



Beaumaris Waves

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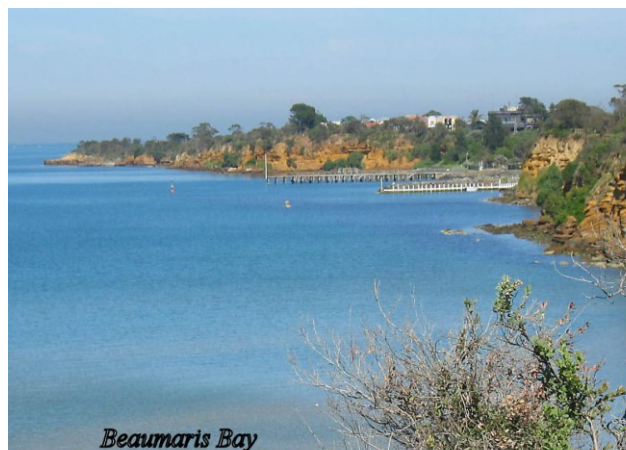
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

Apologies: Please ring or text SMS to Margot Ryan (0427 436 693) prior to 7.30pm on Tuesday evening beforehand
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President's message: The last couple of months have been some of the busiest for some time. September saw us travel to the Police Museum and despite the great difficulty with public transport, it was a great day. Last week our regular monthly lunch was at the *Arcobar Restaurant* attended by thirty-three members. The conveners are doing an incredible job in organising these events and it's heartening to see the members supporting them in such great numbers.

The grand final has come and gone, with the Brisbane Lions so successful. The football supporters day last month was a huge success with many members dressing in club colours. In fact, I think it was our best response in a number of years. Congratulations to Pauline and Geoff, our dress-up winners.

The meeting prior to the Melbourne Cup is fast approaching and I urge members to join in the spirit of the day by dressing up. Don't forget to see Peter if you wish to enter any of the cup sweeps.

Looking at the calendar of events for October, we have a very full month. I urge all members to read the whiteboards with coming events set up for our meetings by Janette, and advise the conveners if you plan to attend, particularly as numbers are sometimes restricted.

Also, a reminder of the barbeque at Jim and Joan Tomlinson's on the 16th of October. Cost will be \$5 per head. Please ensure payment is made by next meeting to help with catering; numbers are restricted to fifty members.

With Christmas fast approaching, we are taking numbers for the Christmas lunch which is on Thursday 11th of December at the Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc. I ask all members to make the effort to attend this great event

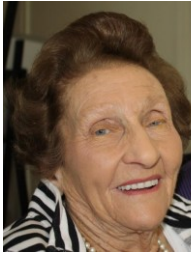
Gary Strahan

Vale Margaret Soding



It is with a very sad heart we inform you of the passing of one of our Foundation Members, Margaret Soding. Margaret was a very popular and active member. Convenor of the Mahjong group from 2006-19, she was also the Club Historian from 2008-15. We extend our sincere sympathy to Margaret's family and friends.

Vale Laurie Gwillim



As many of you would know, Laurie was one of our very active Foundation Members. Laurie was the Historian 2002-04; Theatre Outings Organiser 2003-08; Cinema Organiser 2002-05; Dine-out Organiser 2005; President in 2010. She was a competitive Mahjong player and a regular attendee at our monthly meetings. In 2021 she was awarded Life Membership for her contributions. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

October birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Geoff Bakes; Lesley Cotterill; Joan Fry; Johanna Lobert; Helen Lockett; Geraldine McGann; Helen Muter; Marilyn Scott; Noela Smith; Jan Storey; Errol Stubblety; Fay Woodrow

Speaker for October Meeting:

We are pleased to have Beverley Pinder OAM coming to entertain us with some of her life experiences since arriving in Australia at 13 years of age, from Ceylon, and deciding Australia was a great opportunity for a young girl to succeed in life. With stories along the way growing up, including the trauma of domestic violence, Beverley's story is one that saw her rise to being involved in media and public office.

