



# Beaumaris Waves

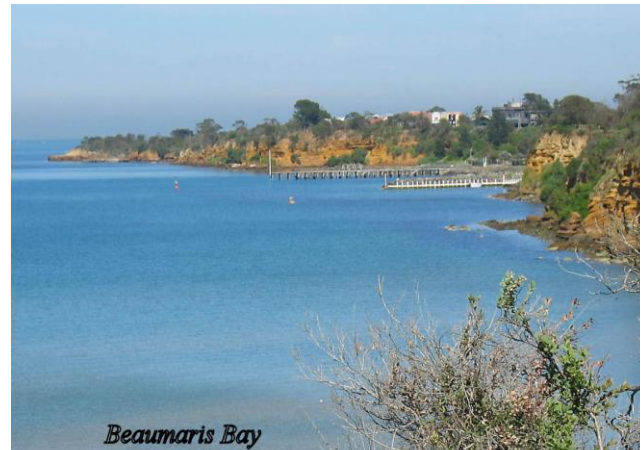
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**Meetings:** The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

**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](mailto:sec.beaubay@gmail.com)



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## President's message:

Hello Members

So, May has arrived! To me, that brings Autumn days of beautiful colours, leaves everywhere and cold nights. It also brings Mother's Day. I hope all the mothers have a wonderful relaxing day and may we all reflect on our own mothers, past and present.

I would like to mention one mother from my past. My ancestors, Peter and Esther Costello, arrived by boat from Ireland in 1856. They had five children, three of whom died on the journey. My grandfather, Joseph, was born as the ship navigated around the Cape of Good Hope. They docked at Port Albert in Gippsland and walked along the coast on the 90 Mile beach for over 50 miles and settled on a parcel of land in Giffard near Sale and began their life as farmers. They were known as Irish Settlers.

They started with a tent and then built a house out of wattle and daub; the wattle trees were prolific in the area. Esther was only 27 when they arrived, and I am sure there would have not been any Mother's Day in her lifetime! Just hard work and a lot of grief. When the rabbits arrived in 1859, they trapped and sold them to supplement their income. They called the property Holley Woods. Over time they bought more land and Holley Woods became a major Merino sheep property.

What on earth did poor Esther and her generation do when they had falls, injuries, and sickness? When we compare to what our generation have, I guess they were just tough. Theirs was a simple life and maybe they were the lucky ones!

My thought for the month: Motherhood is more rewarding than I thought it would be, and harder than I ever would have imagined!

**Geraldine McGann**

## Speakers:

- **May 18** – Eric Kelly speaking on his experience in Antarctica
- **June 15** – David Parkin, solicitor, speaking on wills and estate planning

**May birthdays:** We wish Good Health and many Happy Returns to June Ferguson; Carol French; Marilyn Hubbard; Emelie Josephs; Barbara Leung; Lyn Mather; Phyliss McLean; Judith Saxton; Brian Seddon; Christine Simmons; Frank Spencer; Val Strauch.

## Activities

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:klauder@bigpond.com))**

#### **Elvis Exhibition Monday June 6**

To catch the Bendigo train which leaves Southern Cross at 10.06 am, we will catch the 8.39 am from Mordialloc, 8.41 am Parkdale, 8.43 am Mentone, 8.46 am Cheltenham, 8.48 am Southland and 8.50 am from Highett which will arrive at Southern Cross at 9.30 am.

Please remember to visit any staffed station to obtain your ticket in advance of the day we are travelling. This ticket will cover travel into Southern Cross and return as well as the trip to Bendigo and return.

We will regroup as soon as possible after arrival at the bottom of the escalators on the Spencer Street ground level concourse. Here we will check the large, illuminated departure board for country trains to see from which platform our train will be departing.

At 9.55 am we will meet again on the departure platform before boarding the train. On arrival in Bendigo at 12 noon we will walk a short distance to *The Green Olive Café* in Bath Lane where we will have lunch before another short walk to the Gallery for our booking at 2.00 pm.

I have had to change the lunch venue as the previously mentioned *Basement on View* has permanently closed.

Trains returning to Southern Cross (SC) leave Bendigo at 3.26 pm (arriving at SC at 5.30pm) or 4.01 pm (arriving at SC at 6.11. pm). If you wish to spend a longer time at the Exhibition you may wish to catch the later train.

