



# 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: [bbprobos@gmail.com](mailto:bbprobos@gmail.com).

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**Due to factors beyond the club's control, it has been decided to cancel the monthly General Meeting on Wednesday 16 June 2021. President Steve will issue a separate statement via email.**

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## President's message

What a wonderful way to start my term as president, not only are we seeing the number of members attending our general meetings increasing we are also enjoying the return of guest speakers. Also, a great privilege for any President is to have the honour of inducting a new member, last month Katherine Elly was inducted and we welcome her most warmly and look forward to her participation in our club.

I also had the great pleasure of awarding Life Membership to two of our members Laurie Gwillam and Jocelyn Besley, both recipients are well deserving of recognition for their respective services to our club.

Another positive is how many visitors are joining us at our meeting with a number returning for a second visit and showing a very strong interest in becoming members.

Last month our speaker was one of our own members Frank Spencer who spoke about the Silk Road. Frank's topic and its content really tested one's memory of the history taught to us during our school days. I remembered the trade history but had forgotten how much conflict and brutality is associated with the Silk Road. Thank you, Frank, for given up your time and sharing your knowledge with us.

May 18 saw us celebrating our club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a very happy birthday to us, nothing is going to stop us from continuing moving forward.

As I came close to finishing this message our old friend (or enemy) Covid struck and we have been placed in lockdown restrictions once again. This adds another dimension to the challenges we face in our daily lives and increases the risk of feeling isolated. If you feel alone, please utilize the friendship of Probus and contact a fellow member or one of your committee and have a good old chat, it can make all the difference. Stay safe everyone, I'm thinking positive and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Yours in friendship. Steve McColl

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**June birthdays:** We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: June Hill; Fay Flynn; June Wood; Liz Dunkley; Ann Morgan; Helen Siemering; Helga Anderson.

**This month's speaker:** Geoff Bransbury was due to speak to us at our June meeting on his latest motor cycling trip around Australia. However, because this General Meeting has been cancelled, he has kindly agreed to speak to us at the Mid-year lunch on 24 June. Geoff is a local Beaumaris resident and member of a sister Probus Club and will share with us the highs and lows of his solo motorbike journey across Australia.

**Next month's speaker (21 July):** David Patkin, solicitor, speaking on wills and estate planning.

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## 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.

**Day Trips (Geraldine McGann 0427 416 890)**

**Studley Park and Villa Alba:** Due to the Covid restrictions, we have had to defer the outing to **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. The Itinerary will remain exactly the same. We do hope everyone is still able to come.

**Theatre (Convenor Marilyn Hubbard):**

We have obtained some tickets (\$80) to *Moulin Rouge the Musical* on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at 1.00pm. Payment to be made by the end of July. Speak to Marilyn Hubbard if you are interested. (Ph. 0412 336 440.

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



Our July 5 walk will be along the Elster Creek Trail which commences at Allnut Park, McKinnon, which has a car park at the entry point directly off Wheatley Road (Melway 68 C 11). Meeting at 10.30am in the car park we will walk along the Trail to Thomas Street and continue along Union Street to Hawthorn Road. After crossing Hawthorn Road and continuing along Union Street, we will turn into one of the streets leading to Landcox Park. After a break for refreshments at Café Bliss in Mavis Street, adjacent to the park, we will return to Allnut Park. The walk is approximately 5 km.

The June Skyrail walk has now been transferred to become the August walk and will be held on the **second** Monday of the month, i.e., August 9.

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**Welfare**

From *The little Book of Wisdom* by His Holiness the Dali Lama: ‘If, despite external difficulties or problems, internally one’s attitude is of love, warmth and kind-heartedness, then problems can be faced and accepted easily.’

Once again we are in lock down, throwing our plans into disarray. Hopefully for not too long and we can show our loyal but unwelcome ‘friend’ Covid the door. It seems he is in no hurry to leave and every so often reminds us that he is still around causing inconvenience and making our life difficult.

I trust that by now you have been either fully or partly vaccinated. If not, please do so. I have had the flu shot and the first Covid vaccine. Next one is due in July. No doubt, this present outbreak will put the effectiveness of the vaccine to the test.

Happy birthday to those celebrating the occasion this month. Best wishes to our members who are unwell.

Hope to see you at the club soon. Stay well and safe.

