



# Beaumaris Waves

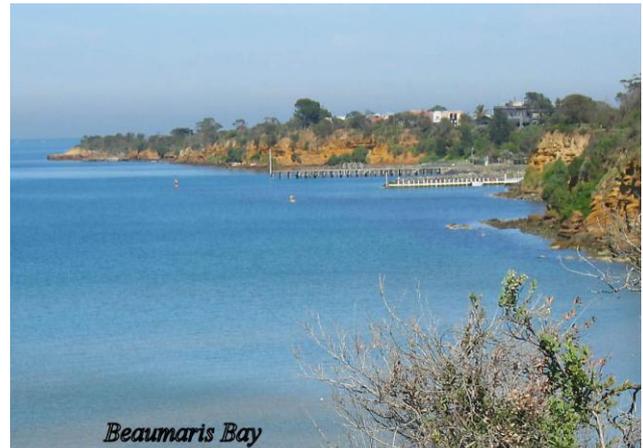
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**Meetings:** The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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## President's message

Well 2025 has come and gone and what a year it was. The activities for the year really showcased how members have embraced the friendship and fellowship of the club.

To all members I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2026

The recipient of the President award for 2025 was JanetteJames, it was an honour to present the award to Janette . Her tireless and dedicated work has helped us grow to an even more vibrant and friendly club.

Our Christmas lunch was a huge success with 71 in attendance out of 98 members the largest attendance ever. Faye and Geraldine did a wonderful job as usual in organising the day, and the venue proved to be extremely popular. Also to Julie for organising the entertainment.

It was very heartening to see that we had three hampers this year, due to all the generous donations. A special thank you to Steve for stepping into MC at the last minute. Well done for doing such an outstanding job.

It was great to see so many on our first walk for this year, followed by a quick snack at McDonalds which provided a much needed catchup and chat after our Christmas break.

Our annual January lunch at the flight deck was once again very well supported. Whilst we were expected at 12 o'clock as usual most members arrived well before and most appeared reluctant to leave. Our group being some of the last to go.

The support of all our activities really reflects the success of the past year as we look forward to 2026 I would like to remind members of our annual general meeting in March. It is vital for the ongoing success of our club that we add new members to the committee each year if possible.

Please give consideration to nominating or speaking with either myself or Janette about joining the committee.

**Gary Strahan**

**Birthdays:** We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Nola Ambry; Jocelyn Besly; Carol Hughes; Helene Knight; Penny McColl; Joy Meekings; Marilyn Murray; Ilsa Schuller; Helen Scott; Alice Widdowson.

**Speaker:** We are fortunate to have one of our own speaking this month: Tom Valenta will be talking on post-war immigration. Tom is a former journalist, public relations consultant and published author and an advocate on a range of health issues. He has taken on copious research on many topics over the years. Recently Tom has published a book on post-war immigration and how it has shaped Australia, which I am sure will be interesting and entertaining.

*Julie Walshe*

## Walking group

**Convenor: Ken Launder (kenlaunder7@gmail.com)**

Our twilight walk around Karkarook Park was bathed in bright sunlight with a light breeze making for an enjoyable walk. We welcomed a few extra members who decided to join in and some just walked the distance they were comfortable with, then sat and chatted while the rest of the group completed the two km trip around the lake. Lots of chat was had as we caught up on all our Christmas and New Year activities. There were also plenty of other people enjoying the park, walking, running, fishing, picnicking and making the most of a lovely evening. If you haven't visited the park it's worth a visit. There are lots of picnic tables, barbecues, an off leash dog area, a viewing platform and the walking track is paved. After our walk we adjourned to McDonalds just down Warrigal Road for coffee, snacks and of course lots more chat. After wishing Ken all the best for his upcoming surgery we ventured home. For those who may be considering joining the next walk is also an twilight one on Monday 2 Feb, starting at 6.30 from the front of the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale and finishing with Gelati at Bocco's Gelato at Como Parade West, Parkdale

### MARCH 2026 WALK

On Monday March 2 our walk will be around the man-made lake at Waterways Estate. We will meet at 10.30 am on the corner of Waterside and Deepwater Drives (Melway 93 E2). Car park and street parking available. Nest Cafe on the lake will be our coffee, snacks and chat spot after the walk. Wendy Crawford



