

# NEWSLETTER



**PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.**

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**Next Meeting:** 10 am Tuesday October 18 The Sandringham Club

**Keynote Speaker:** Prof Ian Howie Adjunct Professor  
in International Studies at RMIT University

**Topic:** Inside North Korea: A People's Paradise?

**10-Minute Talk:** Ken Beadle - Bach by Bike



*Above: A new multiple launch rocket system is test-fired in Pyongyang*



*Right: Reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong-un (left) and his father and predecessor, Kim Jong Il*



*Intrepid riders Geoff Carlson, Duncan Gibson, John O'Connor, John Pound and Ken Beadle enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the eucalyptus forests and rolling farmland at their greenest on a ride in late September along the Lilydale to Warburton Trail*



## **PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.**

### **\* Office Bearers 2016**

* President: <b>Geoff Bransbury</b>	9589 1507	* Vice-President: <b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120
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* Committee Members			

### **\* Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: <b>Noel Ineson</b>	9589 5263	Bowls: <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143	Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Investment: <b>Peter Harford</b>	9592 6797	Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982	Tastes: <b>Peter McGregor</b>	9533 4760
Theatre: <b>Tony Bowles</b>	9530 5580	Assistant Theatre: <b>Peter Morris</b>	9576 8888
Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	0418395946	Bridge: <b>Alan Farmer</b>	9598 2791
Golf: <b>John Pound</b>	9521 8252	Photographer: <b>Ian Maskiell</b>	0409 549 699

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



## **Geoff Bransbury**

When Merry and I came to Melbourne in 1983, I was told that if I wanted to talk to anyone in September I had to have a football team. I gave that privilege to my kids who chose the Tigers. (What more can I say?) However, like most people in Melbourne on the first Saturday in October, we were all in red, white and blue and barking loudly supporting the underdogs. What a fantastic effort! They were gutsy, committed and courageous. Tigers, take note! This was all repeated in Sydney when the underdog Sharks brought Sydney alive beating our Melbourne Storm. What a wonderful thing sport is. The spirit and goodwill that exists amongst the fans from both sides is infectious. The passion and pride is amazing to watch - good news events that lift our spirits. It's so unlike the tribal warfare that we often see in soccer, particularly in Europe. It is uniquely Melbourne, although Sydney was similar. Maybe it's Australia. It's good to live here. I'm now half way through my term as President. It's flying by, and soon next year will be upon us. I need to put in a call for action. The Club needs some more of you to assist. The Club always needs new blood and new ideas and we need extra help now. We need assistance in the Functions and Activities area, currently expertly handled by Ken and John; but Ken will be President next year so we need extra help if the high standard of activities is to continue. We also need someone to assist in a new role of Membership, and also someone to take over from Peter Harford running the Investment Group; or you may have an interest in other roles. Please come forward. I would appreciate it if you would contact me to discuss your possible involvement (over a cup of coffee, perhaps). Your Probud Club Needs You. [See Call for Action p4]

From left: Members having morning tea – Geoff Carlson, Barry Amond, Don Lobb; Kevin McDonnell with John Fisher and Bill Cruthers

From right: President Geoff Bransbury on level terms with James Tomkins, watched by Alan Williams; Bruce Tomkins expressing thanks to his son on behalf of all members



# NOTICEBOARD

## Investment Group: 8.45 am

Investment group speaker: Jonathon Dixon  
Topic: Melbourne Property Market with particular reference to Bayside.

## Discussion Groups

At the meetings on Tuesday October 11 and Friday 14, the topic will be 'Getting Older'. Discussions will cover downsizing, aged care and all aspects of life. In September, 'Aborigines' proved to be a complex topic with no clear solution despite all the well-meaning plans.

Barry Amond

## Opera Group

On Wednesday November 23 at 7pm the opera will be the 'Elixir of Love' by Donizetti. This happy and tuneful opera was enjoyed previously 10 years ago but is well worth seeing again. It features Robert Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu.

Barry Amond

## PRISMS

Tuesday, December 6 at Alan Nash residence

## Wine Appreciation

We have two more meetings in 2016 - white wines only - at Kevin McDonnell's, Tuesday October 25 at 2 pm; and lunch at *The Lobster Cave* on Tuesday December 6 @ 12 Noon.

Roger Wilson

## Bike Group

Ken Beadle

Our October ride will be from Beaumaris to Oliver's Hill, Frankston, Friday 28. Meet on the bike path outside the Teahouse in Beaumaris at 9 am. We will ride the Beach Trail to Mordialloc, then the inland Long Beach Trail to Patterson River, cross the river and continue on the inland trail through the Seaford Wetlands towards Frankston, on to the Kananook Creek Trail and cycle the boardwalk to the bottom of Oliver's Hill. Return journey will be by train from Frankston after a coffee. Distance 25 km (approx) on flat paths mostly away from road traffic. Bring Myki card for the return rail travel to station of your choice. Newcomers to the group are most welcome - contact Ken Beadle or Duncan Gibson if interested.

## Appreciation

Thank you to Ian Maskiell, Alan Stevens and Barry Amond for all the work they do behind the scenes to maintain the high standards in the newsletter.

