

# NEWSLETTER

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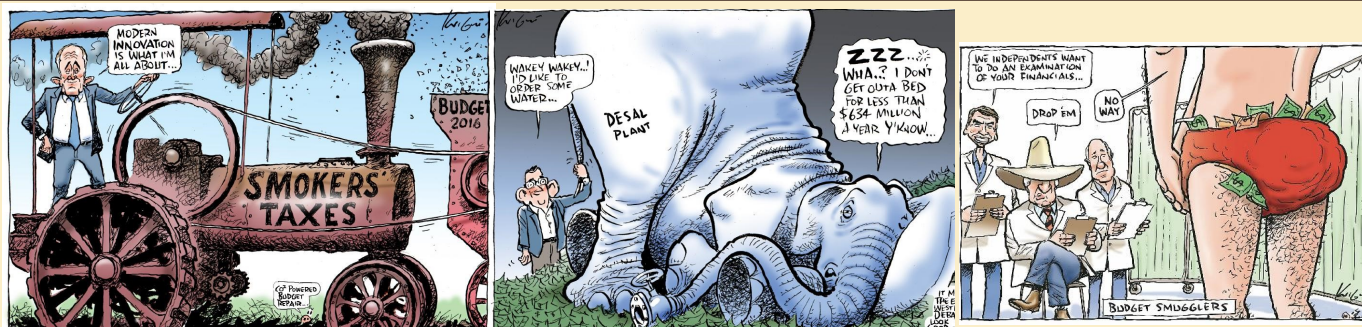
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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday April 19 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Mark Knight Herald Sun Cartoonist  
Topic: Mark Draws the Line

10-Minute Speaker: Ken White The Mystery of MH370



Mark Knight was born and raised in Sydney. He says there hasn't been a time when he didn't love to draw. He started a cadetship in the Fairfax art department in 1980, filling in the black squares in the crossword grids. He went to East Sydney Technical College and studied life drawing, painting, drawing and etching.



**Gala Croquet Day a  
Great Success —  
despite the weather**

*Right: President  
Geoff surveys the  
field and the food*



## **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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* Meetings: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593	Assistant Meetings: <b>Keith Ross</b>	9589 3580
Almoner: <b>Noel Ineson</b>	9589 5263	Assistant Meetings: <b>Graeme Keys</b>	9585 7297
Archive: <b>John Howe</b>	9598 2429	Grapevine: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
President's Table: <b>John Green</b>	9580 6820	Sommelier: <b>Bill Green</b>	9596 1548
Speakers' Recorder: <b>John Bushby</b>	9598 7113	Audio Visual: <b>Paul Crompton</b>	9583 1310
Projectionist: <b>Philip Stewart</b>	9589 3309	* Newsletter: <b>Peter McGregor</b>	9533 4760
* Assistant Secretary: <b>John Smyth</b>	9885 3084	* 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>	9598 7973	Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	0418395946

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



## **Geoff Bransbury**

I am delighted to be your President for 2016 and will do all I can to make this year a success for all members. My main task as President is to deliver interesting speakers for you covering a wide range of topics and styles, but I have some other key goals.

Firstly, we must increase the number of new members. While I am delighted to see some excellent new younger members join the club recently - our average age is over 81 - we must aim at achieving at least 20 new members, both this year and the next. Accordingly, to improve the focus on new memberships, Committee has designated this as an ongoing task for the Immediate Past President.

Secondly, I would encourage more members to join our outings. Sadly, participation has slipped over recent years and I would like to change that. I have noticed that in mixed Probus Clubs it is usually the ladies who show

most interest in outings - so, if you're not doing it already, please show your wife the newsletter! Also, please give serious consideration to coming on at least some of the outings as they are varied, interesting and enjoyable and a good social occasion with other members, their wives, partners and friends.

Finally, I would like particularly to thank those who have helped out with Club activities and operations; without you, Beaumaris Probus could not function. Would you believe there are only 29 members formally involved who give up their time helping to make the Club a success? If you would like to get involved in the running of the Club, either with a current or new interest group, Committee or other role, please come forward. We want and need new blood to keep the club strong into the future.

