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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. Beaconsfield Progress Association. (BPA) provides a link between the residents and businesses with governing authorities, predominately our local government Cardinia Shire Council.

A Grant Application has been submitted to Cardinia Shire Council for Wellbeing/Support to again enable Christmas trees and some lights, bows and decorations to be installed in Beaconsfield. This project involves the local community and schools. Christmas trees will be placed in front of the Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Old Princes Highway as you enter Beaconsfield. A Grant application was submitted to Community Bank Beaconsfield District (Bendigo Bank) to fund a Christmas tree in Bonette Reserve. The Application was successful and the tree will have lights on during the Christmas/New Year period. There will be competitions for local school children to participate in. These initiatives should bring joy to Beaconsfield over the Christmas/New Year period.



APA has been conducting essential maintenance work on the T60 Longford to Dandenong Pipeline in Beaconsfield Park. APA have now re-instated the existing infrastructure on the land. There has been considerable planting of shrubs and plants and new turf was laid. The concrete slab has been laid and the picnic table installed. These works appear to be completed other than reinstatement of the posts, and the area is now used by the public.

There will be a Coffee with the Community and Safe Plate Day on Friday 21 August 2026 from 10am to 12 noon at Middle Ground Café. Representatives from Victoria Police and Cardinia Shire Council will attend to discuss local crime trends, safety initiatives, crime prevention strategies and emerging issues and concerns. Come along and talk to your local police and council representatives and enjoy a complimentary coffee.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial service was held on Sunday 19 April 2026 at the War Memorial site at Bonette Reserve. The Service was well attended with 200+ people, and it was great to see the younger people being involved. The upgraded Bonette Reserve looked great. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning for the event and those who assisted on the day. A grant of \$8,476 was received from the Department of Veterans Affairs to enable plaques to be made and they are now installed on the plinths at Bonette Reserve. These plaques recognise WWII soldiers from or connected with Beaconsfield. This work is now complete and a big thank you to Penny Harris Jennings for all the research undertaken and to Ann Taylor for managing the project. Thanks also to the Commonwealth Government for the grant and to Cardinia Shire Council for their support. Since 2025 BPA has produced the Beaconsfield Banner and now each four months.

President's Report Continued....

The Beaconsfield Banner is available in the printed format from outlets in the town as well as electronically on our website and mobile phones. Thanks to Bob Cooper for his work as Editor and for the assistance provided by Bronwyn McCormick when needed. Our Facebook page continues to be popular and gets many hits.

Recently Cardinia Shire Council recognised the work done by Volunteers with three of our members attending the Volunteers Reception. Thanks to all Volunteers for their contributions to many community organisations.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each alternate month commencing February 2026 and there are no meetings in January and December. Meetings commence at 7.30pm at

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. will be held on Tuesday 20 th October 7.30 pm at Beaconsfield Community Centre. After the AGM there will be guest speakers from Pakenham Police and also Officer Neighbourhood Watch. You are welcome to come to the meeting and stay for supper.



the Beaconsfield Community Complex. All residents, business owners and others with an involvement in Beaconsfield are welcome to attend the meetings. The meeting on 20 October will be our Annual General Meeting and there will be presentations by Victoria Police and by the newly formed Officer Neighbourhood Watch. This will be a great opportunity for all local people to show interest in their community. New members and visitors are welcome.

GRAEME TAYLOR OAM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

 **Tues 20th October**

 **7:30pm**

 **Beaconsfield Community Centre**



Guest speaker: Members of Victoria Police from Public Service Area of Cardinia

Beacon Hills Ward



Mayor, Cr Brett Owen

Upper Beaconsfield Pavillion

We're getting closer to completing the new Upper Beaconsfield Pavilion (pictured), with the two-storey modular building now on site and internal fit-out works well underway. While construction continues, we're also working closely with South East Water to progress the next phase of the project, including the external access road and car park works. I look forward to seeing this community pavilion finalised and becoming a valued community asset.



(Upper Beaconsfield Pavilion)

Emergency Gate & Improved Bus Stops

As part of Beaconsfield's Level Crossing Removal Project, an emergency access gate is being installed across the rail line at the Station Street closure point. The gate will provide Emergency Services with an additional access point during localised flooding events, helping to improve community safety. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Nearby, works on two new indented bus stops on Kenilworth Avenue (pictured), next to Beaconsfield Station, are nearing completion. These improvements works, completed by

Department of Transport will make the area safer for all road users and pedestrians traveling across the shire. Strengthening public transport across Cardinia Shire remains one of Council's key advocacy priorities as we look ahead to the 2026 State Election and beyond. As our community continues to grow, we will keep advocating for improved public transport infrastructure and services, including new and enhanced bus routes that better meet the needs of our residents. Read more about our Advocacy priorities at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/advocacy



(New indented bus stops on Kenilworth Avenue, next to Beaconsfield Station)

Glass bin advocacy

Both locally and across Victoria, we're seeing strong community opposition on the State Government's proposed introduction of a mandatory glass-only (purple) bin.

