



Beaumaris Waves

The Combined Probud Club of Beaumaris Bay Inc.

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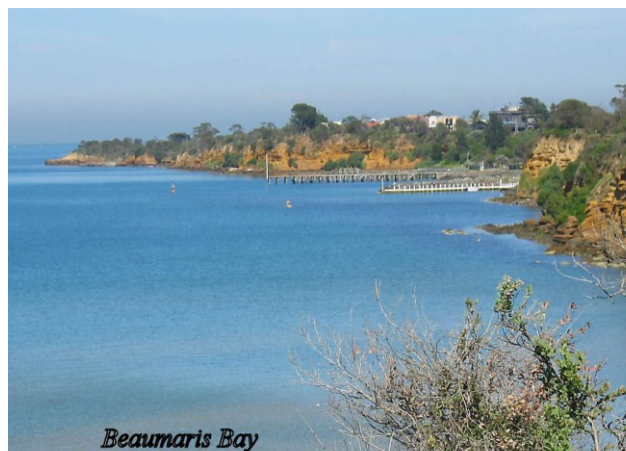
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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:



The last two years have flown since I was first approached to join the committee as Assistant Vice-president and I now find myself in the honorable position as President. It has been a most rewarding two years to have worked with a great committee and members of our club. The feeling of friendship and caring by the members is what has made our club what it is today. A special thank you to Mike Simmons for the great job he did last year as President. Also, a big thank you to Lyn Mather for her commitment as the Welfare Officer over the past three years and who has decided to stand down from the Committee this year.

Following our last meeting we had a barbeque at Jim and Joan's apartment complex, which was a great night attended by forty-nine of our members. We thank Jim and Joan especially for their hospitality. Also, thanks to the ladies who organized the salads and sweets and the guys who did the cooking.

Last week was our annual trip away with thirty-two members making the trip to Anglesea. What a wonderful job John and Michele did in organizing it. Steve and Penny also helped make it such a great week with their contribution. There was a great deal of frivolity, and we had to make excuses to the young people camping nearby for the noise and keeping them awake. The visit to the chocolate factory saw all diets go out the window with the size of the huge scones and cream, and the chocolate syrup which was added to some of the drinks. This trip was an opportunity to foster great friendships and fellowship in the true spirit of Probud. (See Pages 7-8 for a pictorial record of the trip – thanks to the sundry photographers.)

It is not only the committee and conveners but the whole membership, and their commitment to being part of the club in any way they can, that makes our club so strong. When I look at the number of Bayside clubs that are no longer in existence and the reason thereof, we are very fortunate to have such a great and expanding membership. I look forward to the next twelve months working with you all and to seeing our club's continued growth.

Gary Strahan

April birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Michele Backholer; Laurie Gwillim; Neil Howard; Jim Scott.

Speakers corner

Highett Podiatry has been servicing the Bayside suburbs of Melbourne for over 25 years providing expert care in all areas of foot health. Our team of podiatrists is highly skilled across all podiatry disciplines; each with their own special interest areas to ensure patient's care is placed in the best hands. With a strong commitment to ongoing education and research, our evidence-based podiatry treatment is the hallmark of their service provided. Podiatrists Kate, Anureet and Jeremy will be presenting on the benefits of maintaining foot health and provide some tips and tricks to keep feet happy and healthy.

Walking group

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

Our April Walk will be ***on the second Monday of the month, Monday the 14th***. We will meet at the end of North Road, Brighton at, 10.30am outside the North Point Café. There is a parking area next to the café with other parking available in North Road. We will be walking along the north bound pathway which is initially shared but this branches to become separate walking/bicycle paths a short way from North Road. We will walk up to Glenhuntly Road (or maybe further depending on what we decide on the day) before returning to *North Point Café* for refreshments.

On ***Monday May 5*** our walk will be along the banks of the Patterson River in Carrum. Catching the 10.58am train from Moorabbin, 11.01am Highett, 11.03am Southland, 11.04am Cheltenham and 11.07am Mentone, we will arrive at Carrum at 11.24am. After making our way to the Patterson River, we will walk along the river to Damien Street before turning back to McLeod Road and the Cove Hotel for lunch.

Mid-year luncheon

A mid-year luncheon has been arranged to take place on the ***26th June 2025*** at the Bentleigh RSL in the upstairs function room. Cost is \$55 for Antipasto platters and a drink on arrival, followed by a two- course meal including mains and dessert. Please put your name down with Joy Meekings who will be on hand at the April meeting. Payment is required by the end of May.

Faye Wegat (0409 265 503) and Joy Meekings (0434 558 437)

Welfare



As the new Welfare Officer, I would like to introduce myself to those members with whom I have not yet become acquainted. Please contact me if you hear of any members who are unwell or going through a difficult time, so that I can keep in touch with them and ensure they know that they are in the thoughts of their friends at Probus. You can phone or text me on (0407) 166 295 or email me at ely.kathryn@gmail.com. Feel free to come and say hello to me when you have the chance at one of our meetings.

