



# NEWSLETTER

Probud Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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**Next Meeting:** 10 am Tuesday May 16 The Sandringham Club

**Keynote Speaker:** Sal Perna Racing Integrity Commissioner

**Topic:** From Murder to Mail, Mobiles to Mounting Yards

**10-Minute Talk:** Robert Kerr Reflections on an Ex-pat Life



With over thirty years in the security and investigations industry, Sal Perna is a renowned authority on organisational risk and is founder and Managing Director of Calibre International, a management and risk consultancy. His 20-year career in public sector law enforcement included everything from investigating homicides to the training of detectives. His last 15 years have been in the corporate sector, providing extensive consulting services in the area of corporate risk.

The Office of the Racing Integrity Commissioner gathers information on integrity-related issues regarding the Victorian Racing Industry, across harness, greyhound and thoroughbred racing codes. The Commissioner welcomes the reporting of integrity information and complaints from both members of the public and the racing industry.



*Happy faces at Taste's visit to Le Phan restaurant in Sandringham in April*

*Top left: Former convenor, Peter McGregor, hands over to the new convenor, Alan Stevens*

*Photos: Ian Maskiell*

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

### **\* Office Bearers 2017**

\* President: **Ken Beadle** 9589 6120  
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 \* Meetings: **Geoff Wade** 9588 2593  
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 \* Newsletter: **Peter McGregor** 9533 4760  
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### **\* Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: **Duncan Gibson** 9586 3647  
**Ken Beadle** 9589 6120  
 Discussion: **Barry Amond** 9589 1143  
 PRISMS: **Bill Davis** 9592 5982  
 Wine Appreciation: **Roger Wilson** 0418395946  
 Golf: **John Pound** 9521 8252

Bowls: **Ted Montfort** 9589 5949  
 Digital Technology: **Geoff Wade** 9588 2593  
 Music/Opera: **Barry Amond** 9589 1143  
 Tastes: **Alan Stevens** 9597 0235  
 Bridge: **Alan Farmer** 9598 2791  
 Theatre: **John Green** 9580 6820

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



**Ken Beadle**

John Basarin's address at our April meeting presented an alternative view of events at Gallipoli in 1915 and some of the underlying politics and strategies of both the British and French to control Middle East oil supply during and after World War 1. Copies of John's excellent book *Gallipoli - the Invasion* are available directly from him on 0438 055 056. The origins of much of today's dire conflict in Syria and Iraq is also succinctly covered in Georgina Howell's biography *Gertrude Bell - Queen of the Desert*, which is a good read in its own right as well as inspiring the script for the 2015 film starring Nicole Kidman.

Recently, John Beaty and I attended the very well-presented Probud Information Day on April 21 hosted by the Manningham Probud Club. This interactive forum left me feeling that our club is amongst the best in our district where many clubs are having problems with lack of volunteers for key club management roles and the recruitment of new members. We were also made aware of the need for good governance and risk management of our Club, subjects which John and I will be discussing with the committee at future meetings to ensure best practice is followed.



*Left: Smiling 10-year members Peter McGregor and Bill Cruthers accept their pin from new President Ken Beadle*

*Below: The President welcomes Keynote Speaker, John Basarin*

*Right: Members at morning tea*



Photos: Ian Maskiell



# NOTICEBOARD

## Discussion Groups

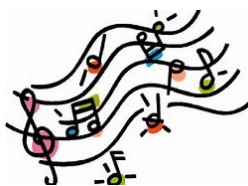
At their meetings on Tuesday May 9 at 2 pm and Friday May 12 at 9.30 am, we are discussing 'The Media'. The topic will explore trends and the power that the media exert on our lives. In April, we had excellent discussions on 'Religion' and how different religions and sects have developed from early times.

Barry Amond

## Music and Opera Groups

On May 31 at 7 pm, the program will suit members of both groups. Items will be the result of requests by members and although mainly 'music', there are a few extracts from opera. This ensures that the evening will be one of the most memorable in over 16 years of happy evenings.

Barry Amond



## Bridge Players

Bridge recommenced on Tuesday May 2 – after the breaks of Easter, Probus meeting and Anzac Day - for what we hope will be an uninterrupted series. I am pleased to report that Bruce Tomkins is recovering well from his heart valve surgery which has allowed Gill to return to guide us.

Alan Farmer



## Bike Fact

Number of bicycles to be introduced across China for sharing by the end of this year: 20 million

China Daily 21/4/17

## Bike Group

On April 28, Beaumaris Probus Riders ventured out from Spotswood following the Yarra River to historic Williamstown and the bay foreshore to Cherry Lake (Altona) and return, enjoying fair weather and good company. For the next ride on Friday May 26 we go South to the newish suburb of Waterways. This is a return visit as we have developed a fine taste for the coffee at our destination. Should you be able to join in, the rides are free (and it's good for your heart!) Please note: the starting point is the Black Rock car park @ 8.30 am.