As one of 39 Victorian councils supporting the Let's Be Clear on Glass campaign, Cardinia Shire is advocating for solutions that align with community preferences. A recent survey found that 87% of Cardinia respondents oppose the introduction of a glass-only bin, while 93% support expanding the Container Deposit Scheme for better glass recovery.

Councillors' Report

(Continued from page 6)

Council will continue to advocate on behalf of residents, raising concerns about the cost and practical implications of adding a fourth household bin. These concerns include increased waste charges for households, limited storage space for bins and more collection trucks on local streets. For more information, please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/waste

What's on at Cardinia Cultural Centre

We've partnered with Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Melbourne Water and the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation to present the Catchment to Coast exhibition. The exhibition explores the continuous story of water flowing from the hills into the shire's creeks, rivers and wetlands, and ultimately through to Western Port Bay. Featuring works by artists Kate Gorrington-Smith and Jina He, the exhibition brings a creative perspective to the story of water across the region. I encourage you to visit this unique exhibition at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, open daily from 9am to 4pm until Monday 31 August 2026. Visit the website for more information www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au

Kindergarten registrations still open for 2027

Families with children starting kindergarten in 2027 can still apply through the second and third rounds of offers.

To be eligible for three-year-old kindergarten in 2027, children must turn three by 30 April 2027. For four-year-old kindergarten,

including Pre-Prep, children must turn four by 30 April 2027. If you need to register your child or update their details, visit Council's online kindergarten portal at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten.

Connect with Council

Want to stay up to date with programs, services, facilities, events and activities across Cardinia Shire? Subscribe to Connect+. Connect+ is our monthly electronic newsletter, delivering the latest Council news straight to your inbox. Subscribe at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/connect

If you prefer print, Connect magazine is published three times a year and is available from a range of locations across the shire, including Beaconsfield Community Complex and Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre.



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Member for Berwick



Brad Battin MP

Community spirit was on full display at several recent CFA celebration events across our region over the last few months. On 19 June, I attended the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade CFA Awards Dinner Night, and I was joined by Opposition Leader Jess Wilson MP at the Berwick Fire Brigade CFA Centenary Presentation Dinner and Awards Night, celebrating more than 100 years of dedicated service. Both occasions provided an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions of our local CFA volunteers and to celebrate their commitment, achievements and service to our community. More recently, I attended the Upper Beaconsfield CFA Dinner and Awards Night, where it was an honour to acknowledge recipients of the CFA Service Awards and Brigade Awards. These events highlight the strong community spirit and dedication that make our region such a special place to live. Thank you to all our CFA volunteers for your selfless service and unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe. The ongoing contributions of our local Op Shops help provide funding for community organisations. What makes these contributions particularly meaningful is that the funds generated are reinvested back into the community. Please continue to support

our local Op Shops who are major contributors to our local CFAs, and a big thank you to all the volunteers who give their time freely. The positive impact can be seen throughout the community. It is a reminder that when local businesses and residents work together, everyone benefits. As winter continues, it is also important to look after ourselves, our families and our neighbours. The colder months bring shorter days, chilly temperatures and, at times, strong winds that can create hazardous conditions. It is also a good idea to consider taking simple precautions such as securing outdoor furniture and trimming loose branches. Try and stay warm, prepare for changing weather and take extra care when travelling during windy conditions. Take the opportunity to check in on elderly neighbours, friends and vulnerable members of our community to ensure they have the support they need. Thank you to everyone who contributes to making our community welcoming, resilient and connected. Together, through volunteering, supporting local businesses and looking out for one another, we continue to build a stronger and more vibrant community. Stay warm, stay safe and thank you for being part of such a wonderful 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 berwick@parliament.vic.gov.au. You can also follow me on social media via my website: www.bradbattin.com.au, Twitter: @BradBattinMP, Facebook: /BradBattinMP, Instagram: @bradbattinMP, Linked In: Brad-Battin and YouTube – Brad Battin.



Beaconsfield CFA Update

Winter continues to be a busy period for the brigade, with calls for assistance on track to reach between 350 and 400 this year. Our volunteers attend a wide range of incidents, from car accidents and children locked in cars to an explosion and a recent fire at Lexus Berwick.

A reminder: please monitor lithium batteries while charging. Overcharging can lead to an uncontrollable fire, with temperatures exceeding 1000 degrees. Do not attempt to extinguish a lithium battery fire, these fires are extremely volatile and dangerous.

The brigade recently held its annual dinner and service awards night. Highlights included:

- Bob Burgess Award: Cameron Hall
- CFA 50-year service: Ron Woodfine
- CFA 40-year service: Keith Akenham
- CFA 30-year life membership: Michael Ott

We also acknowledge and thank all who donate to the brigade, with special mention to the Berwick Opportunity Shop for their ongoing support.

The brigade has received exciting news: the CFA has confirmed we will be receiving a new truck to replace one of our current appliances.

Finally, stay safe, be fire-aware, and drive to the conditions. We continue to attend far too many car accidents, particularly around the O'Shea/Bell Road area and the freeway through to Pakenham.



