



Beaumaris Waves

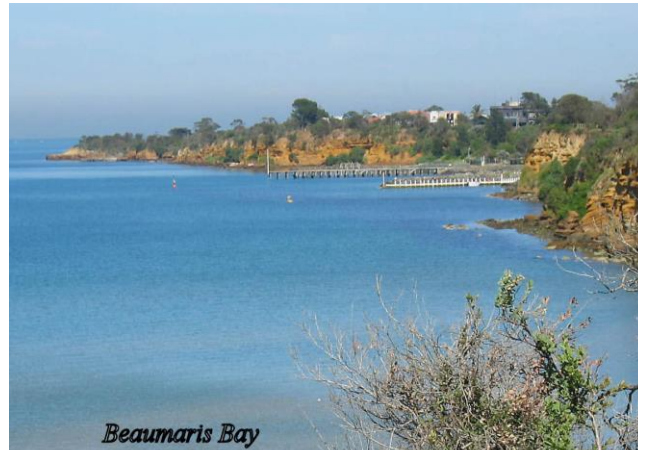
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Editorial

As we bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the new, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past and look forward to the future.

The past year was full of challenges, but it was also a time of resilience, determination, and adaptability. The members of the Beaumaris Bay Probus Club have shown strength and resilience in the face of these challenges, and I have no doubt that they will continue to do so in the year ahead and make a meaningful contribution to the club.

As we enter a new year, I encourage you to embrace the opportunities that it brings and make the most of every moment. This is a time to set new goals, try new things, and make a positive impact on those around you. Remember that age is just a number and that you are never too old to pursue your dreams and make a difference.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year, full of love, laughter, and new adventures.

Graeme Storey



January birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Barry Baxter; Bill Crawford; Craig Kennedy; Jack Leo; Kathy Manallack; Neil McGrath; Wally Povey; Jim Tomlinson.

Activities

Sunset Cruise to Williamstown: Come and join us on **Thursday 2nd March 2023** for a sunset cruise on the iconic 'Tramboat', when we will cruise through Docklands, under the Westgate Bridge and on to historic Williamstown. We will depart from Victoria Harbour, Docklands, at 6.30 pm. You will be notified beforehand of the meeting arrangements and a train departure time. Cost is \$55.00pp which includes the cruise and commentary plus a relaxing fish and chip dinner on board. Drinks will be available at the bar. Payment is to be made by the monthly meeting on Wednesday 15th February 2023 either to the Club bank account (BSB 033033 Account No. 170138) or via the website. Inquiries to Ingrid Dewar (0410 633 988).

Coffee, Chew & Chat: The first gathering for our coffee lovers is on **Tuesday January 24** at 10.30am at the Rickett's Point Teahouse in Beach Road, Beaumaris. Come and share your Xmas anecdotes over a cup (or mug) of coffee in an informal atmosphere with your friends in Probud. There is no need to book as we have a large table reserved for us. Ample parking is available free for Bayside residents in the adjacent Council carpark.

Walking Group

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



On **6 February 2023** we will have our traditional gelati twilight walk. We will meet on the corner of Spring Street and Duff Street, Sandringham (Melway 76 K12) at 7.00 pm before walking along some of the local streets and through parkland for approximately 45 to 60 minutes. We will then visit *Augustus Gelatery* on the corner of Spring Street and Bluff Road where there is seating in an outside area at the rear of the shop.

Monday Walk - November 2022

November's walk last year was in Beaumaris. After the extremely wet weather of the previous week, we enjoyed a beautiful warm to hot day. Sixteen of us, including Katrina, a visitor who found us on the Internet, and an extra, Robyn's dog - everyone is welcome – met at the corner of Keys Street and Beach Road. From there we walked along Beach Road to Rickett's Point Tea House where we enjoyed a relaxing morning tea replacing those calories we had just walked off. The view across the Bay from the Tea House was stunning as always, with hardly a ripple on the water. All too soon to it was time to return to the start of the walk.

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Monday walk – December 2022

Our last walk for 2022 took us to Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula. As always, the trip was meticulously planned down to the smallest detail. The only detail unable to be planned was the weather which was not too friendly, but we were undeterred. A happy adventurous group of thirteen, we met on the train travelling to Frankston where we changed trains on the same platform to continue the journey to Hastings. It was a comfortable ride and a new experience for me as I had never been on this stretch of the railway before.

On arrival in Hastings, we were greeted by drizzling rain that accompanied us on and off all the way. From the station we walked through the town admiring the shops and the historical murals along the way, proceeding down to the waterfront where the fishing boats were anchored. We lingered on the boardwalk only long enough for a group photo unlike some keen fishermen who braved the elements in pursuit of their catch. From there we retraced our steps to the Westernport Hotel where we enjoyed a delicious lunch enhanced by the jovial company. The highlight was when Liz Dunkley proudly introduced us to her first great grandchild, the young family lives in the area. All too soon it was time for us to return to the station. The train duly arrived on time. Again, we changed trains at Frankston, arriving home safely and tired after a most pleasant day.

Monday walk - January 2023

Although not yet fully recovered from the stresses of the holiday festivities, we undertook the second part of the historic Mentone walk (having done the first part last year). Fortunately for us after three days of extreme heat the cool change came in time to make our walk quite pleasant.

As always at this time of year it was a leisurely, twilight walk on January 9. Six of us met punctually at 6.30pm on the corner of Mentone Parade and Brindisi Street. After waiting patiently for some time for any late comers, we set out on the walk according to the plan provided.

