



# Beaumaris Waves

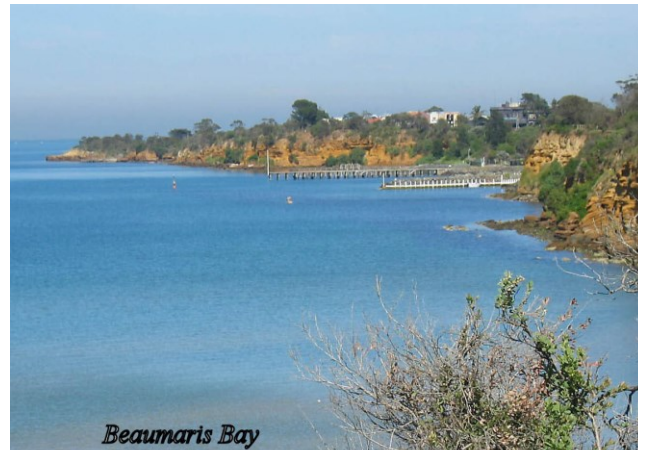
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**Meetings:** The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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## President's message

The world just seems to be going crazy. We are seeing more dictators running countries and more elements within countries creating division. It seems that the opportunity of having a respectful discussion from opposing sides is becoming more difficult. I believe that this is leading to people being less willing to express a view on any topic. The silent majority is becoming more silent.

Our generation is used to socialisation and respectful discussion. We are seeing less and less of this in the current world and it is vital that there is still a place for it. I believe Probus can offer these socialisation and the discussion opportunities, but Probus numbers are in decline, with four of the ten Bayside Clubs closing in the past two years.

To maintain the benefits of Probus I believe we need to pursue two main actions:-

1. We need to be aware that some of our members are not as confident as others and make sure they are included in discussions and made to feel welcome at meetings and events. We particularly need to make space for new members in our interactions.

2. We need to form alliances with the other Bayside Clubs. We are all trying different activities, some which work, others that may not. By communicating with the other Clubs we can learn about what works and what may not. In the past we have invited other Clubs to join us for a certain activity, often when we could not get sufficient numbers ourselves.

Brighton Central Combined Probus Club has started this approach with their invitation to all Bayside Probus members to join them for their Cup Day lunch. I can tell you it was an exceptional event and it was a good opportunity to meet more local people. There needs to be more of it!

**Michael Simmons**

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

## Speakers' corner

This month we have a speaker from Fire Services Victoria.

## Walking group

**Convenor: Ken Launder: kenlaunder7@gmail.com (Ph. 0414 262 900)**

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.

### December walk

Our next walk will be on **December 3** when we will walk along part of the "Scotchman's Creek Trail" in Oakleigh. At 10.30 am we will meet in Atkinson Street, Oakleigh (where parallel street parking is available). On the right-hand side of the street, just past the parallel street parking area, a concrete path is visible, and this is where we join the Trail. On our return, for those who would like to have lunch, we will walk along Atkinson Street to Dandenong Road, turn right and make our way to Castello's Foresters Arms Hotel.

### January 2025 walk

On Monday **January 6** we will have the first twilight walk for the year in Karkarook Park in Warrigal Road on the corner of Fairchild Street, Moorabbin (adjacent to 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* in Arco Lane (next turn off Warrigal after Fairchild Street) or *McDonalds* (further south after Fairchild Street adjacent to Coles Express).

### February 2025 walk

On Monday **February 3** we will have our traditional gelati twilight walk. We will meet at 7.00 pm on the corner of Bluff Road and Spring Street, Sandringham (Melway 76 K12). Parking is available in Spring Street or Bluff Road. From here we will cross Bluff Road and walk down Edward Street to Beach Road and then along to Royal Avenue and back to Bluff Road and *Augustus Gelateria*.

## Craft group



My cheeks are still hurting from the time spent at craft on Monday! What a happy, constructive hour and a half! Helen is genuinely worth her weight in gold – she remains calm in the face of dramas: “My glue lid won’t come off – I keep squeezing glue with the lid on!” “Helen, I can’t thread my Christmas bells; the hole’s wonky!” “Do I roll my cone to the left or right?” And Helen, serene in the face of all things crafty, administers advice and helpful suggestions without missing a beat! The skill level is varied but the one thing in common is the willingness to help those in strife with the intricacies of the latest “fold” or stitch. Yes, my cheeks were sore, but from the genuine laughter and hilarity of these brilliant sessions. The third Monday in the month, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Cheltenham Golf Club if you are in need of a pick-me-up of spirit.

**Michele Backholer**

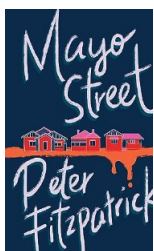
## Xmas lunch



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. Payment is due now if you haven’t already paid.

**Faye Wegat**

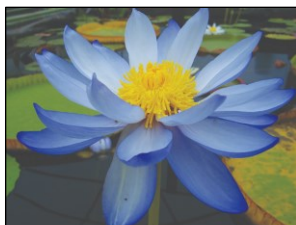
## Crime Readers’ Group



The next meeting of the Crime Readers Group will be held at 11am on **Thursday November 21**. Our book this month is *Mayo Street*, by Peter Fitzpatrick, a local writer. This is his first crime book – he has written many plays and musicals – and it promises to be a good read. It is set in a fictional street in a fictional suburb in Melbourne, and the writing is so skilled, the reader can almost see the varied cast of characters. Come and join us to find out who-dunit – all welcome.