Dandenong Market

A reminder of the tour of the market from 10.30am- 12 noon on **Tuesday April 29**. The cost of \$25 is payable to the club. As this particular tour is booked out, given its popularity I will book another tour of the market at a later date.

Janette James

Films

March was the month for fabulous musical entertainment for a number of our members. The movie of the live show, "Jesus Christ Superstar", was spectacular. Seeing the whole story set in modern times with computers and mobile phones and fashions was intriguing and amazing and the famous voices left nothing to be desired.

That great show was followed by another fabulous experience, "Ladies In Black". This was a production by the Beaumaris Theatre Company and was a very professional production with great acting and superb singing. We are looking forward to the upcoming film of the musical, "Billy Elliott", on Saturday 5th April at 1.00 pm at the Palace Theatre Brighton.

Dates to put in your diary:

1. "Billy Elliott" the musical movie will be on **Saturday 5th April** at 10.15am at the Palace Brighton, followed by refreshments at "Rock Salt."
2. "Dr Zhivago" - the movie, will be on **Saturday 17th May** at 2.00pm at the Classic Theatre Elsternwick.

Please email or ring Carol a week before the event to put your name down so she can advise the coffee shop of numbers staying on for coffee and a chat after the film. (Ph.: 0755 257 389 or (0452) 076 732; e-mail to carolghughes@gmail.com). Purchase your tickets beforehand and meet at the theatres.

Carol Hughes

Fire Services Museum/Metro Tunnel Project

The plan is to take a guided tour of the Fire Services Museum of Victoria that exhibits the evolution of firefighting equipment but also provides an insight into the people and the stories that have shaped the state's fire services. It seems most of the guides are retired firefighters! This event is scheduled for **Thursday the 29th May** when we will travel by train to Parliament Station, then take a short walk for a 10.30am tour of the museum. The cost is \$8 each and this needs to be paid into the Probus bank account by April 18. At 12 noon we will pop into the Cafe Ecco for a casual lunch at your own expense. Then 25 members only will visit the Metro Tunnel Centre in Swanston Street at 2.00pm for a free presentation - the numbers are limited as it is a small space. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: janettejames.47@gmail.com)

Gelati walk

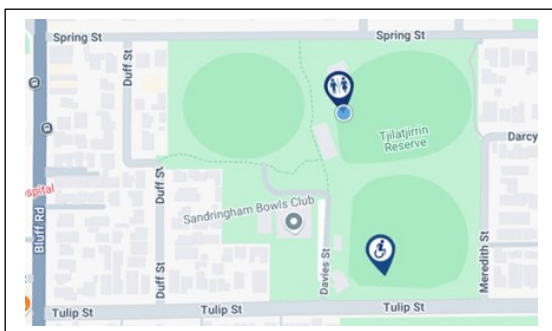
March Gelati walk

On a hot autumn night last month, saved only by a lovely breeze, we met for our delayed annual gelati walk. Meeting in Spring Street, Sandringham, we proceeded to walk east along Spring Street to Tjilatjirin Reserve. You've ever heard of it? Well, neither had I. Lots of chatter and then laughter when Penny found an abandoned scooter and tried to ride it. Through the reserve we walked which was occupied by lots of white corellas and a few pink and grey galahs (see below) and then we cut across the next oval back to Spring Street. Then the rush was on as the lure of ice cream claimed all. So, into the backyard of Augustus Gelatery where there were heaps of dripping ice creams and lots of chatter until the salesgirls told us they were shutting up for the night. Might have been a short walk but I am sure lots of fun was had by all. Thanks Ken and Liz.

Wendy Crawford



1. What happened to Steve's halo?
2. Penny the "scooterist"
3. A well-earned rest
4. Ken and his entourage



AGM 2025



Top row (L-R)

- New members: Milly; Alice; Jane
- Ex-President Mike inducted new President Gary
- New President Gary addressing the members

Below centre

- New committee 2025

Anglesea Adventures – March 24-28, 2025

Our week in Anglesea was the epitome as to why our club is so successful. Thirty-two happy smiling faces, willing to join in everything and enjoy all the moments is proof of the values held by the club – Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

Monday saw the festivities begin with the roll up of our members and an eagerness to meet together for welcome drinks. Ken and Liz Launder arrived just a little later than the rest due to an unscheduled, unplanned tour of Torquay (actually they toured Torquay four times before they found their way to the correct road and headed to Anglesea, but we don't want to embarrass them by publicising that!) Fay Wegat missed her footing on the steps of the Anglesea Hotel and took some skin off her elbow but, we hasten to add, she had NOT been drinking,

Our ten o'clock meeting for coffee and a chat on Tuesday morning revealed Brenda Matthews hobbling in a moon boot – a badly bruised Achilles tendon but it certainly did not dampen her enthusiasm for the rest of the week. Morris Cotterill began a few days of worry by realising he had misplaced his car keys and fob to his apartment (later found safely nestled in a zippered compartment of his suitcase). After a day of seeing as many of the local sights as possible, we met for the much-anticipated Steve's Quiz Night. Penny McColl again proved to be a champion of research. The questions were seriously difficult, and Kathy Ely blitzed the field (again!). How Steve McColl managed the hilariously noisy group was a lesson in good will, diplomacy and breath holding. Winners on the night included – Lesley Cotterill, Christine and Michael Simmons, Marilyn and Jim Scott, Janette James and Pauline Kerr.

