commencing at 2pm. We hope you can join us. (More details in this issue of the Banner).

Carols by the Creek was held at Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday 22 December with in excess of 1,000 people attending. The community enjoyed joining in singing the Carols with the choir and band. Thanks to all the organisers and sponsors, especially Gynn and his team from Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

Graeme Taylor President Beaconsfield Progress Association

# **Beacon Hills Ward Councillors' Report**



Cr Brett Owen

# Jim Parkes Reserve upgraded

I'm delighted that the highly valued Jim Parkes Reserve in the heart of Beaconsfield has been revitalised and is now officially open for all to enjoy.

The upgraded Jim Parkes Reserve features a new play space, accessible pathways, seating, sheltered gathering areas including barbeque and picnic tables, interpretive signage, bins, improved drainage, and enhanced landscaping.



This significant community project, supported by matched funding from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and Cardinia Shire Council, has transformed the reserve into a vibrant and well-connected space for all residents to enjoy.

As a local resident, I'm thrilled to see the transformation of Jim Parkes Reserve. This project has truly been a combined effort, and it is wonderful to see families and friends enjoying the new amenities. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, especially the Beaconsfield Progress Association, for their dedication and hard work.

For more information: <a href="www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/cardiniaoutdoors">www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/cardiniaoutdoors</a>.

# Fieldstone Boulevard upgrades

Council is completing vital safety upgrades along Fieldstone Boulevard, Beaconsfield as part of the Australian Government's 2024-2025 Blackspot Program and Council's Local Area Traffic Improvement program.

Stage 1 construction has recently been completed, and included lighting upgrades along Fieldstone Boulevard, spanning from Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd to Holm Park Road.

Six heritage-style light poles were installed to meet current Australian Standards and to support the new speed humps proposed as part of stage two works.

Five of these lights replaced existing heritage lantern



# **Councillors' Report**

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style poles, and one brand new heritage style pole with a 0.9m outreach arm were installed as part of stage one works.

During the initial design process, a lighting assessment determined that the existing heritage lantern-type poles did not provide sufficient illumination for the new speed humps to meet Australian Standards. Council investigated a replacement globe for the existing light poles, however, were unable to find an appropriate modern day LED equivalent to match the twenty year old aging infrastructure.

Wanting to preserve the heritage feel of the Berwick Views Estate, Council has worked to find new and similar alternative lights that match the original street lighting design from other areas of the estate, with enhanced functionality.

The new lights will now be activated by Ausnet in the coming months and after this, Council will continue with stage two upgrade works, installing speed humps and traffic management devices along Fieldstone Boulevard.

To stay up to date with projects in your local area, head to <a href="https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects">www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects</a>

# Mercury vapour lighting replacement program



Cardinia Shire Council commenced a program to replace mercury vapour light fittings in 2022 to comply with the Minamata Convention, which bans the import, export, and manufacture of mercury vapour lights.

Council intends to replace mercury vapour lights

with LED hardware in areas of the shire where the new lighting is the same as, or similar in appearance to, existing lights to ensure an even appearance in these areas.

This will include replacement of 403 mercury vapour lights in Beaconsfield and Garfield. Council commits to engaging with affected residents in these areas before upgrades are undertaken, which is expected to commence later this year.

There are several benefits in replacing the mercury vapour lights with LED products, including improved safety and visibility for residents, lower energy consumption, and reduced management and maintenance costs.

# **Children's Clothing and Toy Swap**

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

Cardinia Shire 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. These are then traded in for tokens to use as 'currency' for other clothes and toys.

The event will be held on Sunday 13 April from 10am to 12pm (swapping starts at 11am) at Pakenham Hall, 6E Henry Street, Pakenham.

To register and for more information, go to <a href="https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops">www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops</a>

# Free volunteer training sessions

Free volunteer training sessions will be held throughout 2025.

The sessions, designed for both current and prospective volunteers, aim to support Cardinia Shire's many volunteer groups and organisations, including sporting clubs, neighbourhood houses, community asset committees, and volunteer clubs.

Sessions will run until June and will cover a range of topics. For more information or to register, visit <a href="https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering">www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering</a>

# Green waste drop off



Council's free Green waste drop-off events are a great way to clean up your yard and reduce your fire fuel load throughout the year.

We started the year off with dropping off nearly 60 tonnes of green waste at the green waste drop-off in February. That is the equivalent of 15 African elephants! All this valuable green waste was given a

new life by being turned into mulch!

