

NEWSLETTER

PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday September 20 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: James Tomkins, IOC, Oarsome Foursome member, Olympic Flag Bearer

Topic: Rio Challenge: Games of the XXXI Olympiad

10-Minute Talk: Andy Coogan - The Caddie from Carnoustie

Australia's Rio Medal Count

✿ GOLD 8

✿ SILVER 11

✿ BRONZE 10

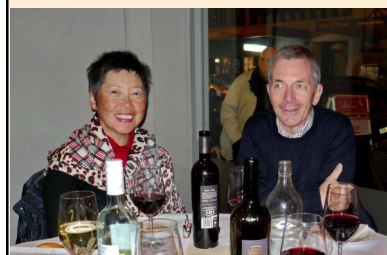


TOTAL 29

Faces and Dishes at Saltimbocca

Top row from left: Saltimbocca; Elizabeth & Peter Harford, Bev & Gerald Ettershank; Seafood Spaghetti; Merry & Geoff Bransbury

Bottom row from left: Patricia Tan-Stevens & Alan Stevens; George Fabinyi, Ken Beadle; Margaret Amond, Geoff Wade and Geoff Carlson



Photos by Ian Maskiell

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*** Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: Ken Beadle, Duncan Gibson		Bowls: Ted Montfort	9589 5949
Discussion: Barry Amond	9589 1143	Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	9588 2593
Investment: Peter Harford	9592 6797	Music/Opera: Barry Amond	9589 1143
PRISMS: Bill Davis	9592 5982	Tastes: Peter McGregor	9533 4760
Theatre: Tony Bowles	9598 7973	Assistant Theatre: Peter Morris	9576 8888
Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946	Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791
Golf: John Pound	9521 8252	Photographer: Ian Maskiell	9592 3380

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Geoff Bransbury

I write this heading off to the airport on a short trip to the UK and I am reflecting on what a terrific club we have in Beaumaris Probus. Sometimes I think we need to pat ourselves on the back and that is my intention here. As a speaker myself, I have done some 30 presentations to many Probus Clubs, and I can assure you that we stand out as the best of the best. This incidentally is confirmed by several of our recent speakers who have been impressed with the quality and depth of questions and the overall culture and professionalism that is evident at our meetings. "Why is this so?" to quote Julius Sumner Miller. Clearly the positive culture of our club was established long ago by our senior members and has continued ever since, but most important is the number of people who are prepared to get involved in the running of our club. At last count, 29 members are regular contributors – that's about 40 per cent of the members who regularly attend meetings. That alone is impressive, but as I worked on our website, it struck me that a few members have made an extraordinary contribution that needs our recognition and thanks. Paul Crompton has created over 80 speaker videos; his work runs into hundreds of hours. He has also created trophies for some of our competitions. Peter McGregor has produced our superb newsletter since 2008 and led our popular Tastes evenings. Geoff Wade has been producing our Members' Register for many years as well as running the Technology Group meetings and being the back-up newsletter editor. Barry Amond runs two Discussion Groups, the Music and Opera Groups, and his home is virtually our other venue. In naming these outstanding members, I don't want to minimise the efforts of many others. I simply don't have the space. It is the contribution and commitment of these 29 people that make our club the success it is. One last point. There is always a need for new blood, new ideas and new energy so please come forward to assist in some way and thereby help our club continue to be what it is today – the best of the best.

[Photos: Ian Maskiell]



Above: Our excursion to the inner sanctum of the MCG
From far left: members John Smyth, Geoff Taffs, President Geoff; Ted Montfort and Garry Sebo; Roger Wilson, John Howe, John Smyth, Alan Stevens; Howard Hoskins and visitor Murray Hine

NOTICEBOARD

 **Investment Group: 8.45 am**
John Hewison Hewison Private Wealth
Topic: Successful Strategic Planning and
Investment Management Philosophy

Digital Technology Group

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 4 at 25 First Street Black Rock commencing at 2 pm. Topics to be covered will include a review of items discussed during 2016; other items to be advised at the next General Meeting. An attendance sheet will be available at that time.

