



Beaumaris Waves

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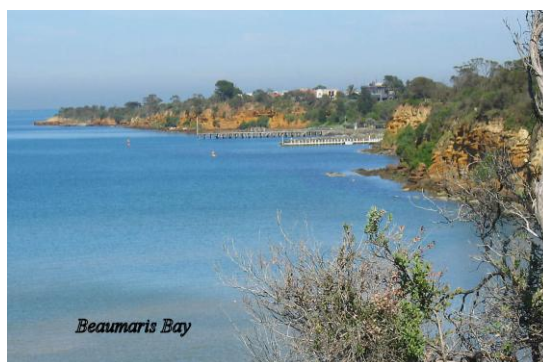
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).

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 (*Janette James*)



Welcome to Spring - football finals, school holidays, birthdays, and maybe, you are starting to think about Christmas.

Your Probud Committee is thinking even further ahead as in just 6 months all positions will be vacant and we will need volunteers to step up if our Club is going to flourish. This is the ideal time for you to select an area of interest, become a buddy, and start getting involved. We have an amazing team at work but we need more help and some long-term committee members are now ready to retire.

I have just returned from a sunny weekend in Mildura with my sister and niece, now preparing for a five-day trip to the Southern Highlands at the end of this month. It was the fact that Bowral is included in our trip that grabbed my attention.

I want to give Jan Storey a big thank you for her presentation on Artificial Intelligence - thank you for the visual images as that really helped to put it into perspective for us. Like it or not we can't avoid progress and let's face it we can get instant help. So, I am experimenting with ChatGPT. I took a photo and asked how I can fix my backyard. Suggestions came, as well as a reply telling me the name of a plant and how I should care for it.

My fourteen-year-old grandson has just offered to teach me everything I might need to know about AI! But will he go slow enough??

Look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday the 16th September.

Birthdays: August 23rd – September 22nd



Virgos love to learn. They enjoy gathering knowledge and can become great scholars. Their analytical minds mean they pay attention to detail. Virgos are perfectionists. This shows up in their work. They take pride in doing an excellent job. These tendencies mean they are fantastic employees. Now that we know all the good things about Virgos – look at who's celebrating their birthday this month. Happy birthday wishes are sent to Carol Booth, Roberta Boyce, Di David, Loyce Gibson, Janette James, Amanda Krause, Resi McGrath, Margot Ryan, Jenny Stevenson, John Tindale, and Joan Tomlinson.

Michele Backholer

Welcome to our new member Claire Day



To many of our members, Claire will not need an introduction. She has hit the ground running so to speak and already has participated in a number of our activities. It's terrific to welcome you Claire and may you enjoy many more Beaumaris Bay adventures and outings.

Michele Backholer

Liz and Ken Launder



The world has Batman and Robin, Superman and Lois Lane and Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. But here at Beaumaris Bay we have our very own dynamic duo – Liz and Ken Launder. They are a force to be reckoned with. They have both been involved since 2004 and served as coordinators of Walks and Monthly Speakers as well as Ken being the treasurer for two years. They were awarded Life Membership in July 2025. What you may not know is that Ken was a fantastic

secondary school science teacher, (yes! He taught me Science in Year 8). Imagine my surprise when we first started Probus and I saw "Mr Launder" for the first time in – well let's just say, quite a while! Thank you, Liz, and Ken for being such kind, supportive and inclusive members. You are very special to us all. And congratulations on recently celebrating your 60th wedding anniversary; to quote Google – "*just like a diamond is formed under extreme heat and pressure over a long time, a 60-year marriage represents strength, deep beauty, and a bond that cannot be easily broken.*"

Michele Backholer

Ode to Faye (Jointly written by Joy and AI)



*Faye at 80 is such a star
Still going strong and travelling far
Typing minutes, agendas, notes galore
She knows what's happened and what's in store!
As our secretary she really shines
With warmth and wit that's truly fine
If the President ever goes off track
You can count on Faye to pull her back!
So here's to Faye our 'Secretary Supreme'
She really is a Probus dream!*

Good on you Grandpa

Where would we be without the grandfathers at our club? It appears one such member was very excited to purchase a new dog. He's been lonely since his last best friend passed to the kennel in the sky. His choice this time was a boxer. A beautiful dog, but the main problem is - every time the front doorbell rings, he goes to sit in the corner. ('I'll be honest and say this does take a second reading to fully understand.)

