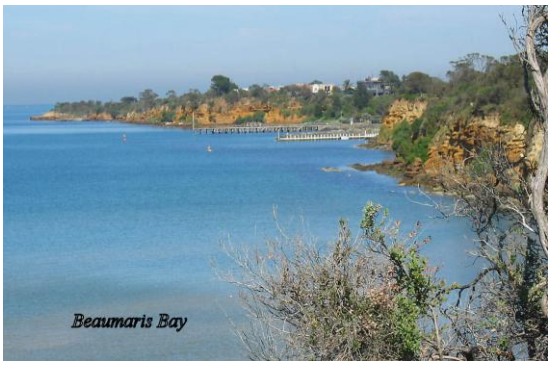
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Meetings: The Club meets at 10.00am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victor Avenue, Cheltenham (off Weatherall Road).
Apologies: Please ring or text SMS to Margot Ryan (0427 436 693) prior to 7.30pm on Tuesday evening beforehand **or by *email to:*** sec.beaubay@gmail.com

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President's message:

Hi Probus Friends, I cannot believe it is November and how many sleeps until Christmas - ask AI? Thank you, Marilyn and Jan, for challenging us to face up to change!



So, this is my last report for 2026 and what a year it has been. Thanks to all those of you who have given time, skill and experience to supporting our wide range of activities. I also want to thank the Golf Club for allowing us to purchase sandwiches and stay on for another hour or so after the general meeting. This has given our members a chance to chat to those they did not get a chance to touch base with in our coffee break – and enjoy really delicious sandwiches at the same time. Shane (pictured) has been so helpful and approachable as has all the catering staff at the Golf Club.

It is fitting that we should have five more inductions at our final meeting bringing our membership now up to 107. Please join us for our final event for 2026 - this is lunch at the Bridge Hotel in Mordialloc and believe me you are in for a treat. It is a great venue with beautiful food so please book in and pay Joy Meekings by the 18th November.

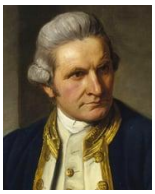
And finally, we must start thinking about next year's committee. There will be some vacancies that will need filling. Nomination forms will be handed out at our next meeting. Tell us what you would like to do.

Janette James

Birthdays: October 23rd – November 21st



Scorpios are passionate and assertive people with determination and focus. They will turn to in-depth research to reach the truth behind anything they find important. Great leaders and guides, Scorpios are resourceful, dedicated and fearless when there is a challenge to be overcome.



James Cook, Hilary Clinton, Gordon Ramsy – oh sorry, I got confused – these aren't Probus members but they are famous Scorpios. It appears this is a very select time to have a birthday as only two of our current members have a birthday this month! Let's wish our Scorpio's a happy birthday and lots of fun celebrating their big day. Best wishes to Kathy Ely and Val Hanna.

Speakers: *Convenor: Julie Walsh*

October: Martin Green – The Story of Beleura Homestead



The historic, heritage listed Beleura House and Garden on the Mornington Peninsula was the subject of a fascinating, informative and entertaining talk at our October meeting. Martin Green, who is General Manager of Beleura House and Garden was our speaker. His presentation set the history of Beleura in the context of the Gold Rush era through to the late 20th century. Prior to his role at Beleura, Martin was the Education, Collections and Interpretations manager at the National Trust working at Rippon Lea, the Old Melbourne Gaol, and the Polly Woodside Tall Ship.

Built between 1860 and 1865, Beleura is one of several summer retreats that were constructed on the Mornington Peninsula in the halcyon era between 1860 and 1890 for Victoria's wealthy. In July last year, eighteen of our members visited the grand mansion and its magnificent gardens. Following Martin's presentation, other members might be motivated to visit Beleura House and Garden.

Tom Valenta

November Speaker:



This month we have Fiona Austin returning to speak to us regarding her family's history with Holyman Airways (which became Australian National Airways and eventually Ansett) established in 1936, at the same time as the birth of 'Moderne' Design in Australia. This architectural style was inspired by technology and progress, aeroplanes and racing cars in particular.

