



# BeauBay Xmas Bulletin

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## Walks in the New Year

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).

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*.

**Ken Launder**

## Activity reports

### December 2 walk



On a lovely summer's morning the walkers met in Atkinson Street, Oakleigh, for a walk along the Scotchman's Creek Trail. The creek was so named for the Scots who lived nearby in the early 1800s. The whole trail is 13 kilometres on and off the road from Jells Park to East Malvern Station. We walked a small section of the shared (with bicycles) pathway, starting opposite Caloola Reserve towards Jells Park and did an about turn at Stanley Avenue. A pleasant walk in dappled sunshine with a welcome breeze, to the sounds of the creek, the noise of many cicadas (males are the ones that have

built-in drums to make noise to confuse predators), one croaking frog and quite a few bicycle bells. If we weren't too busy talking, we could have taken note of the Oakleigh Public Golf Course with its lovely green fairways, the Oakleigh Recreation Centre with lap pool, abundance of green lawns and lots of Mums and toddlers enjoying the splash pool and interactive water features and the Huntingdale Wetlands. Returning to our vehicles we made our way to the Sandbelt Hotel for a well-earned lunch and drinks (pictured). Thanks to our leaders Ken and Liz for organising another great walk and venue.

**Wendy Crawford**

## November 11 walk

On a lovely, sunny spring Monday morning on November 11, we met in the car park of Allnut Park, McKinnon. We waited patiently enjoying the sunshine, while one of our group issued vague instructions to a lost walker as to where the park was. So off we went through the park, where there were lots of mums and children were also enjoying the weather at the playground, to walk along the 1.3km Elster Creek Trail. There was plenty to interest the walkers. A marker acknowledges local residents Thomas Bent, Huntley and Croizer, who each donated to the public some land which is now the trail. At 11.00am walking and talking stopped for a minute's silence for Remembrance Day. There was plenty to interest us as we walked the trail, including the many seating areas, the silky oak trees with their orange flowers along the branches, the heavily perfumed Cape lilac trees, the Community Produce Garden and the Elster concrete canal that runs alongside the trail at the Hawthorn Road end. The canal was formed around 1900 to drain swamps and to prevent flooding in the area. We crossed over Hawthorn Road, up the hill to Landcox Park. Here we had an unexpected delay as we waited for a walker to recover their mojo. We were pleasantly surprised by the caring nature of complete strangers who stopped to help and make sure all was OK. We eventually walked through the lovely park with its ornamental lake, playground, gardens and sculptures to *Café Bliss* (see pictures below); the café is nearby in the grounds of the Buddhist Tara Institute. Here we were joined by members who hadn't walked, for yummy food, coffee and plenty of chat. Then it was a return to Allnut Park. It is undecided as to whether anyone actually walked back as some cheated and were driven and the rest, the jury is still out. So, members even if you are unable to join the group to walk, you can always meet up at the refreshment stop. We would love to see you. Thanks to Ken and Liz for organising our walk.

**Wendy Crawford**



## Black Rock House excursion (December 1)

Many of you may have already experienced the delights of Black Rock House – a hidden gem in Ebdon Avenue, Black Rock. But many of our little group commented: “We’ve lived in the area for more than thirty years and had no idea this existed!” The promise of exploring a house built in 1856 and brought back to its old glory by the Sandringham Council and numerous volunteers certainly piqued our interest

It really was a terrific afternoon! Picture some very colourful women (all volunteers) and a couple of very dapper gentlemen, dressed to the nines in “olden day” clothing. Then picture a number of beautifully set tables, laden with golden fresh baked scones, thick cream, raspberry jam, silver tea and coffee pots and there you have the dream way to spend the first Sunday afternoon each month.

## Black Rock House excursion (cont'd)

And, I hasten to add, that's just the start of it. The real reason for being there, of course, is the guided tour through the refurbished house; some really interesting facts delivered by our guide Maddy had everyone chatting and exclaiming and asking questions, eager to learn more of the history of Ebden House. The bedrooms appealed to Di David in particular, as she was very much taken by the variety of chamber pots hidden under each bed and of course the topic of where and when to empty the contents just had to be thrashed out.

