



Beaumaris Waves

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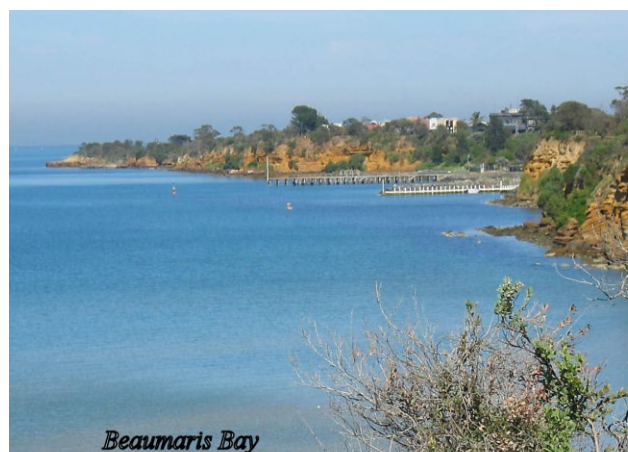
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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 report:

Our last meeting seemed to go very well, people had fun and a good laugh. Our two visitors said as they were leaving, that it was the best meeting they had been to in a very long time.

Jocelyn Besly came up to me after the meeting and said, "You did OK today and you thanked some people that needed thanking, but there are others that need thanking also". I know Jocelyn was correct because she told me she was.

There is no way I can name all these people in the space allotted, and most would not want me to anyway. We have so many people who help setup the meetings, ensure morning tea goes smoothly, all without recognition.

A good example of people working in the background was the footy quiz of last meeting. Steve McColl was the front man and got peoples' attention and the laughs, but the reality is that Steve and Penny work as a team. The question preparation is carefully done together and the process for the day is agreed. Penny is always close to Steve "pulling the strings", she even made the prizes for the competition, basically without recognition.

We should thank all the numerous Activity Conveners who provide an avenue for members to enjoy an activity they would not normally have access to.

We have Geoff Bakes who has worked tirelessly in the background to bring us very successful trips to Phillip Island, Echuca and Daylesford, and now with John Backholer's assistance a trip to Anglesea next March. The background work necessary to ensure a successful event is very considerable.

We know who these people are, so I urge you each to just say "thanks" to them when the opportunity arises. Our Club cannot survive without these volunteers.

Michael Simmons

Vale Audrey Caudwell



It is with regret we announce the passing last month of a long-standing member, Audrey Caudwell. Audrey joined the Club in 2009 and was an active member until ill health restricted her participation. Those of us who travelled with her overseas were impressed by her sartorial elegance and the seemingly endless number of stylish outfits she wore to dinner each night. Audrey had a great sense of humour with a quick repartee. She will be sadly missed, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to her family.

Vale David Bruce



It is with regret that we announce the passing of another former member, David Bruce. David joined the Club along with his wife Margaret in July 2001 soon after the Club's establishment. David was a regular participant in our meetings until he and Margaret went into care. He was a quiet, unassuming supporter of Margaret in her role as President in 2008 and her other activities. We extend our condolences to Margaret and their family.

September birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Carol Booth; Di David; Loyce Gibson; Janette James; Robyn Kennedy; Resi McGrath; Margot Ryan; Jenny Stevenson; John Strauch; John Tindale; Joan Tomlinson.

September speaker: Our guest speaker for September will be Sean Stanton representing the Greyhound Adoption Program. Sean will provide us with an overview of how the program began and the reasoning behind it. He will be accompanied by one or maybe two of his loyal canine friends.

Walking group

Convenor: Ken Launder: klauder@bigpond.com

Our next month's walk on **October 7** will be in Bacchus Marsh. As it is during Seniors Week, public transport is free for Seniors but you need to have your Myki Card and your Seniors Card with you when travelling.

We will catch the 9.09am from Mordialloc, 9.11am Parkdale, 9.13am Mentone, 9.16am Cheltenham, 9.18 Southland or 9.20 am Highett, which arrives at Southern Cross at 10.00am where we will then take the escalators down to the ground level on the Spencer Street side of the station and check the large illuminated Departures Screen for the platform number from which our Ballarat train will be departing. (There might be some slight variation on the above train times on the day.)

On arrival at Bacchus Marsh at 11.21am we will walk down the adjacent street to the main road (Grant Street), turn right and proceed north about 500 metres until we reach the Werribee River (our lunch venue, *Stoney's*, is also nearby adjacent to the river). Our walk will be along the riverbank until we reach the first crossover road – Halletts Way. After crossing to the opposite side of the river, we will return to Grant Street and walk the short distance to *Stoney's* for lunch.

Return trains to Melbourne leave Bacchus Marsh at 2.39pm, 3.19pm and 3.59pm.

