



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday June 20 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Dr David Rand AM PhD

Topic: World Solar Car Challenge

10-Minute Talk: Jim Duggan The Big Bang and its Aftermath



Educated at the University of Cambridge, David Rand joined the CSIRO in Melbourne in 1969. As Chief Research Scientist, he was the CSIRO's scientific advisor on hydrogen and renewable energy until his retirement in 2008. During his distinguished career, David has been awarded the Faraday Medal by the Royal Society of Chemistry(UK) IN 1991, the UNESCO Gaston Plante Medal by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in 1996 and the RH Stokes Medal by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute in 2006. He became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2013. Currently, Chief Energy Scientist for the Solar Car Challenge.

According to the Victorian Government's Better Health, cycling can help to protect you from serious diseases such as stroke, heart attack, depression, diabetes, obesity, arthritis and even some cancers,



The lake at Waterways backgrounds some of our intrepid Probud riders - ready for the return run/ride in May

From left: Paul Crompton, John O'Connor, Geoff Carlson, Duncan Gibson and Noel Ineson

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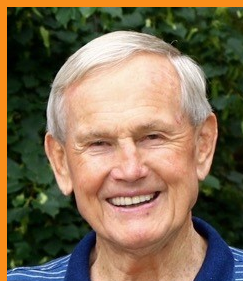
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Golf: John Pound	9521 8252

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Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Beadle

Keynote Speaker Sal Perna's address at our May meeting was one of the best given to our club, in my opinion. Sal combined humour, hard hitting facts and excellent overheads to keep his audience interested throughout the one hour he spoke - and all without notes. We were privileged to have him as our guest speaker.

The 30th anniversary of the founding of Beaumaris Probud is on June 16. I will be honored to present 30-year Probud membership pins to our three active foundation members John Brimage, Merv Davidson and Bob Matthews at our June 20 general meeting. Whilst on the subject of milestone anniversary pins, two members recently advised me that they had not received 10-year pins when they were due. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to urge any club member who knows he has qualified for a 10- or 20-year pin but has not received one to advise our membership officer, Peter Flude, immediately so we can rectify the situation in the near future.

Please note that we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary at the Candlelight Dinner on June 21 at the Sandringham Yacht Club. We will have a number of foundation members with us as our Club's guests and we are planning some special features to mark the occasion - it's a must-attend night. Any last-minute bookings and payments can be made until June 13 - please contact John Beaty.



Beaumaris Probud goes to Van Gogh



Below right: Robert Lander thanks Sol Perna, our Keynote Speaker for May
Below: David Seedsman and Geoff Taffs
Left: Members enjoy their morning cup of tea
Photos: Ian Maskiell



NOTICEBOARD

Global Economic Issues

No meeting for June; however, we are hoping to have a speaker for July. TBA

August: Chris Renwick, former Rio director and CEO of Hamersley Iron

Topic: Iron Ore, China and the Future 8.45 am

Opera and Music Groups

There will be no meeting of the Opera Group until September 27. This will be followed on October 25 by the Music Group.

Barry Amond



Discussion Groups

At their meetings on Friday June 9 at 9.30 am and Tuesday June 13 at 2 pm, the topic will be Waste and its economic and environmental impact. In May the groups discussed The Media and, in particular, changes brought about by social media.

Next meetings (in September): Friday September 8 and Tuesday September 12.

Barry Amond

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Next Probus Wine Appreciation meeting is Tuesday August 22 at 35 Church Street, Beaumaris.

Bike Group



Our next ride on Friday June 23 will be a (roughly) circular route taking in the Capital City Trail to the north of the city. We meet at Sandringham Station at 9 am to catch the 9.05 am train to Flinders Street. From Flinders Street station (good ramps) we will ride westwards along the Yarra Trail to Docklands and then turn north onto the Moonee Ponds Trail. We take the Yarra Trail back towards the city for coffee and muffins and then to South Yarra station for the train return to Sandringham. Approximately a 30 km track mostly flat, good surfaces with one set of steps. Remember to bring your MYKI card. Please email me with your registration for the ride.

