



# Beaumaris Waves

The Combined Probud Club of Beaumaris Bay Inc.

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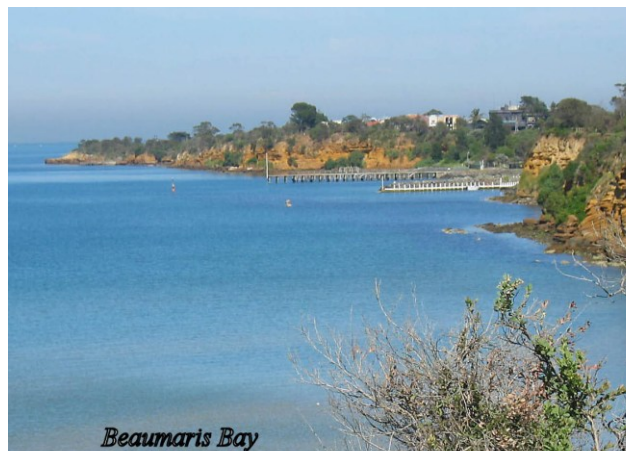
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**Meetings:** The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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## President's message:

Well, nearly half the year has gone and my time as President has been exceptionally busy. Following a special meeting of the committee you will have received copies of the changes to the Constitution and the Standing Resolutions for the club. I urge all members to read these carefully as this will be put to members for approval at the next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. A special thank you to Graeme Storey for the mammoth effort he has put in for us to be able to present these changes.

As you would all be aware, we have had to make the very difficult decision to defer new membership and to restrict visitors for the time being. This was a hard decision but we as a committee felt it necessary in the interest of all members safety and enjoyment. Last meeting saw a change in the morning tea arrangement with two venues to make tea and coffee. This I felt fragmented our members a bit, but it was an idea by the club to try and ease congestion and speed things up a bit. Feedback on this new arrangement would be appreciated.

At the last meeting our guest speaker Winston Marsh provided us with a lot of humour and some very thought-provoking messages. On Thursday the 29th of May 24 members travelled to the Melbourne fire brigade museum and then to Metro tunnel information centre for a very informative day and great time was had by all.

Although the cold weather had an influence on attendance at the last meeting, I look forward to seeing as many as possible on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, our next meeting date.

**Gary Strahan**

**June birthdays:** We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Margot Burke; Liz Dunkley; Prue Dunn; June Hill; Nola Redmond; Gabrielle Ryan, Bernadette Tucker.

## Speakers corner

Our June speaker is Lisa Bryant: My time in 2024 Paris Olympic Games as an announcer.

## Walking group

### July walk

On **Monday July 7** we will meet at 10.30 am outside the Parkdale Beach Cafe in Beach Road opposite Parkers Road (Melway 87 C/D 11). We will then walk down to the beach path to walk towards Mordialloc before returning to the cafe for refreshments.

### Advance notice

I will be organising a visit to the Geelong Gallery to see *The Archies* on **Monday October 6** (Seniors' Week - free travel). All Club Members welcome. Further details in future *Waves*.

**Ken Launder (0414) 262 900**

### May walk report

Our walk started by taking the train to Carrum station. From there we walked along Station Street to the Patterson River to begin the Dandenong Creek Trail. Viewing as we walked along Station Street the historic old Carrum Fire Brigade building built in 1926 and since converted into a residential house. At the river entrance is a spectacular mural of a young indigenous boy and a Burruran dolphin. There is a resident population of these dolphins in Port Phillip Bay which are monitored by the Marine Mammal Foundation research team who use this waterway into the bay. It was a very windy day, but we ventured onwards past several fishermen and a strange green structure on a jetty to the Marina boat ramp where it was decided to about face and return to Freddie's Kitchen in Station Street for lunch. I investigated and found out that the green metal structure was a dedicated electric hoist for wheelchair users provided by Parks Vic who have an office at the marina. I am sure we all would recommend Freddie's as the service and food was outstanding. The return train trip was the end of another gossipy, fun filled walk. **Wendy Crawford**



Mural at Patterson River



Jetty with wheelchair sling

## Mid-year luncheon

A reminder of the mid-year luncheon that has been arranged to take place on the **June 26** at the Bentleigh RSL in the upstairs function room. Queries to Faye Wegat (0409 265 503) or Joy Meekings (0434 558 437).

