

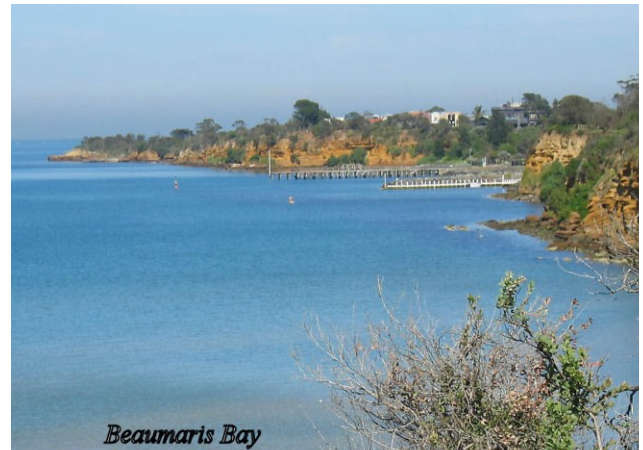


# Beaumaris Waves

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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:** Christine and I are currently touring Italy. We spent a few days in Matera which is the third oldest continually inhabited town in the history of the world. In days gone by people carved a domed room out of the sandstone for their home. They dug out streets and the homes went up for seven levels on top of each other. The homes were one domed room about the size of a reasonable lounge room by our standards. In that one room the whole family lived WITH the donkey, pig and chickens. Although the hygiene improved over the years, there were families still living in these homes until 1968, still without running water or electricity. The government moved them out and now developers are turning these meagre homes into boutique tourist accommodation with large daily rental rates. The newer half of the city has all modcons, beautiful architecture and magnificent cathedrals. You have to wonder how these massive inequalities are allowed to continue. In other cities we have visited cathedrals of such opulence with marble and gold that it is doubtful we will ever see anything like them built again. Often these structures were built by a rich family trying to outdo their peers.

Although this inequality of wealth and massive power of the past seems to have lessened a little, it is obvious that much more needs to be done to create a fairer world for everyone.

Despite the tone of this reflective piece, we are enjoying Italy as we always do when we come here. The Italians are among the friendliest people and their food and wine is delicious. There are only two road rules in Italy:- do not hit another vehicle and do not be hit by another vehicle. There are no more rules. I KNOW.

**June birthdays:** We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Margot Burke; Liz Dunkley; June Hill; Ann Morgan.

**June speaker:** After an extended morning tea, there will be some brief presentations by members.

## Activities

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

### JULY WALK

On **Monday July 1** our walk will be around the man-made lakes at Waterways (east of Mordialloc). We will meet at 10.30 am on the corner of Waterside Drive and Deepwater Drive (Melway 93 E2). Car park and street parking are available. Nest Café on the lakes is an ideal spot to enjoy a drink after the walk.

### ADVANCE NOTICE AUGUST – PROMENADE WALK

Our walk on **August 5** will be to visit the Exhibition Building to walk on the recently restored Promenade. On this tour we will discover the history of this extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage listed building before making our way up to the third level by lift. The fourth level, the upper dome promenade, involves climbing approximately twenty steps. From there, there are additional stairs required to travel around the entire upper promenade to see the 360-degree view over Carlton Gardens, the city and greater Melbourne. These two levels are outside and exposed to the weather.

### Walk Details

All Club members are most welcome to join this tour, the cost of which is \$23.00 for Seniors' Card holders, and this includes Museum entry.

The approximately hour-long tour will be booked for 2.00 pm. We will be catching the 11.09 am train from Mordialloc, 11.13 am Mentone, 11.16 am Cheltenham, 11.18 am Southland and 11.20 am Highett. On arrival at Flinders Street station at 11.54 am we will make our way over to Federation Square to have lunch at Time Out restaurant.

After lunch we will walk to Bourke Street and catch a tram to the Museum where will meet our guide and be escorted to the Promenade level of the Exhibition Building.

If you would like to come, please bring payment to the next meeting (Wednesday June 19) in a sealed envelope with your name, number of tickets required and the amount of money enclosed clearly written on the envelope, so that I can book a ticket for you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When this walk was offered earlier in the year my request was, "Please have your payment in a sealed envelope with your name and amount enclosed clearly indicated". This was ignored by many people who gave me cash in person which then made record keeping extremely difficult. Unfortunately, this also happened with payment for the Paris Exhibition.

I will now not accept payment unless it is as requested above. The alternative is to put your envelope in our locked letter box at Unit 2, 21 Gillman Street, Cheltenham on or before Wednesday June 19.

## Lunches

### Mid-year lunch

A reminder the mid-year lunch will be at The Bridge Hotel in Mordialloc on **20th June 2024** at 12 noon.

