



Beaumaris Waves

The Combined Probus Club of Beaumaris Bay Inc.

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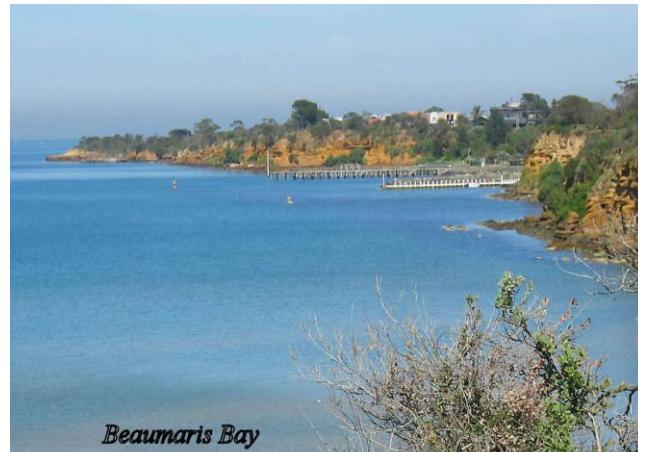
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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 Christmas fast approaches, I must once again remind members that our annual lunch is nearly upon us. I urge members to ensure they have registered and paid by our November meeting.

October saw a very pleasant day travelling by V-Line to Geelong and the Archibald exhibition followed by lunch at *la Porchetta*.

This was followed by Jim and Joan's barbeque and for once it didn't rain. We thank Jim and Joan for their hospitality and effort in making the night such a success. Also, to the ladies who prepared the salads and sweets, as well as the guys who did the cooking. A special mention to Bill who had the job of cutting up the onions. To all members who attended, thank you for helping to make this a most enjoyable night.

Then the Worrigee Zoo trip, once again another great day with twenty-nine attending.

This month we look forward to a trip to the Cranbourne gardens and hopefully by then the warm weather will have returned.

Just make sure you have registered for these events to help where bookings are required. I also ask members to advise conveners as soon as possible in the event that you are unable to attend.

Hoping to see you all at our next meeting.

Gary Strahan

November birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Kathy Ely; Val Hanna; Linda Jane Johnson; Evan Johnson.

Speaker for November Meeting: Alan Thompson, who will be talking on the life of General Sir John Monash. Alan was our February speaker and was most entertaining in his presentation.

Walking group

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

November 2025 walk: There is no walk this month.

December 2025 walk: Ken and Liz have asked Ilsa to lead the walk on **December 1**. We will meet at the end of North Road (beach end) in front of the *North Point Café* at 10:30am and walk along the beach path. Refreshments will be back at the café after the walk. Hope to see you all there.

January 2026 walk

On **Monday January 5** we will meet at 6.30 pm in the first car park in Karkarook Park after entering from Fairchild Street (Melway 78 E7). This is a very pleasant twilight walk around this very popular park in Warrigal Road, Moorabbin, very close to where South Road meets Warrigal Road. At the conclusion of the walk, we will meet at McDonalds in Warrigal Road close to Kingston Road.

February 2026 walk

Over the past few years our February walk has been our 'Twilight Gelati Walk'. On **Monday February 2** we will meet in Parker's Road outside Shirley Burke Hall at 6.30 pm. We will walk down to Beach Road and then along to Herbert Street which leads us back to *Bocco's Gelato* at 278 Como Parade West.

Upcoming Activities

Annual Christmas Lunch

Our festive celebration will be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 12:00 noon**.

- **Venue:** The Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc.
- **Cost: \$70** for a two-course lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival.
- **Payment deadline:** Payment must be made no later than the **November 19 General Meeting**.
- **To book:** Please contact **Joy Meekings (0434 558 437)** or **Faye Wegat (0409 265 503)**.

