



# 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

Hello Fellow Probians,

Just as I thought the weather had turned for the better with warmer days, and spring was on its way giving us all something to talk about instead of lockdowns, immunizations and testings, we ran into another spell of very cold days. In my life I have never read so many books as I have over the past six months. I'm not a member of our book group, leaving my reading experience selfishly to myself. How many of you have found yourself in the same position? Perhaps we could talk in a Zoom meeting about books we have read during the lockdowns. With the extension of the restrictions, we won't be having a September meeting; however, I'm planning on running some Zoom meetings where members can bring along a cup of tea, coffee or their preferred beverage and share their experiences during the restrictions. Watch your email inbox for information regarding these upcoming Zoom meetings.

Since my last message I have been contemplating what could I convey to you that would be of interest and of some value. It's only natural the topic on everyone's mind is the continued situation with Covid and the impact that is having on our daily lives and our ability to meet again as a group. Answers to this I do not have, and as I said previously, we can only watch and wait for the directions coming from Government and our hosts, the Golf Club. However, with the coming of warmer days, a lot of us may be looking at our doing some cooking BBQ's outside.

### President's message (cont'd)

This is when my time spent in the gas industry kicks in and I thought about the inherent risks associated with preparing a gas BBQ for re-use.

Today's gas appliances are often forgotten as they are installed out of sight or, in the case of the BBQ, left covered up through winter. The following points are something to be mindful of when getting your BBQ ready for use:

- Spiders may have nestled under the BBQ cover or lid; these we normally eradicate with insect spray. If you use this method, make sure you allow ample time for any residual spray to dissipate before lighting the burner - as with all aerosol sprays the propellant is flammable.
- When you turn on the gas cylinder, check all gas hose connections using a solution of soapy water. If any bubbles appear check that the connections are tight. If the connection still leaks, contact a licenced plumber/gasfitter to undertake repairs.
- Avoid using aerosol sprays such as cooking oil when the gas burner is alight as the spray will ignite if contact with the flame is inadvertently made.

While on the subject of gas appliances, ask yourself this question: when did I last have my gas appliances checked or serviced? In the gas industry the rule of thumb for servicing an appliance is every two years. This ensures the appliance is safely operating at its maximum potential. The trap we all fall for is we don't think of our appliances because normally they are out of sight and just keep delivering until the day comes and, Oh, No! They stop.

At the time of writing this message I have had no contact with our hosts at the golf club. Suffice to say I am not able to shed any light on the future catering arrangements the golf club will be providing, so another wait and see period for us. However, as soon as the restrictions are eased, I will contact the golf club and report back to you.

Please remember to stay in touch with your family and friends during this challenging time - a phone call out of the blue can be so rewarding.

Stay safe and upright

Steve McColl

## Notices

**Next month's speaker (20 October):** Joy Meekings on being a Ten Pound Pom.

**September birthdays:** We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Anne Duffy; Carol Booth; Di David; Loyce Gibson; Joan Tomlinson; Jenny Stevenson; John Tindale; Judith Tindale; Margot Ryan; Resi McGrath; Robyn Kennedy; Marie Ilton; John Strauch.

## 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)** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2.00-4.00pm.

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### Day Trips

#### Panorama Gardens and Wildlife Sanctuary

Hello Everyone,

Regrettably due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions, the trip to Panorama Gardens has been rescheduled to **Thursday 28th October**.

All things remain the same.

I will be in touch beforehand regarding an Itinerary for the day. Any queries please contact me on [peter.mcgann@bigpond.com](mailto:peter.mcgann@bigpond.com) or (0427) 416 890

Best Wishes

**Geraldine McGann**

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

Our **October 4<sup>th</sup>** walk will be the postponed walk through Tatterson Park that was planned for September. We will meet at 10.30 am on the corner of Springvale Road and Marriot Drive, Keysborough (Melway 88 H12), with parking being available in Marriot Drive and the surrounding streets near our starting point. Following the path in the park we will walk up to Cheltenham Road and return. From here we will drive out onto Springvale Road and into Gardenworld where we will visit the café.

#### The Doll's House

This excursion has been postponed until further notice from the National Trust. I will let all those who have paid to attend know when I have further information.

## **Moulin Rouge**

We have paid for this event but the tickets won't be issued until within 72 hours of the date. This is probably because, in case of a cancellation, there won't be the need to reissue them. We will have to wait to see what is in store for us by then.

*Marilyn Hubbard*

## **Welfare**

In this ongoing lockdown the calendar page has turned again. It is now spring, the gardens are in bloom and it is pleasant to be out walking. The first of September is also National Wattle Day but this event is hardly mentioned much less celebrated. The main public celebration for this month is Father's Day which has come and gone by the time you receive this newsletter. I trust our fathers and grandfathers had an enjoyable day however it was celebrated with these current restrictions. Here is a poem especially for our Grandpas.

### ***Walking with Grandpa.***

I like to walk with Grandpa,  
His steps are short like mine,  
He doesn't say "Now hurry up",  
He always takes his time.  
I like to walk with grandpa,  
His eyes see things like mine do,  
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,  
Half hidden drops of dew.  
Most people have to hurry,  
They do not stop to see,  
I'm glad that God made Grandpa,  
Unrushed and young like me.

*Anon*

The vaccine roll-out is now in full swing and hopefully you have had your 'shot' by now. If not please get it to help us out of this lock down so we can resume our activities. Best wishes to our infirm and unwell members.

*Helga Anderson*

## **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 Amaroo 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](http://amaroopark.com.au).

## Seniors Festival

Victorian Seniors Festival has started and runs through to the end of October with activities online. The program can be accessed on **Seniors Online** ([www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)).

## Technology bits 'n bytes

### Stay in Touch (<https://www.stayintouch.net.au>)

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For information or a copy of their booklet containing all their sessions, call on 9596 4547 or email [enquiries@stayintouch.net.au](mailto:enquiries@stayintouch.net.au).

### FREE ZOOM WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR SENIORS

*FREE TECH TIP TUESDAYS FOR SENIORS AND OVER 50s*

Free Virtual Zoom Meetings for Seniors from the comfort of your own home



### Tech Tip Tuesdays

FUN FREE weekly group session for seniors

12.30-1.00pm - zoom meeting from home

*You need to register for these free Stay in Touch sessions*

**Be Connected** ([www.dss.gov.au/seniors/be-connected-improving-digital-literacy-for-older-australians](http://www.dss.gov.au/seniors/be-connected-improving-digital-literacy-for-older-australians)) is a Government website for seniors with step-by-step instructions on computer courses and internet management. It is aimed at increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians in using digital technology. This includes free help on:

- using a digital device
- being safe online
- sending emails
- using Facebook and other social media
- shopping and banking online
- using myGov to access Medicare, Centrelink and the ATO
- sharing photos with family, and much more.

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## Beumaris Bay Probus Club Activities

*The events listed below constitute authorised activities approved by the Committee*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>				
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29 Petanque (am)	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 Panorama Gardens & Wildlife Reserve	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; <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			