

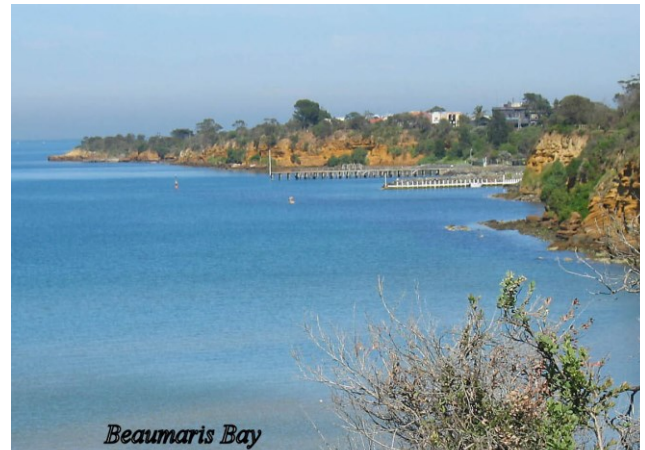


# Beaumaris Waves

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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](mailto:sec.beaubay@gmail.com)

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## President's message

So, sayonara! This month marks the end of my Presidency. When I was asked to become Assistant Vice-President, I hadn't even been inducted into the Club. They were difficult times with Covid restrictions, and the incumbent Committee were working tirelessly to keep the Club afloat. I felt if I wanted a Club to join, I had to be prepared to pitch in and help.

And so, here we are today. We have weathered the storm and have a great future ahead of us.

I have had fantastic support from the Committee and the Club members. At first, it was daunting becoming President as there were a lot of members whose names I didn't know, I had no knowledge of the Club's history, and I was just learning what the Club members' likes were. Previous Committees had done a lot of work, so we followed on what they had done with embellishments. As I have said before, our Committee members and Activity Co-ordinators are self-motivated and this has greatly reduced the burden on me. My deepest gratitude for the support everyone has shown me.

This past year is now confined to history, and we have the new Presidency of Mike Simmons to look forward to. I urge everybody to be supportive of the incoming Committee and to participate freely in the operation of the Club.

Thank you everybody, Jim.

**March birthdays:** We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Sue Blair; Trish Buggy; Wendy Crawford; Pat Farrelly; Ken Launder; Steve McColl; Gwen Secomb; Maree Stammers; Gary Strahan.

**April guest speaker** will be Pam Haigh who is a representative of Guide Dogs Victoria and is going to provide us with an insight into the challenges that living with low vision presents and what it is like living with a seeing-eye dog. Pam is not sure who controls who!

## Activities & reports

**Walking Group (Convenor: Ken Launder; Email: [klauder@bigpond.com](mailto:klauder@bigpond.com))**

**March Walk:** Our next walk will be on the **second Monday of the month (March 11)** along part of the Scotchman's Creek Trail in Oakleigh. At 10.30 am we will meet in Atkinson Street, Oakleigh (where street parking is available) on the right-hand side of the street where a concrete path is visible and where we join the Trail. This is just past the parallel parking area on the left. On our return, for those who would like to have lunch or coffee, we will drive to *Arcobar* in Arco Lane, left off Warrigal Road and not far past Fairchild Street (Bunnings is on the corner of Fairchild Street). There is an entry from Warrigal Road directly into Arco Lane.

### REPLACEMENT FOR EXHIBITION BUILDING PROMENADE WALK

On **Monday April 8** our walk will be in a suburb of Melbourne a couple of our members know well – Newport - which is on the Williamstown/Werribee train lines. We will catch the 9.59 am train from Mordialloc, 10.03 am Mentone, 10.06 am Cheltenham, 10.08 am Southland, or 10.10 am Highett in the last carriage. This train will take us directly to Newport where we will arrive at 11.03 am. From the station we will walk approximately 1.0 km (approx. 15 minutes) to Newport Lakes Park, a bushland oasis created from a former bluestone quarry and rubbish tip site, where we will walk through some of the parkland and around both of the lakes. We will then return to the station to catch a train back one station to Spotswood where we will go to the Spotswood Hotel (which is very close to the station) to have lunch at approx. 12.30 pm. Could you please let me know by **Friday April 5** if you intend coming and would like me to book lunch for you.

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On the evening of **Monday 5th February**, despite the weather gods sending a sprinkle of rain, a good number of walkers met on the grassed area in front of the Beaumaris Concourse for the annual Gelati walk. We proceeded through the shopping area to Edith Street seeing a partial view of the lovely mural as we went. Then up Gibbs Street to the tennis courts and park area in Oak Street. A lucky dog out for a walk with his owner received a wayward tennis ball from one of our members. Back to the concourse via Cloris Street for ice cream at Wills Batch, hoping the approximately two kilometres we had walked would warrant the ice cream we were going to indulge in. Then the hard decision had to be made as to which flavour to enjoy. Lots of chat and lovely ice cream, a winner every time. Thanks to our leaders, Ken and Liz.