Michele Backholer

August Speaker: *Convenor: Julie Walsh*

Yvonne – The Gadget Girl



Little did we know as we watched Yvonne and Shelley unloading their boxes of goodies just what a treat was in store for us! So many products, which before the demonstration we did not realise how much we needed them, were unveiled in a fast-moving, humorous demonstration. Products which were designed to benefit arthritic hands were swooped on, as were items of clothing and stationery products. The umbrella hat designed to keep you dry and hands-free got the biggest laugh, but the facial hair removal apparatus was also greeted by big laughs and shudders! With thanks to our good shopping and Yvonne's generosity, the club was able to acquire a couple of beautiful bags which we can use at a later stage for thank-you gifts or prizes. Thank you to Julie for organizing such a fun, different Probus experience. ***Michele Backholer***

September Speaker:

Robert Anderson and Chris Miller – GDR Radio

This month we have Robert and Chris from Golden Days Radio who will give us a history on GDR Golden Days Radio. This year is GDR's 35th Anniversary. There will also be reflections on their days with 3DB – 3LK radio "The Grand Old Lady of Radio" and a few competitions during the morning. I am sure there are stories to be told from over the years with insight into running a radio show. ***Julie Walsh***

Caulfield/Melbourne Cups Sweeps: *Peter Pahl with a little help from Wendy and Penny*



Thank you to both Penny and Wendy for stepping in to help with the collecting of money and recording details of our sweeps. Judging by the container Penny has her hands in, Peter has a big job ahead of him counting all the \$1 and \$2 coins (not to mention the notes) we saw crossing the desk.



And while we are thanking people for stepping in and lending a hand, we would also like to thank Michael Simmons for relieving our fabulous treasurer, Joan Fry, while she swans about on her extended holiday. How lucky are we to have so many supportive members who step in with a minimum of fuss to support our activities.

Michele Backholer

Duldig Museum



I said we were in for a treat - all 18 members were left in awe by our visit. We watched a video that explained how the Duldig family fled Austria in 1938 and made the long journey to Australia. Just as remarkable was the story of how their possessions were hidden in a basement in France before eventually making their way to Malvern. I cannot describe the collection of artwork and the exquisite sculptures both inside the house and throughout the garden.

And who would have known that the modern foldable umbrella was invented by Slava Duldig? You need to see this exhibition for yourself - it is open to the public on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Thank you to Liz and Ken for initiating this outing. ***Janette James***

It was lovely meeting Eva Duldig today, the daughter of Slawa Duldig who was our art teacher at St. Catherine's school in the 1950's. It brought back many memories particularly Eva's portrait of Miss Mary Davis the headmistress. It was a wonderful exhibition of the history and artwork of this talented family. ***Prue Dunn***

Group news

Walking group – *Convenor: Wendy Crawford* August Walk



A weather forecast for showers didn't deter our hardy walkers on Monday 3rd August when we met to have our walk around Dendy Park, Brighton. A larger than normal group gathered and exchanged greetings before setting off. The Colossi parking area sign was the meeting place so off we set. We proceeded through the bowling club car park to the perimeter path. The first lot of fitness equipment encountered was quickly used by some of our members and photographer Penny was there capturing the fun. It was then onto the perimeter path and while some opted to shorten the route by cutting the corner which included the playground and picnic area, most took the long way.

Then along the far western side of the park past the pétanque piste, to the next playground and along Dendy Street to Breen Drive, past the Brighton Soccer Club and the final stretch up the rise to Parkview Cafe/Dacha Bar & Grill for coffee and treats. The cafe staff were very obliging and organised a large table in the restaurant area for us as we voted it too cold to sit in the outside area, even though the heaters were on. The coffees were very special as they were served in the prettiest of mugs and cups (see photo). There was lots of chat and some checked out the Dacha menu with the view of a future visit, although the 800gm steak on it was thought to be too much for any of us. Keep the venue in mind as we need to support local businesses to keep them going.



Great style, Geoff Bakes.



All waiting a turn on Geoff's swing?



Admiring the crockery.

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.

October Walk

Monday 5th October: we will meet at 10.30 a.m. on the corner of Alameda Street Parkdale, in front of Lowe Living. We will cross under the railway to Eighth Street, to explore Queen Street and the walking path of the railway line with coffee to follow at *TJ Coffee House*. Looking forward to you joining us.

Wendy Crawford

Craft - Convenor: Helen Scott



They say absence makes the heart grow fonder and this was certainly evidenced at Monday's gathering of the craft group. Helen was only away for one session, but the enthusiasm with which everyone greeted our illustrious leader showed how fond we all are of her. Helen was at her finest – she devised five challenges and comments such as “*I don't know how I lived without double sided tape,*” (Lyn) and “*I've got to hold my head on an angle to stick this on straight*” (Marilyn) started to creep into the quiet, concentrated atmosphere.

Geraldine found it all “*a bit of a challenge*” and Helen herself kept insisting that she *just found these and one thing goes with another!* The laughs were coming fast and thick as one after the other our challenges were complete!

Michele Backholer



You get two guesses as to who this is!



So simple – you only need a serviette!



This was actually harder to make than it looks.

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).

Book Group: Convenor: Jan Storey



Once There Were Wolves is a gripping contemporary fiction novel about Inti Flynn, a biologist who leads a team to reintroduce 14 grey wolves into the remote Scottish Highlands to rewild and heal the dying ecosystem.

Inti hopes the apex predators will restore the unbalanced land, but she faces fierce opposition and anger from the local sheep farmers who fear the wolves will kill their sheep.

The story covers her fight for the wolves to be accepted, and she also has personal demons to conquer. She brings with her a sister Aggie who is recovering from an abusive relationship. The book has pretty much everything covering romance, intrigue, abuse and murder, what more could there be.

