



Beaumaris Waves

The Combined Probud Club of Beaumaris Bay Inc.

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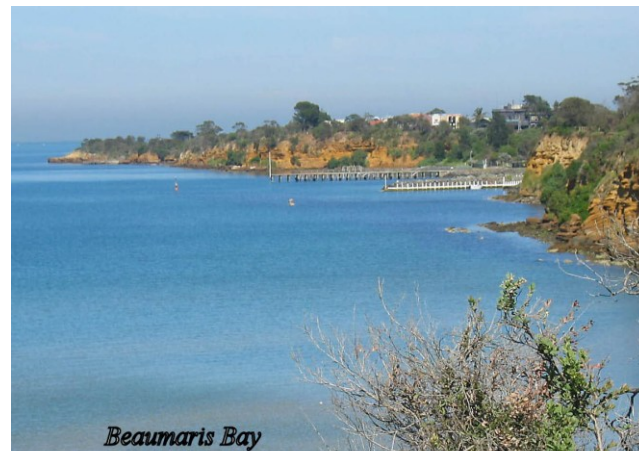
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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 message

As I conclude my year as President, I have been thinking about Probud and its role in our community. Certainly there are very successful competitors such as U3A and Men's Shed which compete for our membership. We have seen hundreds of Probud Clubs close over the last few years, not because of lack of members but because they cannot get people to stand for Committee. It would seem that as we get older we are less inclined to "put up our hand" for more responsibility, so to be a successful Club we need a continual influx of younger members to accept these leadership roles. It is unfortunate that our governing body, PSPL, seems to have neither recognised this nor have they accepted their responsibility to help Clubs understand this and help them to draw in younger members.

There were five Probud men having coffee a few years ago talking about dwindling Probud membership nationwide and how to reverse the trend. Three of the five admitted that the only reason they joined Probud was for the very excellent Travel Insurance. That insurance attraction is no longer available and better, cheaper policies are now numerous elsewhere. However many of us are still Probud members despite this. It is my view that Probud offers a unique socialisation and friendship atmosphere that outdoes our competitors. I believe that is why once a person becomes a Probud member and experiences the social friendship of the Club they seldom leave except for a health or age related reasons.

I feel that Probud occupies a unique place in our community but needs to be nurtured by continually bringing in new members.

I have enjoyed my year as President but I must admit it's been pretty easy. I have had wonderful support from our convenors and activity leaders as well as our excellent Committee, where everyone knows what to do and just does it. Thank you all for your support throughout the year.

Michael Simmons

March birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Susan Blair; Trish Buggy; Wendy Crawford; Pat Farrelly; Ken Launder; Steve McColl; Maree Stammers; Gary Strahan.

Speakers corner

As there is no speaker this month because of the AGM immediately following the General Meeting starting at 10.00am, we will have an extended Morning Tea break at the conclusion of the AGM.

Walking group

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

On **Monday March 10** we will have our traditional gelati twilight walk. We will meet on the corner of Spring Street and Bluff Road, Sandringham (Melway 76 K12) at 7.00pm before walking along some of the local streets and through parkland for approximately 45 to 60 minutes. We will then visit *Augustus Gelatery* on the corner of Spring Street and Bluff Road.

BBQ

A free BBQ will be held on **Thursday March 20** 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.

Films

After the successful afternoon outing to "Love Never Dies", the festival of films of live musicals continues. Our afternoon to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" is **Saturday 8th March** at 1.00pm at the Palace Theatre Brighton.

Please purchase your tickets beforehand and join together for cake and coffee at "Rock Salt" restaurant after the show. Please email or ring me if you are coming so I can advise the restaurant of numbers. (Ph.: 0755 257 389 or (0452) 076 732; e-mail to carolghughes@gmail.com)

Dates to put in your diary:

- "Billy Elliott" the musical movie will be on **Saturday 5th April** at 1.00pm at the Palace Brighton.
- "Dr Zhivago" - the movie, will be on **Saturday 17th May** at 2.00pm at the Classic Theatre Elsternwick.

Hope you can come.

Carol Hughes

Crime Readers' Group

Latest news from Crime Readers Group: *Convenor - Margot Burke (0478) 492 033*

Our February book was *Scrublands* by Chris Hammer, a mystery thriller set in a struggling town on the NSW Riverina, that won the UK Dagger award for Best First Crime Novel in 2019. The author was able to draw on 30 years as a senior Australian journalist to create a sense of place and country characters with which most Australian readers would feel a real connection. This is an easy read, with an intriguing plot that keeps you guessing to the very end and is definitely worthy of a recommendation.

Kathy Ely

The book chosen by the group for discussion on **Thursday March 20** is *A Town Called Teachery* by Mitch Jennings.

Craft group

Monday February 17 was our first craft session for the year with fourteen ladies attending. What fun we had catching up after our Christmas break, chatting and laughing, sharing photos, etc. When it was time to begin our craft projects, I was able to get the ladies' attention by using my new bell – a very thoughtful gift from Lyn Mather, so there's much more decorum in the room now. A very special thankyou to Penny and Steve McColl who hosted our Christmas craft session and lunch, which was a perfect way to conclude a happy year.