### May lunch

On Thursday May 23rd, thirty-seven members of our club had lunch together at Mordy HQ in Mordialloc. It's an excellent venue with helpful and friendly staff. Despite some issues with the service, the food itself was very good. The great company and conversation certainly made up for this oversight. Let's hope next time things will work out a lot better.

## Bendigo trip

*(Photos supplied by Faye Wegat)*



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June a group of intrepid travellers under the leadership of Ken and Liz, travelled by train to the Bendigo Art gallery to view the *Paris: Impressions of Life 1880–1925 Exhibition* which takes visitors on a journey through the lively and picturesque streets of historic Paris.

“Comprising more than 170 works of art and artisan objects from the renowned collection of the Musée Carnavalet (founded in 1866) - the iconic museum of the history of Paris, this exhibition reflects on an effervescent period of great social change, urban development and artistic innovation which shaped modern Paris and continues to capture the global imagination.”





## Pentridge tour



A day trip to Pentridge Prison has been booked for **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. I have chosen the tour of H Division which runs from 10.30am to 12 noon. The concession cost is \$31.50 and needs to be paid to the Club account or Website by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. As I have to pay in advance, I am afraid it is non-refundable.

The plan is to travel by train to Flinders Street and then take the number 19 tram from Elizabeth Street via Sydney Road to Coburg. After the tour we can choose from three or four cafés (all close by) for lunch and then have time to look around at the new developments. See the July newsletter/website for the train times.

**Janette James (0409) 139 404**

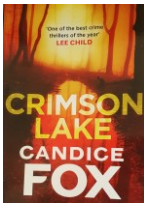
## Reports

Meeting at the car park on Beach Road opposite Marina Road, Mentone, on a brisk but sunny Monday (May 6), we proceeded down the footpath to the new Mentone Life Saving Club building. Straight from the footpath onto the viewing roof for great views of the bay and foreshore. (See Ken doing so below.) From there we used the beach path travelling southeast to almost the Parkdale Life Saving Club. After discussions with our leader as to where Warrigal Road was, we did an about-face which saw the back markers become the leaders, as we walked back to the Mentone LSC. Here we crossed Beach Road for refreshments at a cafe named, “Chain of Fools” (pictured below); this bought a few laughs from our group. Lots of chat continued here and those with smart watches told us we had walked three plus kilometres. A great start to the day. Thanks to Liz and Ken for their as always great organisation. We are all now anticipating our next month’s adventure to Bendigo.

**Wendy Crawford**



## New group: Crime Readers



A new group has been proposed by Margot Burke: *Criminal Acts*. The inaugural meeting of the Crime Readers' Group will be held on **Thursday June 27**, and run monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month through to November. For 2024 the Australian crime genre of "Outback Noir" will be the focus of novels chosen by individual members who will then lead the discussion about the book. Books must be sourced by individual members.

To get the group rolling, convener Margot Burke, has selected Candice Fox's book, *Crimson Lake*, to be discussed at the first meeting. Please join us for coffee and a healthy dose of crime at 11.00am on **June 27** at the Cheltenham Golf Club.

Questions should be directed to Margot at: [mbburke2@bigpond.com](mailto:mbburke2@bigpond.com)

## Writers' corner

### Room with a view

Every man should have a shed or a "man cave". Although I don't have a shed, I do have a "man cave" in the form of a study. It is here that I spend a lot of my time. The first thing I do after taking my wife Jan a cuppa in the morning, is to turn on the computer and check my emails and the daily news. Besides observing the birds (below) that visit the garden outside, I can watch the passing parade in my street through the window as I sit at my computer: neighbours rushing to catch the bus around the corner; noisy whipper-snippers assaulting one's hearing; fervent Seventh Day proselytisers vainly knocking on unwelcoming doors; a man urinating into a street bush; window cleaners and gardeners at work; birds squabbling over territory; a neighbour washing his car; dog owners feigning ignorance of their mutts crapping on the nature strip; the thump of rubbish bins being emptied into gigantic bulbous council trucks; a woman "walking" a big dog in a pusher (no kidding); street trees being butchered by power company contractors; tradies in their souped-up utes coming and going; the leaves of deciduous trees in the garden changing colour and shedding their leaves as the seasons change.

