



Beaumaris Waves

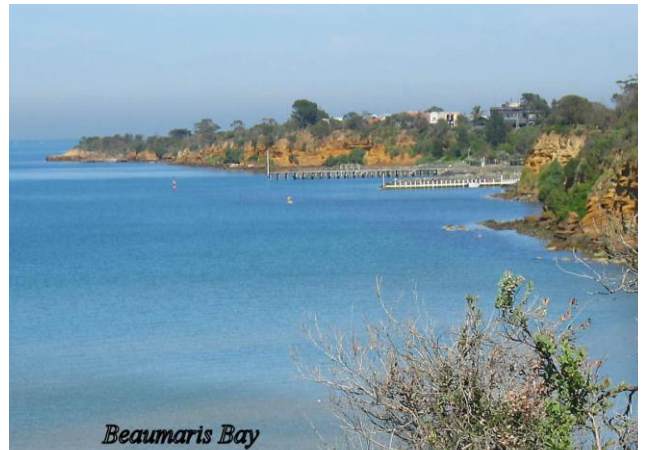
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

Apologies: Please ring or text SMS to Margot Ryan (0427 436 693) prior to 7.30pm on Tuesday evening beforehand or by **email to:** sec.beaubay@gmail.com



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President Geraldine's message:

It is so nice to know so many of you had participated in our activities and special events whilst I was away. I think it means we have put the last two years behind us, and we are ready to move on.

I heard a radio segment recently about young people taking up some of the jobs that are in desperate need of filling. It reminded me of my first job.

About this time of the year when the wattle is in full bloom, shearing on a farm is the year's big event. I was in my mid-teens and allowed to have a week off school to help with the muster and in the shed. I would ditch my uniform for overalls and boots and head off in the ute with my Dad and a few kelpies in the back to bring the sheep back to the home paddock and then the yards for shearing. My job was mainly to jump out and open and shut the many gates.

However, back at the shed the real fun began. The shearing team consisted of about half a dozen crusty shearers and a few pimply faced young rouse-about. I worked with the wool classer who taught me a few things about wool, but I could never get my head around the different grades of Merino wool e.g., AAA, AA, etc. The wool was put into separate cubicles according to the grade and then it was loaded into a wool press lined with a hessian bag which was filled and pressed until it was very full and tight. An average bale weighs about 180 kg.

The wool classer had a huge bag needle, and he stitched the top like a true seamstress. My job then was to paint using a metal stencil and black ink the sign Holleywoods Giffard on the bale plus the grade of wool. The bales would then be ready to be transported to the wool stores in North Melbourne.

I loved the noise, the smells, the excitement and the experience and I received five pounds for my week of work.

Thought for the Month: Do what you love to do and be around things that make you smile.

Notices

Speaker: Our speaker this month is Fiana Levin, talking about Bayside Council's waste management and recycling.



October birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Geoff Bakes; Marny Baxter; Lesley Cotterill; Joan Fry; Johanna Lobert; Helen Lockett; Geraldine McGann; Helen Muter; Mary O'Toole; Brian Preston; Marilyn Scott; Margaret Soding; Jan Storey; Fay Woodrow.

Walking Group

Convenor: Ken Launder; Email: klauder@bigpond.com



Our **November 7** walk will be a coastal walk. We will meet at 10.30am on the corner of Keys Street and Beach Road Beaumaris (Melway 86 E 9) and then walk along the coastal track to the Ricketts Point Tea House.

October 2022 Walk

Once again Ken and Liz chose a beautiful day for the excursion to Castlemaine. A happy group of 20 set out bright and early taking advantage of the free train rides on offer during Seniors Week. The train journey was comfortable and relaxing, and Ken spoiled us with sweets. On arrival in Castlemaine, a beautiful historic town in the Golden Triangle, we made our way to the visitors' centre, meeting up with Beryl and Gary Strahan who were on holiday in Kyneton, and Barbara, a local friend of Joan Hossak who is an "honorary" member of our walking group. Barbara kindly offered to be our tour guide, pointing out and describing all the significant buildings dating back to the Gold Rush years, thus making the walk so much more meaningful. Although we all had a map, it was so much more interesting with a guide.