Helen Scott (Convenor)

Dandenong Market

On Friday February 7, four of us (I took three buddies this time) hopped on bus 811 in Mentone and got dropped off at the Dandenong Market. I could only get four tickets on that tour as it was fully booked. For just \$25 we ate our way round this multicultural market as we listened to our guide Tim tell us story after story. It was so much fun that I have booked a date for a private tour (10.30am - 12 noon) on **Tuesday the 29th April**. There are just 14 places, and the cost is \$25 - payable to the club. Please email me (janettejames.47@gmail.com) if you are interested and confirm with your payment.

Janette James



Theatre

A "Heads Up" about a live show at the Beaumaris Theatre in Wells Road where they are producing "Ladies in Black" on Friday night **March 14** at 7.30pm. If this appeals to you, it would be wise to book early - tickets are now available online at *trybooking*. Full price is \$38, Concession is \$35. Note - seating is set up as in a theatre so DO NOT bring food and drink.

"Ladies in Black" is a coming-of-age story set in Sydney in the 1950's. This musical tells the story of a young girl Lisa who joins the staff in a fashionable department store in Sydney before starting her Uni degree. She befriends the colourful denizen of women and learns just what it means to be a working woman.

Hope to hear from many of you.

Carol Hughes

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QUIZ

How many Club members did you name from the clues provided in the table below last month? Score one point for each correct answer.

Clue	Letters	Surname	Score
Former British PM	5	Blair	
Abraham Lincoln's assassin	5	Booth	
Horse-drawn vehicle	5	Buggy	
Famous Australian explorer	5	Burke	
Melbourne TV producer of <i>Homicide</i>	8	Crawford	
Mode of cooking	3	Fry	
Prominent feature in the landscape	4	Hill	
Her cupboard was bare	7	Hubbard	
Eccentric American aviator - first name Howard	6	Hughes	
Former US President	7	Johnson	
Assassinated US President	7	Kennedy	
Governor-General who dismissed Australian PM	4	Kerr	
One of King Arthur's henchmen	6	Knight	
To wash clothes	7	Launder	
Point on the Mornington peninsula	3	Leo	
Former Victorian Governor	6	Murray	
Heroic British Antarctic explorer	5	Scott	
Makes things out of metal	5	Smith	
South Australian gulf	7	Spencer	
Part of a building	6	Storey	
Total score out of 20 points			

February photo gallery



Key to photos

- 1 Helen, Craft Group Convenor
- 2 February speaker, Alan Thompson
- 3 Mike inducted Valerie & Bernadette

- 4 Craft Group ladies
- 5 Blue Lotus Gardens attendees
- 6 Denise, Helen, Lyn and Blue Lotus mascot
- 7 Gorgeous floral display, Blue Lotus Gardens

Annual General Meeting 2025

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaumaris Bay Probus Club for 2025 will be held on Wednesday March 19 at the conclusion of the General Meeting commencing at 10.00am at the Cheltenham Golf Club.

Notice of Motion: The 2025 annual subscription for ordinary members to be \$70.00 and the joining fee \$50.00.

Moved: Mike Simmons

Seconded: Gary Strahan

Note: Following their ratification at the AGM, it is expected that the subscriptions will become due and payable by April 30, preferably by bank transfer.

Nominations for the Committee are invited as per the form below for:

- President
- Vice-President
- Assistant Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Activities Co-ordinator
- Editor
- Membership Officer
- Speakers Organiser
- Welfare Officer

Nomination form

Proposed for the position of _____

Print name

Signature

Name of Nominee _____

Proposed by _____

Seconded by _____

Nominee must sign to confirm agreement to nomination.

This form must be with the Secretary by end of General Meeting on 19th March 2025.



BBPC Activities

MARCH 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Labour Day H'day Gelati walk @ 7.00pm	11 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Petanque (10.30am)	13	14 <i>Ladies in Black</i> @ Beaumaris Theatre
17 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	18 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting & AGM (10.00am)	20 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am BBQ @ Jim's (5.00pm)	21
24 Anglesea – 4 Nites	25 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Petanque (10.30am)	27 Anglesea – last nite	28
APRIL 2025				
	1 Mahjong (1.30pm)	2 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	3	4
7 Walk	8 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	9 Petanque (10.30am)	10	17
14	15 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	16 General Meeting @ 10.00am	17 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	18 Easter Friday
21 Easter Monday	22 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	23 Petanque (10.30am)	24	25
28	29 Mahjong (1.30pm) Fire Museum	30 Petanque (10.30am)		
MAY 2025				
			1	2
5 Walk	6 Mahjong (1.30pm)	7 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	8	9
12	13 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	14 Petanque (10.30am)	15 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	16
19 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	20 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	21 General Meeting @ 10.00am	22	23
26	27 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	28 Petanque (10.30am)	29	30
JUNE 2025				
2 Walk	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Committee (1.30pm)	5	7-8
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11	12	14-15
16	17 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	18 General Meeting @ 10.00am	19 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	21-22
23	24 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	25	26 Mid-year lunch Bentleigh RSL	28-29
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