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.

## **Next event:**

Saturday 5 to Saturday 12 April

Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange

Drive, Pakenham

Monday to Friday: 7:30am - 4pm

Saturday: 8am - 2:30pm

Sunday: Closed

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

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

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# **Beaconsfield CFA**



The summer has again passed with a sigh of relief that the fire season was not as feared and despite the ongoing campaign for the Grampians, the summer was cooler than expected and the

north winds did not eventuate on the hot days.

Beaconsfield continues to be busy with many assistance calls supporting Berwick and Officer brigades with a variety of call-outs from a child locked in a car to house fire and the continued motor vehicle accidents. Please be alert at the O'Shea Road and Princes Freeway area as that attracts far too many motor vehicle accidents.

In April, the Brigade will hold its biannual election of office bearers.

With winter approaching it is time to check your smoke alarms and ensure they are operational Smoke alarms do save lives.

With thanks, Tony Lukas



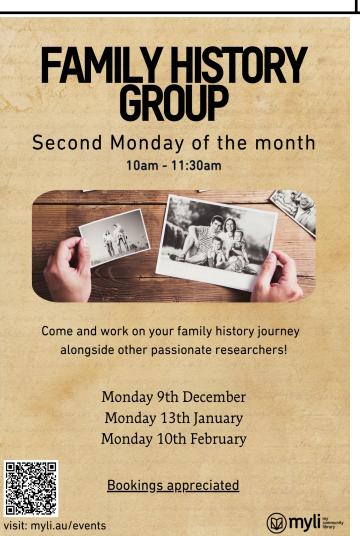
# Beaconsfield Officer

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| Scouts<br>11 - 15 years         | Thursdays 7 pm – 9 pm      |
| Venture Scouts<br>15 - 18 years | Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm  |
| Rovers<br>18 - 25 years         | Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm  |





# **Federal Election 2025 Major Party Candidates**



Firstly, I'd like to thank all the residents of La Trobe who chose me to be their voice in Federal Parliament.

My slogan, "Promises Made, Promises Delivered," is more than

just a phrase – it's a commitment I stand by. Every day, I work with the community to secure vital upgrades and ensure they're delivered.

From major upgrades to the M1 and the Beaconsfield Interchange, to improving dangerous intersections along the Princes Highway and upgrading lighting at Beaconsfield Rec Reserve, we're making a real difference. We're also enhancing local sports grounds, such as the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club, supporting our youth with funding support for the Beaconsfield Officer Scouts and much more.

Our community is growing, and with it, the demand for better roads and local infrastructure. We need a strong, trusted voice to continue both the advocacy and delivery of these essential projects.

That's why I'm standing again – to fight and deliver for La Trobe.

I know many are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, which is why the Liberals are committed to cutting the fuel excise in half, reducing prices by 25 cents per litre – that's about \$14 per tank.

Along with this, we'll deliver:

- Cheaper medicines reducing the price to \$25.
- Cheaper energy by unlocking natural gas.
- More affordable homes unlocking 500,000 new homes.
- Restoring the dream of home ownership balancing migration and supporting first-home buyers.

I encourage all residents to read our plan at <a href="liberal.org.au/our-plan">liberal.org.au/our-plan</a>

Thank you once again,
Jason Wood MP
Federal Member for La Trobe.



A lifelong resident of La Trobe and passionate advocate for my community. I have spent four decades witnessing firsthand our region's vast growth and transformation.

With a deep commitment to

public service, I've had the honour and privilege of serving as Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and local Councillor. These roles have allowed me to engage with the diverse townships and communities across our region, building a strong understanding of our unique needs and aspirations.

The Albanese Government has been working hard during their first term of Government. Delivering the first budget surplus (x2) in 15 years while simultaneously providing tax cuts for all Australians. Investing in a better future for us all by bolstering our healthcare and education systems, combating inflation and the cost of living.

For these reasons I have stepped up to support the Albanese Government and stand for La Trobe. Federal Labor is the only choice for a Government that will see us safely through these difficult times of continuing global uncertainty.

I believe in unity over division. I am committed to bringing people together, focusing on the common goals that unite the community rather than the forces that seek to fragment it. I'm standing for a new era of leadership, moving beyond the divisive politics of the past to build a future founded on collaboration and shared purpose.

Respectfully seeking the support of our community to be the political change that we need.