## Upcoming day trip 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*

## Theatre

18 members turned up to see Song Sung Blue at the newly renovated Village cinema at Southland - and what a movie I think I can confidently say we all loved it . It was based on a true story about a couple who performed as the Neil Diamond tribute band. And what a journey it was - hence a few tears were shed by some [ probably most ] of us .Now for some facts about Tuesday night at Village if you are a member [ and it is free ] you get half price tickets .And if you go to Betty's Burgers you can purchase 2 identical burgers and only pay \$2 for the second one! What fun - Janette James

## A Buzz at Moorabbin Airport

We could hear the murmur as we approached Flight Deck restaurant. The sound grew to a loud buzz. What is that? It's not a plane! Now it sounds like a roar! As we entered the bar area, we recognised the faces of 40+ of our Probus friends laughing, shouting, some hugging ... reconnecting for the new year! What a racket! We're back! *Christine Simmons*



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## Lawn Bowls Evening in March.

This is the perfect opportunity to get in some practice before some of us head off to Inverlock for a follow up session !

Thursday 12th March 5pm at Hampton Bowls Community Club - Corner Fewster and Earlsfield Roads Hampton. (See photos below)

Ample parking available on the property.

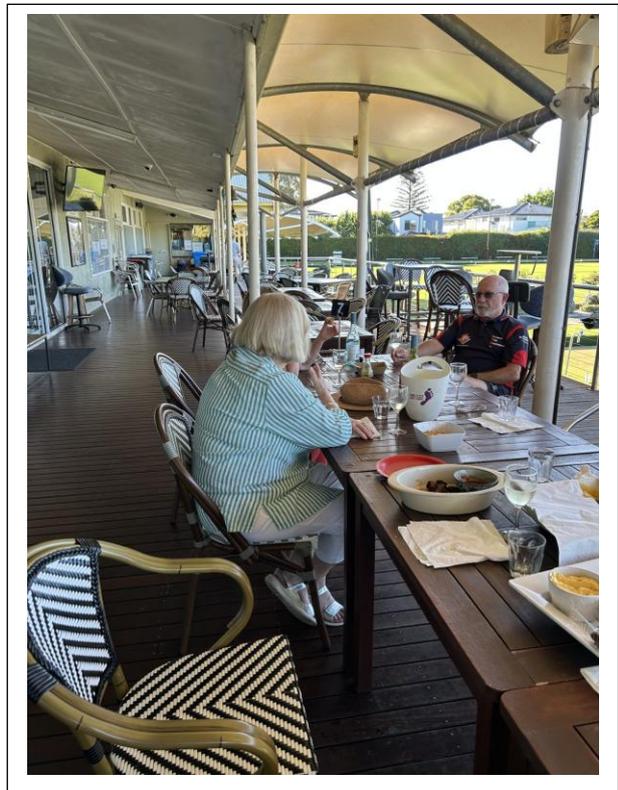
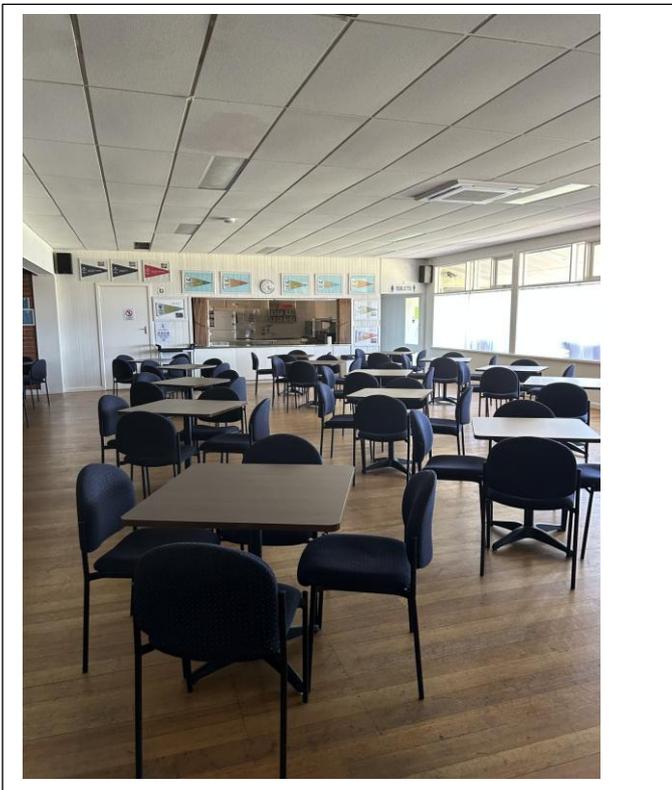
Cost is \$25 - to be paid into our club account by the 1st March .