Geoff Wade

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

The topic for September is Aborigines when the groups will tackle one of the most vexed problems in Australia. The meetings are on Friday September 9 and Tuesday 13 at the usual times. In August we all agreed that trends in democracy throughout the western world were a cause for concern.

Opera and Music

Barry Amond

On August 24, we all enjoyed seeing everything that Georgian pianist Khatia Buniatishvili had to offer. A bright new favourite. Our next evening is on Wednesday September 28 at 7 pm.

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson



*Wine tasters: Gus Bravo, Dick Kirby, Kevin McDonnell, John Brimage, Alan Farmer and Garry Sebo
Left: John Brimage decanting*

Our next meeting is at Kevin McDonnell's home on Tuesday October 25 with a tasting of white wines. Our final meeting for 2016 will be at the Lobster Cave for lunch on Tuesday December 6.

Bridge

Our fledgling group is becoming even more popular. In the last few weeks, we have had three tables of members learning the building blocks of the game under the guidance of our patient guru, Gill Tomkins. Also, we now boast a library under the scrutiny of Alan Trumble who also doubles as our Honorary Treasurer! We meet Tuesday mornings, followed by lunch. New members are most welcome.

Alan Farmer

Intro To Our Website

Please click [HERE](#) for an introduction to our new website. This is a walk-through video showing how to get the most from the information on the site.

Next Tastes

We are returning to a boutique Thai restaurant in the depths of Black Rock by popular request. Book now.

Where: Thai Rani

177 Bluff Road Black Rock

When: Thursday November 17

6.30 pm

What: Authentic Thai banquet

Cost: \$40 pp

A range of selected wines as usual for \$15 a bottle.



Bike Group

We are sad to report that Noel Ineson has recently had to stand down as our bike group leader for health reasons. Noel started the group some years ago and members have enjoyed many great rides thanks to his enthusiasm and cheerfulness. Duncan Gibson and Ken Beadle will share responsibility for organising and leading the rides henceforward. Duncan will manage shorter rides starting primarily from Black Rock every second month and Ken will manage longer rides on the other months.

Springtime is an ideal time for cycling the 40 km Lilydale to Warburton rail trail and this will be our September ride (Friday/Saturday 23/24). We will pedal to Warburton on Friday, staying in a motel overnight after dinner at one of the many Warburton restaurants, and back to Lilydale on Saturday. Contact Ken Beadle asap if you want to join this ride so additional motel accommodation can be booked. Further details to be advised mid-September.

Theatre

Matilda

Rave reviews. Recently picked up 10 Helpmann Awards. Special price tickets at \$99 in the Grand Circle, Princess Theatre. Your last chance to see it. Sunday November 6 @ 6.30 pm

Kooza by Cirque du Soleil

Big Top Flemington Racecourse Sunday February 5 @ 12.30. Tickets \$95 (a saving of \$20)

"Kooza is a show that blends almost to perfection, its sub-continental sounds, its stunning lighting and costumes with theatrical ingenuity and acrobatic wonder." *The Independent*, London

See Peter Morris at Functions Desk

Tony Bowles

Birthday Boys – September

Noel Ineson 1/9	Lloyd Jenkins 16/9
Ian Martin 21/9	Peter Morris 5/9
Warren Parker 25/9	Roy Petch 13/9
Mike Read 6/9	Stan Ryding 24/9
Andy Watson 26/9	Graham Wearne 24/9
Alan Williams 3/9	

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

Ken Beadle

One Hat Restaurant/Castlemaine Experience [CLICK HERE](#)

September

Mornington Peninsula Art Tour Thursday September 29

Many members and their partners have attended events in Margaret Amond's studio and may wish to visit the exhibition that she and her daughter, Sally, are holding at Merricks House Art Gallery. A coach has been booked to take Probians and friends to Merricks for coffee and the exhibition. There will be a short scenic tour on the way to Steeples Bistro in Mornington for a two-course seniors' lunch. After lunch, we visit the Mornington Regional Art Gallery's exhibition of some of the more unusual paintings which did not make the finals of the Archibald and Wynne prizes. Cost: \$40 includes coach travel, morning tea/coffee and a seniors' lunch (excludes lunch drinks and entry to the Regional Gallery (\$7)). Please register your interest with Alan Nash (9589 2934; mawnash@bigpond.com) and pay by direct debit or in the usual way.

