



Beaumaris Waves

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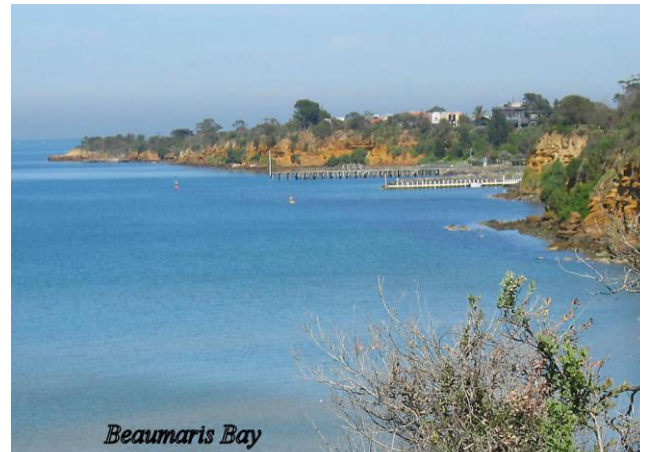
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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 Jim Tomlinson's message: Hello everybody. How blessed we are. Twelve months ago, we were still gun-shy with Covid. Now we have all sorts of social activities occurring, such as the Grand Prix, Moomba, Comedy Festival, Garden Show, Archibald Art Show and the list goes on. And this reflects on our Club and its activities as we become more active.

For all intents and purposes, we are back to situation normal or as close as we can hope to be. It is heartening to see the enthusiasm of members attending our monthly meetings and the camaraderie especially over morning tea/coffee. As your new President I want to trial a couple of innovations at our meetings. If you find them favourable that would be great, if they flop, we will discontinue them. Given I am relatively new to the Club, I should give you a little of my background. I was President of the Donvale-Tunstall Probus Club many years ago. Joannie and I then downsized from Doncaster to an apartment in Sandringham. We wanted to make the acquaintance of local people, so we joined your Club. We could not be more pleased with the reception you gave us, and we are enjoying attending meetings and outings with you.

I am semi-retired so my time is always under pressure, but it is time that I reset my priorities and learn to relax more and play more - so says my wife! As I said at my induction as President, I am an Engineer. My expertise is in manufacturing everything from earth-moving equipment to mobile cranes, locomotives, conveyor systems, paint shops and industrial washers for automotive manufacture, pneumatic bulk road tankers and many more products. Sadly, nearly all these products are now imported and the skills to manufacture in Australia are being lost. Should anybody like to reminisce over lost manufacturing, I would be pleased to exchange stories of our experiences. Looking forward to sharing the next twelve months with you all.

And, please don't forget to pay your Annual Subs (including Morning Tea) of \$70 by the end of the month (April 30) if you haven't already done so.



April birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Jim Scott; Neil Howard; Laurie Gwillim; Margaret Bruce; Michele Backholer.

April Guest Speaker: Don Riddington

Riddington's record-breaking swim in July 2013 at the age of 68 saw him become the third oldest person in history to make the long-distance ocean crossing between Britain and France, doing so in a time of 19 hours and 45 minutes. The Brighton Icebergers member's longest swim in preparation was just eight hours and involved doing 400 laps of a pool, covering 20km, rather than in the open water.

But with dreams way beyond anything he believed he should have been dreaming, at 11.40pm on 14 July 2013, standing in the dark at Dover on England's southeast coast, Don put on his goggles and swimming cap and braved the 14°C waters. He had booked the swim with British authorities three years earlier, and as the whistle sounded, reality sunk in. He was no longer in training mode off Brighton beach in Melbourne, he was in the English Channel and in his words he could "smell the frogs' legs". His mission was to get to the French foreshore in as little time as possible.

Activities

Noojee bus tour: Has been deferred until further notice.

April lunch

A lunch has been organised at Cheltenham RSL, 289 Centre Dandenong Road, for **Thursday 27th April** at 12pm. Please send Joy a text or call her on 0434 558 437 should you wish to attend. If pre-ordering is required, you will be notified.

Bridge resumes on **June 20** – inquiries to Leslie Cotterill.

Craft Group Afternoon: Please note the craft group get-together has been changed for April only and **will now be on Monday 24th April at 1.30pm** (this is the fourth Monday and not the usual third Monday).

Mid-year lunch is being planned at *Sandy by the Bay* on **Thursday June 29** at 12 noon. Cost is \$55pp for two courses, with drinks and tea/coffee available at bar prices. Book with Faye Wegat and **pay by this month's meeting on April 19**. Payment by direct transfer to the Club account is preferred.