Ken Beadle

Bridge Group Flourishes

Photos: Robert Lander



As you can see from the intense concentration above, the Probus bridge group goes from strength to strength at Victoria Golf Club on Tuesdays. Still room for more if any other members wish to join us.

Tastes

Tastes Goes Italian Again

When: Thursday July 27

6.30pm

Where: Saltimbocca

338 Charman Road

Cheltenham

Cost: \$60 pp

This is our gourmet event of the year at an Italian restaurant in the local area with a reputation for fine food. You should not miss this! A careful selection of wines will be made available @ \$15 per bottle. You need to book NOW.

Alan Stevens



Theatre

Live theatre is flourishing locally. With this in mind, members are invited to consider a production of *Equally Divided* by the Mordialloc Theatre Company at 8 pm on Thursday, September 14 at the Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale. Also, the Cheltenham Light Opera Company is putting on a production of *A Chorus Line* at 8 pm Wednesday October 25 at the National Theatre, St Kilda. For us to obtain the attractive concessional booking rates, we need to confirm our numbers well in advance of the above date. Once we have the minimum number paid up, I can go ahead and make a firm booking. A sheet for booking will be available at the functions table at our June meeting but you may wish to go to our website where all the required information is shown and you can email your requirements to me rather than wait for the meeting. [CLICK HERE](#)

John Green

Members' Register

The register is now on our website and is regularly updated with new members, deletions and any changes that are notified to me. Please check the register and advise if there are any changes to your details. The register will be updated after the June meeting.

Geoff Wade

Digital Technology Group

The next meeting of the group is not until Tuesday September 5. We are always on the lookout for any interesting item to discuss and to be informed about. If you have any item that is puzzling you or you would like an update on, please let me know and we can include it on the agenda for September.

Geoff Wade

Next General Meeting: Tuesday July 18 10 am

Birthday Boys – June

Ralph Butcher 24/6

Geoff Cupples 24/6

Bill Davis 22/6

Robert Kerr 11/6

David Robertson* 18/6

David Seedsman 30/6

Alan Trumble 25/6

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday June 21

**Candlelight Dinner and 30th Anniversary Celebration
Sandringham Yacht Club 6.30 for 7 pm**

Cost \$65 per person

The list is still open if you haven't signed up but it will be closing early next week. If you haven't paid, please do so as soon as possible. EFT direct to the club account or cheques to the Treasurer.



Friday July 7

Visit to the Melbourne Chinese Museum

We will explore Chinese-Australian history and culture and discover three generations of Melbourne processional dragons and learn about the history of Chinese migrants.

The visit starts at 22 Cohen Place, between Little Bourke St and Lonsdale St behind Her Majesty's Theatre at 11 am (subject to confirmation).

It ends with an authentic Yum Cha lunch just next to the Museum.

Cost \$34 per person including lunch

Attendance form at the June meeting or direct to John Beaty

Payment by EFT to Club account or by cheque to the Treasurer.

Friday August 11

Morning visit and tour of Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens

Winter Discovery Tour 10.30 to 12 noon

Followed by a Vietnamese lunch at Jardin Tan

Cost \$35 per person including lunch.



Friday September 8

Visit to the Werribee Open Range Zoo

10.30 am to 12 pm

Lunch at the Shadowfax Winery and optional visit to the Winery shop

Cost \$75 per person including Chef's Sharing Menu (\$45)



Fact: Asia is building 88% of the world's coal-fired power stations in the next five years. *Quadrant*, June 2017



Mayhem to Mounting Yards

John Bushby

Any presentation with a title that includes mayhem and mounting yards is bound to attract our attention. Our May Keynote Speaker, Sal Perna, Victoria's Racing Integrity Commissioner, clearly exceeded our members' expectations with his interesting and professional presentation. After twenty years as a member of Victoria Police, including experience in diverse investigations ranging from murders through the mayhem of the Russell Street bombing and the Walsh Street assassinations – not to mention a few autopsy attendances - Sal finished his career with a heightened sense of reality, complementing his many successes as a Detective Inspector.

