



# 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](mailto:bbprobus@gmail.com).

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## President's message

Greetings everyone. Here we are midway through 2021, having survived another lockdown and not being able to hold our June meeting. However, your committee and activity convenors have been busy organising functions and outings for our pleasure, our club would be at a loss without the dedication of these members.



The highlight of June was the mid-year lunch at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron, where I presented a 20-Year badge to Jocelyn Besly to mark her long membership since the Club's inception in 2001.

Our thanks to Helga Anderson for organising this memorable lunch, and to Jan Storey, who as MC, enabled us to earn the accolade (ironically) from the staff that we were "well behaved".

Although challenged by the restrictions during June, we are on track to hold our General Meeting on the 21st July at the Golf Club and while we are slowly getting used to the new "normal", it is important to focus on staying in regular contact with friends and family.

Stay safe & upright,

Steve

## Notices

### Vale Dr John Morgan



It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Dr John Morgan. John was the Club's unofficial photographer and many of his excellent photos recording Club events and meetings were published in our newsletter. He was an avid collector of antique clocks. Before retiring, he was a Research Fellow at Melbourne University. John gave an interesting illustrated talk after the 2018 AGM on one of his interests, "Architecture and Engineering". Our sincerest sympathy to his wife Ann and family.

**This month's speaker:** David Patkin, solicitor, speaking on wills and estate planning.

**Next month's speaker (18 August):** 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.

**July birthdays:** We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Pat Dalton; Marguerite Harbord; Jennifer Harrington; Esmae Kennedy; Carmen Luckman; Brenda Matthews; Bob Mylius; Lyndell O'Brien; Pamela Spencer; Graeme Storey; Shirley Tidex; Sheena Van Zyl.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 1.30pm.
- **Mahjong (Convenor: Carole Hunter 9584 1548)** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2.00-4.00pm.

**Lunch** has been arranged for 12 noon on **Thursday 29 July** at Cheltenham RSL for 20 people. Carole Hunter will accept your twenty dollars deposit at the July meeting to secure your booking when you will also need to inform her of any dietary requirements. The deposit will be returned to you on the day.

## Day Trips (Organiser Marilyn Hubbard)

Visit Como House and experience Melbourne's biggest little exhibition on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August** from 12.30 to 4.00pm. "Step inside the doll house and lose yourself in a miniature world of wonder and intrigue. Exploring the doll house from its traditional form to the space it occupies in the virtual and intangible worlds, Doll House will transport visitors into the creative and subversive world of the doll house and miniature life. Featuring over 35 doll houses, furniture and accessories drawn from private collections, showcasing previously unseen houses from the 1880s to the present day. Together with furniture, accessories, ephemera and virtual experiences, Doll House unlocks the imagination of makers, collectors, activists and players and reveals the stories hidden in their miniature worlds." Cost is \$11 and car-pooling will need to be organised. Coffee and snacks are available at the café if desired.

## Walking Group (Convenor: Ken Launder; Email: [klauder@bigpond.com](mailto:klauder@bigpond.com))

On Monday August 9 we will walk under the Caulfield to Carnegie section of the "Skyrail" elevated section of railway line along the concrete path laid as part of the "Skyrail" construction. We will be able to see for ourselves what redevelopments of the area have taken place and if the locals have benefited in any way. Catching the 10.46 am train from Cheltenham (10.39 am Mordialloc, 10.41 am Parkdale, 10.43 am Mentone) *and travelling in the last carriage* we will arrive at Caulfield at around 11.05 am. From the station we will walk a short distance to the start of the Djerring Trail which continues through to Oakleigh station. The walk to Carnegie is relatively easy over flat terrain. On our arrival we will be able to observe the station facilities and possibly have a look at some of the local shops in Koornang Road before having lunch at approximately 12.30 pm at the Rosstown Hotel on the corner of Koornang Road and Dandenong Road. Please let me know before Friday August 6 if you wish to come so that I can make a lunch booking.

## Reports

**The Men's Petanque Group** again played at the Beaumaris Oval on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Although the weather was cold and windy, we had seven players come along. Some of our regular players were missing but hopefully they will be at the next game. As usual, there was plenty of strong competition. Suggestions (complaints?) were made by some players that the rules need changing, I suspect, to suit their game style. Nevertheless, it's great to get out in the fresh air with other members and enjoy the camaraderie and coffee afterwards. *Geoff Bakes*

**Ladies Petanque Group:** I would like to welcome all the ladies who have attended our new activity of Petanque. It is an interesting sport and lots of fun, especially sometimes trying to work out who is the winning team. We would like to thank Steve McColl for helping us with the instructions of learning how to play the game correctly. He is a very patient teacher. If there are any other ladies who would be interested in participating in this activity, you are more than welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10-45 am at the Beaumaris Oval and for coffee afterwards at the Beaumaris Concourse. *Marilyn Scott*

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## Reports (cont'd)

### **Villa Alba, Kew**

After threatening rain for a week, Thursday July 1, turned out to be a beautiful sunny day and 23 intrepid members set off in cars for Studley Park Boathouse. I did say at the meeting that this trip would be an adventure and I am pleased to say all bar one group set their sat navs. and checked street directories and did not get lost! No names mentioned.

