



Beaumaris Waves

The Combined Probud Club of Beaumaris Bay Inc.
ABN 30 118 809 302

Mail: P. O. Box 6060 Cromer VIC 3193
Email: sec.beaubay@gmail.com
Website: beaumarisbay.org.au
Bank: BSB 033-033 Account no. 170138

President: Janette James
Immed. Past Pres: Gary Strahan
Vice-Pres: Marilyn Hubbard
Secretary: Faye Wegat
Treasurer: Joan Fry
Activities Co-ord: Geraldine McGann
Membership: Margot Ryan
Member: Denise Hesline
Member: Pauline Kerr
Member: Jim Scott



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

Issue date: 8 April 2026

President's message



What an amazing year to be President - it started with our 25th year anniversary, then in April it is Probud Australia's 50th anniversary. And to top it off, I have just returned home from a fantastic 5 days away with 38 members at Inverloch. I am so proud to be part of a club where members work as a team. Yes John & Michele certainly led the way but, one by one, I saw others emerge. Times like this I feel that the words, "thank you" are not enough! I am excited as we have lots of fun events ahead of us this year with our next outing being to the famous MCG and then a bus trip to the Yarra Valley. All now in place, thank you to Pauline, our new daily activities Convener.

Easter is very early this year so note no Easter bonnet parade, instead a very interesting speaker, Fiona, from Beaumaris Modern. We have a number of changes within our committee but please know, you are all welcome to drop in, listen in and even offer us a suggestion, on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.30 pm. A thank you to all our convenors as you quietly go about coordinating events week after week. A warm welcome and thank you to Wendy Crawford who will now lead our monthly walks and to Lesley Cotterill who will greet you at the monthly coffee mornings.

This is a reminder that it is essential to read our newsletter and check out the website for updates on what is happening. And a final thankyou to Gary who has included me all the way in his term as President - and yes, he makes good coffee! With 25 Presidents before me and 3 life members Jocelyn, Marilyn and Pamela at our AGM, I have a great tradition to follow.

Janette James

TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Ten former Presidents
(L-R) *Jan Storey, Steve McColl, Graeme Storey, Michael Simmons, Jocelyn Besly, Jim Scott, Marilyn Murray, Geraldine McGann, Jim Tomlinson, Gary Strahan*

(Above) Presentation of 25-year badges.

Ambassador to PSPL Belinda Evans and Gary, presented 25-year badges to Pamela Spencer, Marilyn Murray and Jocelyn Besly. Also, awarded 25-year badges were Mark Murray, Frank Spencer and June Hill who were unable to attend.

Twenty Fifth Anniversary Celebrations:

Jocelyn gave a comprehensive talk on the history of our Club, its many Presidents and activities over the past 25 years. Lesley Cotterill compiled a presentation which was a perfect accompaniment to Jocelyn's information – recollections of the various activities and trips members have enjoyed throughout years. It was a real walk down memory lane for a lot of members present and gave new members an insight to the past and how our club has evolved. Thankyou Jocelyn and Lesley you made a terrific team.

Belinda Evans spoke about her role as Ambassador and the benefit of working with the various Clubs and their members. Thankyou Belinda for your attendance at or 25th AGM.

And to complete a very special meeting we were treated to delicious sponge cake at morning tea time. It was almost criminal to watch the decorative icing being sliced up, but all is fair in cake eating!



Birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: Michele Backholer, Judith Lyons and Jim Scott.

Thank you Graeme:

Nervous apprehension grips everyone when they try something new for the first time. That's how I feel about stepping into the rather large (figuratively speaking) shoes of our much loved and respected editor, Graeme Storey. What a job he's done over the sixteen years he's been at the helm and we all sincerely thank him for his dedication and commitment. Mathematically he has delivered (give or take a couple) 160 issues of Beaumaris Bay Waves – that's a heck of a lot of man hours!! Sincere thanks Graeme for a mighty effort. And on a personal note I want to thank Graeme for his patience and guidance as I dabble in the world of all things editorial. You have no idea of the skills that are required to produce this newsletter and it would make your ears burn if I told you of my new vocabulary used as this first effort was produced.

