



Beaumaris Waves

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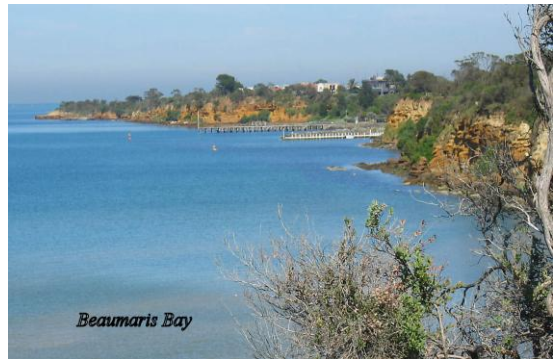
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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



No doubt our June meeting will be remembered for many reasons - my own loss and the overwhelming love and support I received, Joy's delightful volunteering journey and the fascinating crime stories shared by the highly successful author, Vikki Petraitis.

John, you certainly had the phones running hot after announcing our next club trip to Queenscliff in late February 2027! No names ... but I know one couple who raced out the door after the meeting and couldn't get home quickly enough to book the deluxe Villa unit they wanted. When I rang the following day, the office staff told me they had been so busy they hadn't even had time to read my email!

Steve also gave a very personal Welfare report, reminding us that if you think you may be having a heart attack, call an ambulance — don't drive yourself. And, if I may add, the same applies if you suspect you're having a stroke. It was a very important message for us all.

Thank you to our Mahjong volunteers who demonstrated their skills at the recent Lifetime of Skills Expo in Brighton, helping to promote Probud within our community. Our new group "**Knit 1, Chat 2,**" got off to a wonderful start with twelve enthusiastic women whose hands and lips were both moving at impressive speed! It was fun, welcoming and wonderfully nurturing.

What a magnificent day we enjoyed visiting the Shrine. The weather was so good that Wendy, Bill and I walked into the city afterwards. And those Peter Roland sandwiches? They certainly lived up to their reputation. For those members who have booked to see The Secret Garden, you might enjoy watching the Netflix film starring Maggie Smith before we attend the performance. As winter settles in keep warm, keep well and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday 15 July — unless, of course, you've escaped to warmer weather up north!

Janette James

Birthdays: July



July looks like a busy month with the following members celebrating birthdays – including two who are turning the big 80. Congratulations and best wishes to Jennifer Harrington, Mark Krause, Brenda Matthews, Kathleen Ngoma, Lyndell O'Brien, Pamela Spencer, Graeme Storey, Kim Turner and Tom Valenta.

Inductees



It's always terrific to welcome new members who choose to join our club. Janice Boyle and Liz Paige (green top) were both inducted at our June meeting. Janice already has her knitting needles out in preparation for our new knitter's group and Liz is making a return to us having resigned just prior to the Covid outbreak.

Margot Ryan:



For those of us who began our Probus life in the last five or six years, I'll make a bet we were all greeted by the warm, friendly tones of Margot, welcoming us to the Beaumaris Bay Probus Club. She manages to make everyone she comes in contact with feel special; either with her warm smile or friendly interested chat.

Joy Meekings was lucky enough to know Margot prior to joining Probus. They worked together in the "back room" of U3A in Beaumaris for over a year. Margot has also been the backbone of a volunteer organisation *Inner Wheel*; helping others in any way she could, for over thirty years. Somehow she just gets things done in her gentle, quiet, unassuming way – a true Rolls Royce of our club!

Michele Backholer

Name and Nature: Joy Meekings



What a girl! Some people just leave you with your mouth open! Last meeting, Joy shared her amazing adventurous life with us and listed a lifetime of volunteer commitments. We were aware of her Classroom Connections due to her appearance in the Neighbourhood Watch magazine, but the fact that she is a co-founder of Make a Wish Australia tops the long list of involvements with Brownies, Lifeline Councillor for four years, visitor to those in hospital and her work at the Beaumaris Theatre as well as co-writing radio plays with our own Jan Storey. We are very proud of you Joy and think you could inspire a few of us to join volunteer activities. And just to prove how very clever and versatile she is, here's another of her wonderful poems.

Michele Backholer

Notorious by Joy Meekings

If I were notorious, I'd swan around all day
Cause havoc with the media, such naughty games I'd play
Make sure I'm seen with celebrities and soap opera stars
Dine at top restaurants and well-known cocktail bars
As for Twitter and Instagram, millions would follow me
Hang on every word I write, what fun it all would be!
Make sure I'm in the news, at least three times a week
Free botox, hair and makeup will keep me at my peak
But the shine would soon wear off, as it's not the life for me
Just give me sunny days, good books and many cups of tea!

July Speaker: Convenor: Julie Walsh



Russell James -Squizzy Taylor – 1920's Melbourne Gangster

Russell has researched Squizzy Taylor and found many interesting stories on Squizzy and his gang with connections to the Bayside area. I am sure we will find some of the history and stories quite entertaining

June Speaker: Vikki Petraitis



You could have heard a pin drop as Vikki spoke to us about her novels and in particular – *The Unbelieved* which has been turned into a miniseries for BBC, Watch out for it – renamed *Dustfall* and starring Anna Torv (winner of a Logie award for most outstanding actress.) With twenty books to her credit and numerous podcasts, Vikki has come a long way since her first true crime book thirty-two years ago.