My vision is clear—to foster prosperity, opportunity, and a brighter future for all Australians.

Thank you.

Jeff Springfield Labor party candidate for the Federal seat of La Trobe.



The Craven Sisters By Penny Harris Jennings

The three Craven sisters, Elizabeth, Alice and Martha (Mattie) came to live in Beaconsfield after the deaths of their parents.

In 1908 Elizabeth Whittingham Craven became the local music teacher, students would learn to play coming from all parts of the district.

In 1912 Mattie was appointed Post Mistress of the Beaconsfield Post Office when the Post Office was removed from the railway station to the township.

Miss Craven has been appointed postmistress of the Beaconsfield post office, which is to be removed from the railway station to the township. In due course a telephone service and State savings bank will be established at the new post office.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal, 14 November 1912.

In 1917 the sisters purchased a property, Lot 16 &17 Woods Street, Beaconsfield, they are now in charge of the post and telegraph office.

The population of Beaconsfield had grown to 450 residents so the Post Office became the local agency for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Alice treasured her cable upright grand piano, as well as teaching, the residents in the township enjoyed her piano playing at various gatherings.

Sadly, Alice died 3 April 1935 at Beaconsfield, she was remembered as a beloved music teacher.

CRAVEN.—On the 1st April, 1935, at Beaconsfield. Alice Sarah, loved third elder daughter of the late John and Ann W. Craven of Bacchus Marsh, and loving sister of Elizabeth and Martha (Mattie).

The Argus, 3 April 1935

In 1936 Elizabeth and Mattie resign after 24 years of being in charge of the post office.

who have conducted the post-office here for 24 years, have resigned. Before leaving they were given presents. The post-office has been taken over by Mr. L. R. Roberts.

The Argus, 12 November 1936.

In 1938 Mattie Craven requested permission to erect a gate at the entrance to the Beaconsfield Park, the brick and iron gates were erected and formally unveiled in January 1939. The memorial gates are in memory of the soldiers who took part in WWI, a gift



The Beaconsfield Gates were unveiled in January 1939. Those shown are thought to be: second from left Harold Harbour, third from left Tom Parkes, and on right Jim Parkes.

from the Craven sisters.

The Craven sisters generously gave to many Beaconsfield community projects.

Elizabeth died 21 September 1942 at her residence in Box Hill .

The death occurred at Box Hill last Monday of Miss Elizabeth Craven, daughter of the late Mr. John Craven, who owned a farm at Darley half a century ago. Interment took place privately at Maddingley Cemetery on Wednesday.

Melton Express 26 September 1942.

Mattie was the last of the three sisters and she died in 1949.

MEN.—On March 21, at Queen moria Hospital, Melbourne, Martha hittingham Craven, of Cravenhurst, kily street, Box Hill, daughter of hm and Anne Craven (deceased).

The Argus 29 March 1949.

In the Will of Mattie, just as she had lived her life, she generously bequeathed her Estate to the Melbourne Hospital, Children's Hospital, Melbourne and St Peters Church of England, Box Hill.

All three sisters were well known and regarded with much affection during their years residing in Beaconsfield. They are buried together with their parents at the Maddingley General Cemetery, Victoria.

# Carols by the Creek 2024 By Glynn Owen



The iconic Carols by the Creek was back again for 2024, nestled in the beautiful surrounds of Bob Burgess Reserve in Beaconsfield. The forecast of a little rain thankfully didn't turn anyone off with the community turning out in record numbers. It was a great night for family and friends to enjoy and celebrate Christmas together as a community.

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.

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 21st December 2025.



# Autumn at Brookfield By Diane Gow

A respite care service in Beaconsfield within a host family on a farm.



favourite activities being cooking, art and craft, animal care and the pool.

We also plan to launch an after-hours program for adults from 3pm to 6pm or flexible hours including holiday breaks. This program will have a focus on social skills, independence, friendships and most importantly having lots of fun.

In February we planned a free carers day at the farm. We had so many responses we ended up running two days! We met so many lovely people from a wide range of cultures and had two wonderful days exploring new art experiences with our art teacher Allison and sharing food and stories.

In recent months we have had two participants move on from living at home to supported independent living. We enjoy using our wide experience to work with allied health teams, families and support coordinators to prepare individual participants to move out of home. Brookfield is a stepping stone to independence for many participants.

We love to welcome new visitors to the farm and are happy to host group events or just a visit to see what we do.