After an intense hour-long tour in the warm spring sunshine, we were hungry and ready for lunch. At the Cumberland Hotel we relaxed and enjoyed a most generous and tasty meal. After lunch we separated - some left to board the early train while others wishing to see more of the town, waited for the next train. A few of us walked the town to find the shop with the dog sculpture that had caught Liz's eye and heart. Disappointingly, we could not find the shop in the limited time we had and went home without it.

Tired and exhausted, we arrived home safely still in daylight now that the clocks had been moved forward. Thank you, Ken and Liz, for organizing another great day and a special thanks to Barbara for being our guide.

Helga Anderson

Vale Carole Hunter



It is with deep regret that we announce that Carole Hunter passed away last month after a short illness.

Carole was a valued active member of the Club since joining in 2002. She was the Convenor of Meet, Greet and Eat when she organised monthly lunches from 2011-18 and Dine-outs in the evening from 2011-19. She was also involved in the Mah Jong Group in 2020 until illness forced her to reduce her involvement in the Club.

We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

R.I.P Carole

Mah jong



Mah-jong is held every Tuesday (at 1.30pm at the Cheltenham Golf Club). Phyl McLean has very kindly offered to convene the group. It is important to have an idea of numbers who are attending, so please let Phyl know (0430 037 485) if you will not be coming. We have a keen group of players with some new people joining our ranks recently and we are happy to teach those who wish to learn the game.

Attendances

If you are not able to attend any monthly General Meeting, for whatever reason, would you please inform the Membership Officer, Margot Ryan, prior to 7.30pm on Tuesday evening beforehand on either (0427) 436 693, or by *email to:* margotdoug@bigpond.com. We thank those who do make the effort to apologise for their absence. If you are going to be absent for an extended period, e.g., holidays, family commitments, ill-health, etc., it would be helpful to inform Margot accordingly.

Xmas lunch

The Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron has been booked for our popular Xmas lunch on **Wednesday 7th December** at 12 noon. Cost is \$50 per head, with drinks at your own expense. Book with Faye Wegat on (0409) 265 503. Payment is required by the November General Meeting on 16 November.

Reports



Thirty of us attended a luncheon at *Mordi HQ* on Thursday the 29th of September. As Morning Melodies was being held in *Jack's Bistro*, we had to go to the upstairs private dining room which was a great venue for our lunch as it turned out. Diane, the Functions Co-ordinator, looked after us very well and had set up six tables for us which facilitated the ordering of our meals, one table at a time. It was a terrific day, and I was happy to see everybody enjoying themselves and their fellow Probus members and friends. The Seniors menu was quite large with a lot of different dishes to choose from. Walking around the room I was very happy to see everybody joining in and enjoying their companions' conversations. I would say a great day was had by all.

Faye Wegat (Secretary)

Editor's note: Thanks, Faye, for organising another successful lunch for our members. This is just another example of the Committee filling the breach in the absence of a Meet, Greet and Eat Convenor. We will need someone to fill this role next year if members wish to continue enjoying such functions.



What a fabulous meeting we had in September with our celebration of footy's Grand Final being back in Melbourne. There was a festive atmosphere from the get-go when members started arriving adorned in their favourite team's colours, with Madam President clearly advertising her allegiance (as per photo). Besides beanies, scarves and team jumpers, there were painted faces and socks in team colours. See the short, unedited video clip: [Footy fans](#) by double clicking on it (and waiting for it to download).

The dress-up prize winners were:

- Wendy Crawford: Most elaborate outfit
- Phyl McLean: Genuine team jumper
- Lyn Mather: Most original theme (an anti-football league supporter)
- June Ferguson: Most colourful outfit and enthusiastic supporter

The parade of footy tragics was the prelude to a most enjoyable segment of the September meeting. Instead of a speaker we were entertained by Suzie McKellar, a cabaret style entertainer. She was fantastic and it was great to hear a medley of different songs, including some by Edith Piaf, the renowned French singer, whose sensuousness was emulated by Suzie. What a pleasure it was to hear songs we all remember, with everyone singing along with her. For a short, unedited video clip of Suzie's performance, see: [September entertainer](#) by double clicking on it (and waiting for it to download).