Michele Backholer

Caulfield/Melbourne Cup: Peter Pahl



I bet you've been wondering what to do with that \$2 coin that's been sitting on your bench top- How about turning \$2 in to \$20?

If we've captured your attention then remember to bring your spare cash to our August and September meetings. Peter Pahl is going to set up camp and start collecting for both the Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup sweeps.

He will be taking names and cash at the August/September meetings (possibly October depending on the dates).



Soccer World Cup:



There has certainly been a lot of interest in the matches of this year's World Cup Action. Just like when the tennis season is upon us in January, all our grandkids suddenly decide that tennis is their sport of choice! Well, it appears it's no different now that soccer is the talk of the town. One of our loving grandfathers was overheard lamenting the fact that you can pay \$200 for a good pair of soccer boots – and then the kids go and play ball with their heads!

Michele Backholer

Brighton Expo:



We had a group of five people at the Brighton Town Hall on 18th June 2026 for the Healthy Ageing Activities for Retirees Expo.

There were four people playing mahjong: Jim Scott, Marilyn Hubbard, Pauline Kerr, and myself with our club president Janette in attendance,

There was quite a bit of interest shown and some people also mentioned that they played in various places.

We also helped Hampton Central Probus Club to advertise their new club.

Marilyn Scott

Group news

Walking group – *Convenor: Wendy Crawford* June walk



On the first day of winter a few hardy walkers met on the corner of Bamfield St and Grange Rd in front of the 1st Sandringham Scout Hall. We walked along Grange Rd marvelling at the avenue of oak trees in AJ Steele Reserve. This area was familiar to some of our walkers, so there were comments all the way such as - *my kids went to school there, such and such lived there*. There was lots of interesting and varied architecture.



We went right into Codrington St and one block to Vincent Street which was sign posted *Street of Significant Trees*. I took a photo of our group in the middle of the street pointing to the sign, but pressurised by motorists, I missed the sign, that's my excuse anyway. Upon investigation it was revealed that the trees all the way down both sides of that part of Vincent Street are Pin Oaks and their colours are best in Autumn. There was still some colour and leaves when we walked.

We proceeded down Vincent St to Bluff Rd and along one block to Abbott St, all the way back to the railway line and crossed over to Stevie's cafe where great coffee and conversation was had. I Can highly recommend this cafe; service was excellent and refreshments yummy. Then we enjoyed a little walk from the cafe back up Bamfield Street with its lovely houses to our vehicles. Despite the lousy weather forecast we enjoyed an interesting walk.

July Walk

Monday 6th July Meeting at 10.30 in front of Baby Bunting at Mentone Centre, Nepean Highway Mentone. We will walk from the car park to Oak Street, Warrigal Road, Follet Street, Swinden Ave and Nepean Hwy back to Sweet Espresso Cafe in the Mentone Centre for refreshments.

Knit 1 – Chat 2

Convenor: Denise Hesline



In typical Beaumaris Bay fashion, the new knitter's group got off with an almighty bang - twelve members at its inaugural meeting. And we know of four more who will probably be present at the next meeting. This is spectacular as the whole purpose is to meet and knit warm winter items for those in need, while enjoying a bit of light banter and chit chat.



Items being knitted at the moment include a selection of squares (for blankets) and beanies, with maybe a pair or two of woollen gloves. Please come along – the fourth Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Michele Backholer.

Out and About: *Convenor Pauline Kerr*

Shrine of Remembrance tour in June



On the 25th June, twenty-six of our members travelled to Caufield then changed trains to go to Anzac Station where we visited the Shrine of Remembrance (pictured below). Even though Pauline suggested for us to travel in the first carriages, somehow, we all ended up through different parts of the train, but we all managed to meet up and make our way to the Shrine.

Blake was our guide and was very informative taking us through the main part of the Shrine and then down into the Crypt (photo below) and the Museum. He explained how the Shrine was designed by two Melbourne Architects by the name of Philip Hudson and James Wardrop who won the contract out of 83 submissions. Construction started in 1927 and was completed in 1934. The Shrine was opened and dedicated to our armed servicemen and women on Armistice Day November 11th, 1934. Although The Shrine has had some extensions, the original design has not been touched. The design was modelled on the classic styles of the Parthenon in Athens and the Tomb of Mausolus.

After completing the tour, we all went to the café where we had lunch and then went our separate ways and explored the Shrine and the Museum, which showed you the history of the wars a little more. The tour was thoroughly enjoyable but very moving. It's hard to see the trials and tribulations of the men and women who fought to protect our country and make it such a great place to live and bring up our children. Thank you to Pauline for organising such a great tour.

Faye Wegat

A very famous boat, *Devanha* (below), is one of only two surviving craft used to ferry Australian troops to shore under very heavy Turkish gunfire on April 25th, 1915. It was rowed the final 200 metres to the beach where it was left until later used to ferry wounded soldiers to the hospital ships.



