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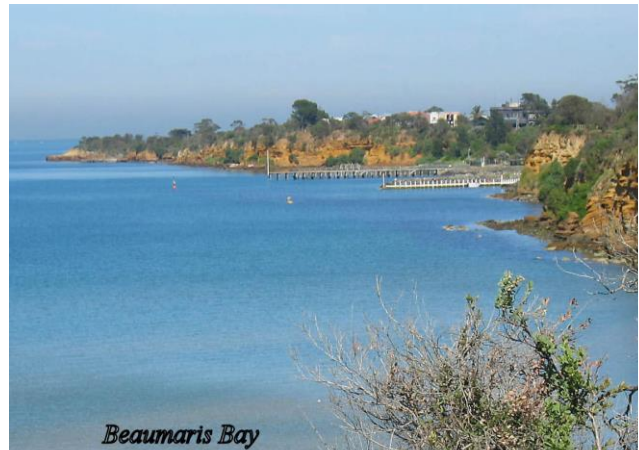
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

Apologies: Please ring or text SMS to Faye Wegat (0409 265 503) prior to 7.30pm on Tuesday evening beforehand or by **email to:** sec.beaubay@gmail.com



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President's message:

This is my first message for the year and as your new President I look forward to getting to know every member more closely and fulfilling the role as best I can.

I would like to congratulate Steve McColl as our Past President and thank him for setting a very high standard. I would also like to welcome the new members to our committee:

- Michael Simmons, Assistant Vice-President;
- Lyn Mather, Welfare Officer; and
- Ingrid Dewar, Activities Co-ordinator.

I look forward to working with them and the other members of the Committee to make 2022 a fun and happy Probud year

Now, with Autumn upon us, the days are a lot cooler and before we bunker down for Winter, we have a lot of activities on offer for you to consider. We have recommenced our Craft, Mahjong, Book Club, Walking Group and Petanque group with a lot of enthusiasm. We have had some special events such as the Bowls night, *Moulin Rouge* and the upcoming lunch at *Arcobar*, the day trip to Panorama Gardens in May and the Walking Group trip to Bendigo to see the Elvis Exhibition in June

The beginning of April saw an intrepid group of 28 members having a three-night stay in Philip Island. (See Geoff Bakes' report on Page 5.)

With so much doom and gloom around, let us hope that it can be only good news from now on. I must say I was very impressed at how Melbourne put on the Memorial Service for Shane Warne.

With Easter almost upon us, I hope you all have an enjoyable break and can catch up with family and friends. Our next meeting is on April 20th at 10.00am at Cheltenham Golf Club.

Geraldine McGann

Speaker: Have you ever wondered about the strange-looking buildings in Flinders Street, Dockland (pictured below)? Sue Dight, CEO of the Mission to Seafarers Victoria, will explain their function at our General Meeting on the **20th of April**.



April birthdays. We wish Laurie Gwillim; Neil Howard; and Jim Scott, Good Health and many Happy Returns.

Activities

Day trip to Panorama Gardens (Boneo)

Finally, after three cancel(l)ations we have rescheduled the trip to Panorama Gardens to **Thursday 12th May**. The day consists of the pickup from the Beaumaris Library at 9.00am; Morning Tea on arrival; 2 ½ hours to walk around the Gardens and Wildlife centre; lunch at Poppies Bistro in Rosebud and then bus home to Beaumaris.

Although it is still a fair way off, I am pleased to say we have a full bus load to go. However, things do happen and if you would like to put your name on the waiting list, could you please contact Geraldine McGann (0427 416 890). We are all looking forward to having a day out and catching up with friends, fingers crossed.

Lunch at Arcobar (8 Arco Lane, Heatherton) has been booked for 12 noon on **Tuesday 26th April**. A \$20 deposit in an envelope is to be given to Brenda Mathews by 20th April to secure your place. The deposit will be returned to you on the day. We have had enjoyable meals there in the past with the gregarious mine host, so come along and have a friendly couple of hours catching up with friends.

Theatre news

There are a couple of musicals coming to Melbourne that might be of interest to members. They are **Hamilton** which started mid-March and **9 to 5 the Musical** starting mid-July. If you are interested in either of these musicals, email me on hmarilyn770@gmail.com. If I get enough members interested, I will go ahead and make a group booking.

Marilyn Hubbard

Walking Group (Convenor: Ken Launder; Email: klauder@bigpond.com)

Reservoir walk: Just for something a little different next month our walk will be in the suburb of Reservoir - an area of Melbourne which I thought very few people living south of the Yarra would have visited. (Actually, I am wrong as some members have had a close connection with the suburb during their younger years). It should be interesting to see this part of the northern suburbs and, in particular, have a walk around its main attraction – Edwardes Lake.

