



Beaumaris Waves

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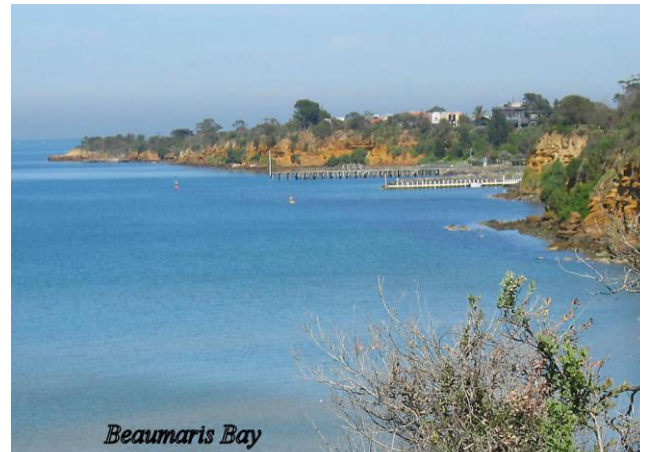
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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's message (Jim Tomlinson)

Many thanks for embracing your new Committee and your enthusiasm during our April meeting. A friend of mine once said, 'we are only here for a short time but let's make it a good time!' We are a social club, not BHP, and your Committee is determined to be relevant and proactive. Recovery after Covid has been difficult, especially for Marilyn, Steve and Geraldine as Past Presidents who all deserve medals for keeping the Club buoyant.

Our Q&A segment is intended to act as a conduit for members to ask questions, give opinions and be informed. Share your good experiences with restaurant reviews, holiday destinations and anything else of interest to members. A classic subject is travel insurance, especially for those over 80 years old. A couple who are friends of ours have just paid over \$5,000 for insurance for an extended overseas holiday. And this was by far the best price they could get!

I must acknowledge ANZAC day. My father's uncle (my great uncle) was killed during the landing at Gallipoli. His body was never found, and it took over nine months and a court martial before my great aunt was granted a war widows pension. And then she got 10 shillings and 6 pence per week! How could we ever compensate those who lost their lives so we could live life as we do today. I hope you join me in wishing ANZAC day lives on.

Cheers, Jim.



May birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: John Backholer; June Ferguson; Marilyn Hubbard; Pauline Kerr; Lyn Mather; Phyliss Mclean; Brian Seddon; Christine Simmons; Frank Spencer; Beryl Strahan; Valerie Strauch; Judith Tindale.

This month's speaker (May 17): After nearly forty years of working as a teacher-librarian and Head of Library, Laraine Stephens decided to experience life on the other side of the bookshelves and became a writer of historical crime fiction.

When she isn't writing, travelling, or playing golf, Laraine finds inspiration from her work as a volunteer guide at the Old Melbourne Gaol. Laraine lives in Beumaris with her husband, Bob, and her maladjusted red toy poodle, Zoe.

Activities

Bridge resumes on **June 20** at 1.30pm at the Golf Club and thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. Inquiries to Lesly Cotterill.

Mid-year lunch

A reminder of the mid-year lunch at *Sandy by the Bay* on **Thursday June 29** at 12 noon. Faye Wegat is still taking bookings. Closest parking is in the carpark off Beach Road (enter just north of the Bridge Street traffic lights) but beware of numerous potholes. Access to the venue is at the southern end of the carpark, and a lift is situated opposite the stairs into the venue.

Walking Group (Convenor: Ken Launder; Email: klauder@bigpond.com)



When you have passed by the Beumaris Secondary College on the corner of Balcombe and Reserve Roads in Beumaris, have you ever wondered what the impressive looking school and sporting facilities look like close up? Well, our walk on Monday June 5 will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school complex. We will meet on the grassed area at the front of the Concourse shops at 10.10 am and walk along Reserve Road to the school. After checking in at the Administration area the guided tour will commence at 10.30 am and will take approximately an hour to an hour and a half. At the conclusion of the tour, we will return to the Concourse for refreshments.

Please let me know by Thursday June 1 if you will be joining this tour because, as a courtesy, I would like to inform the school of the size of our group.

