

Beaumaris Waves

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President's Message from Marilyn

I hope this finds you all well. This message is one of much hope now we are slowly going to emerge from isolation, albeit to a new normal.

I say slowly, because not only is the government keeping the brakes on, but I imagine that many of you are feeling reluctant to get out there to participate in life again. Over the months a lot of our social inclinations have taken a battering and we may be wary about catching up physically with friends as the virus is probably still lurking out there.

Unfortunately, getting together as a club is still a long way off because of the limited numbers allowed inside a venue, but we are discussing ways that we could meet outside in smaller groups, perhaps for a picnic, or coffee. If you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you. We are still hopeful we might have a Christmas lunch.

In the meantime, we still have the opportunity to meet online at either the *Chew and Chat* session which is available for all of you if you can access ZOOM or at Steve's new M.E.N group which he has just started for our male members. If you would like information about either of these please feel free to contact me.



Vale Bill Soding

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of a Club stalwart and Foundation Member, Bill Soding. Bill was awarded the President's Award in 2018 for his outstanding contribution to the Club over many years. He was the PAV delegate in 2003-2015 and Acting Treasurer whenever required. Our sincerest sympathy to his wife Margaret and family.



Last month two of our members celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They are June and John Wood and they are my aunt and uncle. They married on the 7th October 1950 at St James Catholic Church in Gardenvale, then later honeymooned at the Marylands Guest House, Marysville.

They started their married life in McKinnon, then Chelsea, later buying their own home in Jordanville, then later on moving to Moorabbin. Since then, they have resided in the Black Rock area for more than 30 years.

Two children were born to June and John: Susan (who is one of our Probus members) and Judith. Sons-in-laws and five grandchildren eventually came along and now they are the proud great grandparents of five great grandchildren.

I can still remember the great parties that our family had and the fun us kids had playing with each other. June and John mean a lot to me and I am so very glad I have them in my life.

Happy Anniversary to you both.

Faye Wegat Secretary (and Flower Girl)



The newly-weds 70 years ago



John and June nowadays

According to the Covid rules, does the Editor have to record these visitors to his home?



She likes our Jasmine vine



Cheeky blighter invited himself inside!

M.E.N (Men's Education Network)



The inaugural meeting of M.E.N. via a Zoom session was held on the 21st October, and I believe it was a great success.

Twelve of our male members joined the session. Once everyone had settled, light-hearted discussions ensued with the session running for an hour and a half. It was very pleasing to be able to associate a face with a voice, see the smiles and to enjoy sharing the banter between the members.

Various topics were tossed around. Some of the topics related to men's health, sporting interests, new activities undertaken by individuals during the lockdown and support for each other.

All participants were positive in their interest for the virtual meetings to continue and another session is to be scheduled.

Keep a watchful eye on your emails for the invitation from our President to join the next Zoom session of M.E.N.

Steve McColl

Web site

Don't forget to look at our website. Christine Simmonds has put the photos of Kyoto that Marilyn Hubbard showed at our last chat session in the travel section. They look terrific.

Go to: www.beaumarisbay.org.au

To enlarge the pages of the newsletter, adjust the slider on bottom right of your PC screen.

Welfare report

'Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is OURS to win or lose.' (Lyndon B. Johnson)

What wonderful news that our patience has paid off and we have overcome this pandemic. Now we can resume a freer lifestyle and meet up with friends again. We hope that with the lifting of the restrictions the dreadful virus will not flare up again but for now, we can plan to meet again and rekindle our friendship. I am pleased and grateful that to the best of my knowledge none of our members were affected by this illness.

The beautiful spring weather entices me to go out and work off some of the extra ounces that crept up on me with the tempting snacks during the lock down. It is such a good feeling to be able to go further afield.

Congratulations to John and June Wood who celebrated their 70th Platinum wedding anniversary this month. A blessing indeed. And, congratulations to David Bruce who turned 90 last month. We wish Ingrid Dewar good health and many Happy Returns on her birthday this month.

On a sad note, we extend our condolences to Margot Ryan whose husband Doug passed away last month.