Julie Walsh

Our very talented resident poet, Joy, has been experimenting with a new style of poetry. What do you think?



Spring has arrived
Spring is like a newborn so full of promise
The dark cloak of winter finally shaken off
Buds bursting blooming brightly
Bees buzzing birds bustling
Anticipation fills the air
Flowers awake their colours so startling pink red orange blue
Everything stirs from winters slumber
Now it's time to celebrate!

Joy Meekings

Group news

Walking group: *Convenor Wendy Crawford*

October Walk:



Monday 5th October was a lovely spring day for a walk in Parkdale. Our group of walkers met in front of Bliss, the florist/gift shop with its intriguing window display. Most eye catching was the number of brightly coloured checker patterned fluffy scuffs. From here we crossed under the railway line to Eighth Street and continued passed Ilsa's abode to the, I didn't know it existed, Queen Street. This is a beautiful green area with a street/walkway that continues through to Third Street. Lots of trees, interesting houses both new and old. Cars cannot drive all the way through, so a relaxing, safe walk.



There were a few pink galahs to talk to at Third Street and then we kept walking along Third Street to Como Parade and the new path under the train line back to our starting point.

This area is great and has lots of features such as playground, half basketball court, gym area and a community garden. Sad to see that already the vandals have stolen one of the beautiful bronze sculptures, we can only hope the remaining one can survive. We proceeded to the TJ Coffee House and thanks to the generosity of the other patrons who moved to make room for our group, we enjoyed coffee, eats and as always, lots of chat.

January Twilight Gelati Walk:



On Monday 11th January 2027 we will meet at 6.30 pm for our much-requested Gelati walk on the corner of Bluff Rd and Spring St. After a brief stroll around the neighbouring streets and parklands we will finish with a long anticipated Gelati at Augustus Gelatery, 226 Bluff Road, Sandringham.

Wendy Crawford

Out and About: *Convenor Pauline Kerr*

October: The Hoddle Grid



This month 14 members travelled by train to Flagstaff Station and then only a short walk to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria in A'Beckett Street for an exhibition on the Hoddle Street Grid.

What is it, you might ask? It is the grid setting out Melbourne surveyed by Robert Russell in 1836 and later adopted by Robert Hoddle in 1837. It was set out in 10 acres lots bounded by Flinders Street, Spring Street, La Trobe and Spencer Streets.

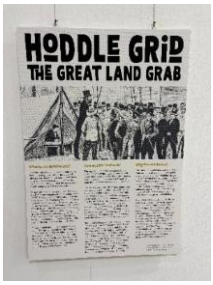
The exhibition offered fascinating, detailed information about the people who purchased land in the mid-1800's and the buildings constructed on those sites. A few of these buildings are still standing today.

Janette then led us to our lunch venue, a very interesting, quirky, restaurant in Guildford Lane. A quiet laneway lined with lots of shrubs, both definitely worth a visit. Another very interesting and enjoyable outing organized by Pauline. Geoff's only disappointment, he was the only male there.

Brenda and Geoff







We had lunch at Krimper Cafe after our tour of the Hoddle Grid.

November:

On Thursday 19th November the plan is to travel by train to Williamstown as I now know the ferry does not run on weekdays! (Sorry about that. I too was disappointed).

We will change trains at Southern Cross (from line 13 to 14), then hop off at the last Williamstown station (there are three). Here we will be met by John, our guide, who will introduce us to a number of historic buildings. The tour should be around an hour at the cost of $5/ head

Then you will have free time to wander around and have lunch at one of the many cafes or pubs We will reconvene at an agreed time and place, then return home by train. I will collect cash from you either at the next meeting or on the day itself.

This is the schedule for departure on the Frankston line :Parkdale 9.10; Mentone 9.12; Cheltenham 9.15; Southland 9.17; Highett 9.19. We arrive at 9.57 then catch the train to Williamstown 13 mins later. Hoping for a fun day ***Janette James***

Craft: *Convenor Helen Scott*



If you want to know how to keep a roomful of women quiet, attend a craft session. Helen has been discovering new and improved ways of challenging our abilities, concentration, dexterity and ability to refrain from using bad language. And to show we are true masochists, we love every minute and can't find the words to sincerely thank Helen for everything We are now looking forward to our breakup on December 14th so we can come back refreshed and raring to go in February.