In 1978 Beverley went on to become Miss Universe Australia, run her own very successful public relations company including becoming a volunteer fundraiser and marketer for charities and two stints as a Councillor for the City of Melbourne. She has since written a book titled *Pride without Prejudice* with all proceeds being donated towards charity. Beverley can be heard on 88.3 Southern FM every Thursday morning from 9 to 11.00am with her show Pinder's Ponderings.

Xmas lunch



Our annual Xmas lunch will be held on **11 December** 2025 at 12 noon. The cost will be \$70 for a 2-course lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival, with payment no later than the November GM. Please get in touch with Joy Meekings on (0434) 558 437 or Faye Wegat on (0409) 265 503 to add your name to the list.

Walking group

Our September walk began with a train trip to Flinders Station and from there a tram ride on route 57 to West Maribyrnong. For a few of us it had been years since the last tram ride, so it was quite an adventure and very interesting trip. We travelled past the Queen Victoria market, the very colourful Royal Children's Hospital, the lovely seed pod sculptures at the entrance to Royal Park and further along our route we spied an old style English red letterbox, amazing. We alighted the tram at stop 43 and proceeded to the walking trail along the Maribyrnong River to start our walk. Beautiful sunshine and sparkling water views accompanied us as we walked along the pathway past the alternating palm and gum trees, playgrounds, exercise equipment and the painted toilets in the Coulson Gardens, to just opposite Poyntons Nursery where we turned back to return to the Anglers' Tavern for lunch. The walk was a just under four kilometres, so not too far and at our usual leisurely pace which allows for lots of chat. After dinner mints provided by Liz topped off our meals and then it was back on the tram and train to our homes. Another entertaining and fun filled walk thanks to our organisers, Ken and Liz.



Werribee Zoo

On **Thursday 30th October** we will travel by bus to the Zoo, leaving the Cheltenham Football Club in Weatherall Road at 9am sharp, returning around 4pm. At this stage we have our quota of 35, with two on the waiting list but as we know, things can change, and it is still two months off! Please pay \$26 into our Probus account for the bus and then purchase your entry ticket online. Concession price is \$43, Seniors \$52.50, Zoo members are free. While the Zoo claims to be cashless, it is possible to use cash at one section of the Meerkat restaurant. Lunch is a casual arrangement - eat when you like, even bring a pack lunch if you prefer. The goal is to see as many of the animals as possible and remember, you will be taken on a tour by the Zoo bus. Pauline Kerr will be your guide as I will be on my way to Osaka that day. **Janette James**

Cranbourne Gardens

Please note we have cancelled Ten Pin Bowling on **Thursday 27th November**. Instead, we are offering a day trip to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. The plan is to travel to Cranbourne by carpooling as arranged amongst participants, then on arrival you can travel around the gardens on an open bus. It is all free except lunch - the Boon Wurrung Café has lovely food options and overlooks the beautiful Red Sand Garden. Please register your interest with Janette James or Pauline Kerr.

Police Museum

Congratulations Pauline! You did a fantastic job of herding us all around the city and returning us safely to our home stations! In light of the recent deaths of two police members, a visit to the Police Museum in Spencer Street, Melbourne, on August 28, seemed a fitting Probus excursion. It gave us all a chance to give a silent nod to the men and women who face danger every day and call it "their job".

Geoff Bakes and Gary Straughn put their heads together and conspired to give us real life experiences of Missing Persons dramas. First challenge was at the DFO where we cut through on our way to the museum. Gary quickly ducked into the Men's, leaving Beryl waiting patiently for him at the door for his return. Unbeknown to her, he stepped outside through a different doorway – and so the first Missing Persons activity began. Thankfully, mobile phones played their part, and it wasn't much more than ten minutes before they were reunited, and we were a cohesive group again.

Time spent in the museum was impressive. Lots of displays detailing the importance of our police force. Interactive activities were great fun, although it proved that some of us have the memory of goldfish when trying to complete identikit resemblances of criminals.