His move to Australia Post in 1992 caused him to adapt his methods of investigation to the needs of a more corporate environment. As Auspost handled 19 million postal articles per day, he had to deal with a wide range of bizarre items that people tried to post (eg 'anthrax' powder, baboon heads, dead ducks, frogs, pythons and letter bombs), after which he moved to Telstra and a program of dealing with physical and virulent threats in the virtual world. A renowned authority on organisational risk by now, Sal founded Calibre International, a consultancy dealing with all forms of management and risk. As if this was not enough, in 2010 he was appointed the first Racing Integrity Commissioner, working closely with racing industry-controlling bodies in Victoria. Suffice to say that his work has 'had its moments' with the colourful characters and obscure practices that are said to have bedevilled the racing industry in the past. None of our members doubt that Sal is the right man to handle the needs of this industry. Thanks to Sal for a gold-plated presentation. [MORE](#)

Latest Dopey Old Bloke Update

"Whale Sharks are the largest fish in the ocean. They can reach 18 metres although this is rare.. .. Eventually we reached the Whale Shark .. one of the crew jumped in front of the Whale Shark to determine its direction. We were then called into the water and told to WATCH OUT! The moment arrived and in we went....."

For more exhilarating adventures of our Immediate Past President, Geoff Bransbury, [CLICK HERE](#)



My Life as an Expat

As you would expect, Robert Kerr is the one in the middle in the kilt (left)



In his precisely-timed 10-minute talk, Robert Kerr reflected on his diverse and interesting life as an expat Brit in Unilever companies from Glasgow to Stockholm, from Jakarta to Lagos – and Melbourne. Robert's need to understand and embrace the many different cultures and business practices where he worked provided him with more than enough to amuse, entertain and educate our members. His recollections of the difficulties faced in closing a number of factories within a range of widely differing societies led us to appreciate that he had much more to accomplish than simply enjoy his colourful surrounds.

Robert's need was to understand and embrace the different cultures and business practices where he worked

While we didn't get to hear any essential details, along the way Robert was somehow awarded membership of the prestigious Chaine de Rotisserie which he shows off proudly (right)



Language difficulties in Stockholm, fraud in Lagos (offset in part by the joys of the local yacht club), the advent of technological advances in Indonesia and that country's rapid expansion of its employment base – all were of special interest and made for a fascinating talk.

John Bushby

Probus Wine Appreciation



Members had a fabulous steak lunch and red wines at the Steak Bank in May (see above). All agreed the bottles of red were great and complemented the steaks. Overall voting for the first four places: First, 2005 Penfold's (1L) St Henri shiraz; Second, 2008 Rutherglen Warrabilla reserve shiraz; Third, 2008 Mt Langi Ghiran "The Gateway" shiraz; Fourth, Langhorne Creek Metala shiraz cabernet 2010. "Drinking wine engages more of our brain than any other human behaviour," according to a leading neuroscientist whose work has helped redefine our understanding of how the brain processes flavour. [Sounds a bit sus to me. Ed.]

What a Waste!

Every year, Australians throw away 1 billion coffee cups.
The Age, 31/5/17

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Events Calendar

Friday June 9	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday June 13	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday June 13	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday June 20	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday June 21	6.30 for 7 pm	Candlelight Dinner	Sandringham Yacht Club
Friday June 23		Bike Ride	
Tuesday June 27	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday July 4	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday July 7	11 am	Melbourne Chinese Museum	
Tuesday July 11	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday July 18	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday July 25	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Thursday July 27	6.30 pm	Tastes	Salimbocca
Tuesday August 15	8.45 10 am	Global Economic Issues GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday August 22		Wine Appreciation	35 Church St Beaumaris
Wednesday August 23	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Company	
Tuesday September 5		Digital Technology Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 8	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 12	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 19	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday September 27	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock

Parking Notice

As many are aware, there is ample parking available for our meetings in the car park on the other side of Beach Road adjacent to the Croquet Club. However, be careful crossing the road and remember: you need to display your Bayside parking permit.