## Birthday Boys – October

Gus Bravo 6/10	Duncan Gibson 1/10
Geoff Goodwin 19/10	Ron Hunter 16/10
Ian Johnston 18/10	Alan Kermond 23/10
Roger Leeming 11/10	Peter McGregor 21/10
John Beaty 8/10	

## Final 2016 Tastes: Authentic Thai Banquet

*Panang lamb, Pud bai kapoa prawns, Nur nam tok, Musman chicken, Pud pak, rice and more*



We need to know asap if you wish to join us at Thai Rani in mid-November. Of course, the best way to indicate your intentions is to make a payment to the Club's account NOW: \$40 pp.

Where: 177 Bluff Road Black Rock

When: Thursday November 17 @ 6.30 pm

## Bridge Group



Probus Card Sharps have made great strides in the last month. With Gill Tomkins' guidance, we have learned to play the rudiments of Duplicate Bridge. To all the uninitiated, this is a system whereby all groups play the same set of cards, so scores of teams may be compared, enabling more competitive play. We are also working on playing each hand within seven minutes. Both great steps for mankind.

Alan Farmer

## Change of Address

Secretary Alan Stevens would like to advise that his new email address is: [absglobal60@gmail.com](mailto:absglobal60@gmail.com) as from this advice. Members please note.

## Theatre

KOOZA See September newsletter

## BRIGHTON THEATRE CO (BTC)

We are able to book seats for the 2017 season. BTC has four shows a year and perform at the Brighton Arts and Culture Centre Cnr Wilson and Carpenter Streets, Brighton. We usually book for a Wednesday night and are given a sherry before the performance at 8 pm, coffee/tea at interval and supper incl wine at the end. We also have a chance to meet the cast. Great value and very popular. Last year it was \$76 pp for the four performances. Tickets must be booked and paid for by the end of the year so put your name down on the sheet at the functions desk asap as tickets will be limited.

Tony Bowles

## Members' Register

The Register has been updated and included on the club website ([www.beaumarisprobus.org.au](http://www.beaumarisprobus.org.au)).

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

## PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

Ken Beadle

### The Castlemaine Experience

UPDATE

Wednesday October 26

VLine have inconveniently decided to dig up the line to Bendigo during October and so the main journey will now be by coach from Southern Cross. Participants have been advised of all details on this fully-booked trip. We have a wait list to take up any cancellations. The updated itinerary for the day can be accessed on the Events Calendar page of our Newsletter. [CLICK HERE](#)

### November

Twilight Lawn Bowls

Wednesday November 9



Please join us for an evening of lawn bowls at the Sandringham Bowling Club in Tulip Street (Melways 77A12). Good off-road parking is available. Our host: Stan Bernhard ably assisted by Ted Montfort and others of the local bowling fraternity. Wives and partners most welcome.

We meet at 4.30 pm for a short briefing on play and organisation. Play expected to start at 5 pm. Teams of three will play a knock-out competition for the handsome trophy created by Paul Crompton. There will also be a Plate competition for first round losing teams and this will keep everyone on the greens for the evening.

Bowling Club members will serve us a chicken and salads dinner followed by sweets and tea/coffee at approximately 7pm. Drinks available at bar prices throughout the evening.

Cost: \$35 (which includes coaching and dinner). This is a new social event in our calendar. Your support is solicited to ensure its success. Please register and pay by November 2.

★ **PLEASE NOTE:** high heels and spiked golf shoes are verboten on the greens - flat soled tennis shoes are ideal.



Call for Action

We need your help

[CLICK HERE](#)

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### December

President's Christmas Lunch

Friday December 9



*Above: Happy snaps from the 2015 Christmas lunch*

This year, our lunch will be held at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on beautiful Beaumaris Bay (Melways 86 F8).

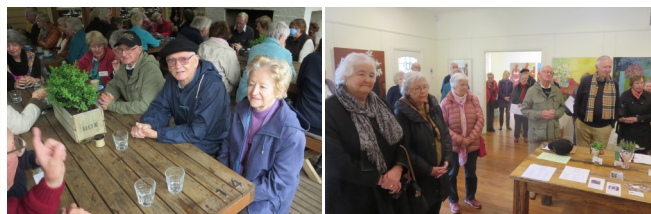
Cost: \$60 pp (covers a two-course lunch, coffee and drinks to a generous limit). Time: 12 for 12.30 pm. We ask you to please make a big effort to attend this our final marquee social event for 2016.

Register now. Payment required by December 1.

\*\*Advise Ken Beadle of any dietary requirements and table seating requests by December 5. \*\*

### What a Day!

All for forty dollars. Super value and the bus was full. The Margaret and Sally Amond art show at the Merricks Store/Gallery captivated us. Classy paintings, ceramics, fabrics - all on display for our delectation, with complimentary coffee. What a talented mother and daughter. With Alan Nash organising the tour, Barry Amond masqueraded as a sort of Sancho Panza in support of Alan's role as Don Quixote leading the charge around the Peninsula. Then across Arthurs Seat, winding down with spectacular vistas of the coastline, and arriving at the Mornington Racecourse for the all-included lunch chosen from a wide menu. Grilled barramundi was seized upon by many. And there was even more art as we took over the nearby Mornington Peninsula Gallery to flaunt our newly-found expertise in reviewing some of the non-winning entries from the 2016 Archibald Prize. But the prestigious Bus Travellers' Award went to a riveting portrait of Rosie Batty. Yes, all for forty dollars with free lollies along the way. Lloyd Jenkins



Above left Waiting for coffee: Diana Burt, Lloyd Jenkins, Roy and Trish Petch.

