



Beaumaris Waves

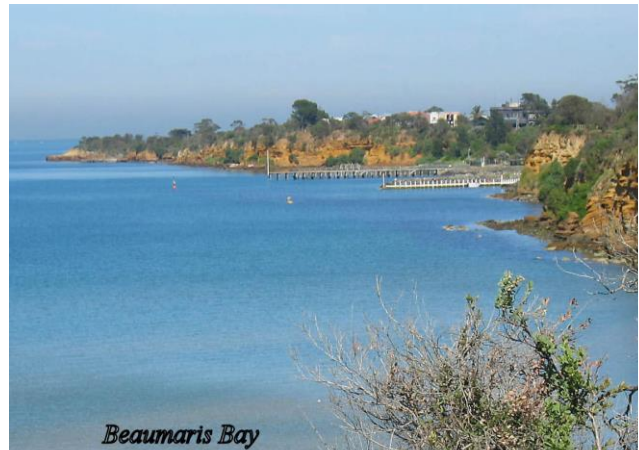
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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



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President's message:

Here we are in the very middle of winter. I am sure many of you have had colds, 'flu or Covid, and I hope you all have had a speedy recovery.

I dread to hear that power prices are rising just as we turn the heater up a few notches or buy another bag of firewood for the open fire. Speaking of which, I have always been lucky enough to have had an open fire in each of the houses I have lived in. We scavenge for wood, bark, pinecones and kindling wherever we go.

I have some vivid memories of open fires from when I lived on the farm. My grandmother lived with us for many years. She was quite a large lady, and she mostly wore a big, loose black dress like a sack. She often stood in front of the fire which was our only means of heating with the back of her dress held up. It could have been a horror show but we did love her, and we just accepted it.

There are some people who are not so keen on us burning wood and it won't be long before Government bans it altogether. So, in the meantime I will sit and watch the flames flickering and try not think of the past or the future.

Thought for the month: *The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything they have.*

Geraldine McGann

Notices

Speakers: July 20 – Fay Veitch, talking on Mercy Ships, an international organisation that deploys hospital ships and volunteers to developing nations.

July birthdays: We wish Good Health and many Happy Returns to: Jennifer Harrington; Esmae Kennedy; Brenda Matthews; Lyndell O'Brien; Pamela Spencer; Graeme Storey; Shirley Tidex; Sheena Van Zyl

Theatre Tickets

It appears that Ticketek is not issuing group bookings at present. The reason given is that they are able to sell all the tickets at full price so therefore it is in their best interest to do so.

This means that those of you who were hoping to see **9 to 5** will need to purchase your own tickets either online or there is an outlet at the Hampton Newsagency (situated a few shops down from Woolworths). Perhaps we can get a few of you together so you can arrange to go on the same day.

Until this situation changes, we will have to forgo our theatre outings.

Tech Helpers

At our last meeting Christine Simmons and Marilyn Hubbard spoke about the digital mentoring course that they completed over the past six months. It has enabled them to volunteer their assistance to our members who need basic help with their various devices. This may be in the area of messaging, emails, online searching, online form filling, etc.

Christine is more able to help those whose devices are Apple and Marilyn those with Android devices.

For further information about this, refer to our Club's website at:

<https://beaumarisbay.org.au/tech-helpers/>

This explains how they can help you and how to access the *Be Connected* website on which there are many short tutorials you can follow.

You can contact Christine on either her mobile (0400 378 095) or email at

christine@magellaconsulting.com.au

You can contact Marilyn on either her mobile (0412 336 440) or email at:

hmarilyn770@gmail.com

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 and talk, can you advise our Welfare Officer so a card can be sent, or a visit arranged.

Activities

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

On **Monday August 8** our walk will be in the Spring Road Park in Dingley Village (Melway 88, G 4-5).

Please note the change of date due to a clash with the Hamer Hall Morning Melodies program on August 1.