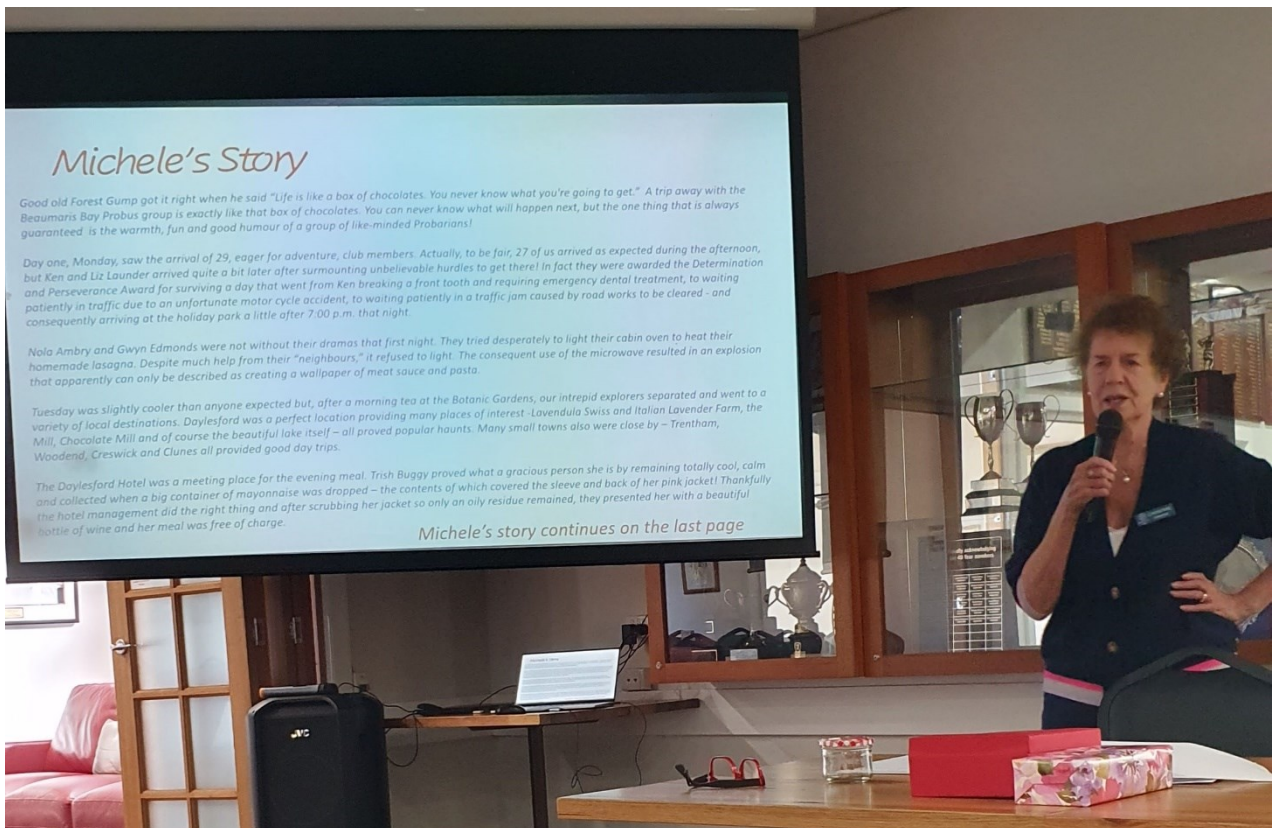
No doubt the study reflects my personality. The desk is dominated by a computer and its peripheral devices. Books with their colourful dust jackets residing on crowded shelves are evidence of the different phases of my life. Framed prints and certificates adorn the walls; souvenirs from my travels jostle for space with family photographs; a barometer (a retirement gift) silently warns of an impending change in the weather. At night, as I turn off the desk lamp, the warm glow of the standby lights on the various electronic devices tells me that they are asleep and that I should be also. And so ends another day of life in my "man cave".

**Graeme Storey**





## May General Meeting pix



**Above left:** President Mike, assisted by Membership Officer Margot, inducted Prue.  
**Above right:** Speaker Organiser Steve presented our speaker Dot with a thank you gift.  
**Above centre:** Webmaster Christine gave a presentation on the Daylesford trip featuring Michele's excellent account. (See the Website for the trip report in impressive book format.)



# BBPC Activities 2024

## JUNE

<b>10 King's Birthday</b>	<b>11</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>12</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b> Craft Grp (1.30pm)	<b>18</b> Bridge 1.00-3.00pm Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>19</b> General Meeting @ 10.00am	<b>20</b> <b>Mid-year lunch</b> <b>Bridge Hotel</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>26</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>27</b> Crime Reader's Grp @ CGC (11.00am)	<b>28</b>

## JULY

<b>1</b> Walk - Waterways	<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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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>24</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>25</b> Pentridge tour – see page 3	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Petanque (10.30am)		

## AUGUST

<b>5</b> Walk – Exhibition Building promenade	<b>6</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>3</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>28</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>29</b> Lunch – Tudor Inn	<b>30</b>

## SEPTEMBER

<b>2</b> Walk	<b>3</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>4</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>5</b> MCG tour - TBA	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>11</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>30</b>				

## OCTOBER

	<b>1</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>2</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b> Walk – Bacchus Marsh	<b>8</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>9</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bridge 1.00-3.00pm Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>16</b> General Meeting @ 10.00am	<b>17</b> BBQ 5.00 pm @ Jim's 216 Bay Rd., S'ham	<b>18</b>
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