**Lyn Mather**

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2025**. I am taking names for a Waiting List. The cost will be \$45 which includes the bus (\$25) and entrance (\$20) to the gardens - you can take a packed lunch, or you can buy lunch from the café. Payment is due by 1 February 2025.

**Janette James**

## BeConnected

Christine Simmons and Marilyn Hubbard gave members a report at the October General Meeting on the Building Digital Skills Grant programme they have been conducting. The government-funded programme is designed to support older Australians aged 50 plus to develop their digital skills and confidence through free face-to-face contact, either one-on-one or in small groups, utilising the learning courses available on the *BeConnected* learning site. With the \$2,500 grant that was obtained by them, four iPads and two Samsung Galaxy tablets were bought to be used in training our members; some members have also been shown how to use their mobile phones. (See photo of participants on p. 6.)

Marilyn thanked Christine for her time, diligence and effort into getting this started. It was great to hear how successful they have both been and we are certain it has helped members get more use out of their various devices.

Treasurer Joan Fry and President Michael Simmons presented Christine (below left) and Marilyn (below right) with beautiful orchids in appreciation of their efforts.



## Movies, any one?

Join us at the Palace Brighton Bay Theatre on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at 3.45pm to see "Falling into Place". This movie is part of the British Film Festival and is a love story set in Scotland and London. Kira and Ian meet in winter on the Isle of Skye and the story of the turbulence of life and romance follows them to London. They are both running away from problems and taking a chance on love is a lot harder than it initially appears.

As the movie is in the late afternoon, we are choosing a venue for an "after movie" dinner or snack nearby and hope you can join in for a social get together. Although we leave it to you to book online or purchase tickets at the theatre, we hope to get an idea of numbers at our monthly meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November so we can book tables for dinner. All ticket prices are reduced if you join the Golden Club at the theatre or online.

**Carol Hughes**



## Food events

### Devonshire Tea at Black Rock House



Join me at 1.30pm on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** for a conducted tour and delicious Devonshire Tea at Black Rock House (30-36 Ebdon Ave., Black Rock). Black Rock House was built in 1856 by Victoria's first Auditor-General, Charles Hotson Ebdon as his seaside retreat. Complete with a castle wall, servants' quarters, cellar and a huge Moreton Bay Fig, this historic home in the Melbourne Bayside suburb of Black Rock has a fascinating past. Cost is \$15pp for the tour and Devonshire Tea. As I need to book, ring or text me on (0409)139 404 if you are interested.

**Janette James**

### January 2025 Lunch



A lunch is being arranged at 12 noon on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025** at the Flight Deck, 37 First Ave., Moorabbin Airport. Please contact Joy Meekings on (0434) 558 437 to put your name down, alternatively she will be at the November meeting to take bookings. There's a varied à la carte menu and we've had a good experience there in the past.

## Melbourne Cup successes



President Mike, Christine and I, attended a very smooth Cup Day luncheon as guests of the Brighton Combined Probus Club. This was held at Bentleigh RSL where all 70 of us sat down to a three-course meal preceded by a welcome drink and the opportunity to join a sweep. How sweet was that for Christine (pictured) as she got second place. It was such a fun event, so friendly and we were made to feel extremely welcome. It was such a success that it is now likely to be a yearly event - and they may well invite our club members to join in next year!

**Janette James**

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Helene Knight and I went to the Cheltenham RSL for lunch and the races on Melbourne Cup Day. Before the race Helene was chatting with a group about how there was a horse running in the cup called Knight's Choice, and as they had the same name, she should have had a bet on it. Not too worried about that, as the betting was over 100 to 1, so everyone thought the horse had no chance. There was a bit of joking about how Helene would cry if it did win. And against all the odds, it did win!!

Luckily and unbeknown to Helene, her son and daughter both had a small bet on Knight's Choice, and they are probably off for a lovely holiday on the winnings. Not too sad for Helene, either, as her horse in our Probus Club sweep came in second.

**Carol Hughes**

# October General Meeting



**Key to photos**

- 1 Jenny & Helen
- 2 Joy, Wally & Nola with prizes
- 3 Mike inducted Roberta
- 4 Fashions on the Field entrants
- 5 *BeConnected* participants
- 6 Michele & Penny
- 7 Steve, Joy & Mike



# BBPC Activities

<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>
<b>11</b> Walk – see p. 2	<b>12</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>13</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>14</b> Ten-pin bowling Moorabbin (11.00am)	<b>16-17</b>
<b>18</b> Craft Grp (1.30pm)	<b>19</b> Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>20</b> General Meeting @ 10.00am	<b>21</b> Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	<b>23-24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>27</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>28</b>	<b>December 1 (Sunday)</b> <b>Black Rock House</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>				
<b>2</b> Walk – Scotsman's Creek Trail	<b>3</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>4</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>5</b>	<b>7-8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>11</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>12</b> Xmas lunch @ Dingley Hotel	<b>14-15</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Xmas Day	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>28-29</b>
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>				
<b>6</b> Walk – Karkarook Park	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11-12</b>
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<b>27</b> Australia Day	<b>28</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>29</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>30</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>				
<b>3</b> Gelati Walk	<b>4</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>5</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>6</b>	<b>8-9</b>
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Merry Christmas – Ho! Ho! Ho!

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