We must have all been having a great time as the next morning Michael was hailed by some fellow campers to say they knew we were having fun by the screams of laughter they heard echoing around the caravan park!

Wednesday saw Penny McColl completing the trifecta in accidents when she fell backwards off a step in Lorne. The thump of her head hitting the concrete echoed everywhere and shopkeepers and passers-by were wonderful in their swift response and first aid. The ambulance officers were amazing! Lorne was definitely the place to be as not long after that Lesley Cotterall had her entire meat pie stolen out of her hand by a beady eyed cockatoo!

Some of the girls had a terrific time heading out to Winchelsea for a tour of the historic mansion (Barwon Park Mansion) – only to find it was closed for a function and their anticipated tour was reduced to a five-minute sneaky peak of the various rooms. Those in the McColl's car were also in for a challenging visit to a local alpaca farm. Despite the "private property", "keep out" and "do not enter" signs that were on the gate and fence, Steve pressed the electric gate button and entered! The only dead giveaway of being in the wrong place was the lack of alpacas, no café, no other "tourists/visitors – oh, yes! and the angry woman with hands on her hips who seemed oblivious to Steve's charms and apologies!

Dinner at the Anglesea golf club Wednesday evening was delicious. Believe it or not, the golf club has turned the invasion of kangaroos all over the fairways to a money-making venture. They conduct "kangaroo tours" which some of our members said was fantastic.

Thursday, we met at the Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery where scones the size of beach balls topped with jam and cream made for an interesting morning tea. But it was the actual shop that sold an unbelievable assortment of chocolate goodies that won most people's hearts! How handy that Easter is coming up! Janette's choice of a chocolate carrot for her carrot loving grandson was a master stroke of good shopping. Thursday night's sausage sizzle was a

blessing for all those who had overindulged in chocolate. As always, Michael Simmons and John Backholer cooked up a storm while Penny, Brenda Matthews, Beryl Strahan and Michele Backholer weaved their magic with noodles, lettuce and coleslaw to make a truly delicious evening meal. And to finish the night on a high – this time it was Bingo with master caller Steve McColl manipulating some very undersize Bingo balls.

Thanks to Ken and Liz Launder for donating goodies for prizes and nibbles and for their recommendation to visit the Freshwater Creek Cake shop. Our waistlines are all the better for our purchases from there! Many thanks to everyone who joined in all the fun and were so willing to help either set up or clean up before and after activities. A very big thank you to John Backholer for organising the week – he even sorted the weather for us! Clear skies and no rain all week!

We hope that next year sees us all setting off to places as yet unknown! So help to make it an even bigger success than this year. Please be ready to put your hand up and join us! All it needs is you!

Michele Backholer

Editor's note: Who saw the skinny-dipping surfie at one of the coastal beaches?



Top row (L-R)

- Beryl, Joan, Kathy, Michelle
- Quiz master Steve
- Noela, Denise, Steve, Faye & Liz

Bottom: The Motley Crew

Anglesea fun & games (cont'd)



Top row: On the track to She Oak Falls; Liz cadged a ride to morning tea;

Second row: Steve, Geoff, Mike and John enjoying a drink

Third row: The Barwon Park Mansion was closed unfortunately

Bottom row: The Editor won a prize; Steve, Michelle and some locals; Jan, Marilyn, Michelle



BBPC Activities

APRIL 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
		3	4	5- <i>Billy Elliott</i> movie Palace Brighton 1.00pm
7	8 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	9 Petanque (10.30am)	10	12
14 Walk - Brighton	15 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	16 General Meeting @ 10.00am	17 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	19 Easter weekend
21 Easter Monday	22 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	23 Petanque (10.30am)	24	26
28	29 Mahjong (1.30pm) Dandenong Market (am)	30 Petanque (10.30am)		

MAY 2025

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5 Walk	6 Mahjong (1.30pm)	7 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	8	10 Op Shop Crawl Cheltenham (10.00am)
12	13 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	14 Petanque (10.30am)	15 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	17- <i>Dr Zhivago</i> movie Classic Th. E'wick 2.00pm
19 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	20 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	21 General Meeting @ 10.00am	22	24
26	27 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	28 Petanque (10.30am)	29 Fire Museum (am) Metro Tunnel (pm)	

JUNE 2025

2 Walk	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Committee (1.30pm)	5	7
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11	12 Frida Kahlo Exhibition Bendigo Art Gallery	14
16	17 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm) Mahjong (1.30pm)	18 General Meeting @ 10.00am	19 Crime Readers Grp @ 11.00am	21
23	24 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	25	26 Mid-year lunch @ Bentleigh RSL	28
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JULY 2025

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