Pictured: Cameron Hall receiving the Bob Burgess Award



Pictured: Ron Woodfine receiving his CFA 50 year service award



Make and Mingle

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday from 10 am-12 noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church. Come along for morning tea and a chat and you can bring your own craft. If you would like to learn to make knitted poppies or Christmas decorations to help us decorate Beaconsfield we have patterns available.

Last term we had a special morning tea for 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' raising funds for Cancer support and research. We also had a visit from Amy from DMI Deaf Ministries International, sharing about the amazing work they do in overseas countries and schools.

We hope you can join us at Make and Mingle. You can be assured of a warm welcome.



Poppies in the community

Let's deck out Beaconsfield with hand-crafted poppies for Anzac Day 2027!

Crafters wanted to make and contribute poppies for this community project suggested by BPA. Come and join us to share patterns, materials and ideas.



**Monday 3rd August &
Monday 7th September
10.00am-12 noon.**

Patterns available from Reception for those who want to join in but cannot attend.



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Cumoot Rovers 18 - 25 years	Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm



Farewell to the Anzac Badge and

Poppy Lady Jacqui Manning

Jacqui and Gary Manning would like to thank the Beaconsfield community for their kind and very generous support over the last 20 years. Gary was a Vietnam Veteran, he served 12 months in Nui Dat and went through some very traumatic times while stationed there, when he returned he went through some difficult times and was finally diagnosed with P.T.S.D. It was from there that we started selling Anzac badges and poppies as therapy, but as time went on we both found we really enjoyed it. Gary was conscripted and always said it was the only raffle he ever won and he never even bought a ticket in it.

Gary and I sold Anzac badges and poppies together outside Woolworths Beaconsfield store for 13 ½ years, and then I continued on for another 6 ½ years after Gary's passing. We did this through all kinds of weather. I'm very grateful for the support of 3 girl friends who helped me over the last few years. Overall as I look back we enjoyed our time at Beaconsfield, meeting people, and we made some wonderful friends, we saw babies and watched them as they grew and changed every 6 months. People were very kind to Gary and I, we had continuous offers of coffee, cakes, biscuits, lollies and chocolate. Once we were given a bottle of wine so we could go home and relax, another lovely chap gave us a roast chicken so that we didn't have to go home and cook that night, one lovely lady gave us a handmade blanket because she thought Gary looked so cold. The generosity and kindness of the Beaconsfield community was amazing and at times overwhelming. I thank you for all your support over the last 20 years, I sold my last badge in April, and feel very sad, the only reason I'm stopping is because I'm moving out of the area.



Pictured - Jacqui Manning

I do hope you will continue to support the Anzac and Poppy appeal, it is a great cause and we are all volunteers and do it for the love of our country and to support and thank all our veterans.

Thank you Jacqui and Gary Manning(Deceased)

Article and photo by Suzanne Brewer

Remembrance Day

This year Beaconsfield Progress Association along with the local community will be pausing to remember all service men and women on Wednesday 11 th November.

A short service with wreath laying and flag raising will be held at the Beaconsfield War Memorial, Bonette Reserve, Woods Street starting at 10.30 AM.

A minute silence will be observed at 11am. All are welcome to join us for this special observance.



Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service 2026

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service was held on Sunday 19 April 2026. The service is always held on the Sunday before Anzac Day and was first initiated by the late Tony Rushton 27 years ago. Over 200 people attended in perfect Autumn weather. Piper Andrew Spiering led the march up Woods Street from Beaconsfield CFA to the War Memorial at Bonette Reserve and President of BPA Graeme Taylor welcomed everyone.

Mayor Cr Brett Owen welcomed everyone on behalf of the Cardinia Shire. The Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Ensemble played the National Anthem and God Save the King, along with a special piece. "In Flanders Fields." Casey Choir led the singing and sang a special song, "Always Remember" by Ian Jefferson. They also sang the New Zealand National Anthem. Pastor Duncan Becsi, from Beaconsfield Baptist Church read the prayers and Suzanne Brewer read the Bible reading. Wreaths were laid by the RSL, Councillors, MPs, Beaconsfield CFA, BPA, Beaconsfield Primary School, Berwick Girl Guides, Narre Warren Girls Brigade, descendants of relatives listed on the cenotaph and a wreath in memory of Animals in War. Members of the public also laid flowers and rosemary. Thanks to the Junior Members of the Beaconsfield CFA who assembled with the laying of the wreaths.

The Memorial Address for William Charles Stevens was researched and written by historian Penny Harris Jennings and read by Mayor Cr. Brett Owen. Eric Chaplin read the Soldiers' names and led the Last Post ceremony. Bugler Brad Inman played the last post and rouse, and the local scouts raised the flags. The service concluded with delicious afternoon tea served at the Beaconsfield Kindergarten.

Thanks to everyone who attended and all the groups and individuals who contributed to the service and to Cardinia Shire Council for the grant.

Next year's Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service will be Sunday 18 April 2027 2pm.

We hope you can join us.

Article by: Ann Taylor



Welcome

Dr Guy Turton

Beaconsfield Dental at 1-3 Cardinia Street, has welcomed Dr Guy Turton to the Berwick clinic.