Ken Launder

April lunch

Thirty-five club members attended the lunch at Cheltenham RSL on Thursday April 27th. It was also the birthday of Jim Scott and Neil Howard, who were both in fine fettle! (See photo on Page four.) Great food, good conversation, plus many laughs along the way, made the lunch a real success.

Joy Meekings

April walk report

Our April walk was closer to home. Eight enthusiastic walkers met on a beautiful sunny morning (we are so lucky with the weather) at All Souls Church in Sims Street to explore Sandringham. Although living in Bayside for many years, I was unaware of the many hidden gems we were about to discover.

From the Church we set out towards Melrose Street to find the original newsagency built in 1903. We saw the Band Rotunda, a landmark on Beach Road built in 1926 with a donation by Dr Thomas Garnet Leary. Our walk took us along The Crescent where the original residents of the oldest house, built in 1895, enjoyed an uninhibited view of the bay from the tower. The other historic building in that street dating back to 1925, was 'Peppermint House' so named because of its green colour.

The highlight of our tour was admiring the recently instated Dog Wall in Rigg Lane. It features photo illustrations of Sandringham's much-loved pets.

Next our journey took us past Coggeshall on Beach Road. This house was built in 1876 as a private residence for David Abbott, a founding member of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club and is now the Sandringham Club. We saw houses in Georgiana Street, proceeded to Coombe in King Street that was Sandringham's first Police Station built in 1881. Continuing on to Bamfield Street, we passed Alpha built in 1921/22, then further on to the new modern Police Station in Abbott Street that was built in 2010. Finally, back at the Railway Station we saw the historic Signal Box dating back to 1889.

After this invigorating and lively walk we headed to a café for much needed refreshments. Thank you, Ken and Liz, for a most interesting walk.

Helga Anderson

Echuca trip May 1 – 5

It was the words of a complete stranger that made me stop and think – yes! This is what being part of a Probus group is all about! We were all piled into the communal kitchen in our 'getaway' camp in Echuca from 1st - 5th May: twenty-six Beaumaris Bay Probusians (Page 6, Pic 1) catching up with each other before our quiz night challenge. A BBQ was organised on Wednesday night by Brenda Mathews and Penny McColl (Pic 4) which was enjoyed by all and a special thanks to our cooks, Jim Scott, John Backholer (Pic 5) and Geoff Bakes. We apologised to the groups who had decided to eat their meal outside on the camp kitchen decking – we hoped we weren't making too much noise! 'It's wonderful,' said one of the men, 'we love the sounds of people having so much fun together.' And isn't that what Probus is all about?

It's also about caring for others. We all cared when Ken and Liz Launder were late arriving on the first night, and we all cared when they were late to dinner on the second night (they got lost coming back from a day trip!) And we cared even more when we discovered them still looking for their cabin about fifteen minutes after they left the camp kitchen to head home to bed! We can only hope they made it safely home on Friday and didn't end up in Timbuktu.

The destination chosen by Geoff Bakes and Brenda Matthews was perfect for a large group – comfortable cabins, great caravan sites and a vast variety of alternatives to choose from for day trips. Lots of points of interests were shared at the nightly gatherings giving others' ideas for the next day.

Echuca trip May 1 – 5 (cont'd)

Dinner at the Rich River Golf Club on Tuesday night was terrific, and we all agreed Thursday's paddle steamer trip up (or down) the mighty Murray was a real highlight of our time together.

Steve did himself proud by creating enough challenging quiz questions for three nights (Pic 2) and believe me there was lots of good-humoured ribbing as people dared to challenge the quiz master! Geoff Bakes provided beautifully crafted wooden bowls as prizes. (Pic 3) Steve's sauces and Penny's pickles were also hotly contested prizes. Congratulations to Kathy Ely who scooped the pool and needed a trailer to take home her booty of prizes won over the three nights (Pic 3). Congratulations to all other prize winners: Brenda Matthews, Geoff Bakes, Helen Muter, Liz Launder, John and Michele Backholer, Marilyn Scott, Jim and Joan Tomlinson. And well done to Faye Wegat who gave the funniest response to the challenge: 'Finish this statement – six balls to ...' The correct answer obviously being 'an over'. Please ask Faye what her answer was!

