



Beaumaris Waves

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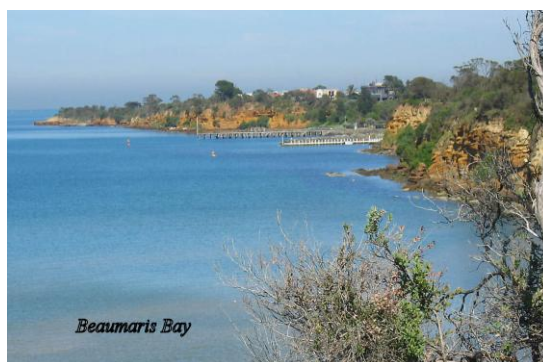
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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

It's hard to believe we are now into August, with only three weeks until Spring! By the time you read this you'll probably have completed your census form.

Open House Melbourne weekend has also been and gone. I was lucky enough to secure a ticket for a tour of the beautiful ANZ Gothic Bank Museum - on the corner of Queen and Collins Street.

Our July meeting certainly stirred up memories and left many of us feeling quite nostalgic. Thank you to Jack Saunderson for sharing the story of his remarkable life, beginning with his childhood in the tiny South Australian town of Yakima. Imagine growing up without electricity, with an outside toilet and only a rainwater tank for water - meaning the family bathed just once a week. They separated their own cream, collected eggs and killed their own stock for meat. Jack attended a one teacher school with only ten students. The town itself consisted of a mechanics' hall, two churches and a corner store - none of which exists today.

Later after being called up for National Service during the Vietnam era, Jack chose to join the Air Force and continue his studies. These days he keeps remarkably busy, walking each day, going to a gym, playing bridge and volunteering with Golden Days Radio. He is living proof that age is no barrier to leading an active life, a great role model for all of us. Jack had to leave immediately after the meeting to get to his radio shift, but several members told me afterwards how much his stories reminded them of their own childhoods.

I know that our 30 -minute morning tea sometimes isn't quite long enough to fit in all the catching up -it can be quite a challenge getting everyone back to their seats by 11.am ! That's why I'm delighted we've continued with our sandwich lunches after the meetings. Last month 25 members stayed on and some of us did not leave until after 2pm.

After all, that's exactly what Probus is all about- friendship, laughter, good conversation and enjoying each other's company. Long may it continue.

Janette James

Birthdays: August 1st – 22nd



Who wouldn't want to be a Leo? They are known for being passionate, confident, creative, generous, dramatic, and warm-hearted. With that in mind, happy birthday wishes are sent to Marcia Best, Morris Cotterill, Gwyn Edmonds, Liz Launder, Peter Pahl, and Faye Wegat (including special thoughts to our octogenarian).

Inductees



Janette inducted Liz Adam and Margaret Varney (red scarf) at our last meeting. and briefly spoke about each one. Margot presented them with their badges and welcome kit. Liz and Margaret have already participated in a few of our activities and we love the new life and energy all our new members bring to the club.

Geraldine McGann



So many quiet achievers in this wonderful club of ours! They go quietly about their jobs, appear at most of our outings and group events help out at the first opportunity – and what do we really know about them? We know Geraldine is a past president, who in her president's messages used to entertain us with stories of her country childhood. And we also know that she holds all our activities together as our current Activities Coordinator. But did you know she used to work for the fashion label, Prue Acton? Faye and Janette have put their heads together and want us to know a bit more. Geraldine is always rubbishing herself thinking she can't do anything! But it is the opposite - she is a great support to us all. She is quiet, unassuming and gets the job done and doesn't like a lot of fuss. She's the one you go to if you think something can't be done because she will find a way to do it. She is quite happy to work in the background and we don't think members realise the effort she puts into her job as Activities Co-ordinator. She is also a terrific dog minder for her family's' numerous pets. Thank you, Geraldine, and all our other busy workers who bring so much to the club.

Faye, Janette and Michele

Do you believe it?



Continuing our series on the funny things our "grandfathers" say – the latest little story involves a special night of pizzas for the grandkids. Unfortunately, it would appear that once the delivery man had duly delivered and disappeared, our nameless grandfather opened the pizza box, furious to discover that his much anticipated one with the lot had been delivered as just a pizza base. He immediately dialled the pizza shop to have a red hot go, only to discover (just in time we might add), that he had opened the said pizza box upside down – and the one with the lot it must be told, was indeed one on the bottom!

Tempted to submit an article?

I know our club is full of amazingly talented people. If you would like to share a little space in the newsletter, perhaps a good joke or an important item of interest, - then send it to my email address (michele@probuseditor@gmail.com) by the last weekend in the month. Don't be shy!

Michele Backholer

August Speaker: *Convenor: Julie Walsh*



Yvonne – The Gadget Girl

Next meeting, Yvonne will bring along gadgets for the home that can make living easier. When did you last swear at a jar that was too hard to open!! She will show us some small items that may be helpful for us around the home. After a short talk on how some of these work, there will be time to browse, buy and ask questions. 10% of any sales on the morning will be given back to the Club in product we could use for a raffle.