Dr Guy has been treating patients in the southeast of Melbourne for over 13 years. He has a passion for continuing education and predominantly focuses on orthodontic treatments for all ages.

Dr Guy graduated with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery with distinction from the University of Otago in 2006 where he was also President of the New Zealand Dental Students Association. He has also a Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Orthodontics awarded in the United Kingdom.

He is a member of the Australian Dental Association (ADA), the Aesthetic Orthodontic and Restorative Training Academy (AORTA), a certified Digital Smile Design (DSD) provider and completed his Comprehensive General Dentist Orthodontic training with Progressive Orthodontics in 2015. The same year Guy became a Fellow with the International College of Dental Education (ICDE). Dr Guy is a strong believer in modern, technology-driven, evidence-based orthodontics and as such is a foundation member of the Australasian Clear Aligner Society.

Dr Guy is available for consultations on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8.30am to 5.00pm. You can book online or phone our friendly receptionists on 9707 3508.



ANZAC Memorial Address

WILLIAM CHARLES STEVENS

Researched and written By Penny Harris
Jennings 2026. Read by Mayor Cr Brett Owen.

Today we remember soldier William Charles Stevens, Service No's 58, V76856, 69120 and V83558.

William was born in Kensington, Melbourne in 1892. On completion of school although William's father was a carpenter, William took on employment as a grocer. Will, as he was known, came to live in Beaconsfield prior to 1914. When it was announced that Australia would participate in WW1, Will is recorded as the first Beaconsfield resident to enlist in August 1914. He was described as 5 feet, five inches in height, fair complexion, brown eyes and fair hair.

After training in Australia Will embarked HMAT Benalla on 19 th October 1914. After the initial landing at Gallipoli, in April 1915, fighting continued with sporadic sniping and grenade attacks, the opposing trenches only metres apart. A number of Australian Soldiers lost their lives during this period of the fighting, Will Stevens sustained gunshot wounds to both his left and right thighs. Will was transferred to Ras-el-Tin Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt to stabilise the severe bleeding, prevent infection and to minimise the loss of leg function. Having supposedly recovered from his injuries he returned to duty, though he was repeatedly admitted to hospital in 1916 and later he was transferred to hospital in England due to the severe wound of his right thigh.

W.C. STEVENS

ORIGINAL AVENUE OF HONOUR NAME
PLATE C.1929

Name	STEVENS, William Charles
Service Number	58/69120
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion (October 1914)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19 th October 1914
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Benalla A24
Age	22 years
Birth Place	18 th September 1892, Kensington, Victoria
Father	John Talbot Stevens, 11 May Street, Fitzroy, Victoria
Mother	Mary Jane Mullen
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Grocer
Residence	11 May Street, Fitzroy
Enlisted	20 th August 1914
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Fair

Will would stay in Dartford, England until his return to Australia, 4 March 1918 and was discharged as medically unfit.

Determined to continue, Will re-enlisted in May 1918 but a few weeks later he was discharged again as medically unfit. Yet again, continuing his unwavering commitment to service Will re-enlisted in July 1918 serving a further 6 months before the demobilisation of the Australian Imperial Force.

Will stayed with his parents in Fitzroy to convalesce before getting married and becoming a Postmaster.

In 1940 when WW2 was announced, once again Will enlisted. Now in his 40's Will remained in Melbourne and served as a hospital orderly at the military hospital for 3 years.

