



# Beaumaris Waves

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## President's Spring Message

I have dragged myself inside out of the glorious sunshine on this Spring day, which makes it very hard to acknowledge that we are living in surreal times and can't go far to smell the roses. Hopefully we will soon see the relaxation of the Stage 4 restrictions, which will possibly give us more freedom to do the things we have been missing. It has certainly given us time to appreciate what we had pre-COVID-19 and perhaps took for granted.

**It also gives us time to reflect on what we would like our Probud club to offer us and what we can offer the club. I have been giving all this a great deal of thought lately and realise that, no matter what ideas I can come up with, the committee is unable to change anything without your input and support. With that in mind I would encourage you to give us any ideas and suggestions that you might have.**

At this point, half way through the committee's year, I would like to thank on your behalf the efforts of the committee members for keeping the club foremost in our minds. Without the regular newsletter maintained by Graeme and featuring Neil Howard's *Friday Funnies* and Helen Lockett's and several others' contributions, we would not be aware of what is happening (even if it is precious little). Our new Website is the work of Christine and Michael Simmons and I hope you are all checking it regularly for updates. Don't forget the Trivia Quiz which changes every day. My other supporters are Steve, Lyndell, Helga, Geraldine and Faye all of whom have been keeping in touch with members by phone. Even though she is no longer a committee member, Marny has been running the footy tipping. It has been a challenge for her to keep up with all the rapid changes the AFL keeps making. Thanks, Marny.

Lastly, we have a fortnightly chat session on Zoom which has evolved into a bit of an armchair travel session as our members have become more adept at using its features. If you would like to join in just email me and I will send you the joining instructions. All you have to do is to click on the **blue http:** line and you should get straight through to the meeting. You do not need to have Zoom downloaded onto your device. Many are joining us on their phones but tablets, laptops, notebooks, etc., are all even better. Stay well and active.

Marilyn



**September birthdays:** We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Carol Booth; Di David; Loyce Gibson; Jenny Stevenson; John Tindale; Ann Tolliday; Margot Ryan; Resi McGrath; Robyn Kennedy; Marie Ilton; John Strauch.

**Welfare:** Another month has slipped by in this tedious lockdown and perhaps has now become our new regular lifestyle. However, there seems to be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. The latest reports are promising. Our patience is paying off with the numbers falling. I do hope everyone is well and as happy as we can be in this difficult time. We are indeed fortunate to have the modern technology available enabling us to keep in touch.

Spring is in the air and should lift our spirits. The 1<sup>st</sup> September is National Wattle Day since 1992 in all states and territories marking the first day of Spring. Before then, Australians in different states celebrated wattle day on different days between July and September. The day was originally intended to promote patriotism of the new nation of Australia and emerged to prominence in the early years of federation. People bought and wore sprigs of Wattle on that day.

It has been largely overshadowed by Australia Day. The day is celebrated more in Canberra where they hold citizenship celebrations; after all, the Wattle is our National Emblem.

Only in Australia is the Acacia called Wattle and was named after an Anglo-Saxon building technique. In the early days of settlement branches and saplings were used as building material. They were cut and woven into panels. This method was called wattle and daub. The Acacia was plentiful and suitable and therefore called wattle. The name stayed.

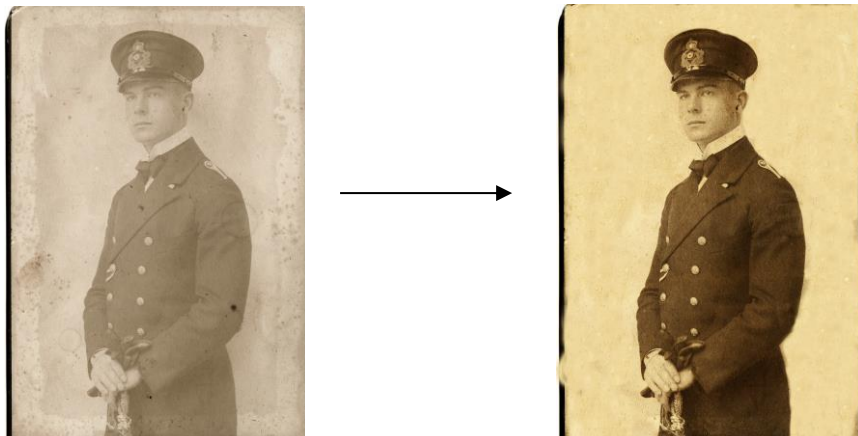
Keep smiling  
Helga Anderson

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**Free photo restoration**



One of our Club members, Wally Povey, is offering to restore your old photographs for free. Your original photos will not be damaged in any way, as they are only scanned so that Wally can work his magic on them. See the before-and-after samples below for how an old, faded photo can be brought to life. Talk to Wally (ph. 9598 3944) as to how you can get your old photos to him. If you have a scanner you could possibly send him a JPG copy of the photo/s (if you know how) for him to work on. He will advise you on how to get your photos to him otherwise.



# Activities Report



Hello Everyone

Well Spring has sprung and all the gardens are about to burst into flowers and new growth. It is exciting to see, especially with all the challenges we have at present.

I hope you have all survived the winter and the lockdown as best you can.

As far as activities ... well we don't have any physical activities organized for obvious reasons. Until we have a clear roadmap as to where Melbourne is going, we will just have to wait and see.

However, we do have Neil's Friday Funnies to keep us amused.

Looking forward to when we can meet again.

Keep well

Geraldine McGann

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The rain was pouring down outside O'Connor's Irish Pub. There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?" "Fishing," replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me".

In the warm ambience of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a superior smart ass, cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the 8th", replied the old man.

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I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE  
ACT ALL INTELLECTUAL  
AND TALK ABOUT  
MOZART WHILE THEY'VE  
NEVER EVEN SEEN ONE  
OF HIS PAINTINGS...

**It's been a bit of a  
strange day!  
First I found a hat  
full of money.  
Then I was  
chased by an  
angry man with a  
guitar...**





# ZOOM meetings

Our Club has held a number of ZOOM meetings during the Covid lockdown and members have found ZOOM relatively easy to use. A book discussion has been hosted by President Marilyn and Jan Storey. Armchair travel meetings have also been hosted by Marilyn who gave a presentation on her most recent overseas trip to Georgia and Armenia in Eastern Europe. Steve McColl gave an interesting illustrated talk last month on a caravan trip to the Top End that he and wife Penny made last year. The highlight of their trip was meeting up with their daughter, Erin, a nurse in Nhulunbuy, a remote Aboriginal settlement on the Gove Peninsular, East Arnhem Land. Steve and Penny flew there instead of making the arduous 800km trip over a dirt road. The photos of the art work at the nearby world-famous Aboriginal Art Gallery at Yirrkala were impressive (see picture below), and those of the settlement's members were delightful.



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