



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).

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



What a fabulous Autumn it has been. I recently enjoyed five sunny days in Sorrento at the annual Writers' Festival. A highlight was listening to Virginia Trioli speak about the importance of community and sharing meals - something that immediately made me smile, as it captures exactly what Probud is about. A perfect example is our upcoming daytime picnic at Joan & Jim's retreat centre on the 11th June. The festival also highlighted a growing trend - fewer people are reading as the world becomes increasingly screen-focused. With our Tuesday book group now full, I wonder if there might be interest in starting another group, perhaps with a different theme or style, so more members can keep reading.

Following our last meeting I had a chat with Shane about our Wednesday parking situation, as we are sharing the parking space with the women golfers. To help things run a little more smoothly I suggest that those who arrive early - and are able - consider parking in Victor Avenue. Even better walk or carpool!

What a wonderful day 30 of us enjoyed at the MCG, very knowledgeable guides, and a delicious lunch at the Paddock Cafe. Thank you Pauline - it was a real treat. We were all impressed by the sheer scale of the MCG and pleasantly surprised to learn how sustainable it is. Now we look forward to the next outing to the Yarra Valley - there are still 9 seats available on the bus, so please come along.

With Mother's Day fast approaching I got my treat early. My daughter knows me only too well, so off we went to Ferntree Gully for an op shop charity fashion parade and afternoon tea - And yes, I may have added a "new" outfit to my wardrobe! Look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Wednesday 20th May. .

Janette James



Birthdays: We wish Good Health and Many Happy Returns to: John Backholer, Jeanet Coomara, Di Frances, Di Hobart, Marilyn Hubbard, Pauline Kerr, Lyn Mather, Phyl McLean, Christine Simmons, Jane Sommerville, Beryl Strahan and Judith Tindale.

Welcome New Members:



A very warm welcome is extended to our April inductees Marcia Best and Amanda & Mark Krause.

Visit to Government House:



Lucky me as I got to attend a special afternoon reception at Government House on the 9th April, along with some 150 other Victorian Presidents. The event was hosted by the Governor of Victoria, Margaret Gardner, to mark Probus Australia's 50th anniversary. As it was my first visit, I was truly impressed by the surroundings – the beautiful gardens, to the grand dining table, the ornate ceilings and the magnificent chandeliers. A history of 150 years! We were also treated to a delightful afternoon tea, served in fine China, with the most elegant selection of white bread sandwiches - crusts removed of course. Another initiative is the Chandon special edition Probus 50th Anniversary release of an exclusive 2019 vintage sparkling wine. So, to celebrate at our April meeting we used a bottle as our door prize. This was won by our very special Alice Widdowson who tells me she will be sharing it with her family on Mother's Day.



Janette James

Dynamic Duo: *Christine and Michael Simmons*



We all have special talents and our club is on the receiving end when those talents are put to good use for us. Our web site is an absolute work of art thanks to Christine and Michael. Their presentation at the April meeting of our week away in Inverloch showcased, not only their prowess on all things computer, but also is a fine example of a couple working so well together! Thank you to you both and all our members are encouraged to get on that website and see for yourselves just how lucky we are to have their knowledge, combined efforts and commitment.

So Where to Next?

Hopefully our members are waiting breathlessly to find out the venue for our next weeklong getaway! Well, as John says, it's a secret at this stage BUT we can reveal the proposed dates.

Monday 22nd February 2027 – Friday 26th February 2027.

You may be asking why February (as it has been March for the past two years)? Labour Day is 8th March, our Annual General meeting is Wednesday 17th March, and Good Friday is 26th March! All getting in the way of our preferred time to go away!

John will reveal all at a future meeting but asks that you please pop these dates in your diaries and get ready to commit to another really great Beaumaris Bay activity.

A little Ditty: *Joy Meekings*

As well as being a master of organising lunches for our club, Joy is a dab hand at taking an idea and turning it into a poem. Joy doesn't know it yet but she is going to be a regular contributor to our monthly newsletter. This is just a quick one – just imagine Joy's delightful accent reading this out. Thank you Joy!

Woke was added to the Oxford dictionary in 2017
Since then words like brain rot and rizz, so not much in-between!
It seems to have many meanings, not very well defined
Though racial, political and injustice certainly spring to mind
I have never used it and doubt I ever will
If used incorrectly, I'd feel a proper dill!
I'll keep to words I know have stood the test of time
How can woke, brain rot and rizz ever be sublime!

Believe it or not!