Walking group (Convenor: Ken Launder klauder@bigpond.com)



Because of the Club's trip to Echuca our May walk will be held on **Monday May 8**. We will meet in Martin Street outside the Gardenvale railway station (Melway 67 G7) at 10.30 am for the approximately forty-minute walk which is known as the Kamesburgh Walk in the City of Bayside. Parking is available in both Martin and Asling Streets. During the walk we will pass several churches as well as wandering through the Kamesburgh Gardens in North Road, home to the Kamesburgh twenty room mansion now leased to Star of the Sea College, before returning to Martin Street to enjoy some refreshments.

March 2023 Walks Reports by Helga Anderson

1. A Taste of Brighton

On this bright and sunny autumn morning, fourteen of our enthusiastic group met on the corner of Wilson and Carpenter Streets outside the magnificent historic Brighton Town Hall built in 1885. The foundation stone was laid by the notorious Thomas Bent, mayor of the Borough of Brighton, which became a city in 1919. Later he became Premier of Victoria. *

The trail took us down Carpenter Street past the gardens in which the Bayside Council Chambers and Library are situated. On to the renowned Church Street that was abuzz and alive with Brighton citizens out and about enjoying the public holiday. Most of the shops were closed but the cafés were doing a brisk trade.

Passing St. Andrews Church, we continued along the Crowther Public Walkway through Brighton Grammar School. The path and the oval are named after Dr Crowther who founded the school in 1882. From there we turned into St. Andrews Street, back to Wilson Street, past St. Cuthbert's Church that was built in 1889 and to the beginning of our walk. Today, being a public holiday, the nearby café was closed so we retraced our steps back to St. Andrews Restaurant for much desired refreshments. This restaurant was originally built as a school in 1857 with iron stone blocks. It still features a chalk board, student desk and metal lockers triggering memories and giving a glimpse into the past. At the restaurant we were joined by Helen. Unable to join us on the walk, she somehow managed to locate our whereabouts and came for coffee. After an extensive coffee break it was time to part and take our leave.

* **Editor's note:** Tommy Bent was known as, "Bent by name, bent by nature," for consistently using his positions in local and Victorian politics to further his own ends in the late 19th century.

2. Ballarat Walk

What a beautiful day we experienced in Ballarat visiting the fabulous Begonia Festival! We enjoyed a relaxing day, notwithstanding the initial stress of the train disruption. Our trains were delayed due to a glitch down the line. After a good half hour wait for the train at Mentone, we were greatly concerned if we would arrive at Southern Cross in time for our connecting train to Wendouree. We thankfully made it just in time to meet the rest of the group at the station.

Upon arrival at Wendouree, we walked approximately fifteen minutes to 'Pipers', a beautiful and very popular restaurant by the Lake Wendouree, just across the road from the Botanic Gardens. After a hearty lunch we walked over to the meticulously manicured gardens, now bathed in glorious sunshine. The bright colours of the yellow sunflowers, purple salvia, pink begonias and others, were a joy to behold. We strolled among these garden beds to the impressive Robert Clark Conservatory with the begonia display. The beauty and magnificence of these dinnerplate sized blooms, in an abundance of colours, was simply breathtaking. The cameras did not stop clicking (see the photos below).

We continued our relaxing walk around the gardens, along the avenue of Prime Ministerial sculptures, visiting the Craft Cottage and the pavilion housing the sculpture of 'The Flight from Pompeii', enjoying the beautiful surrounds. All too soon it was time to think of returning home. I defected from the group, accepting the kind offer for a lift home in the car with Penny and Steve. I am not sure what was more challenging - traffic congestion or train delays. Either way, we arrived home safely after a wonderful day out. Thank you, Ken and Liz, for two delightful walks this month.



Photos by Penny McColl

Twilight Bowls Report

We had twenty-four members join us for our Annual Twilight Bowls event in Sandringham on Thursday March 23. There were various skills on display ranging from concentrated effort to enthusiastic action as depicted in the photos below.

As always, we had members of the Bowls Club providing tutoring, bar service and kitchen support. We appreciate their help as it makes the evening flow smoothly.

President Jim Tomlinson cheerfully announced the following awards:

Best Straight Shooter: Janet James

Best Off-Centre Shooter: Kathy Manallak

Most Enthusiastic Onlooker Just Wanting an Award: John Strauch

Thank you to Geraldine for managing the event, and, together with her band of helpers, providing the exceptional catering. It was encouraging to see some of our newer members join in the fun.



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