Proceeding down the street we viewed historic houses built during the land boom of the 1880s and the memorial fountain erected in 1910 (not sure what it commemorates). Moving on, we paused at the Mentone Reserve Grandstand also dating back to the Land Boom and then we passed on to the original Mentone Bakery, a solid two-storeyed brick building that now houses the museum and is open to the public on Sundays between 2.00-4.00pm. Next on the list was the former State Savings Bank solidly constructed in 1926 and now occupied by Hodges Real Estate. Further on we came to what is known as the Mentone Triangle near the station. Some of these shops were built or rebuilt in 1923. In the daily hustle and bustle we often pass by but are not aware of their history.

Standing at the street corner studying and discussing the buildings, we were approached by a kindly passer-by asking if we were lost. Across the road we admired Kilbreda College. This majestic building was originally built as The Mentone Coffee Palace and guest house and opened in 1887 by Sir Matthew Davies. With the garden that has since been replaced by a restaurant leading up to it, one can well imagine the Coffee Palace being the hub of society with elegantly dressed people parading and meeting there. In 1904 the by now disused Coffee Palace was sold to the Brigantine Sisters who opened a school with only three pupils; however, there are now about 1,000 students, so from small things big things grow. (See photo on Page 4)

On completion of the tour and feeling hungry, we visited *La Porcetta* to enjoy pizzas and some more lively natter and chatter amongst ourselves. Thank you, Ken and Liz, for these great walks.

Helga Anderson

Picture gallery

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Craft group with Helen Scott (Convenor) in the foreground



Craft group – making Xmas decorations



Faye Wegat – President's Award recipient



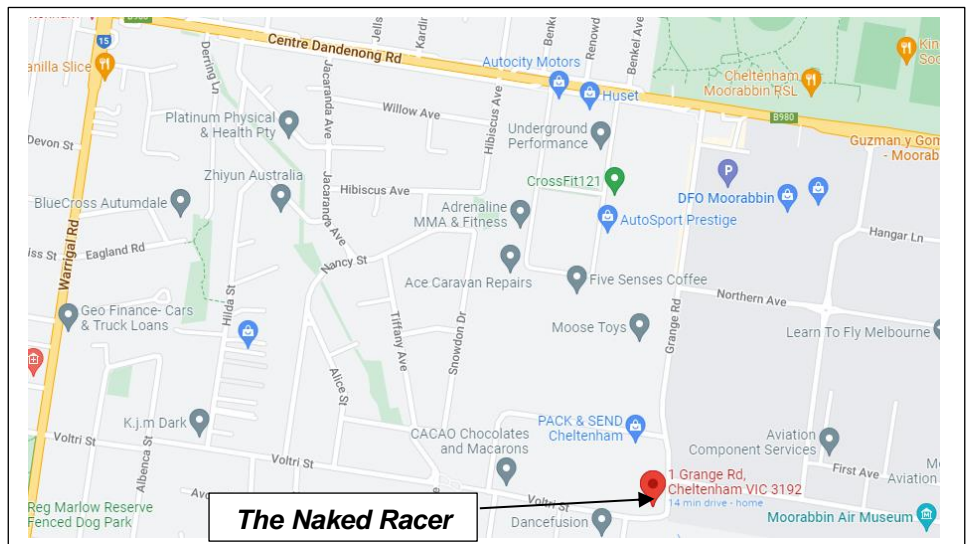
President Geraldine and M.C Jan Storey at the Xmas lunch



Xmas singer Matt



Kilbreda College



BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JANUARY 2023				
16	17 Mahjong (1.30pm)	18 Petanque (10.30am)	19	20
23	24 Coffee (10.30am); Mahjong (1.30pm)	25 Lunch @ <i>The Naked Racer</i> (map p. 4)	26 Australia Day	27
30	31 Mahjong (1.30pm)			
FEBRUARY 2023				
		1 Petanque (10.30am); Committee (1.30pm)	2	3
6 Twilight walk	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8 Petanque (10.30am)	9	10
13	14 Book Group 11.00am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am)	16	17
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (1.30pm)	22 Petanque (10.30am)	23	24
27	28 Coffee 10.30am; Mahjong (1.30pm)			
MARCH 2023				
		1 Petanque (10.30am); Committee (1.30pm)	2 Sunset cruise to Williamstown	3
6	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8 Petanque (10.30am);	9	10
13 Labour Day	14 Book Group 11.00am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am); AGM	16	17
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (1.30pm)	22 Petanque (10.30am);	23 Bowls night, S'ham Bowling Club	24
27	28 Coffee 10.30am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Petanque (10.30am);		
APRIL 2023				
3 Walk	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	5 Petanque (10.30am); Committee (1.30pm)	6	7 Good Friday
10 Easter Holiday	11 Book Group 11.00am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Petanque (10.30am);	13	14
17 Craft Group (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting (10.00am)	20	21
24	25 Anzac Day	26 Petanque (10.30am);	27	28
MAY 2023				
1 Walk	2 Mahjong (1.30pm)	3 Petanque (10.30am); Committee (1.30pm)	4	5
8	9 Book Group 11.00am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	10 Petanque (10.30am);	11	12
15 Craft Group (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (1.30pm)	17 General Meeting (10.00am)	18	19
22	23 Coffee 10.30am; Mahjong (1.30pm)	24 Petanque (10.30am);	25	26
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