

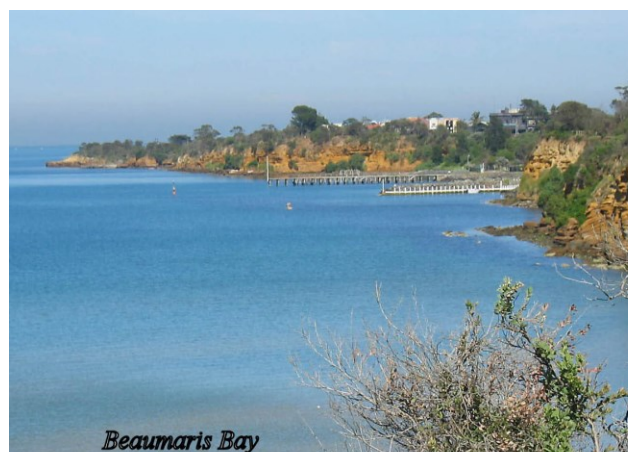


Beaumaris Waves

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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:

I recently attended a Probus Hub meeting where the Presidents of the Bayside Club's discuss issues to help build the Probus Club's in the Bayside area. Two years ago there were 10 Bayside Clubs, now there are seven. It got me asking myself why do people join Probus and what makes a strong Club.

I am a little ashamed to say that Christine and I joined the Club because Probus had by far the best travel insurance scheme in Australia. Unfortunately it was too good to continue. In asking other members why they joined there were many reasons, many like me joined for the travel insurance. I must say that I was made feel very welcome at the start as Pat Farrelly bailed me up and told me I WAS going to be the next Treasurer. This was before we were even inducted. An easier question is "What makes a strong Club". We currently get a 70-75% member attendance rate at each meeting which is the hallmark of a strong Club.

Last week it was mentioned by the Presidents of two local clubs that our Club was so fortunate to have such a strong committee. That was good to hear but it misses out on all the other people who make our Club function well. I counted up around 25 people (including 11 Committee Members) who make this Club function well and make it strong. Many of these people work in the background without any recognition.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their work, and encourage you all to thank them when you see them.

Michael Simmons

Vale Barbara Green



We regret to announce the passing of Barbara Green, a former member who joined the Club in 2013 and participated in activities until she went into care in 2022. Barbara was an intrepid traveller and is pictured here with a huge Eurasian hunting owl during the Club's trip to Italy in 2016. We extend our sincerest sympathy to her family and friends.

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; Marilyn Scott; Noela Smith; Jan Storey; and Fay Woodrow.

Walking group

Convenor: Ken Launder: klauder@bigpond.com

Our walk on **Monday November 11** (*note the change to the second Monday of the month for this month only*) will be along the Elster Creek Trail which follows the original path of the Elster Creek eventually draining into the Bay at Elwood. We will meet at 10.30 am in the car park of Allnut Park, McKinnon, at the entry point of the park directly off Wheatley Road (Melway 68 C/D 11). From here we will walk along the trail to Thomas Street and after crossing over, walk along Union Street to Hawthorn Road. After crossing Hawthorn Road and continuing along Union Street, we will turn into Sunnyside Avenue which leads into Landcox Park. After a break for refreshments at Café Bliss in Mavis Street, which is adjacent to the park, we will return to Allnut Park. The total walk is approximately 5 kilometres.

Our next three walks will be:

- December 2024 - Scotchman's Creek Trail, Oakleigh;
- January 2025 - Karkarook Park;
- February 2025 - Gelati Walk, Sandringham.

The race that stops a nation ...



You can have a little flutter on the Melbourne Cup by participating in the sweeps organised by Peter Pahl. He will conduct \$2, \$5 and \$10 sweeps 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 brush off their hats for our very own Fashions on the Field. Our Club stewards will pass judgement on the best (or most original?) headgear at this month's General Meeting.

Free BBQ

A free BBQ will be held on **Thursday October 17** at the Pavilion Green apartments, 216 Bay Rd., Sandringham, at 5.00pm. Hosted by Immediate Past President Jim, the Club will supply sausages, bread, sauces, salads, tea, and coffee. Members need to bring their own cutlery, glasses, cups, and drinks other than tea or coffee. It is suggested that you park in the adjoining side streets rather than in the apartment complex.

Movies, any one?

Janette James (Assistant Vice President) would like to know if anyone would like to join her at the Palace Brighton Bay Cinema for a movie which is part of the Italian Film Festival on **Sunday 13th October** at 11.30 am. The movie is, "The War of the Nonni." *[grandparents]*.

Grandpa Gerri is a caring grandfather who lives and cares for his daughter and his beloved grandchildren near Rome. The other grandfather, Grandpa Tom returns to Italy after years of living abroad and wants to spend time with his grandchildren. Exuberant and boisterous, he bursts into their lives and upends their routine in an effort to win their love and affection and is happy to break every rule established by Grandpa Gerri.

The clash between grandfathers results in a series of hilarious challenges between the grandfathers with no holds barred, plus plenty of twists and turns. This is a comedy and an adventure full of laughter, with subtitles in English.

No bookings will be made - just meet at the theatre at about 11.00 am. We would like to know approximately how many are interested, and also if you would like to stay after the movie for coffee. If possible, please email or ring Janette or myself by the day before on 0755257389/(0452) 076 732 or e-mail: carolghughes@gmail.com

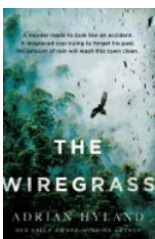
Xmas lunch



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). This lunch is the highlight of the Club's social calendar. I am taking names now and payment is due by this month's General Meeting.