It had been three months since Mozart had passed away when locals were gathered near his grave. They heard very strange sounds emanating from his grave. They stood for a moment deliberating as to what it could possibly be, when a man walked up to the group and said “*Don't stress, it's just Mozart decomposing!*” (Thank you Darren James, 3AW)

April Speaker: *Fiona Austin*



What an interesting and entertaining speaker! Fiona took us back to the times when horse drawn trams operated between Beaumaris and Black Rock, and explained in detail the types of houses that make up the category of “Mid Century Modern”. Some of us were captivated by the thought of every wall in the house being painted a different colour and saddened by the thought that an outstanding example of this has been left vacant since it was purchased by overseas buyers 6-7 years ago! Thank goodness for groups like Fiona's – Beaumaris Modern – that endeavours to prevent further catastrophes like this.

May Speaker: *John Rogers Fleet Engineer (Victorian Navy)*

This month we will have a presentation from John Rogers who is currently a Fleet Engineer in the Victorian Navy.

John will give us a presentation on the history of Victoria's Colonial Navy which will include HMVS Cerberus which is quite topical for our area of Bayside the wreck of which was scuttled at Half Moon Bay.

Julie Walshe

It's not a picnic at Hanging Rock

It's a picnic with a difference at the Tomlinson's –
216 Bay Road Sandringham - in the Retreat Room.

Thursday 11th June at 12 noon

Parking is available opposite in Clements / Noyes Streets, but carpool if you can.

Please register your interest and pay Joy \$5 (cash) by Thursday 4th June and I will buy sandwich platters from Costco.

BYO drinks, glasses and mugs for tea / coffee.

Janette James

Big Day Out:

With great anticipation our group of 30 members made the early morning trip to the MCG on Thursday April 30 boarding the train from Mordialloc to Highett. Unusually the train was packed with students on a daily excursion, who politely gave up seats for our group.

On arrival at Richmond we took the walk up the hill to gate 3. After splitting into groups our guides proceeded on the long journey around the members area and onto the arena. We were all fascinated by how small the ground looked compared to from the stands. It is interesting to find out that the MCG is today totally environmentally sustainable. All the water used is collected from the roof and the solar panels provide all power needed, the only such stadium in the world. There are approximately 185,000 visitors who go through every year. It was founded in 1838 and is one of the world's oldest sporting stadiums.

From there into the change rooms below which were set for the night game between Collingwood and Hawthorn. There is no doubt the sports players are well catered for looking at all the gym equipment, medical room and Physio tables. A special room is provided for the wives and children to use during matches.

It was interesting to learn that the largest crowd ever was the Billy Graham crusade some years ago. Also to see the change rooms for artists such as Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran etc are not what you'd call glamorous but they are still well catered for. The kitchen is one of the largest of its type in the world and even services the Australian Open tennis tournament.

From there it was off to the sports museum and the wonderful Shane Warne exhibition. After just over two hours and nearly five km walk a much-needed rest for lunch, then we all straggled back to the train.

A great day was had by all but no doubt a few tired legs would struggle the next day. But it was an enjoyable day and well supported by all. A special thank you to Pauline for organising such a wonderful day.

Gary Strahan



Group news

Walking group - *Wendy Crawford*



Our April walk was on Monday 13th April, a week later than the usual as the first Monday was Easter Monday. The sunshine was most welcome as we gathered at the grassed area in front of the Beaumaris Concourse before setting off on our walk. It was great to see our former leaders Ken and Liz who joined us for part of the way. From the Concourse we travelled down Moyseys Run, onto Herbert Street where we had a photo opportunity at a lovely painted garage door. Further along it becomes Griffith Street to Banksia Reserve and turned into Tramway Parade. Here there was a very large gum tree branch that had come down and squashed the fence. We continued on to the WF Vale Reserve, a garden area supposedly to encourage birds and insects. It looked like it could use some care and love to me. Round into Oak Street and back to the other corner of Banksia Reserve and into Gibbs, John and Edith Streets and we were back at the Concourse. So, after a leisurely walk of a bit over 3kms, filled with lots of chatter, we enjoyed a coffee and eats and heaps more conversation. The walks are a great way to meet new members and hear their interesting stories as we get our dose of exercise.

June walk

Monday 1st June we will meet on the corner of Bamfield Street and Grange Road (in front of the 1st Sandringham Scout Hall) at 10.30. Plenty of 4 hourly parking available along Bamfield Street. We will walk Grange Road, Codrington and Vincent Streets, Bluff Road, Abbott and Beaumont Streets. Coffee, conversation and eats at cafe Stevie on Station Street Sandringham before returning to parked cars in Bamfield Street. No bookings are necessary just turn up on the day. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will have lots of walkers.



