

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

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President's message

Hi everybody. Winter may be upon us but you, the rank-and-file members of our Club, have been very supportive of all the meetings and functions we have held this year. A very impressive 62 members met for our June general meeting, and we enjoyed the talk given by our visitor, Lisa, Secretary Faye's daughter.

Your Committee and Event Co-ordinators are working on a host of outings and activities and all we need is your support and involvement. During July, the PSPL management are sponsoring a meeting of Club Presidents in our area to discuss falling membership and lack of interest by members in general. Our Club members could not be more involved! You are to be congratulated on being a benchmark group!

Following in this vein, it was a great pleasure to have Mike hand over the Treasure-ship to Joan Fry. Another example of volunteering for the benefit of the Club. Thanks, Joan, and welcome. The mid-year lunch held in June and organised by Faye and Geraldine was attended by 61 members and was a great success. Faye and Joy have been at it again and have booked lunch at Mordy HQ for Thursday, July 27. And Joy is busy organising a lunch outing to Caldermeade Farm and Café, Tooradin. This will be a real treat with Morning Melodies, lunch, and a stroll through a working farm. More information at our July meeting.

I have said this before, but this is your Club, and the Management Committee is keen to implement your ideas to continue the ethos of Probus. Thank you for your willing involvement. Have a great (even though it is cold) July.

Cheers, Jim.



July birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Brenda Matthews; Esmae Kennedy; Pamela Spencer; Graeme Storey; Jill Mannering; Jennifer Harrington; Lyndell O'Brien; Sheena Van Zyl.

Editor's note: I made sure not to overlook anyone's birthday this month, especially as I get a mention in despatches!

This month's speaker (July 19): Geoff Bransbury OAM will talk on the Graffiti Busters Program 3193 and his solo motorbike trip through Africa.

Activities

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

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



Our walk on *Monday August 7* will be in Mordialloc looking at some of the historical buildings dating back to the time Mordialloc was established. We will meet at 10.30 am on the corner of Nepean Highway and High Street, Mordialloc (Melway E12). At the conclusion of the walk, we will go to the Main Street Café for refreshments.

Advance notice

Our walk on *Monday September 4* will be in Jells Park in Wheelers Hill. Because the Park is difficult to access by public transport, perhaps car-pooling might be the way to go. For those interested, lunch be at the Wheelers Hill Hotel. More details next newsletter.

Walk reports by Wendy Crawford

May walk in Gardenvale

On a cold Monday morning last month, we set off walking with trail map in hand, starting from the main street of Gardenvale (Martin Street), then along Asling Street to Cole Street, with many stunning weatherboard Edwardian houses in Cole Street and a couple of square concrete boxes. Then along Murphy Street where stands "Elrona", a brick Edwardian house built in 1886, complete with tennis court. Onto North Road we viewed several historic places: John Knox Presbyterian Church and John Knox House, St James Catholic Church and presbytery. Crossing North Road, we ambled through the Kamesburgh Gardens after an informative talk by our leader Ken on the history of the mansion built in 1874 (see picture below). We then viewed St Stephens Anglican Church with its beautiful vicarage and then back to Martin Street for a warming coffee and more chat. It was a most informative and enjoyable walk enjoyed by our group (pictured).





The June walk began at the grassed area at Beaumaris Concourse and from there we walked to Beaumaris Secondary College (pictured below) where, by invitation of the Principal, Debby Chaves, who spoke at a previous meeting of our Probus club, we had a guided school tour. Assistant Principal Peter Bartlett welcomed our group (pictured below) and explained that the new modern college opened in 2018 with the motto of *Belong Believe Become*.

We walked through a school unlike any we would have experienced in our education:

- it was so quiet, no bells or announcements
- no formal classrooms (open odd-shaped classrooms)
- no blackboards (white boards used)
- no desks (round tables with chairs and tiered seating)
- few books were seen except in the small library (students use laptops and online textbooks)
- a school day divided into four lessons (they call them "sessions")
- all students' phones are kept in their lockers
- students wear a compulsory uniform and Year 12's have a special windcheater which allows them to leave the school grounds at lunchtime
- we were surprised by how our walking through rooms didn't appear to interrupt lessons

Some Year 12 girls spoke to us and answered our questions. We were shown the Year 12 Common Room which had sandwich-makers and kettles; the students are responsible for keeping the room clean and tidy. At the completion of the tour, we walked back to the Concourse for a coffee and chat.