In 1929 although no longer living in Beaconsfield,

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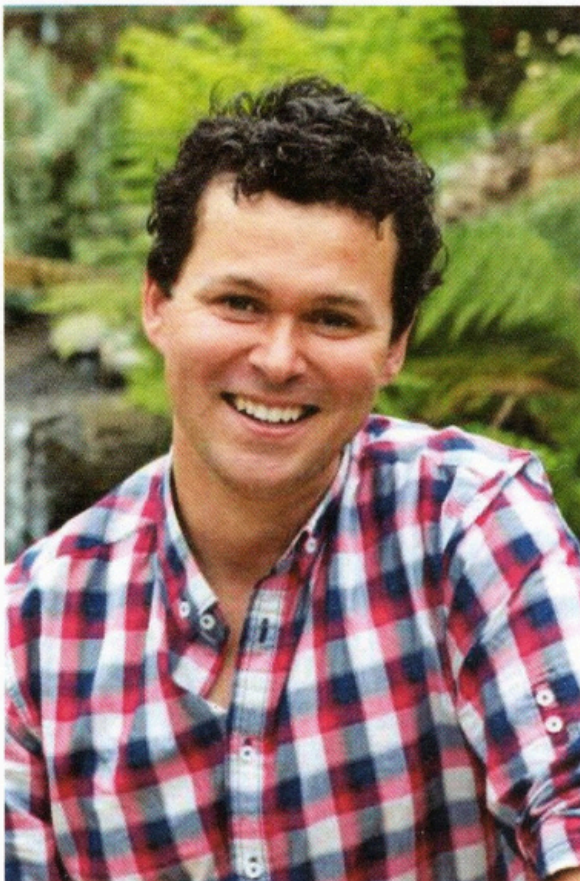
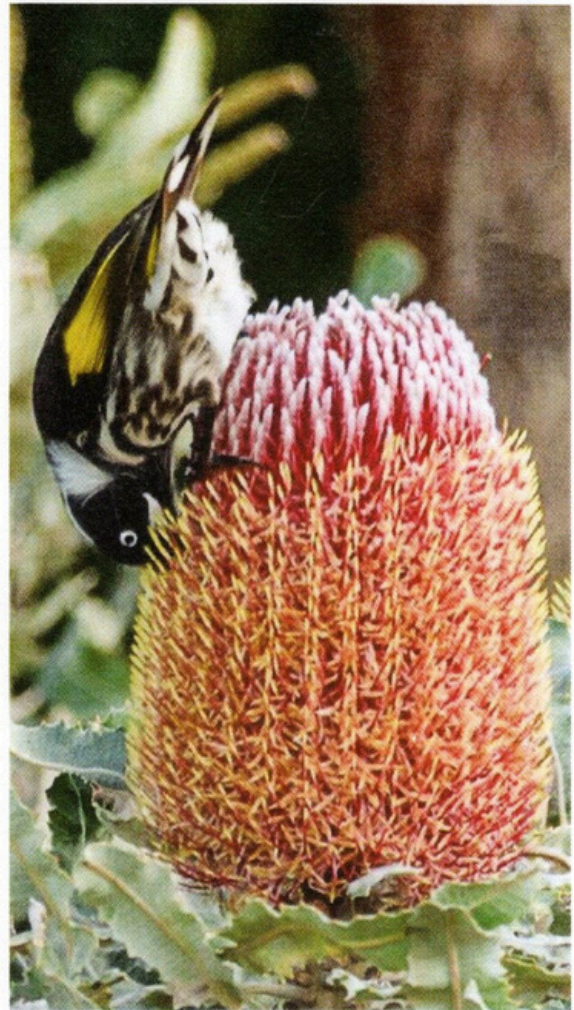
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- Amanda Charles

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Will was remembered by his fellow soldiers when the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour was planted. His name plaque is testament to that. Will died in 1963 at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. Will was remembered by his Beaconsfield mates as courageous, fearless and a brave man who despite his injuries, was unwavering in his determination to serve his country, Australia. Lest We Forget.





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Neighbourhood Natter

As winter settles in, it's a timely reminder that staying connected is just as important as staying warm. At Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, our rooms continue to buzz with conversation, creativity and laughter as people of all ages come together to learn new skills, enjoy favourite hobbies and make new friendships. Best of all, while the weather outside is chilly, it's always toasty warm inside the Centre!

From fitness and dance classes to arts and crafts, social groups, children's programs and lifelong learning opportunities, our Centre continues to offer activities that bring people together in a welcoming and supportive environment.

If you haven't visited us recently, we'd love to see you. Pop into the Centre, pick up the latest program and discover what's on offer this term. There really is something for everyone, and we'd be delighted to welcome you. The latest program is always available to view on our website: www.bncinc.org.au.

Community Pantry

Our Community Food Pantry continues to offer free pantry staples and fresh produce for anyone who may need a little extra support. You can access a selection of

essentials in an anonymous and non-judgemental environment. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the team at Woolworths Berwick for their \$250 Community Good Acts donation of groceries for our food pantry. This generous contribution arrived just before Easter and helped many local families enjoy a few extra treats over the holiday period.



We also appreciate the ongoing support of Woolworths Beaconsfield and Community Bank Beaconsfield District. Their regular contributions help keep this important initiative running. If you're in a position to help, donations of non-perishable food or financial contributions are always gratefully received and go directly towards supporting local families.

Knitting

Back in April, our Knitting Group was able to give a massive handover of blankets, rugs, beanies, scarves, gloves and toys to local charity organisations. Our talented knitters have once again demonstrated the difference our community can make, donating an amazing 378 handmade items to local charities this year—more than double last year's already impressive total. Items were distributed to several local charities supporting people in need across Cardinia and Casey Shires. A big thank you goes to Cardinia Shire Council who have assisted in funding for the group through their Wellbeing Support Grant program. We were very lucky to

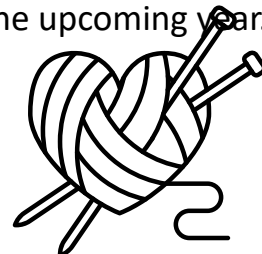


have Mayor Councillor Brett Owen - Beacon Hills Ward, Cardinia Shire attend to see how these funds had been spent and the amazing work that our ladies have produced to give to those in need.



Donations of wool to support the group are always graciously received and can be dropped at Reception.

We are delighted to have received a \$500 donation from Commonwealth Bank Emerald through their CommBank Community Donations program helping fund for the purchase of wool and stuffing in the upcoming year.



Fundraising

Community spirit was on full display at the recent Line Dancing Fundraiser. Our wonderful tutor, Nathalie, organised a special fundraising morning tea, bringing together dancers and supporters for a fun-filled event while raising money for the Royal Flying Doctors Service.