Michele Backholer

Bowls Night at Hampton Bowling Club:



Relaxed and ready to learn how it's done! Helene Knight, Margot Ryan, Geoff Bakes, Lesley Cotterill



Excitedly, those who were keen for a bowl, gathered on the manicured green. True to all things Australian, we quickly divided into two groups – the men disappeared to start playing before the women had even worked out what colour bowl they were going to choose!

They do say you never truly know someone until you play bowls – and then, oh boy – the truth is revealed. We were warned by our very kind and patient tutor that it can bring out the true competitive spirit in people. And that it certainly did!

After giving us all some basic instructions the women were left to our own devices. Some of our members played in that true spirit of the game, very polite and congratulating each other on good shots. And then there were others that quickly got the idea that bashing each

other's bowls out of the way and ending up closest to the jack was immensely satisfying. (Please note not one name has been mentioned – I'm leaving you to do the guessing.)

Our thanks must go to Julie Walshe who liaised with the Hampton Bowls Club and with her band of helpers beautifully set up the club rooms ready for our meal together. We had a number of talented ladies who concocted delicious salads to compliment the chickens from Seaview chicken shop. Such a terrific team spirit which even extended to the washing and drying up. A great fun night and I think everyone is looking forward to doing it all again!

Michele Backholer

Inverloch Interlude: *Our week away in Inverloch*

Our regional Probus representative Belinda Evans recognised it when she visited us last meeting – the cheerful, welcoming spirit that makes our club the wonderful success it is. And it was on display for all campers to see when we hit the Big 4 at Inverloch. Every one of our 38 intrepid holiday makers happily participated in all activities that were on offer.

The entire atmosphere of the caravan park lifted on Monday as car by car our spirited attendees arrived. At our initial get together in the camp kitchen, John Backholer talked us through the planned activities for the week and it was all systems go from then on. Off to a quick start was Steve McColl who endeared himself to a group of walkers as they set off for a brisk familiarisation walk. He leaned as far as he could out of the car window and anointed them as they set off – yes, it was only tap water and not the holy water he tried to convince them it was!

The Tuesday night quiz was brain numbing - it was so difficult many of our participants walked away with far less hair than when they started the evening! Well done to Kathy Ely who is forthwith banned from all quiz nights as she swept all before her on her way to yet another win! And many thanks to Penny and Steve for the time it must have taken them to research all the questions!

Wednesday's planned event was barefoot bowls at the Inverloch Bowls Club followed by a sausage sizzle. Much consultation of various web sites confirmed worst fears – thunderstorms and rain, rain, rain scheduled for 4:00 p.m. What else to do but cancel said event. And of course, the day progressed, fine, warm and sunny!!!! Barefoot bowls turned in to pétanque at the caravan park, followed by a sausage sizzle. Thank you to Brenda Matthews, Penny McColl and Kathy Ely who formed a formidable preparatory team – salads, baked potatoes, boiled eggs – you name it, they did it!

A really good little brain teaser quiz followed the sumptuous spread of bbq'd meats, salads and yummy treats (supplied by Wendy Crawford and others). Kathy Ely achieved a perfect score yet again and we have to ask how she's going to fill in her time at future events as she's officially banned from everything! Prizes were raffled off and also awarded for notable achievements. Good on you Noela Smith for earning the "*Classiest dishwasher award*" - such a hard worker at the sink full of dirty dishes, she failed to note she had washed a paper plate and put it to "drain" in the dishrack! Thank you to all those kind people who provided prizes to ensure quite a few people could go home "winners".

Thursday morning saw a promising start of scones, jam and cream at a dear little par 3 golf course (Devil's Den) in glorious sunshine – so warm we had to open the blinds on the veranda to provide a cooling breeze. Of course, as you would expect, by the time we left the golf course that had degenerated into vicious skin biting wind and rain and caused a few plans for the day to be put on hold!