Leave at 9.30 am from Beaumaris Library and we expect to return to Beaumaris Library by 4.30pm.

October

Intelligent Transport Systems Expo Wednesday October 12

RACV have provided us with 20 tickets to visit the Convention and Exhibition Centre for the 2016 ITS World Expo which features 300 contributors with a wide range of exhibits and information about transport systems of the future. We will make our own way to the Exhibition Centre at Southbank.

George Fabinyi

With the passing of his wife, Anya, George Fabiny has left Beaumaris and moved to the northern suburbs to be near his daughter. "This means that I have to give up all my local contacts including membership of Probus after 17 years of friendly attendance," he writes.

"Please pass on my good wishes and goodbye to all our members whom unfortunately I will not be able to contact personally." George and Anya attended the first Music Night 16 years ago and have been regulars ever since. "Anya certainly enjoyed the friendship of many Probians whom she met at club functions over the years," George wrote to President Geoff. "In particular she enjoyed teaching you a little basic Russian before your long bike ride across that enormous country". A member of Beaumaris Probus since 1999 (auditor from 2000–2005, and again in 2007), George has always been an interesting and knowledgeable contributor to our discussion groups. We extend our condolences to George and his family and wish him very good health and happiness in the future. New Phone: 8841 8260

There is no charge for this visit but registration is required for ticket allocation.

Note: At the time of writing, nine tickets remain.

November



Twilight
Lawn Bowls
Wednesday
November 9

Come and join us for an evening of lawn bowls at the Sandringham Bowling Club in Tulip Street.

Adequate parking is available.

Stan Bernhard will be our host, assisted by others of the bowling fraternity who are Probians. Wives and partners are most welcome. A very special social occasion. Please register now. Further details next month. Cost: \$35.

December

President's Christmas Lunch Friday December 9

Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron clubhouse on the waterfront at Beaumaris Bay (Melways 86F8).

Cost: \$60 pp (covers a two-course lunch, coffee and drinks to a generous limit)

Time: 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please make a big effort to attend our final marquee social event for 2016. Register now. Payment by December 1. Please advise Ken Beadle of any table seating requests and/or dietary requirements (by 5/12).

Cruise to NZ

Currently we have 12 going on the New Zealand cruise departing Melbourne on Sunday, March 5, returning Saturday, March 18. All reports are that the trip will be both exciting and relaxing so it is suggested you make a booking on the *Golden Princess*. Booking direct with your travel agent will allow you to make your preferred arrangements.

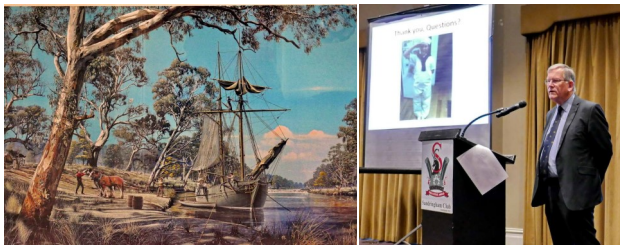
John Green

VALE: ALAN REITH

We regret to advise the passing of Alan Reith on Thursday August 11.

Alan was one of our Foundation Members in 1987 and until recent times had been a regular attendee at meetings and functions. **Rest in Peace**

The Birth of Melbourne



Left: the first Enterprize Right: Keynote Speaker Michael Womack

Keynote Speaker, Michael Womack, opened his **presentation** by asking members to name the founder of Melbourne. According to Michael, no-one was successful, much to our surprise. The correct answer lay in the history of settlement in 1835. In August of that year, the original *Enterprize* - a fifty-five foot schooner built in Tasmania in 1830 - arrived in our bay with a party of nine persons. One female in this group, Mary Gilbert, was pregnant. Her child was born at the landing which means that Mary could be said to be the first founder of Melbourne. Not one of our all-male attendees chose to disagree.