A huge thank you goes to everyone who attended, the volunteers and organisers whose enthusiasm and generosity made the day such a success. An impressive \$2,210 was raised at the event.

Generous sponsorship and donations were received from the following amazing businesses: HAFELE, Elite Real Estate, Peake Real Estate, Castello's, Meat Flour Wine, Pink Hill Hotel, Your Body Hub, Priceline Pharmacy, United Chemists, Chemist Discount Centre, ClubLime Scoresby, Beaconsfield Eyecare, Robert Gordon Potteries, Shanikas, The Gourmet Butcher Shop Beaconsfield, Dwyers Seafood, Woolworths and Glam by Lish Makeup Artist. Thank you all!

Our Mother's Day raffle was also very successful, thanks to the incredible support of

our community. So many people purchased tickets and donated wonderful prizes. We were delighted to award a total of 23 prize hampers to our lucky winners and raise \$501 to support our Centre's activities and keep costs down for members.

Now we're looking ahead to something even bigger!

Community Christmas Party

Save the Date: 6/12/2026

We're excited to announce our free Community Christmas Party to be held on Sunday 6 December, from 4.00 pm to 9.00 pm, here at the Beaconsfield Community Complex and everyone is invited.

The afternoon and evening will be filled with festive fun for the whole family, including live music, a visit from Santa, pony rides, animals, a jumping castle, children's activities, and information stalls from local clubs and community organisations. There will also be a sausage sizzle, limited bar, dessert food truck, fairy floss and popcorn available for food and drink purchases.

Whether you're new to the area or have lived here for years, it's a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate the festive season and connect with your local community.



We're inviting local children to become Santa's little helpers by dressing as elves and taking part in our inaugural Elf Parade! We hope to see lots of young elves bringing colour, smiles and Christmas cheer to kick off the festivities. Registration details will be announced soon, so keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

If you're part of a local community group, sporting club or organisation, or you'd like to volunteer to assist us for this event, we'd also love to hear from you. The Christmas Party is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many wonderful groups that make Beaconsfield such a vibrant community.

We hope you'll mark Sunday 6th December in your calendar and join us for what promises to be a memorable community celebration. We look forward to sharing more details as the event comes together and can't wait to celebrate the festive season with you.

Ladies Night at Mitre 10

Whilst you're putting dates in your calendar, please consider adding this one! We're thrilled to be part of an exciting partnership with our local Mitre 10 and invite all ladies to come along for a fun night of learning some tips and tricks from industry professionals to be able to tackle some of your own home and garden projects.



No prior knowledge or experience is required and there is no pressure to purchase a thing. Food and drinks provided and specials and giveaways available on the night. Book your spot by calling us- 8768 4400.

Run onsite at Mitre 10 in Beaconsfield on Thursday 17th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

Tax Help

Free Tax Help for lower income earners is available again at the Centre this year from July to October. For more information or to book your appointment with our amazing volunteer Liz, call 8768 4400.

Getting Back into the Workforce with Disability



Come along to this free talk which gives you more information about the Salvation Army's IEA support program. This program helps people with disability prepare for, find, and keep a job that suits their goals.

Support is ongoing and tailored - delivered face-to-face, by phone, video, email or text - and adapts as your circumstances change. They will work with you, and with employers who are ready to do things differently, to build something that works from day one and keeps working long term.

Monday 31st August 10.00am-12 noon.

No charge for this session but advance bookings essential to confirm numbers.

Nurse Next Door

We are delighted to welcome back Nurse Next Door for an information-packed free talk covering their home care assisted program. This program offers a variety of services from domestic assistance to personal care, nursing care, companionship to palliative care to name a few. There will also be information on how to source funding from the government and the process involved. A Q&A session will complete the talk along with some information pamphlets to take home and a free blood pressure check if requested.

Thursday 20th August 10.00am-11.30am.

Poppies in the Community

In partnership with the Beaconsfield Progress Association (BPA), we are planning to deck out Beaconsfield township with hand-crafted Poppies for next year's Anzac Day.



It's time to get crafting now in preparation, so we are looking for interested people who would like to contribute poppies and help out with the decorating. We will host a monthly meeting for patterns, materials, ideas and support. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the office.

Patchwork



A huge congratulations to Kathryn from our Patchwork Group, who completed this stunning quilt after five years of dedicated work. The quilt reflects an incredible amount of patience and skill and is filled with meaningful symbols, family legacy and special mementos. We feel so lucky to share in this outstanding personal achievement with Kathryn.

Social Chess

For players at a Beginners to Intermediate level,

this new social group will meet weekly with 10 and 20 minute formatted games played round robin style.

Mondays 6.00pm-8.00pm. Cost \$5 per week.

Rustic Roses Floral Cupcakes

In this new workshop, our wonderful tutor Sonam brings the art of cake decorating to another level, teaching students how to pipe buttercream flowers on top of cupcakes.



Wednesday 19th August 10.00am-12 noon will include two Rose cupcakes decorated to take home with everything included for \$90.