## Crime Readers' Group

***Murder in South Africa:*** The Crime Readers group devoured our latest read, *Present Tense* by Natalie Conyer, a police procedural set in South Africa post-apartheid. The book begins with the murder of a former police chief and what follows is a tense and thrilling journey towards the truth. Protagonist Schalk Lourens, a Captain in the South African Police Force, leads the investigation on a difficult journey plagued with betrayal, political skullduggery, violence and seduction. The author cleverly includes many Afrikaan words and phrases which add to the authenticity. The book won the Ned Kelly Award for best debut crime novel in 2020. ***Margot Burke***

## Immigration Museum

On **Thursday 10th July** I have organised a trip to the Immigration Museum from 10.30 to 12 noon - travelling by train to Flinders Street station then a walk or tram ride to the venue. It is free for all concession card holders and \$10 for Seniors. As we are going in via the public entrance we can get our own tickets. Travel arrangements are as follows: meet in the back carriage on the Frankston line 9.16am train from Cheltenham (Parkdale 9.11am; Highett 9.20am). NB. I have rescheduled this event to be in the school holidays so that we don't have to compete with school excursions! Afterwards I suggest a casual lunch at Brunetti's (250 Flinders Lane) but that is your choice. ***Janette James***

## Craft group

We have welcomed several new members to our Craft Group recently, and we now have nineteen ladies who come each month to create, chat, have a laugh, a coffee and to catch up with each other. We have decided that we will limit our group numbers at nineteen as space to "cut and paste" is becoming a problem if we enlarge the group. If a space becomes available for any reason, we will let the members know. I do value the friendship of our craft ladies. ***Helen Scott***



Some of the ladies' beautiful creations



## Fire Services Museum & Metro Tunnel Project

Janette James, you are a superstar! Yet another fun filled, interesting adventure organised to the minutest detail! Somehow even the weather was induced into providing us with a beautiful, late autumn sunshine day.

As per usual on our Probus outings, the raucous calls of those already in the rear carriage of the train greeted each and every one of us alighting at the different stations. And as per usual, our mother hen was cheerfully rallying the troops and organising our first challenge - changing trains at Richmond. Having successfully kept the crew together, we charged forward to the Fire Services Museum where we were greeted by every woman's dream - a fireman in uniform.

So many interesting facts and of course so difficult to recall most of them – but consider this. Back in the previous century or two, if called to a fire, firemen had to dig up wooden pipes in the roadway or footpath, chop a hole to gain access to the water flowing through and then attach hoses to use the water to fight a blaze. Then the hole was plugged and a “FP” (fire plug) sign painted on a nearby fence or tree so in the event of future fires, they knew where to start digging. I guess this was an improvement on the buckets of water passed from hand-to-hand as was the case previously. Lots of interesting questions were answered, although Nola Smith's query as to whether we would see any fireman sliding down the pole seemed to stump our tour guide.

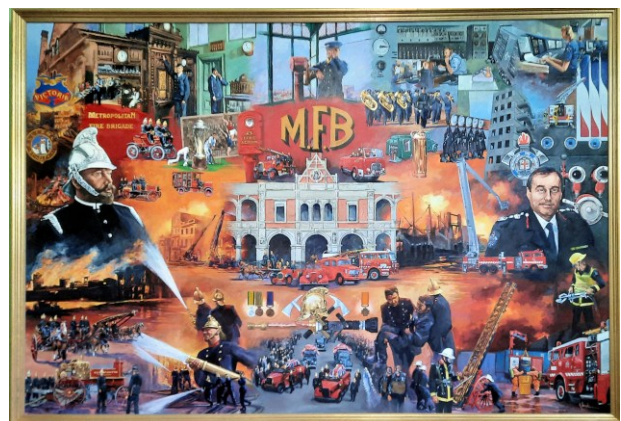
The Ecco Café was perfect for a quick bite to eat and after singing a very rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday” that had birthday boy John Backholer sliding under the table, we set off to the Metro Tunnel HQ. There the presentation of information was very slick, and the three speakers must have been impressed with the range of questions asked. We can confirm that all Metro Tunnel trains *will* have humans driving them; all new trains do in fact fit in the tunnels and most interestingly, a lot of travellers will have to change trains at Richmond to gain access to the CBD. And consider this - in our current throw away society, the giant tunnel borers (120 metres long) will remain buried underground as they are too huge to be brought to the surface.