The final planned event at the Inverloch Inlet Hotel Thursday night, saw many of our members warming the cockles of their hearts with a little inducement from behind the bar – well deserved after the cold fickle weather continued into the night. Plans are afoot for another local week away next year – probably in March. Please do join in – it's a terrific way of really getting to know members in a fun, inclusive environment.

Michele Backholer

Inverloch interlude (cont'd)



Best chefs in town:

Gary Braybon, Steve McColl, Michael Simmons, John Backholer, happily supervised by Jim Scott



This photo was taken outside the camp kitchen and the happy looks on everyone's face is because they knew a delicious meal was about to be served to them!



Always on the go! Graeme Storey, Prue Dunn, Jan Storey, Noela Smith, Pauline Kerr



Happy prize winners: (L) Trish Buggy with John; (R) Christine



Happy campers relaxing



Penny and friend

Group news

Walking group - Wendy Crawford (Wendy-crawford@bigpond.com)

APRIL WALK - Monday 13th April

We will meet at the grassed community area of Beaumaris Concourse at 10.30am. From there walking up Moyseys Run to Herbert Street to Tramway Parade, Oak Street, Gibbs, John and Edith Streets back to the Concourse. Our coffee, eats and chat will be at a table in the community area.

MAY WALK - Monday 4th May

After being cancelled in March due to wet weather, we will try the walk around the man-made lake at Waterways Estate again. We will meet at 10.30am on the corner of Waterside and Deepwater Drives (Melway 93 E2). Car park and street parking available. The Nest Cafe on the lake will be our coffee, snacks and chat venue after the walk.

Out and About:

Our second outing for the year will be a trip to the MCG on Thursday 30th April. We will travel by train to Richmond in either the second last or last carriage. Train timetable is Mordialloc 8.48, Parkdale 8.50, Mentone 8.52, Cheltenham 8.55, Southland 8.57, Highett 8.59 and arriving at Richmond at 9.28. We will then walk down Ron Barassi Way (previously Brunton Ave) to Gate 3 where we will meet our tour guide for a 10.00 am start. The MCG tour and Museum will take approximately 2 hours after which we will be ready for lunch at either the Paddock café or the Trumble bar and café which are both near the museum. The cost of the tour is \$32.00 to be paid into the Probus club account by 20th April.

Pauline Kerr

Craft Group: Convenor Helen Scott



“Easter Rabbit” came to visit the Craft Group last Monday and the 16 ladies present used all their considerable skills to make a variety of Easter decorations and cards.

As usual there was a lot of chat and laughs. We were so happy to have Loyce back in the group after an absence of several months due to her broken arm.





Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
APRIL				
		1 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	2	4-5
6 Easter Monday	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8 Pétanque (10.30am)	9	11-12
13 Walk – Beaumaris environs	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 Pétanque (10.30am)	23	25 ANZAC Day
27	28 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29 Pétanque (10.30am)	30 MCG tour and lunch	
MAY				
4 Walk	5 Mahjong (1.30pm)	6 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	7	8
11	12 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	13 Pétanque (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 Pétanque (10.30am)	28 Yarra Valley bus trip and Alowyn Gardens	30-31
JUNE				
1 Walk	2 Mahjong (1.30pm)	3 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	4	6-7
8 King's Birthday	9 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	10 Pétanque (10.30am)	11 Picnic at Joan and Jim's	13-14
15 Craft Group (1.30pm)	16 Mahjong (1.30pm)	17 General Meeting (10.00am)	18	20-21
22	23 Coffee (10.30am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	24 Pétanque (10.30am)	25 Shrine and lunch	27-28
29	30			
JULY				
		1.	2.	4-5
6. Walk	Mahjong (1.30pm)	8. Pétanque (10.30am)	9. Mid-year lunch	11-12
13.	Mahjong (1.30pm)	15. Pétanque (10.30am)	16.	18-19
20. Craft Group (1.30pm)	Mahjong (1.30pm)	22. General Meeting (10.00am)	23.	25-26
27.	Mahjong (1.30pm)	29. Pétanque (10.30am)	30. Ten pin bowling	