Faye Wegat

Crime Readers' Group



The next book for the Crime Readers Book Club that meets on Thursday 17th October at the Cheltenham Golf Club is *The Wiregrass* by Adrian Hyland. Set in the Victorian Highlands during a wet winter, this atmospheric novel follows the investigation into a murder that initially looked like an accident and a disgraced cop charged with the crime. It has some unexpected twists and turns and will have you page turning until the final page. Come along and join the discussion.

Margot Burke

Speakers' corner



What a bright and enlightening speaker we had in September. Sean Stanton representing Greyhound Racing Victoria gave us a wonderful insight into the Greyhound adoption/re-homing program. The level of interest was evident through the many members making positive comments to me regarding Sean's presentation.

It was wonderful to hear of the work being undertaken to give retired dogs a life after racing and to also gain an understanding of a Greyhound's temperament. A dog that is quite at ease, whether it be walking with or just following around its human companion or lazing away the day on a sofa or bed. As Sean advised, a full belly and a soft bed is heaven to a Greyhound and his two dogs, Marshall and Bella, are testament to that.

The October speaker will be Pam Haigh talking on life without vision and living with a seeing-eye dog.

Steve McColl (Speaker Convenor)

Ten-pin bowling

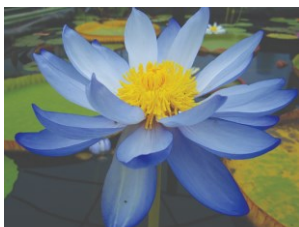


A reminder that on **Thursday November 14** I have booked four lanes at Moorabbin Ten Pin Bowling (Nepean Highway, Moorabbin), starting at 11.00am. The cost is \$25 which gives us two games each and, of course, there may be a prize for the winners! Unfortunately, it is booked out so I can only offer twenty places. However, we do have a waiting list, and you will be notified if a place comes available. We now need you to pay \$25 each to the Club before November 1. Lunch is available at the café if you want to stay on.

Janette James & Pauline Kerr

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 of 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

The crafty ladies have been beavering away at their regular monthly meeting. In September they made cards with a Japanese theme. This is my favourite activity as I love anything Japanese. In October we will begin our Christmas craft activities. I wonder where the year has gone.

Helen Scott (Convenor)

High Tea

On Thursday, September 26, thirty of our members got together for a High Tea at the Mentone RSL. Not knowing what to expect, we all turned up to enjoy some food and good company as we have all come to expect from our members. Well, our members didn't disappoint and showed up in good spirits, the conversation flowed and there was great camaraderie in abundance. Our waitresses were very pleasant and easy going and the food was well received, especially the scones jam and cream. We all had plenty to eat, especially Ken Launder who thoroughly enjoyed his share and Liz's I've been told. Thank you to those members who attended and supported our endeavours to supply you with some different experiences and we will be organising another one next year taking into account your feedback.

Faye Wegat

Bacchus Marsh walk

Having missed out on our September walk due to lousy weather, the walking group was eager for October's adventure. On a cool cloudy day, we travelled by train to Southern Cross station and then via a vline train to Bacchus Marsh. On arrival the plan was to head for the Werribee River for a walk along its banks. Battling really strong winds we were walking through the railway car park, a little unsure of our direction when a friendly local told us we were going the long way and then proceeded to give us directions to return to the station, cross to the other side, walk through the park opposite and behold, there was our lunch venue, Stoneys Club and the Werribee River. We enjoyed the walk through Maddingley Park with its small but beautiful rose garden and lots of big old trees. Crossed over Grant Street to Peppertree Park, adjacent to the outdoor swimming pool, to begin our walk along the banks of the Werribee River, an easy walk on a gravel path with lots to see. Beautiful old gum trees with tiny houses and other interesting attachments, steep banks down to the river and a small concrete spillway to regulate water flow which was very pretty. After walking approximately a kilometre alongside the river we elected to return to Stoneys Club for our lunch. After a delicious meal, lots of conversation and the odd drink or two, we headed back through the Maddingley Park to the station, in windy conditions and with spitting rain although it came to nothing. Back on the train to the city and home, another wonderful excursion thanks to our leaders Ken and Liz. Probus members please feel free to join us as they are an easy walk, informative and lots of fun.

Wendy Crawford



Hidden gems



Do you have any hidden leisure-time gems that you would be prepared to share with your fellow Club members? It could be your favourite eatery, Sunday afternoon drive, playhouse, art gallery, Bay/Yarra River cruise, train journey, or country town, for example. Send me your hidden gem (150 words maximum)

with details of why it is so special and a photo if available.

One hidden gem I discovered during a recent drive to the Mornington Peninsular is the Red Hill Bakery, 1300 Frankston-Flinders Rd., Balnarring (about an hour's drive from Beaumaris via Peninsular Link). The baker, himself a trumpeter, leads a six-piece jazz band on a Sunday afternoon between 1.00-4.00pm. There's limited seating with free admission and you can buy a meal or drink (it's licensed) or something scrumptious from the well-stocked deli. It's advisable to book a table beforehand (details available online). See attached video clip. **Editor**



BBPC Activities 2024

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	

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4 Walk	5 Melbourne Cup	6 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
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