Contact Di on 0412 535 435 for more information.

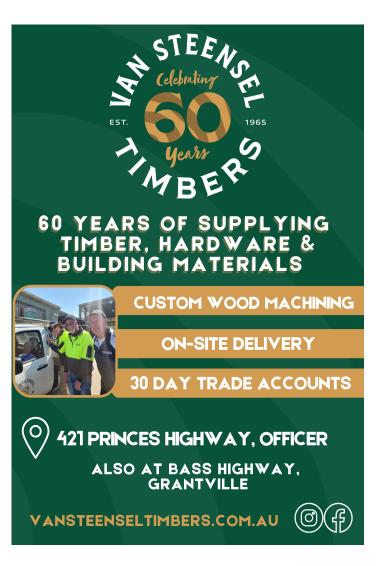
At Brookfield we are still enjoying the hot weather

with lots of days in the pool and barbecues. Our art workshops have all been outdoors and lots of time spent with the animals in the sunshine.

Our baby goats have been lots of fun with bottle feeding and trying to keep them out of the house!! We also have several new guinea pigs, each of which belongs to girls in the after-school program.

Our new programs include a school holiday and after school program with









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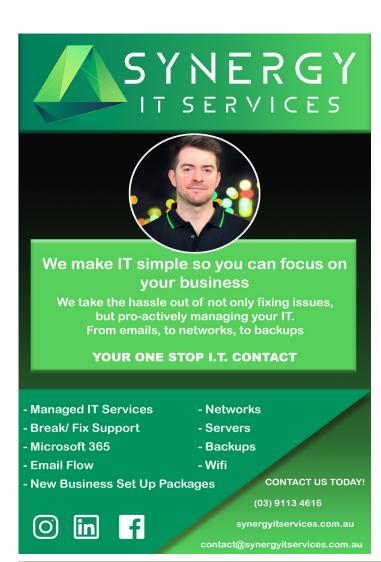
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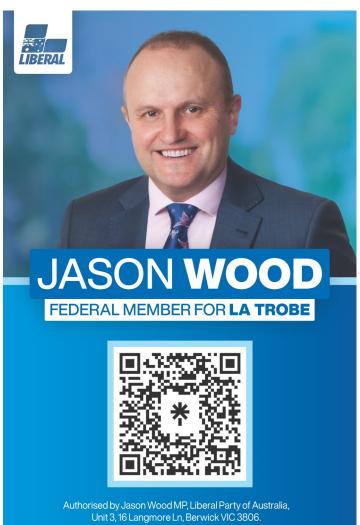
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Term two we plan to have Australia's biggest Morning Tea to support Cancer research. We have had this special morning tea for many years and plan to hold it again this year in May (Date to be advised).

Look forward to seeing you one Wednesday. You will always be made welcome.



# **ANZAC Memorial Service 2025**

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 20 April, Easter Sunday, at Bonette Reserve, Beaconsfield War Memorial on the corner of Woods Street and Old Princes Highway. There will be a

march, for all those who would like to 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, 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.

See ad on page 8



# Phone 8768 4400 Neighbourhood Natter

We are well into the new year already, which is hard to believe. 2025 brings us into the Year of the Snake in the Chinese zodiac. This year invites us to embrace the twists and turns and to have a little fun as we embark on new adventures.

It is a time of transformation and renewal as we shed bad energy and regenerate. We've all endured some quite challenging years for a while now, so hopefully this marks the beginning of a time with more positivity and connection.

The year has certainly begun with plenty of enthusiasm and engagement at our Centre. All of our programs have been filling up with our lovely members returning to their favourite activities and we are welcoming those who are finding us for the first time.

The BNC program has all the details of our regular activities and workshops. If you didn't see a copy of the Term 1 program delivered to your letterbox in January, it's always available on our website <a href="https://www.bncinc.org.au">www.bncinc.org.au</a> or call past the Centre for a hard copy from reception.

Even though we see many new faces in our exercise classes as people enact their New Year resolutions, we are pleased to know that most will continue on and join our happy cohort of returning members who have been coming along for years. Contact us to enquire about spaces available in these classes.

You may be looking for a weekly foray into the wonderful world of dance and we encourage newcomers to our Beginners New Vogue, Ballroom and Latin Dancing class.