Wednesday 26th August 6.00pm-8.00pm will include two Rose cupcakes and two Dahlia cupcakes decorated to take home with everything included for \$150.

BNC Children's Room

Click the QR Code to be directed to the Children's Room page on our website which gives more information about the services we provide in our purpose-built, early learning space.



CHILDCARE (OCCASIONAL CARE)

Our Occasional Care program continues to be a popular choice for local families, with Wednesday sessions now at capacity and Thursday and Friday

filling quickly. If you've been thinking about enrolling your child, now is the perfect time to enquire. We welcome tours so you can see a session in progress and meet our amazing educators.

We regularly update our waiting lists so that places are offered as soon as possible if your preferred session isn't immediately available. Casual places may also become available throughout the week when enrolled children are absent, so it's always worth contacting the Centre to check availability or join our casual booking list. Sessions are thoughtfully planned and run in small groups, allowing siblings to stay together and enjoy the familiarity and comfort of our long-term, caring staff. Our friendly team would be delighted to discuss the program and help you find a session that suits your family's needs. CCS is available for eligible families to reduce their out-of-pocket costs. Our nurturing environment supports children as they develop independence, confidence, and a strong sense of community.

PLAYGROUP

Our Playgroups with Alicia are very popular, and we are now running sessions on two days each week during school terms. We have added a new Monday morning playgroup along with the existing Tuesday mornings and both sessions run from 9:30am to 11:30am. Parents and carers stay to participate in the activities Alicia sets up—a great opportunity for children to learn through play and for adults to connect with other local families. For more information on any of our programs or to book, please get in touch with us:

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BEACONSFIELD BANNER

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.

Beaconsfield Rainfall

Year	Month	mm	Rain Days
2025	J	68	6
	F	20	6
	M	53	4
	A	14	6
	M	22.1	4
	J	78	11
	J	68.8	15
	A	43.1	11
	S	63.7	15
	O	66.4	13
	N	236.5	19
	D	51	10
2026	J	1.41	4
	F	59.81	8
	M	76.2	11
	A	57.3	15
	M	79.1	20
	J	74.4	19

Exciting Things Are Happening at Cardinia Civic Concert Band

The Cardinia Civic Concert Band continues to grow, and we're excited to offer even more opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy making music together.

New Choirs Now Welcoming Members

This year we've launched two exciting new choirs, creating even more opportunities for our community to experience the joy of singing.

Our Children's Choir is open to young people aged 8–17 years and provides a fun, supportive environment where singers can build confidence, develop their musical skills and make lasting friendships.

Our Community Choir welcomes adults aged 18 years and over, whether you're an experienced chorister or someone who simply loves to sing. No auditions are required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to join in!

Both choirs rehearse at the Nar Nar Goon Soldiers Memorial Hall. The Children's Choir rehearses on Mondays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, followed by the Community Choir from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

A Place for Every Musician

The Cardinia Civic Concert Band caters for musicians at every stage of their musical journey.

Our Intermediate Band is open to both adults and children and is ideal for:

- People learning a new instrument who would like the experience of playing in an ensemble.
- Musicians returning to an instrument after a break of several years—or even decades.
- Players who want to build confidence and improve their skills in a supportive, relaxed environment.

For more experienced musicians, our Senior Concert Band welcomes players performing at approximately AMEB Grade 4 and above. The band performs a wide variety of concert

repertoire throughout the year and is always pleased to welcome new members.

Whether you're picking up an instrument for the first time, returning after years away, or are an accomplished player looking for a community ensemble, there's a place for you at Cardinia Civic Concert Band.

Join Us at Bunjil Place – Sunday 13 September

Our annual concert returns to Bunjil Place on Sunday, 13 September, featuring the Cardinia Civic Concert Band alongside special guest John Wood.

Following the success of previous concerts together, audiences can once again look forward to an afternoon of outstanding live music, entertaining stories and plenty of laughter. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience the talent of the band and enjoy a memorable performance with one of Australia's best-loved entertainers. Tickets are available now through the Bunjil Place website. Be sure to book early to secure your seats.

Whether you'd like to sing, play, or simply enjoy an afternoon of fantastic live entertainment, we'd love to welcome you to the Cardinia Civic Concert Band community.

THE
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JOIN OUR CHOIR

REHEARSALS EVERY MONDAY

Children's Choir Ages 8-17 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Community Choir Ages 18+ 7.00pm - 8.00pm
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Soldiers Memorial Hall,
Spencer Street, Nar Nar Goon

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BEACONSFIELD SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WORLD WAR II PLAQUES

Bronze plaques honouring Beaconsfield's eighty-eight servicemen and women from World War II have now been installed in Bonette Reserve, Woods Street, alongside the Beaconsfield War Memorial.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association received a Saluting Their Service grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and historian Penny Harris Jennings carefully researched each name to ensure accuracy. The plaques look fantastic, and detailed information about every serviceman and woman will be available on the BPA Website Digital Memorial.