Helga Anderson

## Café reviews



“Some people believe that Melbourne doesn't just have the best coffee in the country – it's also the coffee capital of the WORLD, at least as far as quality is concerned.” According to one study conducted by the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Melbourne residents venture to coffee shops, cafes, and restaurants in search of their caffeine fix more than anyone else in the country. I (the Editor) must admit that I go out for a morning “caffeine fix” with a friend on most weekdays (except during lockdowns) when we attempt to solve the world's problems, without any success to date!

Although there are numerous cafes in the Bayside area, we do not have as many noteworthy cafes as in Melbourne's inner suburbs and the CBD. However, there are two cafes in Bayside that I think are well worth patronising: the *Rickett's Point Beachside Café* on Beach Road, and a bit further afield for most of us, *Brown Cow* in Hampton Street, Hampton. These two establishments obviously have had the financial resources for recent extensive upgrades of their facilities that the typical shop-front café cannot afford.

The *Rickett's Point Beachside Café* has a number of large tables seating 10 people (one even seating 14) as well as ample off-street parking for Bayside residents. These are important considerations for our Club if anyone wants to start up the *Coffee, Chew n' Chat* group again ... Would you be prepared to do so? There's little organisation involved, just let people know where you'll be on what day and time. If you are interested in reviving the coffee lovers' group, let our President know.

What is your favourite local (Bayside) café? Do you have any recommendations that you would like to share? What makes for a noteworthy café besides its coffee blend/s?

## Reports

### Dine-out – 27 May

Last month two tables thoroughly enjoyed good food, a wine and plenty of friendly chatter twelve hours before the Lock Down at *Arco Bar*. At one stage during lunch, I heard someone say, “Look, everyone is either talking, laughing or eating!” Thanks, Carole, for another successful Dine-out. (Contributed by Helen Lockett)





## Life memberships

Life Memberships were awarded to Laurie Gwillim and Jocelyn Besly last month for their outstanding contributions to the Club since they both joined in 2001. They are pictured below being presented with their plaques by Vice-President Geraldine McGann, with President Steve McColl announcing the awards.



## Mah jong

Under the excellent leadership of Carole Hunter, a friendly group meets at the Cheltenham Golf Club at 2 pm on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Robyn, our newest player (left below), is thoroughly enjoying learning the rules of Mah Jong, being capably taught by Carole (centre of left-hand picture below), with Laurie always ready to assist. Our two new Life Members, Jocelyn and Laurie, are regular players. New members warmly welcomed!



*Photos on this page by Helen Lockett*

## Mid-year lunch at BMYS

### Midyear Lunch 24 June 12.00pm at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron (Ricketts Point)

Our Mid-year Lunch is not far off. It is always a special occasion and the Beaumaris Yacht Squadron is a beautiful venue. You will not be disappointed. This venue was booked last year for our Mid-year Lunch and then had to be cancelled. The management was kind enough to accommodate us this year for the same price quoted last year.

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### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet

The booklet commemorating the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be distributed by email to all those on my newsletter mailing list. It can be printed as either an A4 publication (single or double-sided) or ideally as an A5 booklet in colour (look for the booklet option in your printer drop-down menu.)

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#### *Analytica*

Random thoughts speak across the page,  
Deep, inner meanings elude the reader.  
Calamity stares us in the face  
As coronavirus spreads due to government ineptitude  
And peoples' social conscience is swept aside  
By the self-centred urge to survive at any cost.

Every day the news is grim  
With only the rare spark of human kindness  
To give hope to the optimists within.  
Is it any wonder we retreat into ourselves  
And ignore the confronting reality that might perturb us.

We live in a world dominated by big tech  
And powerful conglomerates whose only motive is profit  
And underlying greed,  
Where dog eats dog is the creed.

No wonder we retreat into ourselves  
And pull the blankets up over our heads.  
Was T. S. Eliot right when he said,  
The world would end, not with a bang  
But with a whimper?

*Anon*

# Beaumaris Bay Probus Club Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>JUNE 2021</b>				
14 Queen's B'day	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 Petanque	24 Mid-year lunch @ BMYS (12 noon)	25
28	29	30 Petanque		
<b>JULY 2021</b>				
			1 Studley Park day trip (incl lunch)	2
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	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	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