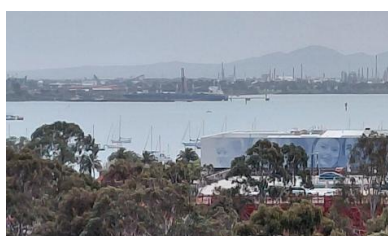
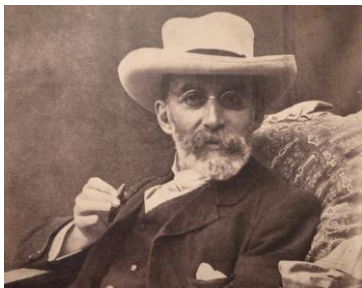
Cranbourne Botanical Gardens (November 27)

- **Details:** Travel will be by **carpooling**. On arrival, you can tour the gardens in an open bus which must be booked and paid for (\$12) by November 20. The bus is booked for 10.15am. Lunch (at your expense) at the Boon Wurrung Café is booked for 12.
- **To register:** Contact **Pauline Kerr** to express your interest.

Archibald Prize

Our October walk was as much a train trip as a walk. Our larger than usual group (pictured) took the train to Southern Cross Station where coffee and toilet stops took place. Someone had trouble finding the correct toilet. Then, after a lot of confusion we made our way back to virtually the same platform area to board the train to Geelong. With lots of chatter, views of countryside and towns not seen before and sweet treats, thanks to Liz, we arrived at Geelong station. Walked from the station to the Geelong Library & Heritage Centre (pictured below), with its interesting dome shape and made our way up to level 5, only to find the viewing balcony closed. Janette made a quick trip downstairs and returned with a staff member who thankfully opened up for us. Being a cloudy day, the views of Corio Bay and the You Yangs (pictured below) were not spectacular but there were still some beautiful buildings around to see. Then back at street level and across it to the heritage building known as the “upside-down building” due to its shape that resembles an upturned pyramid or State Government Offices. Here we had hoped to view its large mosaic mural in the foyer depicting an 1970s view of Australian history but unfortunately it is now adays not open to the public. These days it’s probably not politically correct, but in my view, history shouldn’t be changed but should be learnt from. So, lunch was next in the programme at Porchetta, and some rather large meals were enjoyed by some, along with the finishing touch of an after-dinner mint provided by our sugar fix queen, Liz. Timing was perfect as we arrived at Geelong Library to view the finalist paintings of the Archibald Prize for 2025 right on our designated booking time. For those like me who didn’t know why it’s called the Archibald/Archie’s, it’s named after J F Archibald, a gentleman born in Geelong and co-founder of *The Bulletin* newspaper (pictured below), who upon his death made a bequest that led to the establishment of the prestigious art prize for portraiture. Everyone has their own ideas as to which painting should have won. Personally, I was not impressed by the winner but loved the packing room prize winner (both pictured below) and lots of others that were so well done they could have been a photograph. After the viewing, some of us walked back to the railway station via Johnstone Park adjacent to the library and Heritage Centre with our President to board our train back to Melbourne, the rest of the group using a later train. The return train trip was a quiet affair with a few of us snoozing. Another enjoyable adventure thanks to our organisers Ken and Liz.

Wendy Crawford



Werribee Zoo

On Thursday 30th of October twenty-nine enthusiastic members boarded the bus with driver Adrian for the hour and half trip across the Westgate Bridge to the open range Werribee Zoo. (Picture 1)

After the difficult navigation of the traffic and road works, Adrian safely pulled up at the Zoo. (Picture 2) There was a rush for coffee, etc., and then aboard the safari bus. (Picture 3) To the surprise of all, a couple boarded the bus by hydraulic lift, much to the applause of everyone. (Picture 4)

The total area of the zoo is approximately 540 acres with some very bumpy tracks, and I think we went on the worst of them. The highlight being the giraffes and the wild horses and zebras. On returning to the Safari station, it was either lunch or off to the elephant enclosure which is the size of the Melbourne Zoo. Those that were fit enough, walked but others were taxied by a small electric bus.