Above right Barbara Opie, Margaret Amond, a guest, Margaret Haggart, Lloyd, John Beatty and Mary Warburton

## Australia's Rio Challenge



[[CLICK HERE](#) for video of James Tomkins]

No-one was disappointed by the keenly-awaited presentation by James Tomkins. James reminded us that the granting of the Olympic Games to Rio was made at a time when Brazil's economy was booming due to the high prices of iron ore and oil. The Games were meant to introduce international sports to the region and as a result to encourage infrastructure projects primarily relating to public transport and water supplies. However, a fall in the prices of exports bankrupted Brazil by the time the Games facilities had to be planned and constructed.

**"All this against a background of social media putting every issue before huge world audiences"**

The lack of finance caused the Games organisers to prioritise funding to venues and fields of play. James praised the Games organisers for the progress made in difficult circumstances. The venues were impressive and some improvements were made to public transport and to water supplies. Security was tight but effective and the athletes' village and the venues were very satisfactory. International issues such as Russian drug programs, Civil Rights and the European Court added to the work load. All this against a background of social media putting every issue before huge world audiences. In addressing the overall performance of the Australian team, James said that it had done well given a severe lack of finance provided in the years leading up to the Games. He also gave us an insight into the factors considered in the selection of cities to hold future Games. To have an excellent presentation by the most decorated Australia rower of all time was a privilege.

John Bushby

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**Percentage of Residents Born Overseas**  
SYDNEY 42 PERTH 41  
NEW YORK 29 PARIS 22  
BERLIN 13 TOKYO 2  
SHANGHAI Less than one percent  
Other Australian capitals: low 30s  
*Weekend Australian 17/9/16*

## Our Caddie From Carnoustie



Much to the delight of our many golf-mad members, Andy Coogan emerged to tell his story as our own Caddie From Carnoustie. Andy spent his younger years in Carnoustie, recalling childhood memories of crowds of golf fans arriving to attend and play at the local course. Naturally he took to golf at an early age and spent every other day on the course. He soon progressed onto caddy duties and thus was able to meet great champions including the incomparable Ben Hogan. At the age of 14 years, Andy met Peter and Alice Dye (at that time the world's second best ladies amateur golfer). The friendship grew and led to Andy accompanying the Dyes to the United States where he stayed for 12 months. This unique adventure had many highlights including meeting Scottish-American professional Tommy Amour – the Silver Scot – and attending the Indianapolis 500. Andy returned to Scotland and eventually made his way to Australia in 1971 and was re-united with the Dyes in 2004 with whom he still keeps in touch.

John Bushby

[For more information about Andy Coogan and some other new members, [CLICK HERE](#).]

### Other Links of Interest on Our Website

Members' Register [CLICK HERE](#)  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Video of Centrelink's Paul Fleming speaking to the Investment Group



**Don't forget to book for the next Tastes at Thai Rani – DO IT NOW. \$40 pp Authentic Thai Banquet**  
**Where: 177 Bluff Road Black Rock**  
**When: Thursday November 17 @ 6.30 pm**

### Victorian Probus Bowls Association Metropolitan Probus Annual Bowls Day

Wednesday March 15, 2017  
Teams of Men, Ladies or mixed. Each team must have at least one Probus member.

2 Bowl Triples Open Tournament  
2 games of 15 ends starting at 10.30am followed by lunch – 2nd game after lunch

\$75 per team or \$25.00 pp (which includes teas, coffees, lunch and green fees)

Contact Ted Montfort to enter (9589 5949 or mob 0427 676 491)

# Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

See Website: <http://www.beaumarisprobus.org.au/calendar/>

Tuesday October 11	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday October 11 Friday October 14	2 pm Discussion Group 9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock 25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday October 18	8.45 Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday October 25	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday October 25	2 pm Wine Appreciation	Kevin McDonnell's residence
Wednesday October 26	Castlemaine Experience	
Tuesday November 1	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday November 8	9.30 am Bridge & Annual Lunch	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday November 9	Twilight Lawn Bowls	Sandringham Bowls Club
Tuesday November 8 Friday November 11	2 pm Discussion Group 9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock 25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 15	8.45 Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Thursday November 17	6.30 pm Tastes	Thai Rani
Tuesday November 22	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday November 23	7pm Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday November 25	Bike Ride	
Tuesday November 29	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday December 6	12 Noon Wine Appreciation	Lobster Cave
Tuesday December 6	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday December 6	2 pm PRISMS	The Nash Residence
Friday December 9	President's Christmas Lunch	Beaumaris Yacht Squadron
Tuesday December 13	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club



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