Our mother hen managed to shepherd everyone back to the correct train platform for our trip home – still with her cheerful, warm persona – and maybe just a little relief that we returned home unscathed. A huge thank you, Janette, we know you tested the route beforehand and made sure our lunch location was perfect for our large group. You are very much appreciated.

***Michele Backholer***



Birthday boy John



The artist's studio was a storeroom in the Editor's school

## May General Meeting



Lunch after the meeting



Gary, Steve and the speaker, Winston



Jeanet, Taki, Judith and Gabrielle were inducted



More happy lunches



Still more happy lunches



## Calendar of activities

| Monday                 | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                      | Saturday |
|------------------------|---|--|---|----------|
| <b>JUNE 2025</b>       |   |  |   |          |
| 2 Walk                 | 3 Mahjong (1.30pm)                          | 4 Committee (1.30pm)                       | 5   | 7        |
| 9                      | 10 Book Grp (11.00am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)   | 11 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 12 Frida Kahlo Exhibit<br>Bendigo Art Gallery | 14       |
| 16 Craft Grp. (1.30pm) | 17 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm) | 18 General Meeting<br>@ 10.00am            | 19 Crime Readers Grp<br>@ 11.00am             | 21       |
| 23                     | 24 Coffee (10.30am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)     | 25 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 26 Mid-year lunch<br>@ Bentleigh RSL          | 28       |
| 30                     |   |  |   |          |
| <b>JULY 2025</b>       |   |  |   |          |
|                        | 1 Mahjong (1.30pm)                          | 2 Committee (1.30pm)                       | 3   | 5        |
| 7 Walk                 | 8 Book Grp (11.00am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)    | 9 Pétanque (10.30am)                       | 10 Immigration<br>Museum (am)                 | 12       |
| 14                     | 15 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm) | 16 General Meeting<br>@ 10.00am            | 17 Crime Readers Grp<br>@ 11.00am             | 19       |
| 21 Craft Grp. (1.30pm) | 22 Coffee (10.30am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)     | 23 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 24  | 26       |
| 28                     | 29  | 30 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 31 Beleura House<br>Mornington                |          |
| <b>AUGUST 2025</b>     |   |  |   |          |
|                        |   |  |   | 2        |
| 4 Walk                 | 5 Mahjong (1.30pm)                          | 6 Committee (1.30pm)                       | 7   | 9        |
| 11                     | 12 Book Grp (11.00am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)   | 13 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 14  | 16       |
| 18 Craft Grp. (1.30pm) | 19 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm) | 20 General Meeting<br>@ 10.00am            | 21 Crime Readers Grp<br>@ 11.00am             | 23       |
| 25                     | 26 Coffee (10.30am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)     | 27 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 28 Police Museum<br>W'm Angliss lunch         | 30       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>  |   |  |   |          |
| 1 Walk                 | 2 Mahjong (1.30pm)                          | 3 Pétanque (10.30am)<br>Committee (1.30pm) | 4   | 6        |
| 8                      | 9 Book Grp (11.00am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)    | 10 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 11  | 13       |
| 15 Craft Grp. (1.30pm) | 16 Bridge (1.00-3.00pm)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm) | 17 General Meeting<br>@ 10.00am            | 18 Crime Readers Grp<br>@ 11.00am             | 20       |
| 22                     | 23 Coffee (10.30am)<br>Mahjong (1.30pm)     | 24 Pétanque (10.30am)                      | 25 Lunch TBA                                  | 27       |
| 29                     | 30  |  |   |          |