Scheduled for Thursdays from 7.30pm for 1 hour,

you will learn a variety of rhythms from easy sequenced dances to stimulating Latin and Ballroom styles. Singles or couples are welcome, and the cost will be calculated by the weeks remaining of the term multiplied by \$14 per person.



Continuing with the dancing theme, members have been loving our new Bollywood classes running Thursdays during term time 6.30pm-7.30pm.



Our talented tutor Krishna will guide you to learn authentic Bollywood choreography whilst improving your dancing skills and confidence. The

classes offer a fun, energetic and dynamic workout with no experience required.

We recognise that there are many people in our community still doing things tough and encourage those in need to utilise our free community pantry. We collect fresh produce from Woolworths in Beaconsfield through their food diversion program on most weekdays and thank them and our amazing



volunteers Bronwyn, Louise, Racheal and Sharyn for keeping up this support.

A special thanks also goes to Community Bank Beaconsfield District for their financial contribution which helps to keep pantry staples on the shelves.



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patient and friendly IT specialist, Jason, will assist you with personalised learning or troubleshooting to suit your individual needs for \$20 for a 20 minute 1-on-1 appointment.

# BNC Children's Room

Our gorgeous staff in the Children's Room are already adding fun and colour to their environment with some great new inclusivity ideas to help children feel a sense of belonging such as a "Who's Playing Today" welcome banner and this "You have a place in our space" board:



We always have a little bit of movement in our Occasional Care enrolments at the beginning of the year and some spaces have become available in our Monday and Friday sessions for an immediate start. Each group runs from 8.30am – 4.30pm but families are free to come and go at any time within the session to suit their own schedules. The fee is \$91.20 per child over 18 months, and eligible families are entitled to the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) which will

reduce out-of-pocket costs. Contact us to enquire about the program or to enrol.

Sessions also run on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and you can join the waiting list if these are your preferred days requiring care. You can also be on the list to be notified for casual/emergency placement that is offered on a first come, first served basis. The casual fee is \$12.50 per hour for a minimum of 3





hours.

Playgroup on Tuesdays with our lovely new facilitator, Alicia, has now started. Parents or carers stay with their children to participate in the activities that Alicia sets up. It's a great opportunity for your child to learn through play and socialising and an opportunity for you to meet other families from the community.

Our 9.00am session is now full, and we are waiting to gain enough interest in our second group to start the 11.30am session as well. We continue to take enrolments throughout the year, although you may be required to join a waiting list if your preferred session is full. The cost is calculated on the remaining weeks of the term by \$7.50 for your first child, \$4 for your second and \$2.50 for babies or other additional siblings.

There is so much always going on at the Centre and we welcome drop-ins to ask questions or investigate what else is happening that may be of interest. Add us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates. We invite your enquiries and feedback.

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre 8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield contactus@bncinc.org.au

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Web: www.bncinc.org.au

# **Bonette Reserve – Beaconsfield War Memorial**

A new interpretation plaque for Bonette Reserve has recently been installed at Bonette Reserve at the end of the new seating. This is the wording on the sign:

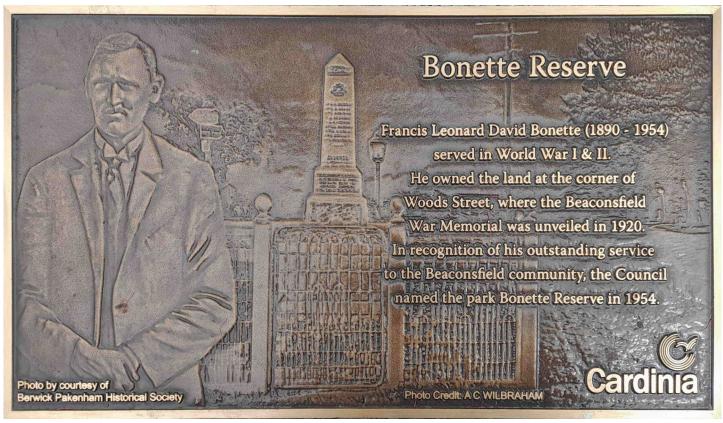
"Francis Leonard David Bonette 1895-1954 served in WWI & WWII. He had owned the land on the corner of Woods Street where the Beaconsfield War Memorial was unveiled in 1920."

In 1954 the park was named Bonette Reserve by the Council in recognition of his outstanding service to the Beaconsfield Community."

There is also a picture of David Bonette and the Beaconsfield War Memorial.

