



Beaumaris Waves

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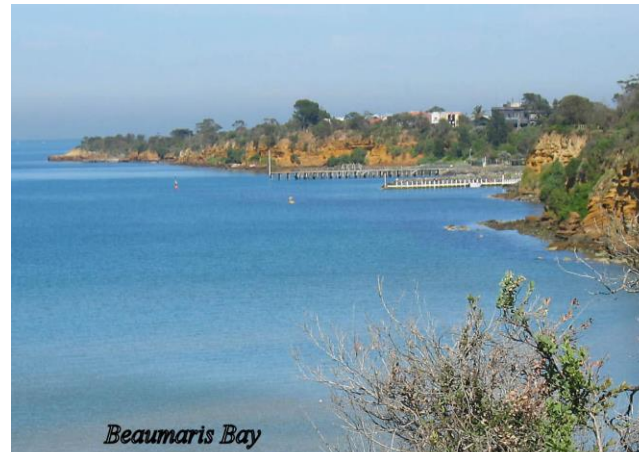
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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

Hi everybody.

You would have seen my demographic analysis of our Club in last month's newsletter. This resulted from a desire to appreciate in detail who we are and what we might be capable of. It was motivated by the establishment of a Cluster Group of Probus Clubs in our area.

The Cluster group has been established to assist struggling clubs to hopefully re-invent themselves. So far, I have not seen anything raised at the Cluster Group meetings that would be of concern for us. However, we must be mindful that with the passage of time we could find ourselves needing assistance.

That said, there have been a few minor points we can pick up on. The future of our Club is in our hands. Participation by the members plus the recruitment of new younger members will go a long way to cementing our future.

Choosing future functions and outings will be challenging. Costs are escalating and, if we continue as an ageing demographic, some activities will become difficult for some members. Other clubs have organised extended bus tours but a four day/three-night excursion leaves little change out of \$1,000 per person. Ice-creams aren't 3 pence anymore!

Your Committee will continue to find activities to arouse your interest. Any suggestions from members will be explored with vigour.

Cheers, Jim.



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

October guest speaker:

Vikki Petraitis is both a true crime author and a writer of fiction. Ever since she was a small child, Vikki dreamed of being a writer. One of her favourite things is when people tell her how her books have changed their life or influenced their career choice. There's more than one cop, forensic psychologist, podcaster, or investigator whose journey began with opening one of Vikki's books. Some of her books will be available for our perusal and purchase.

Activities

Bridge is played at 1.00pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Golf Club. Inquiries to Lesly Cotterill.

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



OUR NOVEMBER WALK WILL BE ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH (NOVEMBER 13). We will meet at 10 am on the grassed area behind the Black Rock clock tower directly opposite the junction of Balcombe Road and Beach Roads (Melway 85 K4). We will then walk in a northerly direction to Half Moon Bay.

On our return we will visit one of the local cafes in Black Rock. Free parking for Bayside Council residents with a Beach Parking Permit is available in a car park on the beach side of Beach Road south of Balcombe Road. For others, two hour parking is available in the car park in Balcombe Road at the end of the shops opposite Ebdon Avenue. There are also car parks on both sides of Bluff Road quite close to Balcombe Road, as well as other street parking.

Reports



In September we had Dorothy Coombe speak to us about Foodbank Victoria. She was a very entertaining speaker and gave the members an insight into the wonderful work that is done by this organisation. It's hard to appreciate the number of programmes they run and also the number of meals they provide for people in need. It makes you realise just how lucky most of us are.

At the end of Dorothy's talk she was presented with a cheque for \$1,023.00 raised from the purchase of goods kindly donated and made by some of the members.

A special thank you to Lyn Mather, Marilyn Hubbard, Penny and Steve McColl and Helen Scott, for their contributions.

Monthly walks (Wendy Crawford)

August

On a cool first Monday in August the Walking Group met at the corner of High Street and Nepean Highway, Mordialloc. Our leader Ken presented each of us with a booklet titled "Historical walking trail of Mordialloc." We started our tour with St Brigid's Catholic Church on one side of High Street and the lovely red brick villa called *Lissadel* – the Saint Brigid's Presbytery built in 1915 on the other corner. Following our map, we proceeded down Nepean Highway past the Mordialloc Sporting Club now known as Mordy HQ where Probus members recently dined, to Main Street, Mordialloc, to view the War Memorial and Dave White Memorial Clock Tower, both in the plantation in the middle of the Highway. The clock tower was built in 1937 with community raised funds as a memorial to a highly respected councillor and mayor.

The Mordialloc Railway Station was next on the list and then through the underground train line walkway to Albert Street and the Railway Station Water Tower. Built in 1910, it needs some restoration, and its inverted concrete cone is just crying out for a mural to be painted on it. Opposite is the former Mordialloc Masonic Lodge which is now owned by the Council. Around the corner into Bear Street, we saw the St Nicholas' Anglican Church, a red brick building built in 1922 with a recent addition. Along the side of the new part is a row of small windows that make a cross which is very effective. Across the street from this church is a block of townhouses with a large mural of the clock tower on them. We then walked down Barkly Street past the Mordialloc Beach Primary School. The original school opened on this site in 1868. The vegetable gardens and the big hens in their coop were admired as we passed by. At the corner of Barkly and McDonald Streets is the St Andrews Presbyterian Church which is no longer operating. It will be interesting to see if it is demolished and a becomes high-rise development. It was then back to Main Street and a saunter past the shops to the Main Street Cafe for a warming coffee and more chatter. Thanks must go to Ken and Liz for such an informative walk.

