



Beaumaris Waves

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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:** bbprobus@gmail.com.



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President's message

Hello everyone,

I often hear it said that the only thing in life that is constant is change and how true that is. Just when we were starting to enjoy being back at the Golf Club along comes that enemy Covid and back into lockdown we go and another chance to meet is lost. Your Committee hopes you have not found this period too challenging and are ready to get together at our August meeting (restrictions permitting). Our Guest Speaker for August will be Sabine Ostrowski, Education Manager, Macular Disease Foundation; I am looking forward to gaining a broader understanding of this disease.

Our host, the Cheltenham Golf Club, faces another challenge. They are in the process of engaging a new caterer. At the time of writing the kitchen is closed. This means we will not be able to enjoy lunch at the club after our August meeting, however, morning tea will still be catered for by the Golf Club. As always, please continue to support the staff in their efforts and be patient while you wait to be served.

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Your Committee has been busy organising a number of events for the remainder of this year (Dolls House Exhibition on August 12, cancelled unfortunately because of the latest lockdown; Panorama Gardens on September 30 and *Moulin Rouge* on November 10), and in April 2022 a four-day, three-night stay at Cowes on Phillip Island is being planned by Club stalwart, Geoff Bakes. It is also pleasing to see our regular activities are being strongly supported when Covid restrictions permit. We are an active club and my sincere thanks to those members who put in the hard work to make these things happen.

Stay safe & upright

Steve McColl

Notices

This month's speaker: Sabine Ostrowski, Education Manager, Macular Disease Foundation. Macular disease is the leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss in Australia. Early action saves sight.

Next month's speaker (18 September): Eric Kelly on his experiences in Antarctica.

August birthdays: We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Rosemary Barty; Liz Launder; Peter Pahl; Anne Seddon; Faye Wegat.

Activities

The following groups all meet at the Cheltenham Golf Club, **COVID lockdown restrictions permitting**. See calendar for dates:

- **Book Group (Convenor: Jan Storey)** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 11.00 am.
- **Craft Group (Convenor: Helen Scott)** meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1.30pm.
- **Mahjong (Convenor: Carole Hunter)** meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.00-4.00pm.

A limerick

*We're locked in our home in Beumaris
In the hope of avoiding the virus.
But there's one shaft of light
In this season of blight,
We're retirees, so no one can fire us!*

Day Trips

Panorama Gardens and Wildlife Sanctuary

Back by popular demand we have booked a trip with Spirit Tours to the Panorama Gardens in Boneo.

- Date: Thursday 30th September
- Pickup from Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Rd., Beaumaris
- Cost \$70.00 includes return bus, Morning Tea, Lunch at Sommerville Hotel plus entrance (\$25.00) to the Park.
- The bus is full, so if you have already booked and have not paid yet, payment either through the Club's Web site or by bank transfer needs to be made by 18th August to secure your place – there is now a Waiting List.

I look forward to seeing you then and hopefully before!!

Best wishes

Geraldine McGann

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

On **Monday September 6** our walk will be in Tatterson Park in Keysborough. We will meet at 10.30 am on the corner of Springvale Road and Marriot Drive, Keysborough (Melway 88 H12). Parking is available in Marriot Drive and the surrounding streets off Marriot Drive near our starting point. Following the path in the park we will walk out onto Cheltenham Road to see the major development which has been happening in the area before returning to our starting point. From here we will drive out onto Springvale Road and into Gardenworld where we will visit the café.

Petanque

The Men's Petanque Group - Report by Geoff Bakes

It was another very enjoyable day at the Beaumaris Park for the men's Petanque group (ten members) with lots of rivalry and sledging. The weather was better than expected with plenty of sunshine. A coffee and chat enjoyed afterwards at the concourse Beaumaris.

Xmas lunch

A booking has been made for our Xmas lunch at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on Wednesday 8 December at 12 noon. This is one of our major social events in the Club. Why not celebrate the end of what has been a pretty ordinary year with Covid restrictions and lockdowns? Cost is \$55 per head. Names to Helga Anderson by the end of October.

Phillip Island trip 2022

The Committee has endorsed an excellently researched proposal by Geoff Bakes for a four day/three-night trip to Phillip Island in April 2022. In brief, participants would self-drive to Phillip Island where accommodation can be booked in well-appointed cabins at the Amaroop Park in Cowes. There are a number of interesting activities available on the island, not least of which is the world-famous Penguin Parade. Further details as they come to hand. In the meantime, check out the Park's Web site at: amaroopark.com.au.

Footy finals fever

Why not wear your heart of your sleeve at our General Meeting on September 15 and show your allegiance to your favourite footy team in anticipation of this year's Grand Final? Will the Bombers have the most ardent supporters again this year?



Technology bits 'n bytes

Those members living in the 3193 post-code area will have received the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter (Winter 2021) containing an interesting article on SCAMS. Be aware that what you receive on your computer or phone may not be genuine. Remember the golden rule - don't click on any link or give out personal details unless you are 100% sure you know who it is from. Hover your mouse over the sender's address and it will reveal if it is someone you do not know. The English is also usually poorly expressed in these messages. Don't believe that a well-known logo in the message, such as Australia Post, eBay, Amazon or your personal bank, is genuine. These may well be fakes – a search on Google will produce details of such scams, many of which have been around for some time. Scammers are banking on the fact that there are some gullible users of popular businesses or online services.