I look forward to our next meeting which is hopefully very soon.

Stay well and keep smiling

Helga Anderson

Friendship

Make new friends but keep the old,
One is silver, the other is gold.
New-made friendships like new-made wine
Age will mellow and refine.
Friendships that have stood the test
Of time and change are surely best.
Brows may wrinkle, hair grow grey,
For 'mid old friends, tried and true
Once more we can our youth renew.
Cherish friendship in the breast.
New is good, but old is best.
Make new friends, but keep the old One is silver - the other is gold.

Activities

Hello Everyone.

It is wonderful to have some of our freedom back. Hope you have all survived. Maybe we can look back at some of the things we did or achieved and then perhaps get a bit of satisfaction that it was not all bad.

The Committee have decided that until things settle a bit, we will not be offering any Day Trips until at least March next year in the hope that we may have a general meeting before that time. We are also still hoping to have a lunch at *Arcobar* in the coming weeks with the date to be advised. In the meantime, keep an eye on any emails from us or PSPL as things are happening all the time.

Keep Safe, Geraldine McGann

Walking Group (First Monday)

Convenor: Ken Launder (Ph. 9584 1432)

On *Monday 7 December* our walk will be another along a beach path. We will meet at 12.00 noon outside the Newbay Hotel on the corner of Bay and St Kilda Streets, North Brighton. Parking is available in either Bay or St Kilda Streets (Melway 67 C8). From here we will walk to the end of Bay Street before turning onto the beach path to walk to the Middle Brighton Baths and onto the pier. We will then return to the Newbay Hotel for lunch. Currently the Hotel is offering three lunch sittings and I have booked for 1.30 pm. If you intend having lunch at the Hotel please phone me on 9584 1432 or email at so that you may be included in the booking. Please let me know by Monday November 30. Currently the Hotel does not have a lunch menu on its website but hopefully closer to our walk date you will be able to check the menu at www.hotelnewbaybrighton.com

January 2021 Walk: On Monday 4January 2021 our annual twilight walk around Karkarook Park Warrigal Road, Moorabbin, will take place. We will meet at 7.00 pm in the first car park after entering the park from Fairchild (Melway 78 E7). After walking around this very popular Parks Victoria location, we will meet at McDonalds in Warrigal Road (adjacent to Coles Express service station) for refreshments.

February 2021 Walk: Continuing the tradition of having a "Twilight Gelati Walk" in February of each year we will meet at 6.30 pm on Monday 1 February in the car park at Donald McDonald Reserve, Keating Street, Black Rock (Melway 86 B6). From the Reserve we will walk to the Black Rock shops in Balcombe Road where we can indulge in a delicious artisan-made Davey Mac's gelato (available in about 20 flavours) at a cost of approx. \$5.50 for two scoops.



Our intrepid walkers celebrate the end of the November walk.

BUYING A PIZZA

Hello there – is this Gordon's Pizza?

No, sir - it's Google's Pizza

I must have dialled the wrong number. Sorry.

No sir, this is the correct number. Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.

Oh! Okay then – I would like to order a pizza.

Do you want your usual, sir?

My usual? You know me?

According to our caller ID data records, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meat balls on a thick crust.

Right! That's just what I want.

May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat, gluten-free, thin crust?

What? I detest vegetables!

Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

How the hell do you know that?

Well, we cross referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last seven years.

Okay, okay, but I don't want your awful vegetable pizza – I already take medication for my cholesterol.

Excuse me, sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our data base, you only purchased a single box of 30 cholesterol tablets at Drug Warehouse, four months ago. I bought more from another chemist.

That does not show on your credit card statement.

I paid cash.

But you did not withdraw enough cash, according to your bank statement.

I have other sources of cash.

That does not show on your last tax return, unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.

WHAT THE HELL?!!!!

I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the intention of helping you.

Enough! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others!! I'm going to an island without the Internet, without cable TV and some place where there is no mobile phone service and no one to keep track of me.

I understand, sir. But do you know that you need to renew your passport first? It expired six weeks ago.