Duncan Gibson



## Birthday Boys – May

Barry Amond 4/5	Andy Coogan 7/5
Brian Davey 10/5	George Fabiny 12/5
Neil Jones 3/5	Bruce Kaplan 27/5
Rod Kelly 1/5	Don Lobb 5/5
Bob Matthews 24/5	Ossie Obst 15/5

## Theatre

John Green

### Mordialloc Theatre Company

Wednesday, June 7, *Australia Day* – a comedy – at 8 pm at the Shirley Burke Theatre, 64 Parkers Road, Parkdale.

Price: \$25 pp (includes tea and coffee at interval).

To book ring 95875141 or online at

[www.mordialloctheatre.com](http://www.mordialloctheatre.com)

CLOC (Cheltenham Light Opera Company) will be performing *A Chorus Line* in October, National Theatre, St Kilda. A group of 15+ would be at the concessional price of \$53. Full details to follow.

### Brighton Theatre Group:

Wednesday, May 24, at 8 pm

## Digital Technology Group



The Digital Technology group met in early May and there was lively discussion on a number of topics. Of interest to most people was the National Broadband Network including what it is, the fact that it will be

compulsory, the types of connections (there are 5 or 6 different methods), potential problems and those already experienced by friends who are connected. Apparently, technicians are in Highett, Sandringham and Mentone and connection in those suburbs could be soon. However, Parkdale will have to wait until 2020! The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday September 5 commencing at 2.00 pm at Barry Amond's studio. All are welcome. You do not need to be computer literate as we can all learn something.

Geoff Wade

## Old/New Golf Trophy

Used previously for a 9-hole competition and made by Noel Ineson, I am proposing this trophy - which depicts an eagle with a golf ball in its claws - will be used for our new 18-hole competition open to all golfing members of Beaumaris Probus. The inaugural competition will be held Friday September 1 at Kingswood.

John Pound

Photo: Ian Maskiell



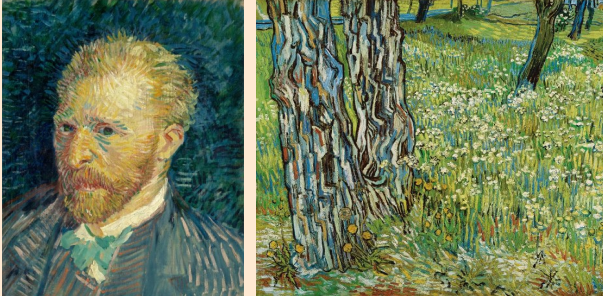
## STOP PRESS

In order to obtain concessional prices for *The Book of Mormon* on Saturday, July 1, we need a minimum of 12 people. Currently, we have a firm commitment of nine; a further three are required to clinch the most attractive prices. All enquiries to John Green on or before May 9. **MORE**

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

## May

**Van Gogh and the Seasons Exhibition**  
National Gallery of Victoria  
Friday May 26



Meet at NGV reception area St Kilda Rd at 10.20 am for a guided tour with audio (about one hour). There will be time to revisit the exhibition in your own time afterwards. [MORE HERE](#)  
A table will be reserved at an NGV restaurant for members who wish to have lunch.

Cost: \$34 pp (includes exhibition fee and tour)  
Lunch at own cost  
Please advise attendance to John Beaty by email or phone by not later than May 11.  
Payment by EFT to club account or by cheque to: 1 Chateau Grove Beaumaris.



## June

**Candlelight Dinner and 30th Anniversary Celebration** 6.30 for 7 pm  
Sandringham Yacht Club  
Wednesday June 21

Cost: \$65 pp  
Attendance form at the May meeting or direct to John Beaty or John Green  
Payment by EFT to the club account or by cheque to John Beaty



## July

**Melbourne Chinese Museum**  
Friday July 7 11 am



Join us on a visit to the Melbourne Chinese Museum to explore Chinese Australian history and culture. You will discover three generations of Melbourne processional dragons and learn about the history of Chinese migration. [MORE HERE](#)  
Visit ends with an authentic Yum Cha lunch.  
Cost: \$34 pp (including lunch)  
Visit starts at 22 Cohen Place between Lt Bourke St and Lonsdale St behind Her Majesty's Theatre.  
Attendance form at the May meeting or direct to John Beaty or John Green  
Payment by EFT to Club account or by cheque to John Beaty.