The modern-day *Enterprize* was launched August 30, 1997. It was the first rigged commercial sailing ship to be built in Melbourne in over 120 years. Its purpose: to enhance Melbourne's history. Under the control of a Board of Trustees and run as a not-for-profit registered charity, *Enterprize* is sailed and maintained by more than 100 volunteers and can carry 45 passengers. Sailings are held throughout the year and she can be chartered, but at a cost of \$ 2.4 million to build and \$70 k costs of a layup, maintenance every two years means an ongoing need for funds from the public. Impressive as all this sounds, very few members indicated their readiness to brave the high seas in her. Excellent presentation appreciated by all.

John Bushby

Directory: New Member

GW TAFFS (Geoff & Jo)
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Ph 9584 6786
geoffandjotaffs@bigpond.com
Born 1935 Springvale. Pharm Ind. Golf
(Rossdale), gardening, reading, Essendon
AFL. [Club '16]

NOTE: John Beaty's email address and mobile phone numbers were incorrect in our August newsletter. Details should have read: johnhbeaty2@icloud.com and 0400988208.

New address: John Smyth 8 Keith St Beaumaris

Foreign Investment in Australia

Largest foreign investors:

US (28%) Britain (16.5%)

Belgium (7.9%) Japan (6.6%)

China tops 5% only when combined with Hong Kong

[Source: *The Australian* 17/8/16]

Thank you, Philip Stewart

Most members may not be aware what went on behind the scenes before our last meeting. In fact, Philip Stewart saved the day, in particular for our Keynote Speaker. Philip spent the best part of Monday preparing Michael's presentation, downloading videos and integrating them into his PowerPoint presentation. We are unsure how Michael would have conducted his presentation otherwise. Well done, Philip, and thank you. GB

Man of Many Talents

He can ride a motorcycle around the world and he can embarrass us all with a photo of himself with Marilyn Monroe. Thus President Geoff Bransbury's presentation of our new website was both interesting and highly educational. Utilising his knowledge of the computer literacy of our members, he skilfully took us through the webpage and its many features. Such is the quality of this production, there appears little need for members to go beyond it to access all matters pertinent to our Club.

All members are most grateful to all those who had input. Thank you, Mr President. John Bushby

VPBA 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 1st game 10.30 am - Lunch
- 2nd game after lunch

\$75 per team or \$25 pp includes tea/coffee, lunch and green fees

Contact Ted Montfort 9589 5949 or mobile: 0427 676 491



At the NGV: Probus Meets Degas

Coffee time for Gilda & Norm Griffiths and Jenny & Tony Bowles. Also, far right, Lloyd Jenkins up to his usual tricks.

[Photo: Ron Hunter]

"How often have we been told we face an epidemic of domestic violence? It's simply not true."

Bettina Arndt

'Always Beating up on Men'

The Weekend Australian 20-21/8/16

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

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

Tuesday September 13	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday September 9	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 13	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 16	Beaumaris Probus Golf Day	Spring Valley GC
Tuesday September 20	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday/Saturday September 23/24	Bike Ride	
Tuesday September 27	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday September 28	7pm Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday September 29	9.30 am Mornington Peninsula Art Tour	
Tuesday October 4	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday October 4	2 pm Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday October 11	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday October 11	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 14	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday October 12	Intelligent Transport Systems Expo	Melbourne Convention Centre
Tuesday October 18	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday October 25	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday October 25	Wine Appreciation	McDonnell Residence
Wednesday October 26	The Castlemaine Experience	
Sunday November 6	6.30 pm <i>Matilda</i>	Princess Theatre ★
Wednesday November 9	Twilight Lawn Bowls	Sandringham Bowls Club
Tuesday November 15	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Thursday November 17	6.30 pm Tastes	Thai Rani ★

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