Hopefully no car about to back out of this cute garage!



Terrific to see so many of our members out and about.

Theatre Group: *Convenor Denise Hesline* denisehesline@gmail.com



Hello and welcome to our very first theatre outing.

The play is "Two Ladies", a drama with a little comedy, including some big issues between two young ladies (Sophia & Helena) trying to prove they are capable of far more than anyone can imagine.

Date: Sunday 31st May 2:00 p.m.

Venue: Beaumaris Theatre, 82 Wells Road, Beaumaris 3193

Price: \$35.00 or \$32.00 with pension card.

Please book your own ticket.

We will look forward to catching up on the day.

Keep watching this space for details of two further outings In August and November.

Craft Group: *Convenor Helen Scott*



It was April 2018 when an “expression of interest” was posted, calling for those interested in forming a Craft group to meet monthly. Since then, the crafty have been meeting every third Monday where their skills have been stretched by our amazingly talented Helen Scott. Loyce, Geraldine, Pamela and Brenda were present at the first meeting in August 2018 and Helen is still able to challenge their skills. Once a teacher always a teacher would be among the first thought to pop into your head when you participate in Helen’s sessions. Always thoroughly prepared, good humoured and with a huge attention to the smallest detail, Helen makes all her sessions not only great fun but provides a sense of pride and accomplishment to all those attending. Helen has provided some fabulous challenges – can you imagine trying to teach a group of chatty ladies how to construct a Christmas tree using yards of tulle and doweling sticks? Or try folding slippery Origami paper to create a Kimono doll. Creating beautiful cards has reached a stage best expressed by Lyn “*It really is such an effort to let them go – and actually give them to people as greeting cards.*” Congratulations Helen (and if/when more people can be accommodated, I’m sure there will be a lot of interest in joining this group.)

Michele Backholer

Out and About: *Convenor Pauline Kerr*



Our outing for **May** is a bus trip to the Yarra Valley on Thursday 28th May. Meet at Weatherall Road car park opposite the small block of shops at 8.45 a.m. for a 9.00 a.m. departure. We will be visiting the beautiful Alwyn Gardens which is an award winning landscaped garden spanning seven acres. The gardens are known for their nine different distinct styles as you wander through the carefully designed space. Morning tea/coffee will be available. We will then travel on to the Yarra Glen Chocolaterie Restaurant for lunch. Entry to the gardens is \$12.50 and the bus is \$32.50. Total \$45.00 to be paid into the Probus club account by Wednesday 20th May.



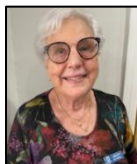
Our outing for Thursday 25th **June** is a tour of the Shrine. We will travel by train to Caulfield station then change lines to catch the train on the new lines to Anzac station.

We then have a short walk to the Shrine arriving at 10.00 to meet our tour guide. Tours begin at 10.10 and go for one hour.

Cost of the tour is \$15 to be paid into the Probus club account by 17th June.

The Shrine has a café offering sandwiches and coffee etc.

Coffee Catch Up: *Convenor Lesley Cotterill*



The fourth Tuesday of the month – make sure it’s in your diary.

Ricketts Point Tea House is the place to be for a refreshing cuppa and lively chat.

Talking about lively chat – Steve has it down pat – 2 great conversation starters -

Why is it called a building when it’s already built?

Someone just threw sodium chloride at me! That’s called a salt!!!

Guess everyone will be fighting to sit next to Steve at the next coffee catch up!!!!

Welfare:



Last meeting Steve McColl reminded us all to have our jabs as soon as possible – great advice with the cold winter weather now descending!



Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
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
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	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8. Pétanque (10.30am)	9. Mid-year lunch	11-12
13.	14 Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 Pétanque (10.30am)	16	18-19
20. Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Coffee (10:30) Mahjong (1.30pm)	22. General Meeting (10.00am)	23	25-26
27	28 Mahjong (1.30pm)	29. Pétanque (10.30am)	30. Ten pin bowling	
AUGUST				
				1-2
3	4 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	5 Pétanque (10.30am) Committee (1.30pm)	6	8-9
10	11 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	12 Pétanque (10.30am)	13	15-16
17 Craft Group (1.30pm)	18 Coffee (10:30) Mahjong (1.30 pm)	19 General Meeting (10.00am)	20	22-23
24	25 Mahjong (1.30pm)	26 Pétanque (10.30am)	27	29-30