Michele Backholer

Book Club: *convenor Jan Storey*



The book Club continues to choose the most interesting and varied of titles. If you would like to read some of the books they have chosen, Christine Simmons has a detailed list on the Beaumaris Bay website under the title *Interest groups*.

Carol Booth has kindly provided the summary of their latest book – *Clear* by Caris Davies which is also on the website - so please take a look. Carol says it is beautifully written and judging by the review it sounds like a great read.

Michele Backholer

Fun, camaraderie and lots of talking is always a constant at the Book Club. There are interesting ways of expressing whether we have enjoyed reading the current book and we don't hold back with our opinions. It is always good to hear other points of view. Jan does a fantastic job of co=ordinating with the library on our behalf.

Faye Wegat

Coffee and chat morning: *convenor Leslie Cotterill*





Why not come and join us at 10.30am on the 4th Tuesday of the month for a convivial catch up over coffee and cake at the Ricketts Point Cafe in Beaumaris situated in the sanctuary and with views of the bay. There is free off-road parking for those with a Bayside council sticker and plenty of on road parking for those who don't. ***Leslie Cotterill***

Melbourne Cup Sweep: *Peter Pahl*



Thank you again to Peter and his many helpers.
Watching the running of the Melbourne Cup was all the more exciting with a copy of the sweep draw in my hot little hand.
Congratulations to Carol Stubblety for winning the $10 draw; Gary Braybon, Jane Somerville and Bill Crawford for their wins in the $5 draw and Helen Locket for and the Launders for their $2 wins. ***Michele Backholer***

Christmas Luncheon



Venue: The Bridge Hotel Mordialloc
Date: Thursday 10th December, 2026
Time: 12 noon
Cost: $65 per head, which will include main course and dessert including a drink on arrival. There will also be a coffee station.
Joy will be available to take names at November meetings with payment due no later than the 19th November. ***Faye Wegat***

Week Away:



Thank you to all participants for supplying details to Michael last month regarding choices for croquet or bowls in Queenscliff.
We are now officially booked in for croquet and bowls and,of course, for a meal at the club following our sporting pursuits.
A few more activities and been slotted in but I will make sure all is revealed at our February meeting when information, maps, tourist highlights and our itinerary will be distributed. ***John Backholer***

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Read on only if you love a challenge – and are good at maths!
The challenge is, if you won a bet, would you rather have the prize money of one million dollars **OR**
Starting at one cent on day one, and doubling the amount every day for 365 days? (so 2 cents on second day, 4 cents on third day, etc,).

Welfare



Preparing for the warmer weather

Health and Personal Safety



Dress in layers which can be removed or added depending upon the temperature.



Ensure your vaccinations are up to date, check with your medical records



Wear sturdy non-slip footwear to avoid slipping, particularly in areas you may have watered.



Ensure emergency contacts are written down and easily accessible.



Stay connected. Reach out to family, friends or neighbors to avoid isolation as the weather warms up.

Home Safety and Maintenance



Service fans or split air-conditioning systems to ensure they are clean and working effectively.



Test smoke alarms and replace batteries (if you are not steady ask someone to do this for you).



Ensure areas are well lit and that you have a torch with fresh batteries accessible in case of power outage.



Clean your BBQ, turn on gas supply and test any gas connections with a mixture of soapy water, if bubbles present then either tighten the connection call in a qualified person to rectify the problem

Stay Safe & Upright

Steve McColl

Unsolicited emails:



Have you been receiving unsolicited emails? Unsubscribing from a mailing list is a legal right under the Australian Spam Act 2003. This act provides consumers with the right to stop receiving unsolicited marketing emails and requires businesses to honour these unsubscribe requests within five business days. The unsubscribe mechanism must be clear, free of charge, and functional, ensuring that recipients can easily opt-out of further communications. Businesses must comply with these requirements to avoid penalties and maintain trust with their customers. However, it's not always easy to find the unsubscribe link, particularly businesses with whom you have a loyalty card.