The sight of the elephants and how the enclosure has been developed is amazing. (Picture 5) From there to the leopards, gorillas and lions, but unfortunately, they were having their afternoon nap. The sign by the lion viewing area said it all: "Trespassers will be lunch." (Picture 6)

At 2.00 pm, after some successful navigation along the many winding tracks, we all arrived at the Meerkat Cafe for ice cream, coffee and cake before heading home. It was staggering to see so many school buses, at least eight crammed full of very excited kids who'd shared our enjoyment of the day.

A special thank you to Pauline who did a great job ensuring no one was lost and that the day was such a success.

Gary Strahan



October Meeting



President Gary inducted Barbara



Beverley was our speaker

Melbourne Cup fashions



Key to photos:

- 1 Bill and Wendy
- 2 Nola – Door Prize/Best Dressed
- 3 “Bookie” Gary
- 4 The ladies and one male
- 5 Joy and Alice
- 6 Carol and Kathy
- 7 Jim and Margot

Jim's BBQ

Loud laughter. Sparkling conversation. Delicious snags and salads and even more delicious cakes, slices and delicacies. Yep, another fabulous Beaumaris Bay Probus Club event.

Thank you so much to Joan and Jim for hosting another flavoursome evening at their apartment block. We really do appreciate their efforts in providing a very luxurious venue for our sausage sizzles.

Judging by the noise level, all those present had a terrific time catching up with people they hadn't seen since the day before at the Probus meeting! Some of us were treated to a nameless (and dare I say, shameless) teller of sausage jokes – luckily, I can only remember two to pass on to you.

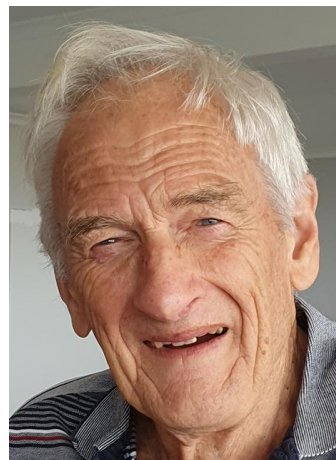
- How do sausages write poems? *With a lot of meat-a-phors!*
- What do sausages like to read at night? *Fifty Shades of Grill!*

Our thanks as always to Geraldine and all the other generous providers of good things to eat. You would be amazed at the number of sweet tooth members who quickly masticated their way through the sausages and salad to be able to taste test the array of slices and cakes. And of course, many thanks to our energetic cooks (Michael, Bill and John) who cooked and plated ninety-six sausages in record time.

Michele Backholer



Chef John



Mine host, Jim



Julie and Trish enjoyed the BBQ



As did Errol and President Gary



Calendar of activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
NOVEMBER 2025				
3 No walk	4 Melb Cup Holiday	5 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	6	8-9
10	11 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	12 Pétanque (10.30am)	13	15-16
17 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30pm)	19 General Meeting @ 10.00am	20	22-23 Movies TBA
24	25 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Pétanque (10.30am)	27 Cranbourne Gardens (carpooling)	29-30
DECEMBER 2025				
1 Walk - North Road Beach (Brighton)	2 Mahjong (1.30pm)	3 Committee (1.30pm)	4	6-7
8	9 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	10	11 Xmas Lunch Bridge Hotel (Mordy)	13-14
15 Craft Grp (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (1.30pm)	17	18	20-21 Movies TBA
22	23	24	25 Xmas Day	27-28
29	30	31		
JANUARY 2026				
			1 New Year's Day	3-4
5 Walk – Twilight walk (Karkarook Park)	6	7	8	10-11
12	13 Book Grp (11.00am)	14	15	17-18
19	20	21 Lunch @ Flight Deck, Moorabbin Airport TBA	22	24-25 Movies TBA
26	27 Coffee (10.30am)	28	29	31-Feb 1

Merry Christmas – Ho! Ho! Ho!



The Committee wishes all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year