Out and About: July

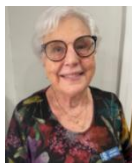
Our outing for July is Ten Pin Bowling at General Public Dingley 366 Boundary Road Dingley Village on Thursday 30th July at 11.00am. Method of transport will be carpooling. If you are unable to bowl you are welcome to come and watch while having a coffee. After the bowling we will be having lunch at the venue. There is an extensive lunch menu ranging from Chicken Parmas, burgers, fish, pizzas, snacks etc. Feeling thirsty? – there is a variety of wines, cocktails and soft drinks available. **Price for two games of bowling is \$30** to be paid into the Probus Club Account by 15th July. There will be a prize for the winner.

Out and About in August: *Pauline Kerr*

Our outing for August is a Trip to the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) Cartier Exhibition on Thursday 27th August at 10.00 a.m. Purchase your own tickets on the day at the Gallery. Adult \$43 Concession \$39. If you wish to join a tour at 10.30 a.m. you must register around 10.10 a.m. and get your free ticket. 20 per tour permitted. We will travel by train to the city then walk down to the gallery.

Train timetable: Mordialloc 8.48, Parkdale 8.50, Mentone 8.52, Cheltenham 8.55, Southland 8.57, Highett 8.59, arriving at Flinders Street at 9.19 a.m. As the train will probably be crowded, choose your own carriage. Lunch will be at the NGV café at your own expense.

Coffee Catch Up: *Convenor Lesley Cotterill*



Just confirming for all members that our coffee catch up day is the fourth Tuesday of the month! We always meet at the Rickett's Point Teahouse – good food, great coffee and a chance to have a catch up chat with Probus friends. 10:30 a.m. is the meeting time and everyone is welcome!

Welfare: *Steve McColl*



Recently I made mention of the importance of knowing when your vaccines are due. It would appear that both the flu and RSV are very much with us at present. I urge you now to check when you are due and vaccinations are now available.

Get well messages are sent to all our members who are experiencing illness or recovering from operations.

Queenscliff – 2027 getaway: *John Backholer*



Monday 22nd February – Friday 26th February 2027

We are more than happy to report that we currently have thirty-nine members who have booked either a cabin or caravan site for our getaway next year!

This is just a reminder to please email me or phone to let me know you have a confirmed booking. The caravan park has a number of sites on hold until mid-July, but it will be possible to book after this time – but you might not be near our group.

And finally, *Thank you Pauline*

Last meeting we were reminded to check the whiteboard every meeting as this is where all current and future events are written up. Pauline goes to the golf club every Tuesday to write up all the relevant information – that's a heck of a commitment but it makes our job so much easier to keep track of everything! Remember a photo of the board can be a big help.

Committee reminders -We were also encouraged to think about becoming committee members next year. Please feel welcome to attend the meetings as observers to get an idea of what is involved.



Thinking of you all (well, not ALL the time!) as we soak up the sun in tropical northern New South Wales. We've been lucky enough to spot some whales while we were at the Port Macquarie lighthouse and been reminded of how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful country. Best wishes and as Steve says, stay well and upright!

Michele Backholer



Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
JULY				
		1 Committee (1.30pm)	2.	4-5
6. Walk	7 Mahjong (1.30pm)	8	9 Mid-year lunch Bentleigh RSL	11-12
13.	14 Book Grp (11.00am) Mahjong (1.30pm)	15 General Meeting (10.00am)	16	18-19 Movies
20 Craft Group (1.30pm)	21 Mahjong (1.30pm)	22	23	25-26
27 Knitting Group (10:00 am-12:00 pm)	28 Coffee(10:30) Mahjong (1.30pm)	29	30 Ten pin bowling	
AUGUST				
31				1-2
3 Walk	4 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	5 Committee (1.30pm)	6	8-9
10	11 Mahjong (1.30 pm) Book Group (11:00 am)	12	13	15-16 The Secret Garden Beau Theatre 2:30 p.m.
17 Craft Group (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	19 General Meeting (10.00am)	20	22-23 Movies
24 Knitting Group (10:00 am-12:00 pm)	25 Mahjong (1.30pm) Coffee (10:30)	26	27 National Gallery of Victoria	29-30
SEPTEMBER				
	1 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	2 Committee (1.30pm)	3	5-6
7 Walk	8 Mahjong (1.30 pm) Book Group (11:00 am)	9	10	12-13
14	15 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	16 General Meeting (10.00am)	17	19-20 Movies
21 Craft Group (1.30pm)	22 Coffee (10:30 am) Mahjong (1.30 pm)	23	24 State Library and lunch	26-27
28 Knitting Group (10:00 am-12:00 pm)	29 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	30		
OCTOBER				
			1	3-4
5	6 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	7 Pétanque Committee (1.30pm)	8	10-11
12	13 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	14 Pétanque	15	17-18
19 Craft Group (1.30pm)	20 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	21 General Meeting (10.00am)	22	24-25 Movies
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