



Beaumaris Waves

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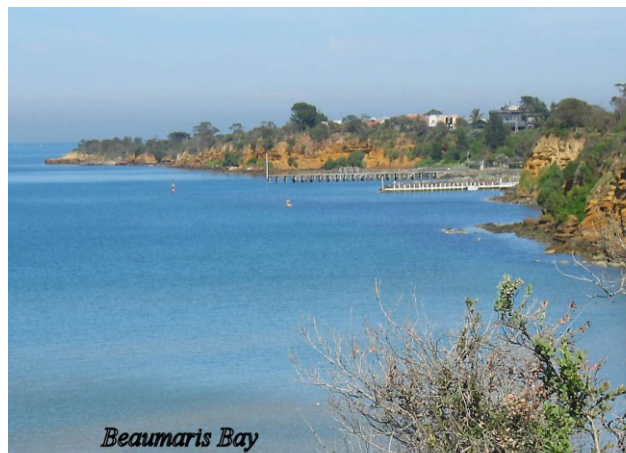
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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 month of July has been particularly busy with a number of events for the club. Ken and Liz Lauanders were presented with Life Membership, which I think we would all agree was well deserved. On July 22, myself, Jannette James and Mike Simmons, attended the cluster meeting of all Bayside Probus clubs with the new Mentone and Hampton clubs joining for the first time.

These meetings prove invaluable to clubs as they give an insight into problems that arise and how each club deals with them. One of the results of discussion was that a database will be available to all club committees for guest speakers, activities, and excursions that each has found to be successful. Also, where a club has vacancies for trips, these will be open to all clubs to participate. The idea is to help offset costs for participants.

It was great to have Geoff Bransbury back again to give us a wonderful insight into his motorcycle travels through South America. Those who attended the Beleura House trip apparently had a great time and were really intrigued by the lives of the Tallis family.

With the end of winter fast approaching, I'm sure we are all looking forward to the warmer weather fostering greater attendance at our meetings. Just a reminder to all to let Jannette know in advance if you are staying for lunch after our August meeting (particularly if you have special dietary needs).

Gary Strahan

August birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Gwyn Edmonds; Liz Launder; Morris Cotterill (18th); Pater Pahl; Faye Wegat (19th).

Speakers corner

Speaker for August: Our speaker for August is Margie Borthwick from *Care Connect* on changes to the provision of care services. This will be a valuable information session on the many recent changes by government to the aged care sector.

Walking group

September walk

Our walk **on Monday September 1** gives us the opportunity to see parts of Melbourne on the northern side of the Yarra. We will be catching the train leaving Mordialloc at 9.59 am, Parkdale 10.01 am, Mentone 10.03 am, Cheltenham 10.06 am, Southland 10.08 am and Highett 10.10 am (in the last carriage). Alighting at Flinders Street, we will make our way out of the station's Swanston Street exit and walk down Flinders Street to Elizabeth Street where we will catch the Route 57 tram to West Maribyrnong, getting off at Stop 43 which is adjacent to the Maribyrnong River. We will then make our way down to the river level and walk for a mutually agreed distance before returning to the *Anglers Tavern* for lunch. Please let me know if you would like me to book lunch for you by Friday August 29.

Ken Launder (0414) 262 900

July walk

Our group of Probus walkers (pictured below) met in front of the Parkdale Beach Cafe on a brisk but sunny morning for the July Walk. Walking along the beachside path, we made it to Mordialloc pier and then did an about-turn to return to the cafe. As usual there was plenty of chatter along the way and ample opportunity to take in the lovely views of the bay. We paused on the return trip at the life size bronze horse statue by sculptor Julie Squires to admire and reflect on its significance (see picture below). The statue is a tribute to the area's history of horse training, particularly racehorses. It is located near an historic area known as Horse Paddock Beach, where horses are still allowed to swim before 10.00am each day. Once back at the cafe, we bought our drinks and eats and congregated together in the open-air shelter. What could be better than fresh air, sunshine, bay views and great company provided by another great walk organised by Ken and Liz.