To reach the park, drive along Centre Dandenong Road and turn left into Marcus Road (Dingley Primary School on the corner) which leads to Spring Road. Turn right into Spring Road until Rowan Road where parking is available. We will meet on the corner of Spring Road and Rowan Road at 10.30 pm. After our walk we can have coffee in the Dingley shopping centre.

Advance notice

I intend to organise a trip to Castlemaine on **Monday October 3** to take advantage of free travel during the Seniors Festival.

Reports

Visit to Bendigo for the Elvis Exhibition in June

At last, the long-awaited day to visit the Elvis Exhibition in Bendigo dawned. It was a freezing cold winter's morning. Not daunted by the weather, an excited, cheery group of 26, suitably attired, set out on this excursion.

The trip was well organized. Everything ran as smooth as clockwork. Most of us boarded the train at the prearranged time meeting the others at Southern Cross. The Bendigo train line was closed, and busses replaced the train. Under Ken's clear directions we made our way to the Bus depot from where we continued our journey. The bus was comfortable, and the trip 'sweetened' by the lollies Liz kindly passed around. We arrived safely and on time in Bendigo. By now beginning to feel hungry, we made our way to the lunch stop 'The Green Olive' cafe. From there, having been fed and watered, we proceeded to the Gallery and highlight of the day, the Elvis Exhibition. It was an excellent presentation of an amazing amount of memorabilia from this man. The collection covered ten rooms. On display was a large mural of Graceland, Elvis' elaborate costumes, his guitar, sports car, motorcycle and much more. In several rooms, excerpts from his concerts, a life-sized Elvis in action was projected onto the walls with comfortable seating to watch the performances. For me the exhibition was a trip down memory lane.

After the viewing we walked back to the station and bus stop (we are a walking group after all). The home journey was uneventful passing quickly with lively chatter. Tired and happy, we arrived home after a most enjoyable day.

Reports (cont'd)

July Walk 2022

This month's walk was a most interesting history tour around Mentone. Again, Ken chose a perfect sunny morning in the midst of winter (I don't know how he does it). Our cheerful group of fifteen assembled in Como Parade West near the new Mentone Railway Station ready for the walk on this bright and chilly morning. Ken handed out printed notes providing detailed descriptions of the historical buildings we were to see.

We set out past the old Mentone Railway Station, built in 1881 when the railway was extended to Mentone. Crossing the railway line, we walked down Station Street to Childers Street where we saw the Mentone Primary School officially opened in 1889 and St. Patricks School opened in 1904. Continuing on to the corner of Warrigal Road and Como Parade East we admired the Villa D'Este (Villa of the East) and its remarkable roof line from afar. Across the road was the first two storey local residence now a Medical Practice. Back onto Como Parade West we viewed St. Augustine's Anglican Church founded in 1888 on land donated by the Davies family. Further on into Venice Street we passed the Davies Memorial Uniting Church founded in 1889. Nearby, again from a distance, we admired Frogmore House, a former manse, built around 1891 in the style of an English medieval homestead and is now owned by the Mentone Grammar School. In Palermo Street we paused at the Mentone RSL, a grand building built in the Italianate style in the 1880's. Our final viewing was the old Mentone Hotel on Beach Road, a truly majestic building dating back to 1888.

On reflection, these buildings were all built during Melbourne's land-boom years and show the wealth of the colony at the time when development went ahead in leaps and bounds before collapsing into the Great Depression of the 1890's.

To conclude our tour, we made our way back to along Mentone parade to *La Porcetta* for a relaxing lunch.

Thank you, Ken and Liz, for two well planned walks.

Helga Anderson

Coffee, Chew 'n Chat

Come and join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at the Rickett's Point Kiosk. Parking in the adjoining beachside car park is free for Bayside residents who have a parking permit. There's a variety of snacks and delicious cakes available at the Kiosk. There's no need to book, just turn up for some convivial company in a warm, million-dollar setting. The first two gatherings have been well attended, with 15 to 17 members enjoying the cosy atmosphere and fellowship, one of the tenets of Probos.