As usual our Book Club ladies had their own opinions, and we had a lively discussion about the book. The author is an environmentalist and very passionate about our world and what is being destroyed in it. Even though her story is fictional, wolves have been reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park in America with great success.

After our meeting we all stayed back for lunch and the discussion continued about all manner of things. We always seem to find something to talk about, funny that.

Faye Wegat

Out and About: Convenor Pauline Kerr



August: National Gallery Victoria – Cartier Gem Collection

We had some jaw dropping, mouthwatering jewels to drool over as we inched our way around the Cartier exhibition. Errol Stubblety kept his nose flattened on all the display window stating that, *“the NGV is one of my favourite places to visit with inspiring architecture and exhibits. I particularly enjoyed the Cartier exhibition due to the excellent presentation and the craftsmanship on display”*

Carol Stubblety was also a huge fan of the exhibit and wrote the following note – *“It was the best exhibition I have ever seen. I had goosebumps! The history of Cartier, the film of the making of the panther brooch, the jewels (so amazing) and the stories of the people who commissioned the jewellery and the tiaras; it was all fascinating and I would go again for sure.”*

Carol and Errol Stubblety



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.

October:

Thursday 29th October. Our day trip for October is the “Hoddle Grid – The Great Land Grab” exhibition at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, which is located at 239 A’Beckett Street, Melbourne (the original Royal Mint). The exhibition explores Melbourne’s very first land sale in 1837.

We will travel by train to Flagstaff station then a short walk to our destination arriving at around 10.30.a.m. One of the staff has offered to give us a small talk on the history of the building. It is an easy exhibition to move through at your own pace and entry is free.

Parkance Coffee, Brick Lane, Melbourne, in Guildford Lane and rustic warehouse *Kimper Café* all nearby have been recommended for coffee or lunch and with weather permitting, we can walk through the Flagstaff Gardens.

Diary Date



Our enthusiastic organiser Faye is busy finalising the details our end of year, Christmas Luncheon.

Please make a note, **Thursday 10th December**.

More details will be unveiled at our September meeting but do keep this date in mind when planning December activities.

Pauline Kerr

Mahjong: Convenor Phyl McLean



Every Tuesday afternoon we meet to enjoy a few games of Mahjong. The atmosphere is fun with a dose of competitiveness and frustration at those little green or red tiles.

After an hour or so, a break from the tiles is needed so a cup of coffee and a group chat to catch up on the week is on the agenda. Then it's back to the tables to try and have a win before it's time to call it a day until next Tuesday.

Welfare



At our last meeting I encouraged you to review the person you have registered as an emergency contact with us. As this person needs to be able to respond to an emergency there are a few important points to think about. After seeing the reaction when I mentioned it, I ask again, can you remember who you named as your emergency point of contact and are they aware you have named them? Are they available to answer their phone during the day? Are they capable of responding quickly and capably to your emergency? Do they have the details of other members of the family who may need to be notified? Remember this is particularly important when we are out and about. The convenor (or their nominated leader) always carries this information whenever we are on a Probus trip. If you are unsure, please take the time to email Margot Ryan to confirm this contact person or update the name of a new contact. A reminder for it **NOT** to be your partner as they are often with you on an outing.

Be careful of being contacted either by phone or computer and asked to “test” your software. This is the latest scam. Apparently a very convincing man, with supposedly indisputable references and qualifications encourages you to help him work out why, apparently, your computer or phone has a very weak signal which is causing concern back at the “company”. Once they gain a foothold in your software they take two seconds to delve into your bank and withdraw funds, quicker than you can even read this article. Whatever you do, do **NOT** allow access to anyone you haven't contacted yourself!

Steve McColl

Vale Jean Adams



We wish to inform you of the passing of one of our Foundation Members, Jean Adams. Jean was an active Foundation Member, becoming the Vice-President in 2003, and at the same time she was the Day Tours Co-ordinator. Jean had diverse interests, including travel, gardening, painting landscapes and cooking, especially cake-making which was acknowledged in the June 2011 newsletter: “The cakes made by Margaret Bruce and Jean Adams for the 10th Anniversary of the Club in 2011 were superb.” We extend our sincere sympathy to Jean's family and friends.

Graeme Storey



Calendar of activities 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
		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 (10:30) Parkdale	6 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	7 Pétanque Committee (1.30 p.m.)	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 (10.00 a.m.)	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 The Hoddle Grid	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 p.m.) Book Group (11:00 a.m.)	11 Pétanque	12	15 Beau Theatre Georgy Girl (5:00 p.m.)
16 Craft Group (1.30 p.m.)	17 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	18 General Meeting Final meeting 2026	19	21-22 Movies
23 Knitting Group (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	24 Coffee (10:30 am) Mahjong (1.30 pm)	25 Pétanque	26	28-29
		DECEMBER (TBA)		
	1	2	3	5-6
7	8	9	10 Christmas lunch (last gathering for the year)	12-13
14	15	16	17	19-20
21	22	23	24	First 2027 meeting 17th Feb 2027