Contributed by Steve McColl

Welfare

As we slowly emerge from our winter 'hibernation' we look forward to spring and the brighter days it brings. According to the calendar we are still in winter but there are definite signs of spring around us. The sun is warmer (when it is not blowing a gale) and blossoms are appearing on the trees. In my garden and also in the parks, some wattles are in bloom. I am reminded of a poem from many years ago of which I could only remember a few lines. After searching the Internet, I found the verse on *Trove*. It was sent in to *The Mail SA*. 23 September 1944 by Joan Hefford (aged 13).

*Sing a song of wattle time,
Sing of sweet September,
Sunny days and scented nights,
Pleasant to remember.
When the sunshine smiles in spring,
All the buds so tiny
Send out little golden threads,
Silky soft and shiny.
Sing a song of wattle time,
Sing of sweet September,
Sunny days and golden hours,
Pleasant to remember.
As we wander through the scrub,
Sprays of wattle wearing,
We can smell the perfumed scent,
That the breeze is bearing.*

Hopefully this new awakening will rouse and lift our spirits and we will see you at our club activities. With this lock down we seem to be progressing two steps forward and one step back but we keep going nonetheless. By now most of us should be partly or fully vaccinated. This protection should allow us to face the future with confidence to participate and attend meetings. I can proudly say that I am now fully vaccinated. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our unwell and infirm members. Please let us know if you would like a visit or if we can be of assistance.

Helga Anderson

Friday Funnies

Did I read that sign correctly?
TOILET OUT OF ORDER.
PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a Melbourne department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT ON 2ND FLOOR

Interesting Club stats

In light of the national Census that we will have just completed, I thought it would be interesting to extract some statistics from the membership records of our members - females constituting 71% and males 29% of our membership.

We have twelve members who are either Foundation Members or have been members for 20 years and are still in the Club. In addition, there are 36 of our 104 current members who have been in the Club for between ten to 19 years.

Where do our members live? Cheltenham, 29; Beaumaris, 26; Sandringham, 16; Black Rock, 12; Mentone, 8; Parkdale, 6; Mordialloc, 3; Hampton, 2; Moorabbin, 1; Highett, 1; Hampton East, 1; Caulfield South, 1; Brighton East, 1; Brighton, 1; Bentleigh East, 1.

When were our members born? 16 members were born in October; 13 in May and September; 11 in January and July; ten in February; nine in March and June; five in April, August and December; and two in November.

PSPL Member Benefits Scheme & Insurance

Probus Member Benefits Scheme (MBS)

Members of Probus have access to a wide range of offers and benefits provided through Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL). This is called the Probus Member Benefits Scheme (MBS) and includes offers for travel, health, financial advice, lifestyle and entertainment. Offers are redeemed by contacting the MBS provider and quoting the Probus membership number on your card. If you have mislaid your card, you can obtain your PSPL membership number on request from our Membership Officer, Margot Ryan.

For a full list of Probus member benefits, [click here](#).

Probus Personal Accident Insurance

This Insurance provides lump sum benefits if an Insured Person is accidentally injured whilst on PSPL Probus Club activities. Insurance coverage is in place whilst on authorised business or activities of a Probus Club including direct travel to and from such business/activities. Travel directly means travel to and from the Insured Person's normal place of residence or normal place of employment and shall include any minor deviations or interruptions which in no way increase the risk of injury that would have normally arisen had the person travelled directly without deviation or interruption. There is an upper age limit of 100 years.

Insured/Covered Persons

Members of Probus Clubs, honorary members, life members, non-active members, spouses and/or partners of these members, voluntary committees and voluntary workers. Guest speakers, visitors and/or participants in any organised or officially recognised activity of an accredited Probus Club, are also recognised as Insured Persons under the Personal Accident policy.

Please [click here](#) for full details and lump sum benefits of the PSPL National Insurance Program.



You can view issues of the digital *Active Retirees* magazine for free on the PSPL Web site: www.probussouthpacific.org.

Of interest is an article on “Trusted Websites to Make You Tech Savvy”, also one on Smart Watches and another on “Spring Cleaning Your Finances”.

Beaumaris Bay Probus Club Activities

The events listed below constitute authorised activities approved by the Committee

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AUGUST 2021				
16 Craft Group (1.30pm)	17 Mahjong (2.00pm)	18 General Meeting (10am)	19	20
23	24	25 Petanque	26	27
SEPTEMBER 2021				
		1 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	2	3
6 Walking Group	7 Mahjong (2.00pm)	8 Petanque	9 New members morning tea (Ricketts Point Café)	10
13	14 Book Grp (11.00am)	15 General Meeting (10am) - Footy Fever	16	17
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (2.00pm)	22 Petanque	23	24
27	28	29 Petanque	30 Panorama Gardens & Wildlife Reserve	
OCTOBER 2021				
4 Walking Group	5 Mahjong (2.00pm)	6 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
11	12 Book Grp (11.00am)	13 Petanque	14	15
18 Craft Group (1.30pm)	19 Mahjong (2.00pm)	20 General Meeting (10am)	21	22
25	26	27 Petanque	28	29
NOVEMBER 2021				
1 Walking Group	2 Melbourne Cup	3 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	4	5
8	9 Book Grp (11.00am)	10 Petanque; <i>Moulin Rouge</i>	11	12
15 Craft Group (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (2.00pm)	17 General Meeting (10am)	18	19
22	23	24 Petanque	25	26
29	30			
DECEMBER 2021				
6 Walking Group	7	8 Xmas lunch @ BMYS	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27 Xmas Day holiday	28 Boxing Day holiday	29	30	31