Lunches

- The lunch in July will be on *Thursday 27th* at Mordy HQ, 528 Main Street, Mordialloc, at 12 noon in the upstairs function room. Cost is from \$24-\$28 for a good choice of seniors' meals and coffee will be \$2.50 per cup. As noted last month, meals and drinks are to be ordered one table at a time with payment as-you-go to the cashier. Please wait your table's turn as this will facilitate meal preparation and their service. Book with Joy Meekings. Parking is available at the rear of building. Hope to see you there!
- On August 29 there will be an outing including Morning Melodies and lunch at Caldermeade Farm and Café, 4385 South Gippsland Highway, Caldermeade. It will take just over an hour from Beaumaris you can't miss its numerous signs as you approach it after Tooradin. If you arrive early, you can have coffee and scones at the café which opens at 9.00am. Morning Melodies begin at 10.30am until 11.30am (at no cost to us). Lunch afterwards costs Seniors \$17 for one course, \$21 for two courses. They also have quite a large selection of other lunch dishes ranging from about \$26.00 to about \$35.00. If weather permits, you can walk around the farm after lunch to see the animals being milked. It will be a fun day ... Please let Joy Meekings know if you are coming and if you can take a few people in your car which would be appreciated. Text or call her on (0434) 558 437.

Travel forum

I expect some of us are following the post-pandemic trend of opting for shorter domestic or Asia/Pacific travel rather than the more expensive European alternative. There are several reasons for this happening: expensive overseas airfares and accommodation, arduous long-haul flights, not to mention excessive travel insurance premiums because of our age and pre-existing medical conditions. You may have even let your passport lapse or intend to.

With that in mind, I'm wondering if you would be interested in sharing any travel tips you may have. Do you have a favourite destination? Do you prefer traveling with a group? Do you prefer all-inclusive packages rather than doing your own thing? Do you use a travel agent or book directly with an entity? What sort of accommodation do you prefer – motels or self-contained apartments or cabins in caravan parks? How do you manage for food or meals? What are your preferred activities – sight-seeing/museums/art galleries/ national parks/food and wineries? Do you have any amusing experiences or anecdotes? Any pet hates in your travels?

As Editor, I'd be interested in hearing from you.

Technology

Missing emails: Have you ever wondered what happened to emails you have been told had been sent to your Outlook address but apparently never arrived, yet you found them after doing a search in Outlook? Or you have received an email but it has subsequently inexplicably disappeared when you later wished to retrieve it?

This has been happening to me for some time and it came to head recently when I subscribed to a daily newsletter. At first, I was receiving the daily newsletters and then they stopped. A search by Dr Google listed several possible causes but the one I thought to be the most likely explanation was that my Inbox was full, and the daily newsletter was being hidden as a result.

The obvious solution was to free up space in my Inbox by deleting superfluous email messages therein, which I duly did – I had over 4,000 emails sitting there! I've now begun the process of emptying my Inbox and I am duly receiving the daily newsletter that I've subscribed to in my Inbox without any problem.

Having I've been forced to clean up my email account, I've also emptied the messages stored in my Draft, Sent, Junk and Deleted folders, although Deleted emails are automatically deleted anyway by Outlook after 30 days. In future I'll be more judicious in retaining email messages.

The moral of the tale? Respond if necessary to emails within a reasonable time frame and then delete superfluous email messages regularly. You can archive important emails that you want to retain in folders in Outlook, or you can store them elsewhere in your computer; printing them for future reference is another option. I expect the same principles apply to other email providers such as gmail and Yahoo, although there are many other providers.

Picture gallery









Photos (L-R clockwise from top left)

- 1 President Jim inducted three new members: Noela, Denise and Julie
- 2 Guest speaker, Lisa
- 3 Resident poet, Joy 4 Anne and Liz had birthdays this month

BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JULY 2023				
3 Walk	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	5 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 Lunch @ Mordy HQ	28
AUGUST 2023				
	1 Mahjong (1.30pm)	2 Committee (1.30pm)	3	4
7 Walk - Mordialloc	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 Lunch at Caldemeare Farm (see p. 3)	30	31	
SEPTEMBER 2023				
4 Walk – Jells' park	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
OCTOBER 2023				
2 Walk	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Committee (1.30pm)	5	6
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NOVEMBER 2023				
		1 Committee (1.30pm)	2	3
6 Walk	7 Melbourne Cup	8	9	10
13	14 Book Group 11.00am Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am)	16	17
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