

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 or by email to: sec.beaubay@gmail.com



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President's message

What an exciting time of the year this is. Football finals, spring racing carnival, daylight saving time and then Christmas. As the days warm up, we get more enjoyment in the outdoors but we we can also have numerous lunches to enjoy indoors. The Club's activity organisers are constantly researching new destinations and outings and we look to the Club members to give their support.

Geraldine McGann volunteered to assume the role of Activities Co-ordinator and has enlisted the services of Sue McGowan and Janette James as our new Day Tour Convenors. Sue and Janette are quite motivated and already doing great research. Day tours are very important to foster interest in the Club and as we have learned to live with Covid, interesting and even exciting day outings are anticipated.

And now it is Christmas. While Christmas has its roots in Christianity, it has morphed into a celebration of good will and good cheer for everyone despite their religious belief. Right now the world could do with a good dose of goodwill and good cheer. Aren't we lucky to have Probus where we promote those goals!

On that note, may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and good health in the new year.

Jim

Vale Tup Mullett

It is with regret that we announce the death of a former member, Tup Mullett, in September. Tup, who was 100, was still living at home on her own until last Christmas. She enjoyed her garden and was a prodigious knitter of jumpers for her family. Her friends in the Club remember her lamenting that knitting was a dying art. She was very involved in her sons' Brighton Grammar Old Boys Football Club of which she was a Life Member. We extend our sincere sympathy to her extended family.

November birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Ingrid Dewar; Kathryn Ely; Evan Johnson; Linda Jane Johnson.

November guest speaker will be Barry Cairns. In his past life Barry was a youth worker and was looking for some interest outside of work as well as a way of relieving the stresses of working with homeless youth. Barry is also a passionate motor cyclist and has owned a highly preferred cycle, a Harley Davidson. He happened to be looking through a magazine and saw photos of Bonsai and thought, wow! After 25 to 30 years of enjoying small trees in a pot, this is still one of his passions.

Walks

Walking Group (Convenor: Ken Launder; Email: klaunder@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 Ebden Avenue. There are also car parks on both sides of Bluff Road quite close to Balcombe Road, as well as other street parking.

On *Monday December 4* we will walk along the Yarra River from Richmond to the City. We will catch the 10.39 am train from Mordialloc, 10.43 am Mentone, 10.46 am Cheltenham, 10.48 am Southland, 10.50 am Highett or 10.52 am Moorabbin, travelling in the <u>last carriage</u>. We will meet any people travelling on the Sandringham line outside the station in Swan Street. From the station we will walk across to the Yarra and then walk along beside the river to Princes Bridge before climbing up to street level. We can decide on the day where to have lunch (one possibility is *Time Out* at Federation Square).

January 2024 Walk: On *Monday January 8* (<u>second Monday</u>) we will have the first twilight walk for the year in Karkarook Park in Warrigal Road, Moorabbin (opposite Bunnings Warehouse). We will meet at 6.30 pm in the first car park after entering the Park from Fairchild Street (Melway 78, E 8). Following the walk, we will meet at either *Arcobar* (further in from Warrigal Road along Fairchild Street) if it is still open or McDonalds (adjacent to Coles Express Service Station) for refreshments.

February 2024 Walk: On *Monday February 5* we will meet at 6.30 pm in the grassed area at the front of the Beaumaris Concourse before commencing one of our popular walks – the annual Gelati Walk. We will walk to Beach Road before making our way back to the Concourse where we will have the hard task of selecting from the large range of gelati flavours at *Will's Batch*.

Xmas lunch

A reminder that our Christmas lunch this year will be held at *The Dingley International* on the **7th December** at 12 noon. If you haven't put your name down yet, please contact Faye on (0409) 265 503. Please pay the required \$60 per person by the General Meeting on the 15th of November, i.e., this month's General Meeting.

Lunch in the New Year

Our January lunch will be held on Thursday the *18th of January 2024* at 12 noon at the *Flight Deck Bar and Grill*, 37 First Avenue, Moorabbin Airport. Please put your name down with Joy Meekings at our November meeting or by mobile on (0434) 558 437.