Photos: Ian Maskiell



**Left:** Frederica and Kevin McDonnell inspecting the gerberas at Big Bouquet Gerbera Farm, Healesville  
**Main picture (below right):** President Geoff, Tim Wilson and Immediate Past President, Kevin McDonnell  
**Below:** New members, Howard Hoskins and John O'Connor with President Geoff and Roger Wilson



**Far left:** variety of members taking a morning cup of tea



# NOTICEBOARD



**Investment Group: 8.45 am**  
**Rob Wilkinson from Retmark Property**  
**will speak on Property Investments. This will**  
**be of interest to all those who own homes and**  
**investment properties. Don't miss it!**  
**APOLOGIES FOR LAST MONTH'S CANCELLATION**



## Wine Appreciation

Tuesday May 3, 2 pm, at Roger Wilson's – selection of shiraz from different areas of Australia; followed by Tuesday June 28 at Rod Kelly's at 2 pm – a range of international wines to be sampled. RW



## Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At their March meetings, both groups discussed the issue of Defence and concluded that about 2% of our GDP needs to be spent on defence to maintain the essential protection which the US has historically provided. The next meetings will be on the second Tuesday and Friday in June.



## Opera and Music

Barry Amond



*Above: The March meeting. 30 members attended and most are in the photo. On screen, the great Latvian soprano Elina Garanca sings Adolph Adam's 'O Holy Night'. The program included items by Mozart, Berlioz, Schubert and Chopin, also excerpts from the 1956 movie 'Anything Goes'.*

The next Opera Group evening will be Wednesday June 29. Music Group will then follow on August 24.

## PRISMS

Next meeting of this august body –Tuesday April 26 @ 2 pm. To be held at Bill Davis' residence.



## Bike Group

Our next ride is Friday April 22, a re-run of the ride two years ago along Scotchman's Creek past Ivanhoe Grove Reserve and Alamein and Ashburton stations to the beautiful Hill'n'Dale Park with its sweeping downhill curves to Gardiner's Creek(round trip of 20 km). Assemble as usual at the Black Rock beachside car park at 9 am.

Noel Ineson

## 2016 Members' Register

Geoff Wade

The Register is now completed and it is hoped to be despatched by email during the second week in April (ie. before the next meeting). A limited number of hard copies will be available at the April meeting for those members who do not have email.



## April Tastes:

### Japanese Banquet

Our next outing is to the Japan Inn in Keys Street Beaumaris where we can expect an exotic banquet

that includes osuimono, sushi, sashimi, Californian rolls and gyoza followed by tempura, tatsuta, miso steak, teppanyaki and rice. **By special arrangement, the wine selection includes a 2008 shiraz from the Hunter Valley which will captivate all wine buffs.**

Where: Japan Inn Keys Street Beaumaris

When: Thursday April 21 6.30 pm

Cost: \$35 pp

Wine selection: \$15 a bottle



## The 2016 Croquet Challenge

### Winner: John Smyth

About 50 people (including helpers), enjoyed our annual Croquet and Spit Roast event despite the wild and wintry conditions that descended on the Sandringham clifftop greens on March 18. At least the rain ceased in the early afternoon and stayed away for the rest of the day. Our 2016 champion is John Smyth, who beat President Geoff and Treasurer Geoff in a hard-fought final. Special thanks to Jennie and Tony Bowles and other members of the Sandringham Croquet Club for coaching us and umpiring the tournament.

Thanks also to BBQ maestro Peter McGregor and all Probus members and partners who assisted in making the event a success.

Ken Beadle



## Bridge Group

The group has now been in operation for three months. First, we were treated to an enlightening series of sessions from Jan Clyne, a Bridge Master; the second by another guru, Gill Tomkins (yes - the wife of our ex- President, Bruce). During the past month we drew on the expertise within our group; namely Norm Griffiths, Alan Trumble, Ken Beadle and Tony Bowles. Gill has kindly agreed to assist our development further during the month of April at least. Clearly, we have the talent and willingness at this stage to assist any members who may wish to join us to learn and enjoy this addictive pastime. For more info, just ask any of the above.