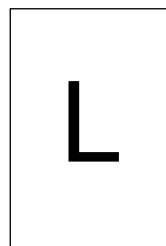
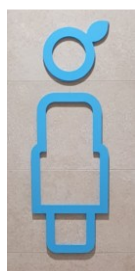
Some sobering moments, too, as we contemplated what was left of the car used in the bombing of the Russell Street Police station in 1986, and very close to home - the photos of Gary Silk and Rodney Miller - we all remembered where we were that night when the news came through of their deaths. And then Part 2 of our Missing Persons challenges. Geoff sat waiting so patiently on his comfy seat under the larger-than-life paintings of police in action, and he pretended to miss the call to depart for the Mail Exchange Hotel and lunch. Luckily his ever-alert wife (and a few observant Probarians) realised he was missing, and a search party was sent back to the museum. Well done, Brenda – a time lapse of less than ten minutes before he was found!

Lunch at the *Mail Exchange Hotel* was fantastic and we loved the privacy of our own dining area where great service and beautiful food choices had us all salivating.

Missing Persons Challenge Part 3 – our President Gary again! Lunch completed and everyone milling around waiting to leave, we knew it was a loo visit for some, but not one of us suspected Gary of going in to the Ladies to complete his ablutions!!! We still have no idea how he bypassed the giant "L" or indeed the many colourful pictures of women that lead to the doorway of the facilities. Full credit to the group of unknown women standing chatting to him at the hand basins – they certainly took it in their stride!

Thank you again to our two Masters of Discovery tour leaders, Janette and Pauline. As always, your careful forward planning and attention to detail meant another fantastic Big Day Out for the rest of us.

Michele Backholer



Editor: What do these signs denote?

Theatre report

A fun group enjoyed stepping back in time to see the final movie of Downton Abbey. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our destination of Southland was changed to *The Dendy* in Brighton where we enjoyed luxury recliner chairs followed by a great get together at *The Deli* downstairs. It was a great venue with easy parking in the basement for only \$6. **Carol Hughes**

Grand Final footy fever



McClelland Sculpture Park

On a mostly fine day, fifteen members enjoyed our visit to the Park and Gallery. Five members made use of the park's buggy service, which ensured everyone could comfortably explore the grounds. We were fortunate to have two excellent guides who gave detailed and fascinating insights into about ten of the park's most significant sculptures. They certainly brought the art works to life and gave us a much deeper appreciation of the creativity behind them. Afterwards we gathered at Harry's Cafe for a relaxed lunch and, as always, lots of talk. This visit was a perfect mix of art, nature and friendship - exactly what Probus outings are all about **Janette James**



Arcobar lunch

On Thursday September 25, thirty members of the club descended on the *Arcobar* to have lunch and a good catch-up. The food was excellent as was the service. Mia, our waitress, was fantastic, nothing was too much trouble for her. The only fly in the ointment was how noisy it is there. We all had to raise our voices to be heard! Such a shame, but we all survived and had a good time. As evidenced in the photos below.

Joy Meekings





Calendar of activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
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) Fashion on Field	16 BBQ @ Jim's, 216 Bay Rd., S'ham	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 (see p.5)	
NOVEMBER 2025				
3	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 Cranbourne Gardens (carpooling)	29
DECEMBER 2025				
1 Walk	2 Mahjong (1.30pm)	3 Pétanque (10.30am)	4	6
8	9 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	10 Pétanque (10.30am)	11 Xmas Lunch Bridge Hotel (Mordy)	13
15 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (1.30pm)	17 Pétanque (10.30am)	18	20
22	23 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	24	25 Xmas Day	27
29	30	31		
JANUARY 2026				
			1 New Year's Day	3
5 Walk	6	7	8	10
12	13 Book Grp (11.00am)	14	15	17
19	20	21	22	24
26	27 Coffee (10.30am)	28	29	31