Wendy Crawford



Archibald Exhibition

Our October "walk" will be a visit to "The Archies" at the Geelong Gallery on **Monday October 6** where we will view the paintings in the regional tour of the 2025 entries in the Archibald Prize. The ticket price is \$20.00 and to make a booking, Google: "*Geelong Gallery - Archibald Prize 2025*". A range of Exhibition dates will be displayed. Please book your tickets for **Monday October 6 at 2.00 pm. If you are unable to do this, please contact me, Ken Launder, on (0414) 262 900 and I will book for you.**

Travel details: The visit to the Archies is being held during the State's Seniors' Festival - **all public transport is free** for Seniors' Card holders. Your Seniors Card **must be used** for all public transport during the Festival. We will catch the 8.59 am train from Mordialloc, 9.01 am Parkdale, 9.03 am Mentone, 9.06 am Cheltenham, 9.08 am Southland or 9.10 am Highett and alight at Southern Cross at 9.45 am where we will take the elevator to the upper level and then walk across the Concourse to the elevators which will take us to the ground level at Spencer Street where we will check the large illuminated Departure Sign which will show which platform the 10.30 am South Geelong train will be departing from.

We will meet on this platform at 10.20 am. After arriving in Geelong at 11.31 am we will have a short walk to the Regional Library (in Little Malop Street) where we will hopefully have an overview of part of Geelong (including Corio Bay and the You Yangs) from the fifth floor (weather permitting). Nearby we can also see a mural depicting the development of Geelong in the "upside down" Government building which was commissioned by Geelong Council in 1977 and took the artist Harold Freedman three years to complete. We will then walk to *La Porchetta* in Malop Street to have lunch before walking back to the Gallery in Little Malop Street to view "The Archies" at 2.00 pm. Could you please let Ken know if you would like him to book lunch for you. The times of trains returning to Melbourne are: 3.15 pm, 3.35 pm, 3.55 pm or 4.13 pm.

Police Museum

I have booked a tour for twenty-five members to visit the Police Museum located at 313 Spencer St., Docklands, on **Thursday 28th August** at 10.00am, and entry is free. I believe it has the largest collection of Kelly gang armour, information about notorious crimes, police equipment, forensic evidence, etc. We will travel by train to Southern Cross station then take a short stroll to the venue. Lunch has been booked for 12 noon at the *Mail Exchange Hotel* in our own private space.

Janette James

Theatre



Yet another great afternoon and evening was enjoyed by the group (pictured) attending the movie, *Pride and Prejudice*. Looking back in time to when the parents were trying to marry off five daughters was a treat. Lots of chat and laughs at dinner afterwards, and with parking, movie and dinner all under the same roof, life was easy. Thanks to all who attended, and we look forward to the next stage show, "The Witches" on **Saturday 23rd August** at Beaumaris Theatre at 2.00pm., "The Witches", is full of fun and surprises. Note that it is not a movie. Please purchase

your tickets ASAP so you can book the seats you prefer, and please let me know on (0452)076732 or e-mail (carolghughes@gmail.com) if you are coming so I have numbers.

Carol Hughes

Immigration Museum

Fourteen Probus members braved the cold morning on Thursday 10th July to visit what was Customs House, formerly the gateway into Melbourne - a place that determined who could and could not belong to Australian society, and now the home of the Immigration Museum. So many stories of power, loss, trauma, hope, struggle and triumph. I remember visiting that museum some 25 years ago (it only opened to the public in 1998) and it had a big impact on me but this time I felt like the messages were speaking to the converted or is it just being older and living in our multicultural country? Many of us lingered in the upstairs video room reminiscing over the days when we would go out and hire a video for the night - so many familiar titles. Meanwhile Lyn and Jan were doing some serious searching for the lost mock-up sailing ship only to learn that it was dismantled seven years ago. Milly wanted to track down the *Fairsea* migrant ship but seems it was easier to just Google it! And then it was lunch at the Williams Bar and Cafe - a very pleasant hotel cafe with rather large servings. Just ask Christine who received one big sandwich while Marilyn agreed to cancel her order so that I could share my bagel with her. So lucky it was cold, but the rain held off until most of us got home.

Janette James



Beleura House tour

On Thursday 31st July, eighteen of us made our way to Mornington for a visit to this historic 19th century mansion, set in magnificent gardens. It all started with a delightful Devonshire tea in an elegant setting, then an introductory talk. We were then divided into two groups for a tour filled with fascinating stories of art, architecture, antiques and the Tallis family who once lived there. Nothing sterile about the rooms - it was as if they just walked out and left everything as it was then. It really was a very special and memorable experience for us, no doubt the winter sun helped. And a big thank you to our willing drivers.