Please let me know if you would like me to make a booking for you at *Stoney's* for lunch by Friday, October 4.

High Tea in September

I have arranged to have a High Tea on **September 26** at the Mentone RSL from 12.30 to 3.00pm. The cost will be \$25.00 per head and will be limited to 30 guests. Please register your interest by replying via email to me –payment will need to be made before the August or the September General Meeting. I will also be compiling a waiting list in case of cancellations. I will also be looking at having another High Tea if this is popular with members. **Faye Wegat**

Tudor Inn lunch report

On Thursday the 29th of August thirty-two of our members enjoyed lunch and some great company at the Tudor Inn. Our members always have such a terrific time when we get together, it is very pleasing to see. There was a lot of talking and joking and general catching up to do, we never seem to be lost for words or subjects. Laurie and Wally were having a great time as you can see by the lovely photo of them taken by Penny McColl. Unfortunately, our organiser Joy Meekings and some other members were unable to make it because of illness, hopefully they will be up and around soon. **Faye Wegat**



Xmas lunch



Xmas lunch will be at the Dingley Hotel on **Thursday December 12** at 12 noon. Cost of a two-course lunch is \$70, with entertainment by singer Paul Hogan (by popular demand). I am taking names now.

Faye Wegat

Crime Readers' Group



Nina and Simon are the perfect couple. Young, fun and deeply in love. Until they leave for a weekend at his family's cabin in Vermont, and only Simon comes home. *What happened to Nina?* Nobody knows. Simon's explanation about what happened in their last hours together doesn't add up. If you want to know, join the Crime Readers Group at 11.00am on **Thursday September 19** as we discuss Dervla McTiernan's best seller. Nola Ambry is leading the discussion. Just turn up. **Margot Burke**



Bookings open on 25 August for the Radio Theatre in Beaumaris event being presented at the Beaumaris Theatre, 82 Wells Rd., Beaumaris, on Saturday, 5th October at 7.30pm and Sunday, 6th October at 2.00pm.

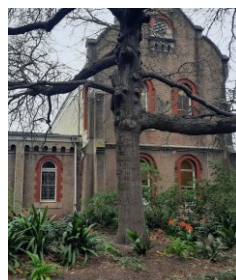
Seven radio plays written by Bayside U3A writers are being presented onstage as radio theatre by local actors. Audience seating is cabaret style - there are nine tables in the theatre, each accommodating ten people. Tickets are \$20 which includes complimentary tea/coffee at interval. Proceeds go to Beaumaris Theatre. BYO nibbles and drinks. Bookings are made through Trybooking via the Beaumaris Theatre website: <https://www.beaumaristheatre.com.au/>

Editor's note: Two of our Club's members are involved in this program: Joy Meekings as the Creator/Presenter, and Jan Storey who wrote one of the seven plays and collaborated with Joy to write another. Why not book a table of ten Club members at one of the sessions.

Abbotsford Convent trip

What an amazing experience and I just wonder how I can do justice to report on all the information we received! It all began back in 1861 when Collingwood was known as a slum with over 12,500 people living in terrible conditions with disease and infant mortality high. This led the Melbourne Archbishop to contact the sisters of the Good Shepherd in France and asked them to establish a convent in Melbourne. So out came four Irish sisters from France. By 1900 the convent was the largest charitable institution operating in the Southern Hemisphere. Women could admit themselves voluntarily while others were involuntarily admitted by the courts or families. So this began a serious class division in all areas - even in the chapel each group had their own area to sit and they were not permitted to mix in case they were contaminated by "fallen women". Of particular interest was the commercial laundry where only the involuntary women worked - it was in fact a female prison with dreadful conditions where hard labour was seen as penitence. We were quite shocked to learn that they even had to give up their names and take on the name of a saint - part of the reformation process! The model of care began to change in the 60's as the Good Shepherd sisters began to expand their work so by 1974 the convent closed - it was sold in 1975 and is now heritage listed. I think I would be right in saying all twenty-five of us have returned home feeling quite moved at learning that the women and the children had such a hard regimented life - an insight into social welfare at that time.

Janette James



August photo album



Helen and Joan's sculptures



John outlined 2025 trip



Footy tragics showing their true colours



Quizmaster Steve & Penny in the footy top she made



Nola & Pat with Steve

Anglesea trip March 2025

When: Monday 24th March to Friday 28th March 2025 (4 nights)

Where: Anglesea Family Caravan Park, 35 Cameron Road, Anglesea. Ph (03) 5295 1990

Website: www.angleseafamilycaravanpark.com.au

Two- and three-bedroom cabins are available:

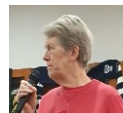
- Cabin types vary considerably - prices range from around \$200-\$240 per night - it will depend on your choice of cabin. Our cabins are all close together close to the park entrance.
- When you book, please tell them you are from Beaumaris Bay Probus Club that has a group booking. Make sure you ask for a 10% discount. You will need to pay for one night's accommodation as a deposit.
- If you are interested in going, please make sure you book before our next General Meeting (Wednesday 18th September 2024).