Thank you, Steve, for organising the entertainer. And thanks as well to you and Penny for donating the prizes to the footy fanatics. Also, for the revised morning tea arrangements you negotiated with the Golf Club management that were a big improvement for the members' convenience, not to mention their health and safety. This is just one example of what happens behind the scenes for the benefit of our members without due acknowledgement.

Scam alert

We are all aware that Internet scammers will try any trick to gain access to our personal data, including our identity. Just ask anyone with an Optus account. Last month, one of our members, Gwen Seacomb, had a lucky escape. When she turned on her computer she was faced with a written and voice message demanding she ring Microsoft on the number on the screen to remove the message. Suspecting the message was a scam, Gwen remembered receiving a pamphlet that was distributed by Christine Simmons and Marilyn Hubbard at one of our Probus meetings about the federal government's *Be Connected* program for seniors. She rang the help number that was listed in the pamphlet and a few hours later a lady arrived to fix her machine. Gwen was happy to pay the fee to be back online.

Steve McColl recently received an Email reportedly from MyGov advising him there was an out-of-date payment in his account waiting for him to claim. While the email looked official, the wording was strange, so he did not open or respond to the email. Upon checking his MyGov account he was able to see there were no outstanding matters. Clearly this was a scam and one that an unsuspecting recipient could easily fall victim to.

Let the Melbourne Cup go to your head ...



It's been some years since we have been able to dress up at the Golf Club for the Melbourne Cup. So, the Ladies were given notice last month to visit their milliners for the latest in fascinators and for the (gentle) Men to resurrect their hats. Our Club stewards will pass judgement on the best (or most original?) headgear at the October General Meeting.

Cards



A Bridge group is being organised by Margot Ryan and Lesley Cotterill. Lesley has agreed to be the convenor and if you are interested in playing, you can phone her on (0401) 281 168. We will meet once a month from 1.30-3.30pm on the third Tuesday at the Cheltenham Golf Club.

A card afternoon has been organised for every fortnight on a Friday afternoon, commencing from **Friday 21st October**, between 1.30-3.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Gary Strahan on (0400) 031 900.

September photo gallery



President Geraldine



Inductions



New member, Sue McGowan



New member, Janette James



Suzie McKellar



Footy fans

BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OCTOBER 2022				
3 Walk – Castlemaine (Seniors' Festival)	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	5 Petanque (10.30m); Committee (1.30pm)	6	7
10	11 Book Group 11.00am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Petanque (10.30m)	13	14
17 Craft Group (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30pm); Bridge (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting @ 10.00am	20	21 Cards (1.30pm)
24	25 Coffee (10.30am); Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Petanque (10.30m)	27	28
NOVEMBER 2022				
	1 Melbourne Cup	2 Petanque (10.30m); Committee (1.30pm)	3	4 Cards (1.30pm)
7 Local coastal walk	8 Book Group 11.00am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	9 Petanque (10.30m)	10	11
14	15 Mahjong (1.30pm); Bridge (1.30pm)	16 General Meeting @ 10.00am	17	18 Cards (1.30pm)
21 Craft Group (1.30pm)	22 Coffee (10.30am); Mahjong (1.30pm)	23 Petanque (10.30m)	24	25
28 Golf Club closed for two weeks	29 Mahjong (1.30pm) ?	30 Petanque (10.30m)		
DECEMBER 2022				
			1	2 Cards (1.30pm) *
5 Walking Group *	6 Mahjong (1.30pm) *	7 Xmas lunch – BMYS @ 12 noon	8	9
12 Golf Club re-opens	13 Book Group 11am; Mahjong (1.30pm) *	14	15	16
19 Craft Group * (1.30pm)	20	21	22	23
26 Xmas public holiday	27 Public holiday	28	29	30
JANUARY 2023				
2 NY Day holiday	3	4	5	6
9 Walking Group *	10 Book Group (11.00am)	11	12	13
16	17	18 Lunch @ <i>The Naked Racer</i> (12 noon)	19	20
23	24 Coffee (10.30am)	25	26 Australia Day	27
30	31			

* To be confirmed