



# Beaumaris Waves

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## Annual General Meeting 2026

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held immediately after the March General Meeting commencing at 10.00am. There will be no speaker this month as we will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club's formation.

### President's message

As this is my last president's report, I feel it appropriate to reflect on the past year, and my time as President. The year saw the challenge of the golf club renewing its lease, to which we gave our full support, and I'm pleased to say was successful.

There was also a difficult decision regarding a pause in members and guests for a short time. We are now in the position of having over one hundred members.

I would like to thank the committee and the conveners for their support and commitment over the past year. I feel that the club has grown not only in numbers but in providing activities and true fellowship within the club.

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank Graeme Storey our newsletter editor for his tremendous contribution to our club. Graeme has been editor for the past sixteen years but has decided to step down.

To our incoming President Janette, your help and assistance throughout the year has made my time so much easier, and trust you enjoy your year ahead. The year as President has been one of my most memorable and rewarding years on committees, so to all members I thank you for your encouragement and support. To my wife Beryl, thank you for your support and assistance. We also celebrate twenty-five years as a club and are privileged to still have two foundation members with us which is indeed a great achievement.

This year sees the first ballot for committee positions in a long time, which I'm sure we all agree shows how committed and dedicated our members are. It is through the willingness of members to participate, that our club will remain strong into the future.

Thank you all once again for your support over the year as we look forward to another successful year ahead.

**Gary Strahan**

## Vale Judith Saxton



It is with regret that we announce the death last month of Judith Saxton, one of our Foundation Members, having the joined the Club in its inception in 2001. She organised the Cinema Group between 2006-08 and continued to be active until her ill health curtailed her participation. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

**Birthdays:** We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Sue Blair; Gary Braybon; Trish Buggy; Wendy Crawford; Pat Farrelly; Bruce Hobart; Ken Launder; Steve McColl; Maree Stammers; Gary Strahan.

## Walking group

**Convenor: Wendy Crawford**

**April 2026 Walk:** Our April walk will be on Monday 13th April as the first Monday is Easter Monday. We will meet at the grassed community area at Beaumaris Concourse at 10.30am and walk up Moyseys Run to Herbert Street and from there explore Tramway Parade and Oak Street, then back to the Concourse for coffee.

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At 6.30 on the first Monday night in February the walking group went on the annual Twilight Gelati walk. Meeting in front of the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parker's Road Parkdale we proceeded to walk down hill to Beach Road, along to Herbert Street and then up hill to Como Parade and our final destination of Bocco's Gelato (pictured). Lots of chat along the way, as our walkers who may have been slow up Herbert St but then picked up the pace to Bocco's where there was the challenge of deciding what flavoured and size of ice-cream to have. There were some different flavours including backlava which I (Wendy) had and was yummy, passionfruit and raffaello just to name a few. It was pleasing to have a few members who were unable to walk join us for ice cream and chat (picture below). This was the last walk organised by Ken, who was unable to walk as he was still in hospital recovering from his surgery. We all thank him and Liz for all the effort they put into making our walks interesting and hope they will be able to join us on some future walks.



## Ripponlea mansion

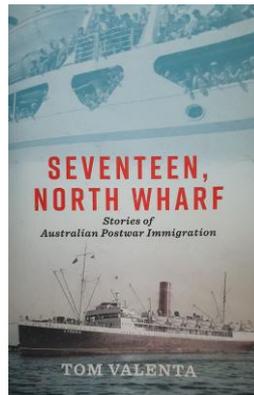
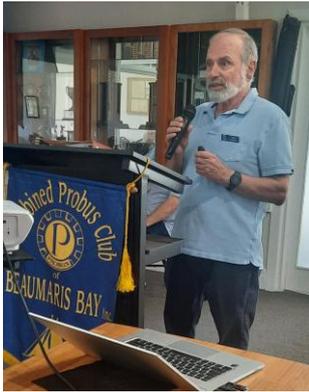
We were so lucky to have a perfect day for all 16 of us to take in this magnificent house and the heritage gardens. Sara our guide talked us through the 31 room (we didn't see them all) mansion and boy was she strict on not touching anything. Gary & I got the look when we were told we could touch the wall, but she really meant the sample piece she was passing around. It was so interesting to hear stories and history about the owners and to learn that the original wealth came from the gold fields. Unbelievable wealth for the time but thanks to Louisa Jones the property was finally left to the National Trust. We can all Google the facts, but I like the personal connections - Back in 1974 Trish had access to the pool at Ripponlea and she has vivid memories of swimming in the pool and watching peacocks wandering around. Both Julie & I remember attending weddings on the lawn next to the pool - in my case the reception was held in the huge Ballroom.

After the house tour we all went off in different directions to explore the expansive garden. I found Geraldine searching for the giant bird's nest fern that got too big for her garden, so she donated it to Ripponlea. Then Milly finally returned after her adventure finding the lake with its gorgeous setting and to top it off two very cute ducks.

Lunch at the Elsternwick Hotel was excellent and a good finish to a very successful day. I must congratulate Gary for braving this outing with an all-female team. **Janette and Trish**



## February speaker



Our speaker in February was one of our members, Tom Valenta, who talked about the subject of his book on post-second world war immigration, *Seventeen North Wharf*. He was thanked by Julie.

### Craft Group

We had such a happy, challenging Craft afternoon on Monday February 16. It was the first time we have met this year, so we had a lot of catching up to do, sharing stories of how we spent Christmas and the holidays. Making the Japanese parasol card really stretched the abilities of the ladies, but their completed cards were superb. We look forward to another happy year of friendship, fun and creativity.

**Helen Scott**





## Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
<b>MARCH</b>				
<b>9 Labor Day</b>	<b>10</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>11</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>12</b> Lawn bowls @ Hampton Bowls Club	<b>14-15</b>
<b>16</b> Craft Group (1.30pm)	<b>17</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>18</b> General meeting/ AGM (10.00am)	<b>19</b>	<b>21-22</b>
<b>23 Inverloch – 4 nites</b>	<b>24</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Inverloch – last nite</b>	<b>28-29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)			
<b>APRIL</b>				
		<b>1</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>2</b>	<b>4-5</b>
<b>6 Easter Monday</b>	<b>7</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>8</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>9</b>	<b>11-12</b>
<b>13</b> Walk – Beumaris environs	<b>14</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>15</b> General Meeting (10.00am)	<b>16</b>	<b>18-19</b>
<b>20</b> Craft Group (1.30pm)	<b>21</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>22</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>23</b>	<b>25 ANZAC Day</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>29</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>30</b> MCG tour	
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>4</b> Walk	<b>5</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>6</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>13</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b> Craft Group (1.30pm)	<b>19</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>20</b> General Meeting (10.00am)	<b>21</b>	<b>23-24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>27</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>28</b> Yarra Valley bus trip	<b>30-31</b>
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>1</b> Walk	<b>2</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>3</b> Petanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	<b>4</b>	<b>6-7</b>
<b>8 King's Birthday</b>	<b>9</b> Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>10</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>11</b>	<b>13-14</b>
<b>15</b> Craft Group (1.30pm)	<b>16</b> Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>17</b> General Meeting (10.00am)	<b>18</b>	<b>20-21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	<b>24</b> Petanque (10.30am)	<b>25</b>	<b>27-28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			