## Mid-year lunch

A booking has been made at the Dingley International Hotel for our midyear luncheon on the **23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022** at 12 noon. If you haven't put your name down yet, could you please contact our Secretary, Faye Wegat, and indicate your desire to attend. You can contact Faye via the club's email – [sec.beaubay@gmail.com](mailto:sec.beaubay@gmail.com) or via mobile (0409 265 503.) The cost is \$50 per person and is payable by the end of May via bank transfer to the club's account, details of which are on the front of the club's Newsletter.

## 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.

## 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, Beaumaris. Parking in the adjoining beachside car park is free for Bayside residents who have a parking permit properly affixed to their windscreens. Starting on **May 24**, come and join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at the Rickett's Point Kiosk. There's a variety of snacks and delicious cakes available, and a large table has been reserved for us on the deck of the Kiosk. There's no need to book, just turn up for some convivial company in a million-dollar setting.

## Wanted – A/V Assistant

After ten years in the role, I am looking for someone to take over as the operator of the Club's digital projector whenever required by a guest speaker. The role is not particularly onerous, and I will provide the necessary training. No previous experience is required, and it is not gender specific. If you can set up your TV and operate its remote control, you are well qualified. Apply in person to yours truly, Graeme Storey (aka the Editor). Oh, and the remuneration: A cup of morning tea or coffee, if you are lucky!

## Payment for Club services

Your Committee has been discussing ways to improve the members and the Club's financial security with payments for subscriptions and events. We currently have three payment methods for Club subscriptions and events:

1. **EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)** via an online account. The advantage of using this method is that both the member and the Treasurer have an independent confirmation of payment. The same advantage is gained if you go into your own bank to transfer funds, but please put your phone number in the payment description if you do so.
2. **Credit Card payment** via the Club website. The website uses the second biggest payment provider in the world and does not retain your card details unless you want it to. Within a minute or two of submitting payment, you will receive an email confirming your payment, and at the same time the Treasurer will receive an email confirming that you have paid. Again, both the member and the Treasurer will have independent confirmation of the payment. Remember that using this method or EFT, the Club obtains none of your personal details other than the payment amount, the event and your name.
3. **Cash** is, of course, also a valid payment method, but unfortunately it does not provide independent confirmation of payment. It also has the disadvantage of conveners and the Treasurer being required to handle sizeable amounts of cash.

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### C J Dennis and all that - a personal reflection by the Editor

One of my favourite poems is *The Austra-laise* by C J Dennis. I first heard this poem when the colourful Principal of my select entry Boys' High School recited it (including expletives) at one of our Monday morning assemblies after the school orchestra had played. This poem became the unofficial anthem of the Australian troops in World War 1. *The Brig*, as we called the Principal, had served in the Camel Corps and the Light Horse Regiment during the First World War, and was promoted to Brigadier in World War II. He would recite other poems of Dennis with great gusto at assembly on special occasions such as Anzac Day when he wore his resplendent military uniform.

I am grateful for the State school education that I received at the Boys' High School on the hill in South Yarra. My father, who had lived through the Depression, advised me and my siblings: "Get a good education, and get a government job." Subsequently, my three brothers and I, all attended the same Boys' High School which was then seen as a bastion of the aspiring working class (although my father considered himself, as a skilled tradesman, to be Middle Class). In line with our father's advice, four of his five children, including my sister, all became Public Servants.

My High School strongly encouraged its students to Matriculate to University; only four per cent of the Australian population did so at the time. There was a pervasive ethos inculcated in us by the school administration (including stern Headmaster and Test cricketer Bill Woodful of Bodyline fame) that we were taking up the seat of a more deserving student if we did not have such an aspiration. So accordingly, I gained a government studentship with a small allowance which enabled me to study for an Arts degree and teaching certificate. However, my mother was not so sanguine about my university education, as she said it was my "ruination" because I had started to think independently for myself. My fall from grace was evidenced primarily by me not venerating her political hero, Sir Robert Menzies, our PM in the 1960s who engineered Australia's entry into the Vietnam War.

I am a great believer that we should never stop learning, and I hope that you are still acquiring new knowledge, if not new skills, perhaps resuming hobbies that you may have neglected through lack of time. Time is the one commodity we have plenty of nowadays in our retirement.

**Footnote:** C J Dennis's poems, such as the *Sentimental Bloke*, are readily available on the Internet.

# BBPC Monthly Activities

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