Alan Farmer

**NOTE: Last chance for Tastes. See above.**

## Birthday Boys – April

Merv Davidson 9/4	Gerald Ettershank 6/4
John Fisher 15/4	John Opie 14/4
Richard Phillips 24/4	John Ragas 27/4
Brian Reynolds 7/4	Keith Ross 23/4
Alan Stevens 17/4	Paul Stephens 6/4
Noel Williams 5/4	Roger Wilson 10/4

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

## April

### Lingering and Loitering in Melbourne's Laneways

Wednesday April 13

This 2 ½ hour walk led by Jill Hauser explores little-known laneways in the east end of the city. You will learn about hidden bars and nightlife, highlights of Melbourne's street art plus a bit of history – the old Eastern Market, Squizzy Taylor and the infamous Gun Alley Murder. We will meet at Federation Square where the walk will commence at 10 am. Be at the entrance to the Atrium, opposite the corner of Russell and Flinders Street, at 9.50 am. Cost: \$20 pp – includes coffee and a snack. NOTE: At the time of writing we can accommodate three more people on this walk. Registration and payment no later than April 8.

## June

### Marilyn Monroe Exhibition at Bendigo Art Gallery

Wednesday June 8

On display are many things we remember about Marilyn, including film costumes and accessories, studio portraits and many more artefacts from the life of one of the 20th century's most glamorous film stars. We will travel on the 9.15 am train from Southern Cross Station arriving in Bendigo at 11.16 am and will walk to the Art Gallery stopping for an early lunch at a nearby cafe. Our tickets for the exhibition are for a 1 pm entry. Return train journey departs Bendigo station at 4.02 pm. Seniors Card and Pension Card holders can use their free annual VR voucher to obtain ticket from Sandringham or any other staffed railway station. Full fare payers can use their MYKI card.

Cost: \$42 return

*Photo: Howard Hoskins*



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In order to secure our preferred entrance time we have already purchased 20 exhibition tickets. Please register and pay early to secure your ticket for this trip. Cost: \$25 – covers exhibition entry only; all other costs at your expense.

## June

### Annual Candlelight Dinner

Tuesday June 14

One of the major social functions of our Probus year! We return to the prestigious Sandringham Yacht Club's Port Phillip Room which has been refurbished since our dinner there last June. Songsters, *The Hot Flushes*, will be entertaining us again. Cost: \$65 per head - includes a 2-course dinner plus coffee and drinks to a generous limit. Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Please make a big effort to attend - register now. Payment required by June 7.

Marquee Event



## July

### Golden Days Radio Tour

Wednesday July 13

Local broadcaster Golden Days Radio (95.7) call themselves "the Melbourne Seniors broadcaster playing yesterday's music today". It is located at 1236 Glenhuntly Road, Carnegie. The station operates from three modern studios with state-of-the-art equipment and broadcasts 24/7. There are more than 35 presenters with a playlist in excess of



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24,000 tracks. Total staff (all voluntary) number around 80 people. We'll go there by car for a 1½ hour tour starting at 10.30. After the tour, there will be the option to go for a light lunch at your own expense. Limit: 20 people, so book early to secure your place. Cost is \$5 per person which includes the tour and a cup of tea. Registration and payment by July 6.

Ken Beadle

Best wishes to all those heading to Port Fairy for the annual Beaumaris Probus golf week. Calling All Golfers: For the 2016 Australian Golf Digest course rankings (Top 100), click [HERE](#).

## Humanising Us All

*Since speaking to our March meeting, Tim Wilson has won the pre-selection battle and is now the Liberal Candidate for Goldstein in the coming election*



Former Australian Human Rights Commissioner, March keynote speaker Tim Wilson, enlightened us on some of the issues to do with the recognition and protection of human rights in Australia. He made the significant point that individuals' human rights were vital to civil society. His own upbringing taught him that an individual is bound to a family which in turn is bound to other families, making a community, and by this process we establish norms and standards for each other, humanising us all. He spoke of rights that require clear definition and acceptance; e.g. freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the need to protect and pay respect to children, property rights (including indigenous communities) and the freedom of others to share our way of life. Tim asserted that discussion of these matters had to be transparent and between mature participants - with the need for Federal Parliament to enact required legislation to define the results and thus preserve and protect the social contract. Regrettably there have been some court decisions (and some would say legislation) that have not protected human rights in Australia.

