



# Beaumaris Waves

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**President's message:** Every year at this time we appeal to members to join the Committee. In the past we have been able to fill the vacancies of the Committee but only just in time for the AGM. However, this year we are facing a crisis if we cannot obtain a new Treasurer and a Membership Officer. The reality is that the Club will not be able to function beyond the AGM in March next year without these positions. If you haven't volunteered in the past to help manage the Club, please do so now and speak to me about either of these two vital roles for which you will be given abundant support.

On the good news front, the Cheltenham Golf Club has a new caterer and those of us who have patronised the Golf Club recently have been impressed by the new offerings and the friendly operators who are eager to please. So, please support the new caterer and drop in for a meal or a coffee as it is in our long-term interests to have a viable catering business at the Golf Club. Accordingly, the Golf Club has been booked by us for lunch on *Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021* at 12 noon for \$25 per head – please register your interest with our Treasurer, Michael Simmons, via email ([michael@magellaconsulting.com.au](mailto:michael@magellaconsulting.com.au)) who will inform you of the payment arrangements. I'm looking forward to seeing those of you coming to the lunch next Wednesday, and, if you won't be attending the lunch, I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Covid-Safe New Year.

**Marilyn Hubbard**

**Editorial:** Why do I belong to Probus? There are several reasons. The Club, through its activities, provides me with opportunities for social interaction, and it also provides me with mental stimulus as the Editor of the newsletter. Furthermore, since joining the Committee in 2010, I have enjoyed the camaraderie of its members and I hope to continue making a positive contribution to the Club so long as I have the mental acuity and health to do so, and, more importantly, while I still consider my role to be worthwhile. As much as I sometimes grumble about the demands of producing the monthly newsletter for the Club, it keeps me busy and helps me to stay abreast of developments in computer software and hardware. It also maintains my finger "on the pulse" of what is happening in the Club. As Editor it has been interesting to observe the dynamics of the Club.

**Graeme Storey**

**December birthdays:** We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Barbara Green; Carole Hunter; Manfred Lobert; Mark Murray; Michael Simmons; Claire Timlock.

## M.E.N's Group & Petanque

We had another successful M.E.N's meeting on ZOOM on the 16<sup>th</sup> November where matters of mutual interest were discussed and the suggestion was made that we meet as a group outdoors. All agreed it would be good to have an introduction to the game of Petanque; this was held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. We met at 11.00am at the Beaumaris Reserve located behind the Beaumaris Library in Reserve Road, Beaumaris, where ten of our members attempted to master the art of tossing the steel boule at the cochonnet (wooden jack) under my tutelage. Many a laugh was had and quite a competitive atmosphere ensued. Unfortunately, the weather let us down, causing us to cut our session short, but this didn't stop us having a great time. Following our game, we adjourned to the Beaumaris Concourse where the Bayside Council has erected a large marquee complete with generous-sized outdoor tables and bench seats on the grass area adjoining the main carpark of the Concourse. Animated discussion ensued, fuelled by takeaway coffee and snacks purchased from the nearby cafés. It was great to be able to talk face-to-face. The group was unanimous in agreeing to another session of Petanque in a week's time (at 11.00am on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020) and hopefully the weather will be kinder and more members can join in.

**Steve McColl**

**Editor's note:** Thanks to Steve for initiating the formation of this group.



## Welfare report

'Is it just me, or does Santa look younger every year?' We are now into December and Christmas is not far away. What a year it has been! I have put up some Christmas decorations to lift my Christmas spirits but .....

Like everything else Christmas will be different this year. We remember those loved ones who are no longer with us and those who cannot be with us. It is a relief and I can almost hear the general sighs, that the lockdown restrictions have eased allowing us to look forward to celebrating Christmas with our family. We can be more hopeful of resuming 'normality' again next year. In the meantime we must still be cautious. Whichever way you celebrate Christmas in the 'old' or the 'new norm', may it be happy and cheerful for you.

Merry Christmas! May your happiness be large and your bills be small.

Best wishes  
**Helga Anderson**

# Activities

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November we finally had our lunch at Bay Road Nursery. On a perfect summer's day, 22 members dined on tables either inside or out amongst the plants under umbrellas. Everyone seemed so pleased to be able to catch up with one another and hear each other's stories

Let's hope we can have many more get-togethers. We have a few of the Club's groups having catch-ups in various locations in the next few weeks.

## CRAFT GROUP



Fifteen members of the Craft Group enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the Beaumaris Concourse under the marquee provided by Bayside Council. Helen Scott, our leader, brought some lovely Christmas craft decorations for each of us which was very much appreciated. We all enjoyed coffee and little treats in a very pleasant afternoon setting. It was very much enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Penny McColl for organising the get-together of the Craft Group.

**BOOK CLUB** – Will meet on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 pm** at the Cheltenham Golf Club for lunch and distribution of some summer reading.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – is on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon at the Woodlands Golf Club**. Please don't arrive until 11.45am and you need to go straight to your designated seats rather than lingering in the foyer. Pre-dinner drinks and canapes will be served at the tables.

I think a few members will have a very busy diary leading up to Christmas and I hope to catch up with some of you at these events

Best wishes

**Geraldine McGann**

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## WALKING GROUP

**Convenor: Ken Launder (Ph. 9584 1432)**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon** we will meet at Newbay Hotel on the corner of Bay Street and New Street, Brighton, to walk to the Middle Brighton Baths and back to the Hotel for lunch.

- **January 2021 Walk:** On Monday 4 January 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.

## **An Australian Christmas**

Australians have a special way,  
Of spreading Christmas cheer,  
Ploughing through the snow is a big no-no  
We have sun over here.

Christmas pud is pav instead,  
While lunch is on the beach,  
Cold ham replaces turkey,  
And we have three servings each.

Kangaroos help Santa out,  
'Cause reindeer just won't do,  
For they don't know the bush so well  
Roos just bound on through.

Forget the fur lined boots this year,  
Thongs is what you need,  
Rudolf will have to sit it out,  
While Skippy takes the lead.

But don't you worry, have no fear,  
Santa's used to us down here!

# **Merry Christmas – Ho! Ho! Ho!**



*The Committee wishes all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*