Janette James



Inverloch 2026

The annual extended trip next year will be to Inverloch. John Backholer has reserved a variety of cabins at the Inverloch Big 4 Holiday Park from **Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March 2026** (four nights). As well as being a fun-filled holiday, these trips are a great way to get to know your fellow Club members

Address: 2 Cuttriss Street, Inverloch **Phone:** (03) 5674 1447

Email: inverloch@ingeniaholidays.com.au

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Attractions include:

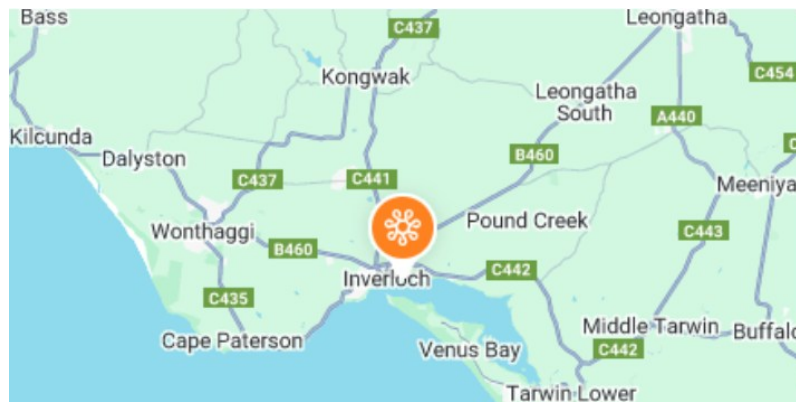
- Heated swimming pool.
- Large camp kitchen for our "get togethers" at night and morning coffee meetings.
- Coffee shop a two-minute walk away with more in town.
- Town centre is a two-minute car drive away.
- Great hotel for meals and fine dining at RACV Resort.
- Many local attractions, walks and scenic drives.

Cabins - Refer to the Parks' online map. 2- & 3-bedroom cabins are available

- SV2 - SV7 and LV 6 & 7 have been set aside. These are 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom cabins and have a washing machine and BBQ.
- D11-D19 are 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom cabins. Cabin types vary considerably - check out the Park website before ringing to book. Or, when ringing to book, discuss options with the receptionist.
- The prices range from around \$1,000 for 3 bedrooms and \$700 for 2 bedrooms (*discount included*) - it will depend on your choice of cabin. Check the location of the camp kitchen on the map when deciding on your cabin if you choose something that has not been set aside.
- When you book, please tell them you are from Beaumaris Bay Probus Club in a group booking. You will need to pay for one night's accommodation as a deposit.
- If you are interested in going, please make sure you book as soon as possible. They have allowed us to the end of August to finalise arrangements, BUT if you choose to book after that date, the cabins we have asked to be kept for us may not be available.

PLEASE NOTE: *please only email John Backholer when you have made your booking, detailing your cabin/site number so he can keep track of the people coming.*

Contact John Backholer- Mobile: 0418 377 536 or email: john.5121b@gmail.com



July happenings



Our new Life Members



Their plaque



Julie thanked our speaker, Geoff



Our newest members



Calendar of activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
AUGUST 2025				
4 Walk – Braeside Park	5 Mahjong (1.30pm)	6 Committee (1.30pm)	7	9
11	12 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	13 Pétanque (10.30am)	14	16
18 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	19 Mahjong (1.30pm)	20 General Meeting @ 10.00am	21	23
25	26 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	27 Pétanque (10.30am)	28 Police Museum and lunch	30
SEPTEMBER 2025				
1 Walk	2 Mahjong (1.30pm)	3 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	4	6
8	9 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	10 Pétanque (10.30am)	11 McLelland Gallery	13
15 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (1.30pm)	17 General Meeting (10.00am) Footy theme	18	20
22	23 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	24 Pétanque (10.30am)	25 Lunch @ ArcoBar TBA	27
29	30			
OCTOBER 2025				
		1 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	2	4
6 Walk – Archibald Exhibition (Geelong)	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8 Pétanque (10.30am)	9	11
13	14 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am) Melb Cup theme	16	18
20 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (1.30pm)	22 Pétanque (10.30am)	23	25
27	28 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Pétanque (10.30am)	30 Werribee Zoo Bus trip	
NOVEMBER 2025				
3 Walk	4 Melb Cup Holiday	5 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	6	8
10	11 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Pétanque (10.30am)	13	15
17 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting @ 10.00am	20	22
24	25 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Pétanque (10.30am)	27 Ten Pin Bowling	29