**Wendy Crawford**

## Activities & reports (cont'd)

On **Thursday February 29** eighteen plant and tree enthusiasts enjoyed a fun, relaxing and informative day at Wurundjeri (Indigenous name for the Royal Botanic Gardens). No doubt it was worthwhile having our two guides, otherwise we would have missed all the stories attached to many of the trees and the specialist garden areas. We even saw the tree that Novak Djokovic visits every time he comes to Melbourne - he claims that is where he gets his inspiration. It really is a beautiful place - all thirty-eight hectares of landscaped gardens and we should be very proud of it. We especially enjoyed wandering between succulents at Guilfoyle's Volcano, a peaceful walk in the Fern Gully and the new, beautifully set-out arid garden. Lunch was a little more challenging but once we worked out where we could sit, we enjoyed one another's company and, of course, the view of the lake and the lotus flowers. Coming home, the conversation centred around how many steps we each recorded on our devices. And yes, it was a lot of walking but well worth the effort.

**Janette James**

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**Easter parade** – after this month's AGM there will be a Parade of Easter bonnets. Who knows what the Easter Bunny might bring! So dust off your Easter bonnet or Easter costumes and come along and enjoy the festivities.

**Croquet night reminder: Thursday March 21** at 5.00pm at the Sandringham Croquet Club, 94B Beach Road, B10 Beach Carpark, opposite Abbott Street. Dinner is provided (chicken, salad, and dessert) @ \$25 per person. BYO drinks. Parking is available in B10 carpark; the entrance is opposite Abbott Street – free for those who have a Bayside Beach Parking Permit; ticketed parking for others up until 8.00pm. There is also free parking available in nearby streets. It's difficult to see where the Croquet Club is situated – it's behind some trees just on the north side of B10 carpark.

## Lunches

There will be a lunch on **Thursday May 23** at the Mordy HQ at 12 noon. More details in the newsletter next month.

### Mid-year lunch

A booking has been made for the mid-year lunch at The Bridge Hotel in Mordialloc on **20th June 2024** at 12 noon. The cost per person is \$65 for a two-course meal of main and dessert, including a welcome drink of beer, wine or soft drink. Please register your interest with Faye Wegat on (0409) 265 503 or you can put your name down at the General Meeting. Payment is due by the 15th May General Meeting and can be made via a Bank transfer to the Club's bank account or via the Website.

**Scheduled activities directory**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Day of the month/time</b>
Book group	Jan Storey	Cheltenham Golf Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 11.00am
Bridge	Lesley Cotterill	Cheltenham Golf Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 1.30pm
Coffee, Chew & Chat	Graeme Storey	Rickett's Point Tea House (Beach Rd)	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 10.30am
Craft group	Helen Scott	Cheltenham Golf Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Monday morning

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**Constitution review**

The Constitution that we operate under was last reviewed by PSPL in 2013. It has now advised the Committee of proposed changes to the Standard Probus Club Constitution following consultation with Probus Clubs last year.

Key features of the 2023 Constitutional Review:

- The new Model Constitutions will provide greater flexibility for Clubs to manage their internal affairs by way of Standing Resolutions rather than By-laws, which are an outdated concept. PSPL will provide a set of Recommended Standing Resolutions to assist Clubs with their internal management.
- Modernises the language for easier interpretation.
- The revised Standard Constitution will reflect the fact that Probus Club membership is open to all retirees and semi-retirees, which has long been our practice.

The Recommended Constitutions for Incorporated Clubs will include all the relevant clauses that are required for Clubs to comply with the legal requirements of their respective States and Territories.

PSPL anticipates providing these Recommended Constitutions for Incorporated Clubs and the Recommended Standing Resolutions to Clubs by the end of May this year. There will be little scope for us to vary the provisions of the Recommended Constitution for our Club, but I believe that we will be able to tailor the Recommended Standing Resolutions to our specific operating requirements.

I expect that the Committee will set up a sub-committee in due course to examine the PSPL documents and recommend a new set of simplified Standing Resolutions for adoption by the members, as well as the formal acceptance of a new Constitution.

**Editor**

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# Picture gallery



February speakers, Sarah & Simone



Our three Marilyn's (M1, M2, M3)



Yum, yum!



New gates at the Botanic Gardens



New gates at the Botanic Gardens



# BBPC Activities 2024

<b>MARCH</b>				
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>6</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>7</b> BBQ 5.00pm (Pavilion Green, 216 Bay Rd., Sandringham)	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> Labour Day Oakleighwalk	<b>12</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>13</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b> Craft Grp (1.30pm)	<b>19</b> Bridge 1.00-3.00pm Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>20</b> General Meeting & AGM @ 10.00am	<b>21</b> Twilight croquet @ SCC (see p.3)	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>27</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Good Friday
<b>APRIL</b>				
<b>1</b> Easter Monday	<b>2</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>3</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8</b> Walk - Newport	<b>9</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>10</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bridge 1.00-3.00pm Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>17</b> General Meeting @ 10.00am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>24</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>25</b> Anzac Day	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b> Daylesford trip begins (to May 3)	<b>30</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)			
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>29</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>3</b> Walk	<b>4</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>5</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> King's Birthday	<b>11</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>12</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>JULY</b>				
<b>1</b> Walk	<b>2</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>3</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>10</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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