Please ring or email John Backholer when you have made your booking, detailing your cabin number so he can keep track of the people coming.

Contact John Backholer on (0418) 377 536 or email: john.5121b@gmail.com

Intrigue

By Joy Meekings (our resident poet)



There's been much gossip in my street about Mrs Jones at No. 4
Lots of comings and goings through her brightly painted front door.
The police arrived the other night as things became rather wild
It may relate to her eldest son, always was a strange child.
Mrs Brown at No.10 said it must be drugs or the like
Then Mr Rogers at No. 3 reckons her son should take a hike!
We don't need this aggravation, like to feel safe at night
Get back to what we had before, a street that felt just right.
Although I'm enjoying the intrigue and outlandish things people say
I'm hoping it soon settles down, but who can save the day?
The truth emerged this morning, her son's been making a movie
He's now a TikTok Influencer and considered rather groovy!
Everyone's feeling quite ashamed, such unpleasant things were said
Now the street will be quiet again, can sleep safely in my bed!

Ten-pin bowling

On **Thursday November 14** I have booked four lanes (with five players per lane) at Moorabbin Ten Pin Bowling (Nepean Highway, Moorabbin), starting at 11.00am. Cost will be \$25 which gives us two games each and, of course, there may be a prize for the winners! Lunch is available at the café if you want to stay on. I already have eleven on my list - at the next meeting my buddy Pauline Kerr will be looking for another nine interested members. (I will be overseas.)

Janette James



Blue Lotus Water Garden



The piece de resistance for our day trips is a bus trip to the Blue Lotus Water Garden at Yarra Junction on **Thursday the 27th February 2025**. Already we have twenty-one on the list and the limit is thirty-six - my buddy Pauline will take expressions of interest at the meeting on September 18. The cost will be about \$46 which includes the bus and entrance to the gardens - you can take a packed lunch, or you can buy

lunch from the café. Payment will be accepted after the October meeting.

Janette James

Craft group report

Our August Craft Activity was as usual interesting and lots of fun. Joan Tomlinson brought two sculptures to show us. They were made by an elderly family member out of fabric and sculpted into a dear little girl and a little boy. Joan called the technique, "Sculpt Drapery technique". Lyn Mather gave me a link to Google so I could find out more about this Art Form. It was fascinating to learn about this craft, and I came to the conclusion that the sculptures Joan owns are very old and perhaps made with a different technique to the modern one. Thank you, Joan, it was so nice to learn about something new for our group. (See photo on page 5.) The Google link if you are interested is, "Sculpt Drapery Jon Burns Fine Art...Sculpting Drapery and folds." Spring is nearly here and Pamela, our talented quilter, brought a beautiful orchid for us to enjoy, it was so beautiful. I was lucky enough to take it home. Next month we are making cards with a Japanese theme, which is my favourite.

Helen Cameron (Convenor)

Melbourne Cup sweep

Peter Pahl will be running a sweep again this year, with multiple \$2 and \$5 draws. Bring your spare change and your \$ notes to the meetings in September and October and Peter will be there to take your names and money. Are you feeling lucky?



BBPC Activities 2024

SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Walk	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	5 Abbotsford Convent	6
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11 Petanque (10.30am)	12	13
16 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	17 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	18 General Meeting @ 10.00am	19 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	20
23	24 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	25 Petanque (10.30am)	26 High Tea 12.30-3.00 (Mentone RSL)	27 Grand Final Holiday
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OCTOBER

	1 Mahjong (1.30pm)	2 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	3	4
7 Walk – Bacchus Marsh	8 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	9 Petanque (10.30am)	10	11
14	15 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	16 General Meeting @ 10.00am Melb. Cup dress-up	17 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am BBQ 5.00 pm @ Jim's	18
21 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	22 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	23 Petanque (10.30am)	24	25
28	29 Mahjong (1.30pm)	30 Petanque (10.30am)	31	

NOVEMBER

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4 Walk	5 Melbourne Cup	6 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
11	12 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	13 Petanque (10.30am)	14 Ten-pin bowling Moorabbin (11.00am)	15
18 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	19 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	20 General Meeting @ 10.00am	21 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	22
25	26 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	27 Petanque (10.30am)	28	29

DECEMBER

2 Walk?	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Petanque (10.30am)	5	6
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am)	11 Petanque (10.30am)	12 Xmas lunch @ Dingley Hotel	13
16 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 Xmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27