So, on **Monday May 2**, we will catch the 10.19am train from Mordialloc, 10.21am Parkdale, 10.23am Mentone, 10.26am Cheltenham, and 10.29am Southland, and travel to Flinders Street (in the last carriage) and change platforms there to catch the Mernda line train.

On arrival at Reservoir, we will walk through the local shopping area on the way to Edwardes Park where we will walk around the Lake after which we will stop for lunch at the nearby Edwardes Lake Hotel before returning to the station.

Mid-year lunch

Bookings are now open for our mid-year lunch which will be held on the **23rd June 2022** at the Grange Room of the Dingley International Hotel at 12 noon. Cost will be \$50.00 per person for a two-course meal with drinks purchased from the bar. Pay by May 31, using your preferred method of payment (clearly identifying it), and notify the Secretary of the transaction - no cheques, please.

Welfare

Welfare Officer: Lyn Mather (0424 220 286): If you know of any of our members who is ill, hospitalised or would just like someone to call in and talk, etc., can you advise our Welfare Officer so a card can be sent, or a visit arranged.

“Cancelation” or “cancellation”?

It has been pointed out to me that the word “cancelation” in the Panorama Gardens notice in last month’s newsletter should have been spelt “cancellation”. My computer’s spell check did not correct it as the word can be spelt either way. Basically, it comes down to how many times you pronounce the “L” in the word, hence the version with one “L” in American English makes more sense than the version with two “L’s”, which is more common in British English. Does it really matter how it is spelt?

Moulin Rouge



After two deferments, twelve members of the Club enjoyed *Moulin Rouge* at the resplendent Regent Theatre in Collins Street on Wednesday 30th March. Built in 1929, the theatre was fortunately saved from demolition by the BLF (Builders Labourers Federation) led by Norm Gallagher, who slapped a Green Ban on the building in 1974. It was restored to its former glory in 1996.

The show was loud and vibrant, very energetic, and colourful with athletic dancers performing exuberantly. The actors' costumes were extravagant if not raunchy, with the can-can girls in their colourful skirts. The magnificent scenery set the mood, enhanced by the lighting that was both dazzling and visually stunning in its finely timed changes of effects, all adding to the seamless transition between scenes.

For those who remember the film, the stage production is very similar, but the songs woven through it are an extremely clever mix of many current ones, especially the love songs. We came away in awe of the talented performers. Their ability to act, sing and dance and their energy levels are something to be truly envious of.

The pictures above give some idea of the opening set and the palatial style and opulence of the theatre and its lavish décor, with the pictured elephant occupying pride of place suspended from one of the boxes. *

All-in-all, a performance worth waiting for. Thanks to Marilyn Hubbard for organising the tickets.

Marilyn Hubbard and the Editor

* If you are wondering about the significance of the blue elephant pictured dwarfing one of the theatre boxes, at the *original Moulin Rouge*, the giant elephant served as a luxurious opium den where for a single franc, gentlemen could enter by way of a spiral staircase inside the leg and be entertained by belly dancers.

See <https://rarehistoricalphotos.com/original-moulin-rouge-1914>

Coffee, Chew 'n Chat

We are re-instituting the *Coffee, Chew 'n Chat* gatherings on a monthly basis. Begun in 2012 by Graeme Storey at the Golf Club, this is an informal, unstructured gathering of coffee lovers. We will now meet at the recently renovated Rickett's Point Kiosk in Beach Road, Beumaris. Parking in the adjoining beachside car park is free for Bayside residents who have a parking permit properly affixed to their windscreens. Starting in May, come and join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at the Kiosk. There's no need to book, just turn up for some convivial company.

Phillip Island trip

I feel sure from all the comments that I received that everybody enjoyed the three-day stay at Amaroo Park, Cowes, Phillip Island. Our very helpful hosts, the Park accommodation, and the nice weather, was just what the Club members needed for this first extended outing in a long time. Our food and drink get-togethers in the "Homestead" lounge dining area were very enjoyable with plenty of catch-up chatting and laughs from the large group attending (see picture below right).

Our visit to Le Porchetta Restaurant on the first night went very well, but many of us ate too much Pizza. During the day, groups of members travelled to many parts of the island to enjoy walks, seeing the Penguins, the Nobbies, Cape Woolamai, Swan Lake, Rhyll, Churchill Island, plus plenty of retail therapy in the main street of Cowes.