## August

**Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens**  
**Winter Discovery Tour** 10.30 – 12 noon  
Date to be decided (provisionally Friday August 11)  
Followed by lunch at *Jardin Tan*  
Cost and full details shortly [MORE HERE](#)

## 15-night Cruise to Singapore

3-night stay in Singapore and Return Flight to Melbourne

Approximate Total Cost: \$8518 per couple

Departs Melbourne on Thursday March 15, 2018

Cruise ship: *Golden Princess*. [MORE HERE](#)

Accommodation: ocean view cabin with balcony

Stops at Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Margaret River, Fremantle, Bali, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore

Arrives Singapore: March 30, 2018, at 0700 hrs for a 3-night stay at the Swissotel Stamford Hotel

John Beaty



## Gallipoli: A Different Perspective



John Basarin's father was an officer in the Turkish army so he was destined to grow up with a different perspective of the Gallipoli campaign from what most of us understand occurred. In the first place, the Turks were well aware of the impending assault by the Allies along the Gelibolu Peninsula and had fortified the area around the most logical place for a landing; however, when the assault did take place on April 25, 1915 - at what we now know as Anzac Cove - there were only 160 Turkish troops waiting on the cliffs above. The Turks were well supplied: they made their own fresh water from seawater and they had dug trenches that allowed supplies to flow freely, although it took a week to travel from Istanbul to Gallipoli given the primitive state of transport at the time. Some of the trenches on both sides were a mere 10 metres from each other and stayed there for nine months. "The Turks had the high ground and never gave it up," Atatürk recalled.

When the Australians launched a major assault on the high ground on May 19, weeks after landing, it was the first time the two sides actually came face-to-face. The Turks were wondering, "What is an Australian? Where is Australia?" and the Aussies wondered, "Who are the Turks?" Many thought of them as Germans. But because of the physical closeness, an affinity for one another developed; they listened to the sounds of each other, often singing songs, and the Turks offered to exchange cigarettes for the bully beef the Aussies carried. However, the continuing stalemate worried both sides and the August assault on Lone Pine was a failure. After snow fell in November 1915, the British decided to pull out, abandoning their military goals and by December the retreat was complete. Churchill's plan to eliminate Turkey from the conflict with Germany by taking the Dardanelles Strait was an abject failure. 2500 Turks were dead, wounded or lost and 1500 Allies. Total casualties for both sides along the full length of the peninsula was an estimated one million men. On October 30, 1918, the Ottomans capitulated, a month before Armistice Day.

Peter McGregor

### He's At It Again

That Dopey Old Bloke is on his way again, this time 'inland circumnavigating' the continent on his trusty motorbike, Azulo. Catch up with him [HERE](#). Look for Geoff's amazing aerial photos of Lake Eyre.



## Probus Bowls 2017



*Just some of our Beaumaris Probians who participated exceedingly well in the Annual Pobus Bowls Competition on Wednesday March 15 at Burdon Park.*

*From left: Alan Cox, John Ragas, Ken Priestly and Ron Hunter*

*Congratulations, guys.*

## Guesswork and Pseudoscience

From the outset of his short talk, Duncan Gibson stated that he would try to salvage the reputation of the insurance industry. He would also address the question: why is it that insurance companies are still considered bastards like the banks?



*"assessing the risk of facilities is a combination of guesswork and pseudo-science"*

The son of a farmer, he was expected to follow in his father's footsteps but large horses frightened him so he became more interested in the work of an uncle who was a surveyor and soon began perusing the Situations Vacant columns in the *Argus*. As a result, he found a position as a trainee surveyor with the Fire & Accident Underwriters' Association of Victoria, a cartel of non-life insurance companies. Ostensibly, they classified industries according to risk; in fact, their main goals were to stop insurance companies from competing and to block the entry of Lloyd's into Australia. "They were innocent days," Duncan said. Melbourne still made clothing, boots, shoes and rope, Volkswagens and International trucks and even processed chemicals - and every country town still had a flour mill and a butter factory - requiring people like Duncan to inspect their plant and assess the risk. To be successful, Duncan said, required a certain inquisitiveness on his part; for example, everyone is familiar with the imposing structure of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron in St Kilda - in fact, it is mostly plaster and chicken wire. The west wall of Flinders Street Station is pressed tin on timber; others are caneite covered with tar, which burns like the devil. Underwriters need to know these things to determine their rates.

According to Duncan, assessing the risk of facilities is a combination of guesswork and pseudo-science, but he found it was possible to have a good career in the insurance industry, earn a reasonable income and work with good mates.

Peter McGregor

# Probus Club of Beaumaris

## Events Calendar

Tuesday May 9	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday May 9	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday May 12	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday May 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday May 19	12 noon	Wine Appreciation	Steak Bank Restaurant
Tuesday May 23	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday 24	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Group	
Friday May 26	10.30 am	Van Gogh and the Seasons	National Gallery of Victoria
Friday May 26		Bike Ride	
Tuesday May 30	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday May 31	7 pm	Music Evening	25 Third Street Black Rock
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
Wednesday June 7	8 pm	<i>Australia Day</i>	Mordialloc Theatre
Tuesday June 20	8.45	Global Economic Issues	Sandringham Club
	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	
Wednesday June 21	6.30 for 7 pm	Candlelight Dinner	Sandringham Yacht Club