Bar will be open and we will provide cold roast chickens, ham and bread rolls - then I will be looking for volunteers to bring salads .

Please call me if you would be happy to contribute - Janette James 0409139404

Please note this is a social evening and all are welcome whether you bowl or not .

If you are not bowling then the cost is just \$10 but you must let us know when you register for the event .



## Scheduled activities directory

Group	Convenor	Venue	Day of the month/time
Book group	Jan Storey	Cheltenham Golf Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 11.00am
Coffee, Chew & Chat	Graeme Storey	Rickett's Point Tea House (Beach Road)	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 10.30am
Craft group	Helen Scott	Cheltenham Golf Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 1.30pm
Mah jong	Phyl McLean	Cheltenham Golf Club	Tuesday weekly @ 1.30pm
Petanque	Steve McColl	Beumaris Oval	Wednesday weekly @ 10.30am
Walking group	Ken Launder	Local areas	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday morning

## Petanque

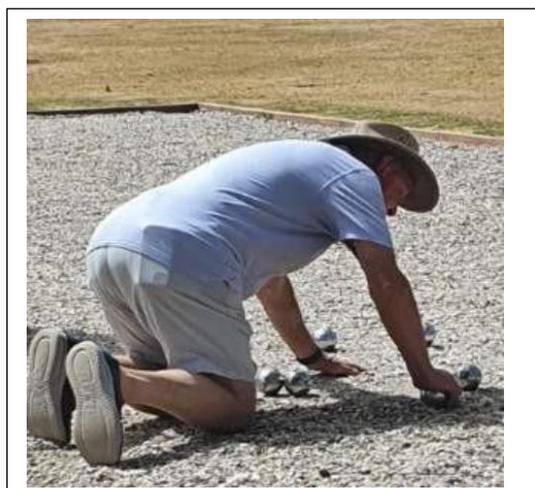


**The challenge of a real Piste:** If you were in a location on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January that allowed you to look across Dendy Park Brighton you would have observed a group of men playing Petanque on a true Petanque Piste constructed using stone aggregate.



***You have to be kidding me, Gary!!***

Those intrepid players viewed were eight of our club members enjoying the challenges offered when playing on gravel rather than on the grass surface of the oval behind the Beaumaris Library. They were so very fortunate to have the weather gods on their side 28\*c compared to 40\*c the day prior.



***Oh come on, it's a close call but we're confident John you have won the shot!***

There was the strong competitiveness in the players; none were going to be beaten by this beast of a Piste and certainly they were out to knock their competitors out of the game, all under the watchful eye of our own James T (below).



Our dear friend Manfred, as one should have anticipated, managed to pull the wool over his competitor's eyes by utilising his skill of deception leaving others to think he was not capable of scoring the shot only to win the round by placing his boule closest to the cochonnet.



***Poor John B resorted to calling on faith to acknowledge Manfreds repetitive achievements.***

Suffice to say a very enjoyable time was had with many a laugh followed by coffee back at the Concourse.

***Steve McColl***



## Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
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
<b>MARCH</b>				
2 Walk - Waterways Estate	3 Mahjong (1.30pm)	4 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	5	7-8
9 <b>Labor Day</b>	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 <b>Inverloch – 4 nites</b>	24 Mahjong (1.30pm)	25	26 <b>Inverloch – last nite</b>	28-29
30	31 Mahjong (1.30pm)			
<b>APRIL</b>				
		1 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	2	4-5
6 <b>Easter Monday</b>	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 <b>ANZAC Day</b>
27	28 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Petanque (10.30am)	30 MCG tour	
<b>MAY</b>				
4 Walk	5 Mahjong (1.30pm)	6 Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
11	12 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	13 Petanque (10.30am)	14	15
18 Craft Group (1.30pm)	19 Mahjong (1.30pm)	20 General Meeting (10.00am)	21	23-24
25	26 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	27 Petanque (10.30am)	28 Yarra Valley bus trip	30-31