September



On a sunny September morning we met at the Jells Park East Picnic Area car park for our walk arranged by Brenda and Geoff, both of whom have lived in this area and have frequented the park many times as part of their daily exercise.

We proceeded to walk around the lake in anti-clockwise direction, along a well-defined path through the natural bushland. There was an abundance of birdlife to see: white egrets, black swans ducks, finches and many more. There is even a bird hide for the avid bird watchers and photographers to use. The islands in the lake are totally devoid of vegetation except for a few bare trees due to the huge numbers of birds inhabiting them. We then walked past Dandenong Creek and back to the car park.

We travelled to the Wheelers Hill Hotel for a lovely lunch and more chat. It was a most enjoyable walk, and I would encourage members to join one of our monthly walks as they are fun and informative.

Thanks to Brenda and Geoff for their suggestion and organisation of the walk.

Wine tasting

Gary Strahan has organised a Wine Tasting Night for **Thursday 26th October 2023**.

Venue: 8/216 Bay Road, Sandringham at 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

There will be a wine expert from a leading wine merchant to introduce us to a variety of wines which will be supplied from the cost of \$20.00 per head. Would you please pay your \$20.00 into the club's bank account, details of which are on the front of the Newsletter, by **October 18**. Gary needs twenty participants for this to go ahead. Please contact him on (0400) 031 900 to put your name down for this new initiative that hasn't been offered before.

The race that stops a nation ...

You can have a little flutter on the Melbourne Cup by participating in the sweep conducted by Peter Pahl. He will conduct a \$2 sweep and a \$5 sweep with names and money (cash only) to be taken at this month's General Meeting. Please support Peter and have a bit of fun, too.

With the Melbourne Cup in November, we're giving plenty of notice to the ladies to visit their milliners for the latest in fascinators and for the (gentle) men to resurrect their hats for our very own Fashions on the Field. Our Club stewards will pass judgement on the best (or most original?) headgear at the October General Meeting.

Xmas lunch

Our Christmas lunch this year will be held at *The Dingley International* on the **7th December** at 12 noon. The cost is \$60 per head with drinks to be purchased at the bar. There will be a coffee station available during and after dessert. Our Secretary Faye is taking names at this month's meeting, or you can ring her on (0409) 265 503 to put your name down. Please forward your payment to our online bank account, details of which are available on the front of the newsletter, or you can pay via the website.

Review of our Constitution

Our Constitution was last reviewed by PSPL in 2013. It has now advised the Committee of proposed changes to the Standard Probus Club Constitution as part of its 2023 Constitutional Review.

The main objectives of the Review are to:

- Provide greater flexibility to Clubs by removing from their Constitutions and By-laws matters that can be dealt with by each Club through its Standing Resolutions.
- Modernise the language for easier interpretation.
- Clarify that Probus Club membership is open to all retirees and semi-retirees.

There will be a period of consultation with Clubs on the proposed changes which will close on 15 December 2023. The Committee will keep you informed of any developments.

September picture gallery

(Photos by Penny McColl)



1. Some of the footy tragics
2. Lyn and Penny
3. The Editor is now on the right side of history
4. Steve presented a cheque to Dorothy of Foodbank

BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OCTOBER 2023				
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11 Petanque (10.30am)	12	13
16 Craft Group 1.30pm	17 Mahjong (1.30pm) Bridge (1.00pm)	18 General Meeting (10.00am)	19	20
23	24 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	25 Petanque (10.30am)	26 Wine tasting (5.00pm) – see p. 4	27
30	31 Mahjong (1.30pm)			
NOVEMBER 2023				
		1 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	2	3
6	7 Melbourne Cup	8 Petanque (10.30am)	9	10
13 Walk – Black Rock	14 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am)	16	17
20 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (1.30pm) Bridge (1.00pm)	22 Petanque (10.30am)	23	24
27	28 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Petanque (10.30am)	30	
DECEMBER 2023				
4 Walk	5	6 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	7 Xmas Lunch 12 noon (Dingley International)	8
11	12 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	13	14	15
18 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	19	20	21	22
25 Xmas day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29
JANUARY 2024				
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
8 Walk ?	9 Book Group (11.00am)	10	11	12
15	16	17	18 Lunch @ <i>Flight Deck</i> Moorabbin Airport	19
22	23 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat (10.30am)	24	25	26 Australia Day
29	30	31		
FEBRUARY 2024				
			1	2
5 Twilight walk	6 Mahjong (1.30pm)	7 Petanque (10.30am); Committee (1.30pm)	8	9
12	13 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	14 Petanque (10.30am)	15	16
19 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	20 Mahjong (1.30pm)	21 General Meeting (10.00am)	22	23
26	27 Mahjong (1.30pm)			