



Beaumaris Waves

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From the Committee:

We are still waiting to find out when we can resume our monthly meetings at the Golf Club. No doubt there will be restrictions on the number of people that can be accommodated as per any social distancing requirements, the wearing of masks, maintaining records of attendance, etc. As soon as the Committee knows, we will inform you. In the meantime, we are hopeful that some of our Activity groups, such as the Art & Craft Group, Book Group, Mahjong, will soon be able to resume meeting at the Golf Club. Members of these groups will be informed in due course. It's been good that these groups have been able to maintain contact during the lockdowns we have had to endure. Walks have resumed and the newly formed M.E.N's group has also been able to enjoy the relaxed restrictions on outdoor activities.

January birthdays: We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Jean Adams; Barry Baxter; Bill Crawford; Beverly Frame; Craig Kennedy; John Knight; Jack Leo; Kathy Manallack; Neil McGrath; Gladys Williams.

Activities

Finally, we are planning a day trip - we are going to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens on **Thursday 25th February**.

We will not be using a bus but will instead use private transport, i.e., car pooling. We will be having lunch at Trios Bistro at the nearby Cranbourne Racecourse. The prices are average and include a Senior's menu.

Cranbourne Gardens specialises in Australian native plants. It is set on 363 hectares and includes heathlands, wetlands and woodlands. They provide an open-air bus to take anyone around, the cost is \$8.00 pp which needs to be booked and paid for beforehand. The trip goes for 25 minutes and covers two kilometres. The bus is optional and you are free to wander around on your own if you wish.

Could you please email, text or phone ASAP if you would like to come and if you would like to book the bus - see contact details below.

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Date: Thursday 25th February
Cost: about \$20.00 lunch plus \$8.00 for the bus
Transport: Car Pool
Coffee Cart at Gardens

We will get back to you regarding payment once we have the numbers so we can book the Bistro and bus.

Looking forward to finally getting a trip happening (what could go wrong !!)

Regards
Geraldine and Liz

TWILIGHT BOWLS & DINNER

Venue: Sandringham Bowls Club, Tulip Street, Sandringham
Date: Thursday 18th March 2021
Time: 5.00pm
Dress: Casual, flat soled shoes to be worn
Equipment: Lawn bowls will be supplied or bring your own. Members of the bowls club will be there to offer tuition.
Refreshments: At bar prices. Please note: a meal is included in the cost.

This is always a fun night, please come along and join your fellow Probarians for an evening of laughs and maybe learn a new skill.

Please record your registration of intention to attend to: Steve McColl on 0418544671 or Email to: smccoll@dodo.com.au.

Please note: *NO PAYMENT is to be made at this point, a notice calling for payment will be sent out once the numbers attending are known and the cost per person has been calculated.*

Steve McColl
Vice President

December 2020 Walk

On Monday 15 December 2020, 15 intrepid walkers met at 12noon at the New Bay Hotel (Brighton). The weather was variable. The day started with bright sunshine, then, true to the forecast, it deteriorated. A shower with hail accompanied us on the way to our meeting place. Undeterred by the threatening clouds heralding the next shower, we set off briskly towards the beach admiring the Brighton mansions along the way. Whilst walking along the beach those threatening clouds caught up with us and the rain came down hard. Luckily, we found shelter against a wall. Unfazed, we continued our walk to the Brighton Pier when the rain eased. From there we returned to the hotel by a different route. Just as we arrived back at the New Bay the heavens opened again - with hail.

However, anxious moments ensued – on arrival at the hotel, Helen’s phone was missing. A thorough search did not locate it. Steve came to the rescue, rang Helen’s number and soon after he received a call from the finder who kindly delivered it personally to the hotel. What a relief! After the ‘crisis’ was over we settled down to enjoy a delicious lunch and convivial company. All too soon it was time to leave. Thank you, Ken and Liz, for another beautiful walk.

Future walks

- **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.
- **March 2021 Walk:** Our March walk will be on **Monday 1 March**. We will meet at the end of North Road Brighton at 10.00 am outside the North Point Café. There is a parking area next to the café with other free spaces available in North Road. Part of the paved north bound pathway is shared but this branches to become separate walking/bicycle paths a short way from North Road. We will walk along up to Glenhuntly Road (or maybe further depending on what we decide on the day) before returning to North Point Café for coffee.

Advance notice of Clunes Walk

I am currently planning a walk around the town of Clunes 36 km north of Ballarat for sometime in the near future, possibly in May, depending on the virus situation and also completion of the upgrade of the Ballarat/Maryborough rail line.

The train leaves at 9.16 am from Southern Cross arriving in Clunes at 11.13 am. and the return train from Clunes leaves at 3.09 pm arriving at Southern Cross at 5.22 pm. If you have free V-Line vouchers these can be used to cover the cost of travel.

From the Clunes railway station there is a 1.00 km downhill walk to the township where we will have a look at the Museum and shops before having lunch at the National Hotel.

A school friend who lives in Clunes has offered to drive the group around on the Hotel's courtesy mini bus to see the Port Phillip Gold Mine and heritage buildings.

As Clunes is a tourist destination some shops and the Museum have their "weekend" on Monday and Tuesday so if our visit is in May it will have to be on a Thursday or Friday.

I would like to have expressions of interest by the end of this month from those who would like to "explore" Clunes. Email: klauder@bigpond.com

Do you know why?

1 .. WHY do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left? **BECAUSE** when buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

2 .. WHY do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help? **BECAUSE** This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

3 .. WHY are zero scores in tennis called 'love'? **BECAUSE** In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

4 .. WHY do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses? **BECAUSE** In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

5 .. WHY is shifting responsibility to someone else called passing the buck'? **BECAUSE** In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

6 .. WHY do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast? **BECAUSE** In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

7.. WHY are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'? **BECAUSE** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

8 .. WHY is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'? **BECAUSE** Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.