No trip would be complete without a couple of dramas. Kathy Ely and Ilsa Schuller nearly disappeared down a pothole as they made their way back to the park after a dinner out, and Liz Dunkley and Helen Muter found themselves in the middle of a cow fight on the same road.

To show the success of this time away, talk has already begun on next year's trip. All I can say is, mark the date in your diary as soon as we find out what's planned and make sure you join in. I don't want to finish with a cliché – but honestly, the more Beumaris Bay Probiants participating, the merrier!

Michele Backholer

Scheduled activities directory

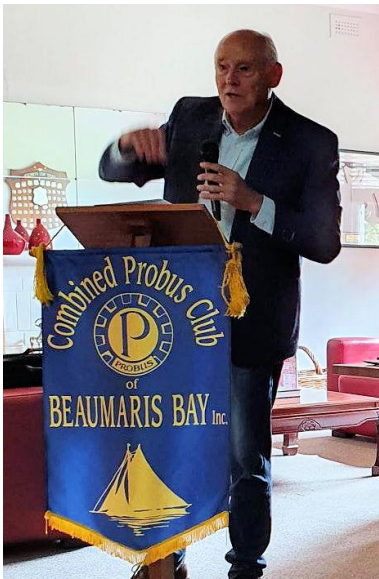
Group	Convenor	Venue	Day of the month/time
Book group	Jan Storey	Cheltenham Golf Club	2 nd Tuesday @ 11.00am
Bridge	Lelsey Cotterill	Cheltenham Golf Club	3 rd Tuesday @ 1.30pm
Coffee, Chew & Chat	Graeme Storey	Rickett's Point Tea House (Beach Rd)	4 th Tuesday @ 10.30am
Craft group	Helen Scott	Cheltenham Golf Club	3 rd Monday @ 1.30pm
Mah jong	Phyl McLean	Cheltenham Golf Club	Tuesday weekly @ 1.30pm
Petanque	Steve McColl	Beumaris Oval	Suspended during winter
Walking group	Ken Launder	Local areas	1 st Monday morning

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This free government service has useful information on:

- Streaming services: how to watch Netflix, Stan and more
- Artificial Intelligence explained (Podcast)
- Researching and booking travel online
- A glossary of tech terms

April picture gallery



Don Riddington, English Channel Swimmer 2013, our guest speaker



They're not praying, but emulating the Aussie Crawl, as used by our guest speaker in his epic swim



Jim Scott and Neil Howard celebrated their birthdays at the lunch at the Cheltenham RSL



Linda Jane and Evan Johnson were inducted by President Jim Tomlinson, assisted by Margot Ryan, Membership Officer

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Echuca May 1- 5



BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAY 2023				
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	25	26
29	30 Mahjong (1.30pm)	31		
JUNE 2023				
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5 Walk	6 Mahjong (1.30pm)	7 Committee (1.30pm)	8	9
12 King's Birthday	13 Book Group 11.00am Mahjong (1.30pm)	14	15	16
19 Craft Group 1.30pm	20 Mahjong (1.30pm) Bridge (1.30pm)	21 General Meeting (10.00am)	22	23
26	27 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	28	29 Mid-year lunch @ <i>Sandy by the Bay</i>	30
JULY 2023				
3 Walk	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	Committee (1.30pm)	6	7
10	11 Book Group 11.00am Mahjong (1.30pm)	12	13	14
17 Craft Group 1.30pm	18 Mahjong (1.30pm) Bridge (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting (10.00am)	20	21
24	25 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26	27	28
AUGUST 2023				
	1 Mahjong (1.30pm)	2 Committee (1.30pm)	3	4
7 Walk	8 Book Group 11.00am Mahjong (1.30pm)	9	10	11
14	15 Mahjong (1.30pm) Bridge (1.30pm)	16 General Meeting (10.00am)	17	18
21 Craft Group 1.30pm	22 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	
SEPTEMBER 2023				
4 Walk	5 Mahjong (1.30pm)	6 Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
11	12 Book Group 11.00am Mahjong (1.30pm)	13	14	15
18 Craft Group 1.30pm	19 Mahjong (1.30pm) Bridge 1.30pm	20 General Meeting (10.00am)	21	22
25	26 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	27	28	29
Note: All the activities above , except the walks, coffee and lunches, take place at the Cheltenham Golf Club				