On the other hand, if you have received unsolicited promotional snail mail, your contact details may have been obtained from a mailing list provider that sources its information from publicly available records. You can try using the following address to have your contact details removed from bothersome mailing lists: app.dataclub.com.au/opt-out.

Graeme Storey

It's all in how you read it.



And then of course we have the dear grandpa who needed quite a bit of electrical work done at his home. He was finally advised of a reliable electrician. He refused.

Looking for somewhere to go in the January break?



Mornington Botanical Rose Garden, Mornington. with 4,000 roses - is situated in Civic Reserve on the corner of Dunns and Mornington-Tyabb Road, Mornington, and is nestled between the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery and the community-based Oakhill Gallery. The garden has over 4,000 roses planted in 86 beds and is surrounded by a border of native Australian trees and shrubs. Sounds like a great way to spend a mild afternoon.

Michele Backholer

Thank you!



Our amazing President Janette has thanked all our wonderful members on previous occasions, but as this is the last newsletter for the year, I just wanted to add my voice.

We have a photo of two women who epitomise the Beaumaris Bay Probus Club spirit – how many of you knew that Liz Dunkley and Trish Buggy arrive early every meeting to help set up our morning tea and coffee table? They man (or should that read woman? I'm confused) the urn and always have a cheery, welcoming word. As for all our other quiet, unassuming volunteers, we all thank you and appreciate you for what you give to the club.

On a personal note, I want to thank Graeme Storey, our previous unflappable *Waves* editor, for being so generous with his time and advice as I set forth on my editing adventures. And also, a bug thanks to Penny McColl who is like Chicken Man on 3AW – she's everywhere snapping photos of our special guests and special events. And it would be so wrong of me not to mention all those of you who so willingly submit articles and photos for the newsletter. You have all been so obliging and it's been really terrific to read articles from a different voice. I really appreciate your time and commitment. The good news is, there will be a small newsletter in January to advise of any upcoming events that may have escaped notice on your calendars – and then business as usual in February.

Happy Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays and happy relaxing to all of you.

Michele Backholer

Merry Christmas – Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Committee wishes all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Calendar of activities 2026/27

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday/Sunday
NOVEMBER				
30				**1**
2 Walk (10:30 a.m.) Beaumaris	**3 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**	**4** Pétanque 10:30 a.m. Committee (1:30 p.m.)	**5**	**7-8**
9	**10** Mahjong (1.30 p.m.) Book Group (11:00 a.m.)	**11** Pétanque 10:30 a.m.	**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** Williamstown (ferry and train)	**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 10:30 a.m.	**26**	**28-29**
DECEMBER				
	1 Mahjong (1.30 pm)	**2** Pétanque **(FINAL DAY) Resuming 3rd February**	**3**	**5-6**
7	**8** Mahjong (1.30 pm) Book Group (11:00 a.m.)	**9**	**10 Christmas lunch (last gathering for the year)**	**12-13**
14 Craft Group (1.30 p.m.)	**15** Mahjong (1.30 pm)	**16**	**17**	**19-20**
21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**26-27**
28	**29**	**30**	**31 New Year's Eve**	
JANUARY 2027				
				2-3
4	**5**	**6**	**7**	**9-10**
11 Twilight Gelati Walk **6:30**	**12** Book Group (11:00 a.m.)	**13**	**14**	**16-17**
18	**19**	**20**	**21**	**23 -24**
25	**26**	**27**	**28**	**30-31`**
FEBRUARY				
1	**2**	**3** Pétanque 10:30 a.m. Committee (1:30 p.m.)	**4**	**6-7**
8	**9**	**10** Pétanque 10:30 a.m.	**11**	**13-14**
15	**16**	**17 General Meeting**	**18**	**20-21**
22 Week Away Queenscliff	**23**	**245**	**25-26**	**27-28**