We commenced our walk along the path following the Yarra River until we reached Dights Falls which is a rapid and weir on the Yarra just downstream of the junction with Merri Creek. The river narrows and is constricted between an 800,000-year-old volcanic, basaltic lava flow. The weir was created in 1840's to divert water to a nearby Flour Mill, the remains of which can still be seen from the viewing platform. We returned back to the car park slightly exhausted and then proceeded to Studley Grounds Bistro where we had lunch booked.

Following our leisurely lunch, Andrew Dixon, the curator of Villa Alba, met and welcomed us. We headed over the road to the mansion where we learned about the history of Villa Alba plus some of the surrounding homes, e.g., Raheen, Como and Studley Park. Inside Villa Alba was evidence of an opulent lifestyle of long ago. However, in 1949 the property was purchased by the Royal Women's Hospital to house nurses. The interior décor was painted over and all the elaborate furnishings disposed of and the gardens were destroyed and neglected. Prefab Buildings were built all over the garden beds and was a hospital for Mothers and Babies and the junior nursing staff.

Helga Anderson recalled doing a six-week nursing post in the 1960's and she gave us an insight of her experiences. The complex was then called Henry Pride Wing of the RWH. Since 1999 the property has been in the hands of a non-for-profit organization and relies totally on donations and small grants to maintain some of the restoration and upkeep, an enormous job as it was in a major state of disrepair.

All up a very enjoyable days outing. It was so good to be out and about again.

### **Geraldine McGann**





## Mid-year lunch at BMYS



Fifty-two members enjoyed each other's company for lunch at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on Thursday, June 24. Our guest speaker, Geoff Bransbury, entertained us in relating his latest solo motorbike adventure when he rode around Australia on his trusty blue *Azulo* (pictured), which has also been his faithful companion on his overland travels across Asia and the Americas. (See his "Dopey old bloke" Web site.)



Guest speaker, Geoff Bransbury



MC, Jan Storey



A good time was had by all ...

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## Welfare

The secret of health for both body and mind is to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."  
Guatama Buddha (563BCE-483BCE)

We have now passed the Winter Solstice, the cusp of winter and are looking forward to the brighter and warmer days ahead, particularly if the Covid virus is kept in check. This month, two of our nonagenarian members, Marguerite Harbord (97) and Shirley Tidex (93), are celebrating their birthdays. We congratulate and wish them well on this special occasion. A number of our members have been and still are unwell (thankfully not Covid). We wish them well and a speedy recovery.  
*Helga Anderson*



You can now get an immunisation history statement or COVID-19 digital certificate to show proof of your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccinations on the MyGov Website. The certificate can be printed for future use. Although it can be retrieved on a smartphone, the instructions may be too complicated for doing so.

**Winter Solstice** by Frances Duggan

In the sunny blue sky just a few clouds of grey  
On June the twenty-first the southern year's shortest day  
For the southern Winter Solstice a forecast high of fifteen degrees  
A pleasant day out of doors of scarcely any breeze  
A magpie lark in green paddock is calling pee wee  
And a magpie is warbling in a sunlit gum tree.  
Such beautiful weather for the time of year  
The Earthly Utopia this place has to be near  
Brown storm-water flowing in the roadside drain  
And the tiny frogs singing to tell us of rain  
But for the southern Winter Solstice the weather sunny and clear  
And with every new dawn the calendar Spring draws near  
And a voice one heard one never again does get wrong  
The grey shrike thrush is whistling his beautiful song.

# Beumaris Bay Probus Club Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>JULY 2021</b>				
5 Walking Group	6 Mahjong (2.00pm)	7 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	8	9
12	13 Book Grp (11.00am)	14 Petanque	15	16
19 Craft Group (1.30pm)	20 Mahjong (2.00pm)	21 General Meeting (10am)	22	23
26	27	28 Petanque	29 Lunch @ Cheltenham RSL	30)
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>				
2	3 Mahjong (2.00pm)	4 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	5	6
9 Walking Group - Skyrail (Carnegie)	10 Book Grp (11.00am)	11 Petanque	12 Doll houses @ Como House	13
16 Craft Group (1.30pm)	17 Mahjong (2.00pm)	18 General Meeting (10am)	19	20
23	24	25 Petanque	26	27
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>				
		1 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	2	3
6 Walking Group	7 Mahjong (2.00pm)	8 Petanque	9 New members morning tea	10
13	14 Book Grp (11.00am)	15 General Meeting (10am)	16	17
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (2.00pm)	22 Petanque	23	24
27	28	29 Petanque	30	
<b>OCTOBER 2021</b>				
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
<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b>				
1 Walking Group	2 Melbourne Cup	3 Petanque (am); Committee (1.30pm)	4	5
8	9 Book Grp (11.00am)	10 Petanque	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			