Let's hope that we can all get together again on a similar trip in the not-too-distant future.

Geoff Bakes

Editor's note: Thanks, Geoff, for organising a very enjoyable sojourn. Also, a big thank you to Steve McColl (pictured) who produced a challenging 40-question quiz, which provided lots of laughs and debate about the answer to one of the questions; the animated discussion continued the next morning in the communal kitchen where we gathered to decide on the day's activities.



PROBUS travel insurance

PROBUS have just released details of their Travel Insurance. They've partnered with emergency medical assistance provider, Allianz Global Assistance, and now there is a mind-boggling 84-page Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) you have to wade through if you are seriously considering PROBUS travel insurance. Essentially, in my view, PROBUS travel insurance through Allianz is no different in its provisions to many other insurance company's policies.

The most significant change I can see is that a doctor's letter stating you are "Fit to Travel" no longer applies and you have to be assessed by the PROBUS insurer if you have any pre-existing medical condition. You can apply for pre-existing medical condition cover on Comprehensive, Multi-Trip and Domestic plans using "their easy online medical assessment that provides an instant outcome." Their assessment will determine the type and cost of the policy you will be offered. Depending upon your age, where you are travelling to, the length of your trip, you may be offered one, two or three different plans. You will need to refer to the PDS to see the terms, conditions, limits, and exclusions that apply. Your age will be a significant factor in determining which policy you will be offered: you have more options if you are aged less than 75.

Impact of the COVID pandemic.

COVID-19 has significantly impacted travel insurance and its cost. The PROBUS product has a general exclusion, with limited exceptions, against epidemics and pandemics. That means they don't cover claims that arise from, or are related to, an epidemic or pandemic.

However, confusingly, Probus Travel Insurance offers cover under selected benefits if, during your period of cover, you are positively diagnosed as suffering a sickness recognised as an epidemic or pandemic, such as COVID-19. You will need to refer to the PDS to see which benefits offer cover if you contract a sickness recognised as an epidemic or pandemic, and the terms, conditions, limits, and exclusions that apply.

In addition, if a COVID-19 border closure or mandatory quarantine period prevents you from travelling, or requires you to shorten your journey while travelling, you may be entitled to cancel your policy and receive a partial or full premium refund; again you need to refer to the PDS for conditions.

Probus Club members can apply for Probus Travel Insurance online by clicking on the "QUOTE" link at: https://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_landing_au

BTW, CHOICE magazine (for subscribers) has an article on travel insurance in its April 2022 edition on pages 42-45. CHOICE also has a free and comprehensive guide on travel insurance at: www.smartraveller.gov.au/CHOICE-travel-insurance-guide-COVID-19

It will be interesting to see what take-up there is of PROBUS Travel Insurance, which has been a lucrative source of income for PSPL in the past with its commissions. Good luck in purchasing travel insurance!

Editor

Computer news



The Club has purchased a new laptop computer for the use of the Secretary. It replaces the eight-year-old laptop that was acquired through a grant of \$1,000 from the Bayside Council. Since then, of course, computer technology has advanced dramatically. For the technically minded, the new laptop has 16 GB of RAM, 512Gb of memory, 15.6” screen, and is powered by an Intel Core-7 processor running Windows 10 as the operating system; the Microsoft suite of Office 365 programs has been installed on a subscription basis (\$99 p/a). At a cost of \$1,261, the purchase represents very good value for money compared to similarly priced laptops in terms of screen size, processor performance and memory.

BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
APRIL 2022				
18 Easter Monday	19	20 General Meeting @ 10.00am	21	22
25 ANZAC Day (School holidays end)	26 Arcobar lunch @ 12 noon	27	28	29
MAY 2022				
2 Walk - Reservoir	3	4 Petanque; Committee (1.30pm)	5	6
9	10 Book Group (11.00am)	11 Petanque	12 Panorama Gardens	13
16 Craft Group (1.30pm)	17	18 General Meeting @ 10.00am	19	20
23	24 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	25 Petanque	26	27
30	31			
JUNE 2022				
		1 Petanque; Committee (1.30pm)	N2	3
6 Bendigo Art Gallery (Elvis exhibition)	7	8 Petanque	9	10
13	14 Book Group (11.00am)	15 General Meeting @ 10.00am	16	17
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21	22 Petanque	23 Mid-year lunch @ Dingley I'national Hotel	24 End of Term 2 (Govt. schools)
27	28 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	29 Petanque	30	