**“.....individuals' human rights were vital to civil society...”**

Discussion between some members immediately distilled a very complex topic into the need for all of us to give others a 'fair go'. At first glance this would make a good start, Tim said. From his presentation, members were left with the exercise of deciding whether they wanted to be part of the social contract and, if so, to what degree.

John Bushby

### Trip to Bright

John Green

Sandy Bay Probus has offered us an opportunity for a 4 days /3 nights trip based around Bright in NE Victoria. Monday to Thursday, June 27 to 30. The trip requires a minimum of 30 passengers with a maximum of 42. Tour price is about \$600 pp (twin share) with a single supplement of \$48 per night. Accommodation: the High Country Motor Inn located in Bright (all rooms downstairs). A fully cooked breakfast and a 2-course dinner is served daily. As this is a joint operation with Sandy Bay, it must be on a first-in first-served basis. There is a flyer at the functions desk together with a sheet for bookings.

NOTE: For information on the 2017 trip to NZ, see full notice in last month's newsletter.

### Retirement Notice: Les Hall

A foundation member of Beaumaris Probus (1987), Les was Functions Co-ordinator from 1989 to 93 and was for many years a regular attendee of meetings. He participated in many of our functions, meetings and trips but recently moved to Knoxfield to be near his family, leading to his recent resignation. Les leaves us with our very best wishes.

### Annual Probus Bowls Day

Ted Montfort



On March 7, at Burden Park Bowling Club, our Club was represented by three teams skipped by Stan Bernhard, Ian Jones and Ted Montfort. For health reasons, we had to replace several of our stalwart bowlers with members from other clubs. However, congratulations to Stan Bernhard's team who were our only 2-game winners on the day, but their overall score was not sufficient this year to feature in the prizes. Thanks to all members for their support.

### Wine Appreciation Report

At our last session on February 23 – with 11 of our 16 members present - we tasted 10 vintage red wines from Roger's cellar dating back to 2000. The top red as voted by attendees was the Houghton Gladstone's Frankland River 2000 Shiraz, closely followed by Penfold's St Henri 2007 shiraz. Tahbilk's 2004 shiraz was third, followed by d'Arenburg Dead Arm 2002 shiraz.

Roger Wilson

### Thank you, Andy

After 20 years of diligent service, Andy Watson is stepping aside from the role as the Club's Almoner. We thank him for his commitment to caring for those members who are unwell or in unfortunate circumstances; also for his unlimited supply of very amusing jokes. Noel Ineson has willingly accepted the task of continuing the tradition.



**In just three years – 2011, 2012 and 2013 – China used more cement than the United States did in the 20th century (6.6 billion tonnes cf. 4.4 billion tonnes).**

US Geological Survey

# Probus Club of Beaumaris

# Events Calendar

Tuesday April 12	10 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday April 13	Melbourne's Laneway Walks	★
Tuesday April 19	8.45 Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Thursday April 21	6.30 pm Tastes: Japanese Banquet	Japan Inn ★
Friday April 22	Bike Ride	
Tuesday April 26	10 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday April 26	2 pm PRISMS	Bill Davis' Residence
Tuesday May 3	2 pm Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Residence
Tuesday May 17	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday May 18	1 pm Singin' in the Rain	Her Majesty's Theatre ★
Wednesday June 8	Marilyn	Bendigo Art Gallery ★
Friday June 10	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black
Tuesday June 14	Candelight Dinner	Sandringham Yacht Club ★
Tuesday June 14	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday June 21	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Monday - Thursday June 27-30	Trip to Bright	★
Tuesday June 28	2 pm Wine Appreciation	Rod Kelly's Place
Wednesday June 29	7 pm Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday July 13	10.30 am Golden Days Radio Studio Tour	★

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