Beaconsfield's WWI servicemen are commemorated through the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour plaques at Beaconsfield Park, on the corner of Beaconsfield-Emerald Road and Old Princes Highway. Historian Penny Harris Jennings also researched the stories of the 65 WWI servicemen, with information available on the BPA website and in the booklet Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Servicemen Remembered.





Winter at Beaconsfield Tennis Club

As winter settles in, we'd like to remind all members and visitors to take extra care before heading to the courts. Please avoid playing on any courts that are under water. Wet surfaces can be unsafe for players and may also cause damage to the courts. We encourage everyone to check court conditions before arriving at the club.

Wednesday Night Social Tennis Grand Final

The Wednesday Night Social Tennis season concluded in exciting fashion, with players showcasing great sportsmanship, teamwork, and competitive spirit throughout the finals series.

REEBOKS - Top of Ladder - LR Vijay Vembuluru, Harry Aulakh, Conah Trotman, Jimmie Chumacero, Absent Eddy Hsu, Sridar Vanapalli
ADIDAS' - Major Premiers - LR Damian Sant, Lindsay Sant, Mark Jong, Kamal Khullar, Absent Mark Conastantino

NIKES - Major Runners Up - LR Karen Sansom, Josh Thomas, Karthik Birur, Mace Penrose, Ida Gaulke

POLOS - Minor Premiers - LR Bogdan Vlasyuk, Jasmine Dickens, Fab Kallarakkal, Dishit Devasia, Absent Michelle D'Rozario, Bri Alkemade

PRINCES - Minor Runners Up - LR Alan Chumacero, Ashlee Stevens, Rhys Van Dord, Hayley Stevens, Kiara Gilbert



Team Reebok



Team Adidas



Team Nikes

Introducing Social Tennis with Simon

We are also excited to launch a new program, Social Tennis with Simon. Join us on Tuesday mornings for a couple of hours of fun, social tennis with one of our professional coaches, Simon. Whether you are new to the game, returning after a break, or a regular player looking for a friendly hit, this session is suitable for all levels. For more information, please contact Paul Osborne 0413594633.

Healthy Sports Clubs Initiative

Beaconsfield Tennis Club is currently working with Monash Health through the Healthy Sports Clubs Initiative to develop a refreshed SunSmart Plan for the coming summer. This partnership builds on our ongoing commitment to creating a healthy, welcoming environment for all players, families and visitors. With support and guidance from Monash Health, we are reviewing a range of measures including shade options, sunscreen availability, club signage and practical ways to help everyone stay protected during periods of high UV exposure. We are committed to making the club an even safer place to play, socialise and enjoy tennis throughout the warmer months, ensuring that members can make the most of their time at the club while staying SunSmart.

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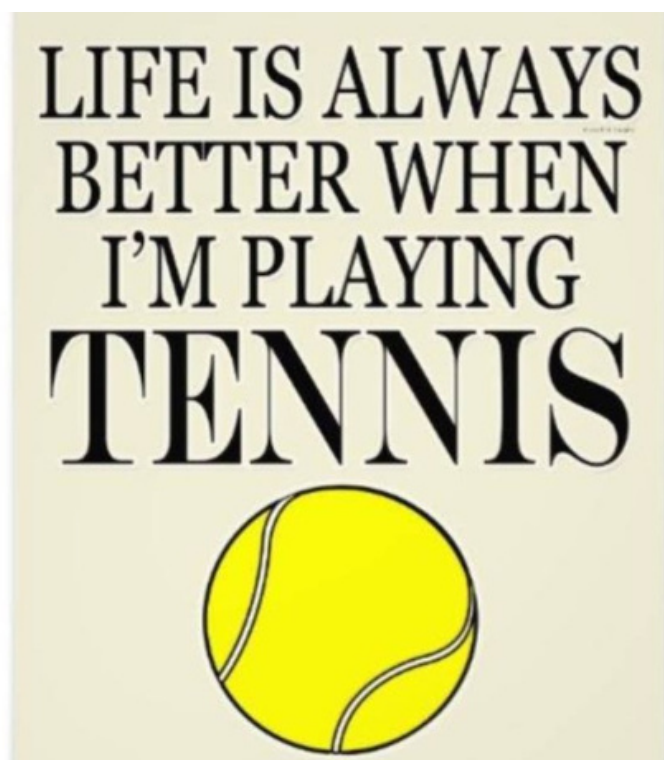
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Cardinia Shire Council

Coffee with Community

Victoria Police, Cardinia Shire Council and the Cardinia Shire Safer Communities Partnership Committee are partnering with Beaconsfield Progress Association to organise 'Coffee with Community and Safe PL8 Day' pop-up event!

Come down for a free coffee and talk to us about how we can all work together to make a safer community. Free anti-theft screws for your motor vehicle will also be available.

Middle Ground Café, Old Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield
Friday 21 August, 10am-12pm

These events are a great opportunity for you to talk to representatives from Victoria Police, Council, and other community safety partners about working together to make a safer community.



This initiative relates to our 'Thriving communities' objective in our 2025-29 Council Plan. Find out more at cardinia.vic.gov.au/councilplan

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