Julie Walshe

July Speaker: **Russell James -Squizzy Taylor – 1920's Melbourne Gangster**



Russell certainly entertained us with his research and reflections on the life of Joseph Leslie (Squizzy) Taylor-a well-known criminal who lived for just 39 years from 1888 - 1927.

Russell's interest in Squizzy began with his mother, little sickly Jean, who as a five year girl old was minded by Squizzy's then 15-year-old girlfriend Ida Pender. And yes, you heard right, Russell and I lived together in the old Policeman's Cottage in Gypsy Village Sandringham when he joined the Bayside Historical Society. It was here that he worked with Graham Disney to do his investigation. Russell certainly has a way with words and detail - by the end of the talk you felt like you knew Squizzy and Ida.

Janette James

Caulfield/Melbourne Cups Sweeps: *Peter Pahl*



The 150th running of the Sportsbet **Caulfield Cup** will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. The prize pool is **\$6 million**, the winner taking home \$3.3 million. While we can't offer prize money like that – try your luck with the sweep which Peter is organising at our August /September meetings.



And if you really want to be a winner, try your luck in the Melbourne Cup sweep as well! The Melbourne Cup Day is Tuesday 3rd November 2026, so Peter will only be able to collect sweep money at our August/September/October meetings. Meet with Peter for a horse in either (or both) the Caulfield or Melbourne Cups - \$1, \$2 Or \$5. The more participants, the more the prize pool!

Michele Backholer

Special Event – organised by Liz and Ken Launder



On **Thursday August 20** we have a Tour booked at Duldig Museum and Sculpture Park for 10.30 a.m. .

The museum offers a unique experience where art, history and heritage come to life It is located in the original home and tells the story of Karl Slawa & Eva Duldig a Jewish family from Vienna who came here as refugees. Their story was

transformed into a musical stage production called Driftwood, which Ken and Liz saw in 2023. It is an epic story of love, courage, survival and the invention of foldable umbrellas!

The address is 92 Burke Rd East Malvern approximately just 30 minutes away. Although car parking is not an issue, it may be more fun to car pool.

Meet at the football club on Weatherall Road at 9.45 a.m. .

After the tour, if weather permits, we can take a short stroll through Central Park and have a casual lunch at Coffee and Soul. I checked it out last Sunday and we are in for a treat. The cost is \$25 which also includes morning tea on arrival – with Viennese plum cake.

Janette James

Group news

Walking group – *Convenor: Wendy Crawford*

July walk:



On a very cold but sunny morning our hardy group of walkers met in the car park in front of Baby Bunting at the Mentone Centre. We headed out from there to Oak Street and walked past town houses and Reg Marlow Reserve and playground to Warrigal Road.

Again, we had members who live or have previously lived in this area. All had a story to tell. We proceeded along Warrigal Road to Follet Road and passed the Cheltenham East Community Hall to the shopping strip. This is where we stopped for a group photo and to admire the painted footpath which reminded me of a snakes and ladders game. A small portion of it can be seen in the photo.

As we walked down Ward Street choices were made, so those who had walked enough continued on back to Oak Avenue and the Mentone Centre and the cafe while the rest of the group went down Swinden Ave to Nepean Highway to Oak Avenue and then the centre. There are always things of interest and this was so in Swinden Ave where there was landscaping work happening in a front yard. Couldn't work out whether it was the landscaping or the landscapers that interested the girls so much! Coffee and plenty of chat was had at Sweet Espresso Cafe and one member celebrating her birthday received a rendition of happy birthday from the group. We are always happy to welcome new participants, so rug up and join us next time.



September walk:

Monday 7th September. Our walkers will meet at 10.30 a.m. in the first car park in Karkarook Park after entering from Fairchild Street. We will enjoy a walk around the lake circuit and this will be followed by coffee, refreshments and lots of chat. Please try and join us.

Wendy Crawford

Book Group: *Convenor Jan Storey*



Since its inception, book group members have read well over 200 titles – involving thousands of pages of reading and probably countless cups of tea. At the monthly meetings, lively discussion is guaranteed, regardless of the book's merits – or, sometimes, its contents. Discussion leaders occasionally must be quite assertive in steering members back to the topic, although how the conversation strayed in the first place is often a mystery. The books are provided by Bayside Library's excellent Book Pack Program for a small annual fee, ensuring our 13 members have an eclectic supply of new things to talk about. Our Club website includes a forum about what the group has been reading.

Jan Storey

Theatre News: *Convenor: Denise Hesline*

Georgy Girl – The Seekers Musical is our next event at the Beaumaris Theatre on **Sunday November 15** at 5.00 p.m. Tickets for this performance is a round table of ten at a cost of \$35 per head. If you are interested, please contact Denise (phone 0427 150 842).

Knit 1 – Chat 2 *Convenor: Denise Hesline*



The click clacking of knitting needles has pervaded our suburbs and members are being treated for RSI – that's how well the knitting for charity group has taken off!!! Wool sales are up – just ask Penny McColl who has single handedly bought out Spotlight shops between here and Coffs Harbour! She has completed enough squares to make her own king-size blanket, as well as a few warm and cuddly scarves. Steve is a lucky man as she now has patterns to keep every part of his body well covered in knitted garments!

