



Beaumaris Waves

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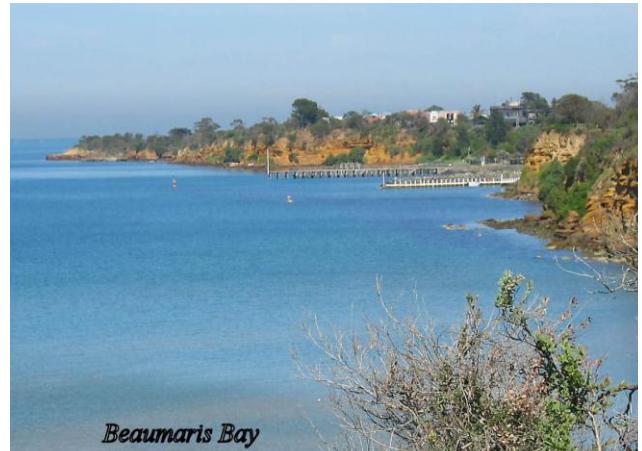
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From the Editor

Welcome to the January 2026 edition of the newsletter! As we embark on a new year, we look forward to reconnecting with friends, enjoying exciting outings, and celebrating our club's 25th anniversary. This issue highlights upcoming events such as our first outing to Ripponlea Estate, the ever-popular Twilight Gelati Walk, and our first lunch at the Flight Deck. Let's make 2026 a year filled with friendship, fun, and memorable experiences together.

Upcoming Activities 2026

Our first outing for 2026 will be to the Ripponlea Estate on **Thursday February 26**. Two options to get there are either carpool and park on Hotham Road (all day parking) OR take the Sandringham train to Ripponlea station and then a five-minute walk. The good news for the early morning coffee addicts (like me), is that you can grab one just inside at the Gatehouse cafe. It opens at 10.00 am, so we can wander around the garden until 11.00am, then meet back at the mansion for a conducted tour. I am required to pay one week in advance - the cost for entry and the tour is \$18, but if you are a National Trust member, the tour cost is just \$5. (Entry itself is free). Please pay into our club account by February 18, which is the first general meeting for the year. Afterwards we can go to the iconic Elsternwick Hotel at the corner of Nepean and Glenhuntly Roads for lunch.

Janette James

Vale Bob Mylius



It is with regret that we announce the passing of Bob Mylius after a long illness. Bob joined the Club in 2008 and participated regularly in Club activities until ill-health necessitated him going into care. Our sincere sympathy to Carol and family.

Walking group

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

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.

January 2026 lunch



Our first lunch for the year will be held at the *Flight Deck*, Moorabbin Airport, on **January 21**. An extensive a la carte menu is available at reasonable prices. Book your place with Joy Meekings on (0434) 558 437.

25th Anniversary 2026



Plans are underway to celebrate the Club's 25th anniversary in May this year. We still have two Foundation Members in our midst: Pamela and Frank Spencer. One of our Life members, Jocelyn Besly, is also a 25 Year member, having joined the Club shortly after the inaugural meeting in May 2001.

President's Award 2025



Janette James, our Vice-President, was the worthy recipient of the President's Award for her outstanding contribution to the Club in 2025. The award was presented by President Gary Strahan at the Club's annual Xmas lunch held at the Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc. During 2025 Janette organised a number of successful day trips which she had meticulously researched beforehand. She also organised for us to have sandwiches after our monthly meetings. Janette has also formed a sub-committee to plan future activities. The presentation of the award for her tireless efforts was warmly applauded by the members attending the lunch.

For the record



Our final Mahjong game for 2025 was preceded by a magnificent lunch. Thank you to Pyhl for co-ordinating this activity throughout the year. Once again Lyn facilitated the use of her retirement village lounge for the breakup. We started with a toast to the memory of Laurie Gwillim, our long-time mentor, then enjoyed food, glorious food. **Janette James**

Editor's note: Why has Janette tuned her back to the camera? (Zoom in on the photo.)

Cranbourne Gardens 2025

This was our final adventure for 2025, and would you believe, it started with a shower or two but by about 10.30am the sun came out and it was ideal. Twenty of us set off around 9.00am in our designated cars, some using the car GPS while others went out and bought a new Melways! It was only a 45-minute drive to see this 363-hectare site offering us the chance to explore heartlands, wetlands, woodlands and, of course, the award-winning garden complex. Thank you to all our willing drivers.

The Explorer bus was waiting for eight of us but as twelve of us wanted to increase our step count, we headed off on foot - the bus group had a great commentary while the walkers searched for labels and information on boards in designated learning centres. These gardens are so impressive. If you look at the photos you will know what I mean - the colours and the health of the plants especially as you view them alongside the red sand gardens. There are around 33 living gardens to see - some of us were especially interested in the Weird Garden which consisted of huge rocks. Then there was the Eucalypt walk, the Arid garden and the Serpentine Path, just to mention a few. So much to see and admire!

Finally, there was lunch at the Boon Wurrung Cafe - light meals served with a view of the gardens (if you happened to sit on the right side of the table). It was a fun day - thank you to all those members who have supported our day trips this year. **Janette James**

Editor: Thanks to Brenda Matthews for these two magnificent photos of the Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens.





Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
JANUARY				
			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 Committee (1.30pm)	15	17-18
19	20	21 Lunch @ Flight Deck, Moorabbin Airport	22	24-
26 Australia Day	27 Coffee (10.30am)	28	29	Jan 31-Feb 1
FEBRUARY				
2 Gelati walk	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	5	7-8
9	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11 Petanque (10.30am)	12	14-15
16 Craft Group (1.30pm)	17 Mahjong (1.30pm)	18 General Meeting (10.00am)	19	21-22
23	24 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	25 Petanque (10.30am)	26 Ripponlea Estate	28
MARCH				
2	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	5	7-8
9 Labor Day	10 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	11 Petanque (10.30am)	12 Lawn bowls @ Hampton Bowls Club	14-15
16 Craft Group (1.30pm)	17 Mahjong (1.30pm)	18 General meeting/ AGM (10.00am)	19	21-22
23 Inverloch – 4 nites	24 Mahjong (1.30pm)	25	26 Inverloch – last nite	28-29
30	31 Mahjong (1.30pm)			
APRIL				
		1 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	2	4-5
6 Easter Monday	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8 Petanque (10.30am)	9	11-12
13	14 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am)	16	18-19
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (1.30pm)	22 Petanque (10.30am)	23	25 ANZAC Day
27	28 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Petanque (10.30am)	30	