Thanks to local historian Penny Harris Jennings for researching the information and photos for the plaque. A detailed story of David's service and time in Beaconsfield was included in the Memorial address at the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service in 2021. This story was published in the Beaconsfield Banner in Winter 2021 on page 22 and can be accessed on the BPA website.

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The Beaconsfield war memorial, now located within the Bonette Reserve, photographed in the 1920's (right), used as the artwork for the new plaque (above).

# Jim Parks Reserve

The upgraded Jim Parkes Reserve was officially opened on 23 January 2025.

Guests included Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Cr. Jack Kowarzik, Cardinia Shire Councillors, Brett Owen, Alanna Pomeroy and Casey Thomson, SE Metro members Michael Galea and Lee Tarlamis. Also Ted Owen, Penny Harris Jennings and members of Beaconsfield Progress Association. The family of Jim Parkes including grandchildren were there to remember their father and grandfather and try out the new play equipment.

Local identity Dulcie Rushton, wife of the late Tony Rushton was able to attend as well. Her husband Tony had been the local historian and collected many historical photos and information about the Beaconsfield area and enjoyed using the reserve with his family.

Jim Parkes Reserve was first opened in 1990 by Cr. Ted Owen to commemorate the community work by Jim Parkes. Ted Owen is father of Cr Brett Owen so it was great to see Ted at the upgrade opening.

The new Interpretation plaque tells about Jim Parkes and has a photo of him in his butcher shop. Thanks to the Parkes family for providing the photo and to Penny Harris Jennings for compiling the information for the plaque. Now visitors to the Reserve will know why it is called Jim Parkes Reserve and about his contributions to Beaconsfield.



Supply'. When Jim retired, his son Bryan continued the business and

then after 56 years of trading the shop closed in 1995.

community over many years. He was the first person to be appointed as

a life member of the Beaconsfield

member of the Beaconsfield

was a trustee of the Beaconsfield War Memorial and the Beaconsfield

Jim Parkes Reserve was officially opened in February 1990 by

Ted Owen, in recognition of Jim's significant contribution to the local

Pakenham Shire President Cr

# **Member for Berwick**

By Brad Battin MP



Brad Battin, MP

As autumn settles in, bringing cooler weather and vibrant colours, it's the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends, whether celebrating Easter or the long Labour Day weekend. Autumn is a reminder to relax, reflect,

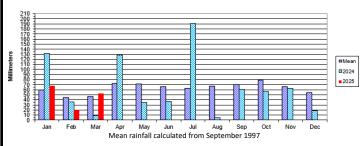
and support local businesses, many of which are still facing challenges. Shopping locally helps strengthen our community, keeps small businesses afloat, and makes a difference—whether it is through seasonal items or enjoying a local café. Let's enjoy this season and support our local businesses that enrich our community.

While we enjoy the changing seasons, it's also important to stay mindful and vigilant in our communities to help keep our neighbourhoods safe and secure. Over the past few months, my office has seen a rise in concerns about increasing crime rates, particularly car theft, which is affecting families beyond the electorate. With one car stolen every 20 minutes in Victoria, the frequency of these crimes is deeply concerning. Far too many local families have been impacted, losing their vehicles and, in many cases, their sense of safety and security.

We will continue to work together to combat vehicle thefts and prioritise community safety. I am actively collaborating with local police to address the issue and your feedback is invaluable. I will continue to advocate for stronger measures and support for our state law enforcement.

Should you have any questions or wish to share your feedback, please do not hesitate to visit my office, or contact at 5953 0216 or via email at berwick@parliament.vic.gov.au. You can also stay connected through my website at www.bradbattin.com.au and follow me on social media: Twitter (@BradBattinMP), Facebook (/BradBattinMP), Instagram (@bradbattinMP), LinkedIn (Brad-Battin), and YouTube (Brad Battin).

# **Beaconsfield Rainfall**



|              | 2025 |    | 2024 |       |    |    |       |     |    |    |    |    |
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| mm           | 68   | 20 | 53   | 128.1 | 27 | 37 | 191.2 | 5.2 | 61 | 56 | 63 | 19 |
| Rain<br>Days | 6    | 6  | 4    | 11    | 3  | 4  | 16    | 5   | 6  | 6  | 7  | 5  |

# BEAGONSFIELD

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

The Banner is a quarterly publication produced by volunteers.