The knitting group girls have done a super job so far, to the point where no more squares are needed. Even if you can't make it on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. any donations of hand knitted scarves or beanies are gratefully accepted!



Michele Backholer

Xmas in July Luncheon

Our Xmas in July luncheon was held this year at the Bentleigh RSL, it consisted of a three-course meal and a drink on arrival.

Fifty-two members attended the luncheon and judging by the noise all had a great time. It's funny when there is a lot of noise you assume everybody is having a great old time and I'm sure they were. I did notice that a lot of food was left on the plates despite everybody enjoying the lunch. After talking to quite a few members who were at the lunch we all decided that there was just too much food. Next year I think that we will stick to 2 courses obviously including sweets.

We had a few cancellations but because Kane (our contact person at the RSL) said we could pay on the day for the number who attended we were able to give those members who could not attend a refund.

We are very lucky to have such a fantastic bunch of people who have joined our Club and are continuing to do so. This month we have another 2 inductees which brings the total of our club to 102. Our activities are always well attended and enjoyed immensely.

I would like to thank the members who attended the lunch a big thank you for making the day so much fun. I know there are members who for whatever reason could not attend and I wish you all the best with a speedy recovery to those who are unwell.

Faye Wegat

Please be aware:

Just when you thought you had heard it all – out from the woodwork crawls another scam! This one is clever – it appears you get some sort of notification that you have won a large cash prize through an involvement with a Coke a Cola campaign! And guess what! They need your bank details so they can pay all that cash in to your account!! I'm tipping that most of us might see the light at just the mention of that sugar filled delight and laugh off the crude attempt at extracting those details. But just in case, mention it to your families who could be caught up in the promise of something for nothing!

Michele Backholer

Out and About: *Convenor Pauline Kerr*



A day out at ten pin bowling

On the 30th July the Club met at the General Public Dingley bowling alley in Boundary Road. We had thirteen bowlers competing with quite a few spectators watching on.

What a great venue, it has large open spaces with high ceilings and was probably a factory in an earlier life but it has been converted into a very usable space. There is a games room for the kids and a large eating area with a café attached.

Down to the bowling; I wouldn't like to say we are a competitive bunch but there was lots of good-natured camaraderie between the bowlers. It was also great to see some of our newer members participating. Julie Walshe was the highest scorer with Morris Cotterill and Liz Adam the highest for their alley.

After the bowling it was time for some refreshments, and we all converged on the café. The food was quite reasonably priced but who was the person who got the wrong order and had to keep asking for her cup of tea?

Pauline, once again did a great job of sourcing another activity for us to attend, we all thoroughly enjoyed the day and I spoke to a few people who would go again. Thank you, Pauline, for all the hard work you put into research and booking these venues for us.

Faye Wegat

August: 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. Twenty 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.

September:

Our outing for September is a one hour tour of the history of the State Library, organised for **Thursday 24th September**.

The tours run at 10.45 or 1.45 with a maximum of ten people for each tour. We will meet at the front entrance for each tour.

We will travel by train to Caulfield then transfer to the Pakenham line and arrive at the State Library station.

We will have lunch at around 12.00 pm at Mr Tulk café.

The tours are free and we will allocate times at the next club meeting. Please let us know if you have a time preference.

Pauline Kerr

Coffee Catch Up: *Convenor Lesley Cotterill*



Sometimes with the cold winter weather keeping us house-bound, - it's nice to break the chains and head to the Rickett's Point Tea House for a hot cuppa and chat!

Thank you to our members who make everyone feel comfortable and welcome.

See you there, **25th August** at 10:30 a.m.



Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
		AUGUST		
31				1-2
3 Walk Dendy Park (10:30)	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	16 The Secret Garden Beau Theatre 2:00 p.m.
17 Craft Group (1.30pm)	18 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	19 General Meeting (10.00am)	20 Duldig Museum and Sculpture park	22-23 Movies
24 Knitting Group (10:00 am-12:00 pm)	25 Coffee (10:30) Mahjong (1.30pm)	26	27 National Gallery of Victoria	29-30
		SEPTEMBER		
	1 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	2 Committee (1.30pm)	3	5-6
7 Walk (10:30) Karkarook Park	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 Walk	6 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	7 Pétanque Committee (1.30pm)	8	10-11
12	13 Mahjong (1.30 pm) Book Group (11:00 am)	14 Pétanque	15	17-18 Caulfield Cup
19 Craft Group (1.30pm)	20 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	21 General Meeting (10.00am)	22	24-25 Movies
26 Knitting Group (10:00 am-12:00 pm)	27 Coffee (10:30 am) Mahjong (1.30 pm)	28 Pétanque	29	31
		NOVEMBER		
30				1
2 Walk	3 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	4 Pétanque Committee (1:30 p.m.)	5	7-8
9	10 Mahjong (1.30 pm) Book Group (11:00 am)	11 Pétanque	12	15 Beau Theatre Georgy Girl (5:00 p.m.)
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