Reports



On Thursday October 6 a wonderful evening was had by forty-two of our members at the sausage sizzle hosted by Jim and Joan Tomlinson. It was a great turnout and everybody who attended had a very enjoyable night. There was much hilarity and, of course, interaction with our fellow members.

A special thank-you to Jim and Joan for arranging the use of the lux plus community room in their apartment complex. It will be very difficult to hold future BBQs in a park - the outdoor area at Bay Road is looking very inviting for a pleasant summer evening. The sausages and salads were well received with all the sausages, salads and most of the sweets completely consumed.

As with any activity, we rely on the support of our members and a special thank you to the following people: Jim; Joan; Michael and Morris (for setting up the tables, chairs, tea and coffee); Brenda and Faye (for purchasing and preparing the salads); Jim and Joan (for picking up the sausages); Wendy, Geraldine, Penny, Michael (for the slices and chocolates to have with our coffee), and of course, our gourmet chefs who worked in the rain, Michael, Bill, Morris and Geoff. The tablecloths supplied by Joan were a lovely surprise.

Although it was wet outside, there was plenty of warmth inside with much hilarity and lively conversations among friends relaxing and enjoying the evening. As it was such a success, we should have another sausage sizzle when the weather warms up.

Faye Wegat and Steve McColl

My wonderful Craft girls met the challenges of making tuille Christmas trees last month. They look gorgeous and they will have pride of place in their homes during the Festive Season. A special thank you to Jim Scott, Marilyn's husband, for making the bases and uprights for our Christmas Trees.

Helen Scott







October walk

On a warm, sunny October day, we set off for our adventure by train to Richmond, changing there for Lilydale. There was plenty of chat on the train during this interesting trip with views of the changing suburbia. Leaving the new station of Lilydale, we walked up the main street to find the historic Athenaeum Theatre in Castella Street next to the Melba Park. [See picture below]

A beautiful building, it was originally built in 1888 and used as the local Mechanics Institute and meeting hall. It served as the local picture theatre from 1922 to 1974; it also housed the Public Library as well as being a venue for concerts, roller skating, badminton, volleyball, dances, and a pistol shooting range underneath. After closure of the picture theatre in 1975, the hall fell into disrepair and two locals, Geoff Page and Russell Johnson, put a proposal to council to turn it into the Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre.

We entered the foyer with its splendid dark red patterned wallpaper, dark polished wood and lots of gold trim to be met by our guide for the tour, volunteer Steve, and he was ably assisted by Elaine. From the foyer with its posters of past performances, war honour boards (below) and other memorabilia, we entered the Melba room which could be described as a shrine to Dame Nellie Melba, including a copy of one of her dresses. We were told she attended dances there when in residence at Coombe Cottage.

Then it was into the body of the theatre to sit in its comfortable seats for more of the history of the theatre delivered by Steve. He had to compete with the background noise of the volunteers building one of the five sets they build for each year's productions.

We then proceeded down the stairs to explore the green room, dressing rooms and the storage areas for costumes and props. There was every imaginable item in these rooms and under the theatre, it was fun to browse amongst them.

After thanking our guides, we then walked back up the Main Street to the Crown Hotel where a lovely lunch was enjoyed. It was then back to the train and home.

As always, thanks must go to Ken and Liz for organising our wonderful day.

Wendy Crawford



Picture gallery















- 1 Our Treasurer & Secretary
- 2 Dapper Mike
- 3 Wally checking the odds with Steve
- 4 Christine & Helen Scott
- 5 Steve with our speaker, Vikki
- 6 Helen Muter & Trish
- 7 Fashions on the Day

BBPC Monthly Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NOVEMBER 2023				
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 along the Yarra River (Richmond-City)	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 Twilight walk in Karkarook Park	9 Book Group (11.00am)	10	11	12
15	16	17	18 Lunch @ <i>Flight Deck</i> Moorabbin Airport (p. 3)	19
22	23 Coffee, Chew 'n Chat (10.30am)	24	25	26 Australia Day
29	30	31		
FEBRUARY 2024				
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5 Gelati Twilight walk (Beaumaris)	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)			

Merry Christmas – Ho! Ho! Ho!















The Committee wishes all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year