If you're interested in being a regular contributor on any subject or current local news events, or a photographer, we'd like to hear from you.

Are you in High School or Uni and are interested in journalism?

Or if you'd be interested in organising in the background on our committee, please let us know.

**Contact the Banner at** banner@beaconsfield.org.au



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# **WE HAVE MOVED**

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The Beaconsfield Football Club 2025 season is well under way having commenced with a big pre-season starting back in November and with a number of recruits signed up, including the return of former Beacy player **Jake Aarts** who brings a fantastic football resume including his 42 AFL games with Richmond, along with best & fairest at Richmond's VFL team as well as Dromana in the MPNFL 1st Division.

Three practice matches were held at Holm Park with excellent local support as well as Richmond's VFL team playing their first match of the season at Holm Park on 23rd March.

On the coaching front, **Mick Fogarty** continues as Senior coach, **John Stevens** takes on the Development team (after being asst coach of the Thirds), with **Peter Brough** continuing as Thirds coach. **Glen Davies** takes over as Women's coach after being John Blackburn's assistant in 2024. The Women's team have moved to the Div. 2 level which will allow them to be much more competitive and they have had terrific numbers at training with new players and some familiar faces returning.

The season fixtures are attached for both our Men's & Women's teams – the Men first home game vs North Ringwood is on Sat 5th April and the Women start with a home game vs Waverly Blues on Sat 26th April.

An early season highlight will be our Senior Men's team playing local rivals South Belgrave on Anzac Day, Friday 25th April away at South Belgrave where they will be competing for the Rik Crook Cup named in recognition of a legendary figure at both football clubs. The reurn match on Sat 5th July will coincide with our Annual Past Players & Official Luncheon gathering which is sure to be a very big day at Holm Park.

Sponsorship is a crucial ingredient in operating our football club and a great way for local business to get involved & also gain exposure to a large local community organisation. For more information, please contact our **Sponsorship Manager**, **Scott Hilton** on **0455 963 179.** 

**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.)

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 2025. Whether it's with the Juniors or Seniors it is a great place to form

life long connections and friendships.

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|   | Beaconsfield FC - Division 1 |          |               |      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Mens                         | 2025 F   | ixture        |      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 1                         | 5 April  | Nth Ringwood  | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 2                         | 12 April | Doncaster     | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 3                         | 25 April | Sth Belgrave  | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 4                         | 3 May    | Boronia       | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 5                         | 10 May   | Montrose      | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 6                         | 17 May   | Mooroolbark   | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 7                         | 24 May   | Norwood       | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 8                         | 31 May   | Bayswater     | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 9                         | 14 June  | Park Orchards | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 10                        | 21 June  | Nth Ringwood  | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 11                        | 28 June  | Doncaster     | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 12                        | 5 July   | Sth Belgrave  | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 13                        | 12 July  | Boronia       | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 14                        | 19 July  | Montrose      | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 15                        | 26 July  | Mooroolbark   | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 16                        | 2 Aug.   | Norwood       | Home |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 17                        | 9 Aug.   | Bayswater     | Away |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Rd 18                        | 16 Aug.  | Park Orchards | Home |  |  |  |  |  |

| Beaconsfield FC - Division 2 |      |          |                |      |  |  |
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| R                            | d 1  | 12 April | BYE            |      |  |  |
| R                            | d 2  | 26 April | Waverley Blues | Home |  |  |
| R                            | d 3  | 3 May    | Blackburn      | Away |  |  |
| R                            | d 4  | 10 May   | Montrose       | Home |  |  |
| R                            | d 5  | 17 May   | Mooroolbark    | Away |  |  |
| R                            | d 6  | 24 May   | Kilsyth        | Home |  |  |
| R                            | d 7  | 31 May   | Berwick        | Home |  |  |
| R                            | d 8  | 14 June  | BYE            |      |  |  |
| R                            | d 9  | 21 June  | Waverly Blues  | Away |  |  |
| R                            | d 10 | 28 June  | Blackburn      | Home |  |  |
| R                            | d 11 | 5 July   | Montrose       | Away |  |  |
| R                            | d 12 | 19 July  | Mooroolbark    | Home |  |  |
| R                            | d 13 | 26 July  | Kilsyth        | Away |  |  |
| R                            | d 14 | 2 Aug.   | Berwick        | Away |  |  |
|                              |      |          |                |      |  |  |



Jake Aarts being presented with his No. 3 Beacy jumper by ex Beaconsfield FC coaches Aussie Jones & Boofa Evans at the club's Pre-season launch.