Memories

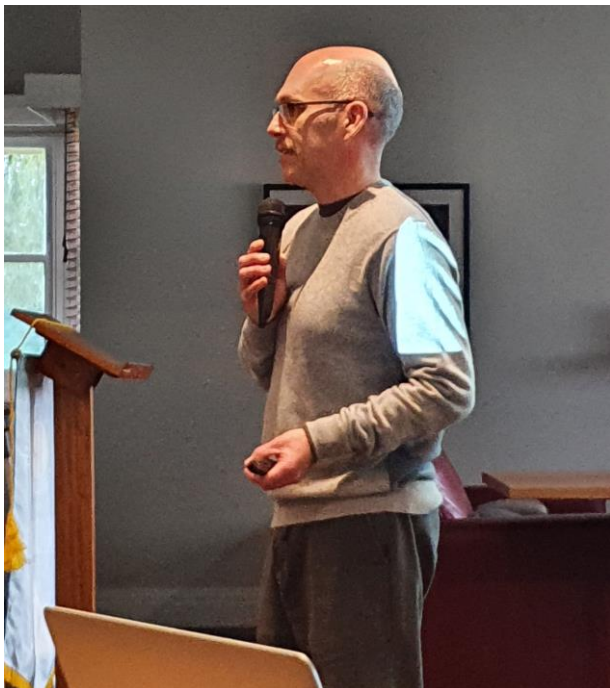
President Geraldine’s whimsical memories of open fires when she lived on the family farm, reminded me of the romance of an open fire in my childhood and the problem of keeping warm before the advent of modern heating systems. I can still remember being mesmerised by the never-ending dancing flames of an open fire in the family home.

I was also reminded of the pea soup fogs we used to have in Melbourne in the ‘50s and having to follow the tram tracks to successfully negotiate St Kilda Junction when driving all the way home to Carnegie following the tram lines in such a thick fog.

I can also remember the challenge of driving through the Pentland Hills in winter in the ‘70s on the way back to Ballarat after visiting family in Melbourne. Because of the dense ground fog that hid the road’s edges, I had to be guided by the white posts protruding on either side of the road. It was nerve-racking. Pea soup fogs in Melbourne and its environs seldom occur nowadays, if at all, no doubt because of climate warming.

Graeme Storey

June events



David Patkin, solicitor, spoke on Wills & Estate Planning



President Geraldine inducted Pauline Kerr

BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JULY 2022				
4 Walk	5 Mahjong (1.30pm)	6 Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
11 Term 3 begins (Govt. schools)	12 Book Group (11.00am)	13	14	15
18 Craft Group (1.30pm)	19 Mahjong (1.30pm)	20 General Meeting @ 10.00am	21	22
25	26 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	27	28	29
AUGUST 2022				
1	2 Mahjong (1.30pm)	3; Committee (1.30pm)	4	5
8 Walk – Dingley Village	9 Book Group (11.00am)	10	11	12
15 Craft Group (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (1.30pm)	17 General Meeting @ 10.00am	18	19
22	23 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	24	25	26
29	30 Mahjong (1.30pm)	31		
SEPTEMBER 2022				
			1	2
5 Walk	6 Mahjong (1.30pm)	7; Committee (1.30pm)	8	9
12	13 Book Group (11.00am)	14	15	16 Term 3 ends (Govt.schools)
19 Craft Group (1.30pm)	20 Mahjong (1.30pm)	21 General Meeting @ 10.00am	22	23
26	27 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	28	29	30
OCTOBER 2022				
3 Walk – Castlemaine (Seniors' Festival)	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	5 Committee (1.30pm)	6	7
10	11 Book Group (11.00am)	12	13	14
17 Craft Group (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting @ 10.00am	20	21
24	25 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	26	27	28
NOVEMBER 2022				
	1 Mahjong (1.30pm)	2 Committee (1.30pm)	3	4
7 Walk	8 Book Group (11.00am)	9	10	11
14	15 Mahjong (1.30pm)	16 General Meeting @ 10.00am	17	18
21 Craft Group (1.30pm)	22 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat @ 10.30am	23	24	25
28	29 Mahjong (1.30pm)	30		