The wholehearted recommendation of all present is that you **MUST** go and see this for yourselves. You can find more information about the monthly Devonshire tea and house tours on their website, and you'll also find details of all the other fun activities they offer. To whet your appetite and prepare you for the experience, remember to (a) run your hands over the enormous trunks of the Morton Bay Fig trees in the front yard (over 168 years old), (b) look for the ivory mahjong set nestled in one of the bookshelves of the library (Janette James had to be physically restrained from running off with the lot!), (c) give thanks that you were **NOT** the full-time, live-in maid who got to sleep in a tiny bed under a tin roof right next to the kitchen. And (d) be grateful you weren't the one hired to re-do the most intricate wallpapers you could ever imagine!

**Michele Backholer**



## Ten Pin Bowling – November 14



Cheers, shouts of encouragement and loud clapping echoed around the Moorabbin Bowl on Thursday November 14 – and that was before we even started bowling! It was a positive reaction as each bowler lifted his or her ball and headed to the start line!!

The style and grace of yesteryear was certainly in evidence as our bowlers displayed a variety of tricks to encourage the bowling ball to the end of the laneway. Some dropped the ball from a great height, some almost went sliding down the lane as well, and some stood and used their entire body to steer it to the other end (great stuff, Noela Smith!). Secrets were revealed – yes, Joan Fry and Phil McLean were League bowlers just a couple of decades ago and Gary Strahan was actually PAID to bowl five days a week when he was younger! It was Julie Walshe, however, who stole everyone’s thunder and quietly won the day with her second-round score of 159.

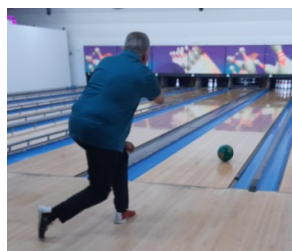
To give credit where it’s due, everyone completed the two games and were still able to walk away from the venue on their own two legs (albeit very stiffly and with hands clutching various “sore” spots).

Three things were noted:

1. There were no spare body parts lying around at the end of the games (thank you, Steve McColl, for that observation)
2. Leslie and Morris Cotterill have a positive reply to their daughter’s question, “Is that a good game for older people to play?”
3. We had a fantastic band of supporters who for one reason or another were unable to bowl on the day, but still came to join in the fun – wonderful people!

Thank you so much to Janette for her fantastic organisation and unflagging enthusiasm – and to those of you who missed the bowling activity, Janette is looking to organise squash, wind surfing and a parachute jump for our outings in 2025!

***Michele Backholer***





# BBPC Activities

## DECEMBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
2 Walk – Scotsman’s Creek Trail	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	5	7-8
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11 Petanque (10.30am)	12 <b>Xmas lunch @ Dingley Hotel</b>	14-15
16 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	17 Mahjong (1.30pm)	18	19	21-22
23	24	25 <b>Xmas Day</b>	26 <b>Boxing Day</b>	28-29

## JANUARY 2025

6 Walk – Karkarook Park	7	8	9	11-12
13	14 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	15	16	18-19
20	21 Mahjong (1.30pm)	22 Petanque (10.30am)	23 <b>Lunch @ Flight Deck Moorabbin</b>	25-26
27 <b>Australia Day</b>	28 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Petanque (10.30am)	30	

## FEBRUARY 2025

3 Gelati Walk	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	5 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	6	8-9
10	11 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Petanque (10.30am)	13	15-16
17 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	18 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting @ 10.00am	20	22-23
24	25 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Petanque (10.30am)	27 <b>Blue Lotus Water Garden day tour</b>	

## MARCH 2025

3 Walk	4 Mahjong (1.30pm)	5 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	6	7
10	11 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Petanque (10.30am)	13	14
17 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	18 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting & <b>AGM</b> (10.00am)	20 <b>BBQ @ Jim’s</b>	21
24 <b>Anglesea – 4 nites</b>	25 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Petanque (10.30am)	27 <b>Anglesea – last nite</b>	29 (Saturday)

### Merry Christmas – Ho! Ho! Ho!

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