We are thrilled to introduce the new committee at Beaconsfield Tennis Club after the AGM last November! They will be dedicated to enhancing our facilities by installing new lights, organising fun social events, and spearheading fundraising efforts. Watch this space for further updates.

Let's talk about coaching. We are honoured to partner with Ossie's Tennis Coaching, offering an extensive range of tennis programs to suit all ages and skill levels. Their programs operate 7 days a week, welcoming players from as young as 3 years old to older adults.

Given the rising demand for adult programs, they now offer Cardio Tennis, Adult group lessons, and Adult private lessons on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (during school hours).

 Cardio Tennis: A 60-minute fitness-based program filled with highenergy

activities and music to keep you moving.

- Adult Group Lessons: Ideal for newcomers or those returning to the sport. Join an existing group or form your own with up to 4 friends.
- Private Lessons: Perfect for those wanting to accelerate their tennis skills with personalized coaching.

Their children's programs include Hotshots group lessons, teenage group lessons, squad training

sessions, and private lessons, running throughout the school terms all year round.

Additionally, the tennis club provide facilities for parents and children while waiting for their child's lesson, such as coffee/tea making, table tennis, totem tennis, books, and toys.

For more details on current term 1 vacancies and term 2 enrolment, contact Paul Osborne:

• Email: ossie30@bigpond.net.au

Mobile: 0413 594 633

 Facebook: Ossie's Tennis Coaching at Beaconsfield

Proudly named the 2024 Tennis Coaches Australia "Club Coach of the Year."

# Interclub Competition

# **Midweek Women's Comp**

For the ladies, our club participates in the

Dandenong and **District Tennis** Association competition on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings commencing at 9:30. Contact Ania 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



# BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

# 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.

# **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

# 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

# **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.

### **Main Contact Details:**

All General Queries Ph: (03) 88205853 Facebook: Beaconsfield Tennis Club Community Mail: P.O. Box 132, Beaconsfield, VICTORIA, 3807

Website: www.beaconsfieldtennisclubinc.com



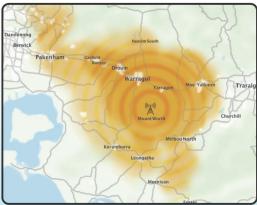


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3BBR-FM broadcasts a variety of music, local news and interviews to Baw Baw Shire in the West Gippsland region of Victoria, Australia on 103.1 FM and streaming online.

West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers to serve its local community. We offer opportunities for people to learn radio production and public speaking skills in a supportive environment.









# **Community Notice Board**

The Community Notice Board is located on the Woolworths supermarket south wall (facing Aldi). It is for the display of:

- Local group or club events. (limited display time)
- Community events (limited display time)
- Lost and found pets. (limited display time)

To display a notice please email to <u>secretary@beaconsfield.org.au</u> or mail to P.O. Box 217 Beaconsfield 3807.

This is a community noticeboard, not for advertising businesses. To advertise a business in the *Beaconsfield Banner* please contact: banner@beaconsfield.org.au

Please note any notices placed on the outside of the cases or on the walls will be removed.



# **Cardinia Mobile Library**

The Cardinia Mobile Library is the busiest in Victoria with more than 55,000 visits every year.

The service provides more than books and DVDs, it is a mobile meeting place where people from small communities can gather, share news and make connections.

A brand new state-of-the art, mobile library trailer arrived in 2019, with funding from the Victorian State Government and Cardinia Shire Council.

Go to <u>www.myli.org.au/locations/cardinia-mobile-library/</u> for more information.

You can visit the Cardinia Mobile Library in Beaconsfield on Wednesdays at the Beaconsfield Community Complex from 12 Noon to 6pm.



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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

# Correspondence

All correspondence to P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield, Vic 3807 or email banner@beaconsfield.org.au

### **Articles Welcome**

Articles can be emailed to the editor at banner@beaconsfield.org.au. Please send photos as attachments.

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

# Advertising

The Beaconsfield Banner is published quarterly. Pricing per edition for advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner is as follows:

|                             | B&W   | Colour |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
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| Business card advertisement | \$30  | \$50   |

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Advertisements can be submitted by email as Adobe PDF, JPG, PNG, or Microsoft Word document.

### **Next Deadline**

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

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