

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday January 19 St Martin's Uniting Church
Cnr Gibb St & Dalgetty Road, Beaumaris

Keynote Speaker: Lt Col Bernard Mulholland see p5

Topic: General Sir John Monash A Man for His Time

10-Minute Speaker: John Howe Solar Energy

General Sir John Monash GCMG, KCB, VD - one of Australia's most distinguished soldiers during the First World War - left a legacy as an engineer, administrator and a man of action. A man who sought, above all, to use his education and abilities for the benefit of the community.



VISIT TO CSL LABORATORY



The visit to CSL in November was an eye-opener for the 19 members and guests who enjoyed a masterclass presentation in the lecture theatre by Dr Vincent Chung (a former Beaumaris boy educated at Stella Maris PS and St. Bede's), followed by detailed explanations at key locations throughout the premises. More, see p5.

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Interest Groups

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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	Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Kevin McDonnell

With the start of the New Year, it is interesting to speculate on what 2016 holds for us. The other day, I saw a quote attributed to Mark Twain (and many others): “**I never make predictions, especially about the future**”. Accordingly, despite being a retired economist, I will refrain from making any forecast; but 2016 will see some significant events taking place throughout the world, including the US presidential election in November - which could result in their first woman president - and the UK will have a referendum to decide whether they are to exit the euro zone.

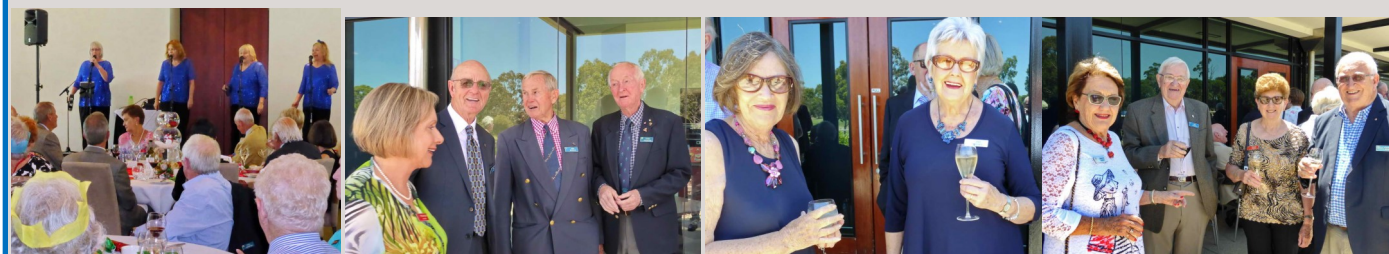
One thing that is becoming more evident in everyday life is that change is pervasive and shows no signs of slowing. This is especially the case for many Australian businesses where, paradoxically, they have to run faster in order to stand still. Adaptability combined with optimism are the cornerstones to meeting the challenges of today; Australia will have its challenges over the next 12 months. For many years, we have been described as ‘the lucky country’ and rightly so. However, the downturn in the mining sector, which represents 42% of exports, will have implications for most segments of the economy as it progressively flows through. The stewardship of the Federal Government will be an important issue for most Australians.

To all our members, I would like to express my very best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and prosperous 2016.



Photos: Ian Maskiell

Our Christmas lunch at Southern Golf Club was enjoyed by 112 members and guests. Following drinks on the outdoor terrace in brilliant sunshine, we were entertained during lunch by Bayside singing group The Hot Flushes with 60s and 70s songs as well as Christmas favourites. Ken Beadle



NOTICEBOARD

Subscriptions for 2016 Now Due

All subscriptions are due and payable on January 1 each year. For 2016, subs are \$70 pa discounted to \$65 if paid before January 31. Payment by direct transfer to our bank account is encouraged; or you may prefer to send me a cheque at:

22 First Street, Black Rock 3193.

Pay now and pay only \$65! Thank you to those who have already paid. Geoff Carlson, Treasurer

Theatre

BTC tickets may be available at our next meeting or at the latest for our February meeting. The first show is Wednesday March 2.

The Edinburgh Military Tattoo is Saturday February 13 @ 1pm.

Don't forget: we are open to bookings for *Singing in the Rain* at Her Majesty's on Wednesday May 18 @ 1pm and *The Sound of Music* at The Regent on Wednesday June 1 @ 1pm. See John Green at the functions desk. Tony Bowles

Opera and Music Groups



Fifteen years – and still going strong. Above, some of the enthusiastic revellers at Third Street Black Rock.

At our last meeting on a warm November evening, 38 members celebrated 15 years since we started with a cocktail party. It was so warm we shortened the program! The first music evening for the year will be on Wednesday March 23 at 7 pm when we hope to include the omitted items. Barry Amond

Discussion Groups

We will meet on Tuesday February 9 and Friday 12 at the usual times. Barry Amond

Bowls

Ted Montfort

Victorian Probus Bowls Association Annual Bowls Day (Metropolitan)

When: Wednesday March 9 10.30 am

Where: Burden Park Bowls Club, Springvale

2-bowl triples open tournament 2 games of 15 ends

Cost: \$25 pp (includes teas, lunch and green fees).

Port Fairy Golf



Dates: April 11, 12 and 13

Accommodation on the river

\$100 deposit pp to be paid now to the Treasurer

Contact: John Pound

Wine Appreciation

Next meeting is Tuesday February 23 @ 2pm at Roger Wilson's home, 35 Church Street Beaumaris, where we will taste some mature red wines from Roger's cellar.

Tastes: Seafood Special

Where: Lobster Cave, North Concourse, Beaumaris

When: Thursday, February 25 6.30pm

Cost: \$40 pp Selected wines @ \$15 per bottle

On offer: a carefully negotiated selection of some of the best seafood dishes available at this time.

Please pay the Treasurer immediately.

Contact: Geoff Bransbury



★ January Meeting

The next meeting will be held at St Martin's Uniting Church, Beaumaris, corner of Gibb St and Dalgetty Rd @ 10:00 am. The Committee meets at 8:30 am. Parking is available on the grassed area (west of the church, enter off Dalgetty Rd) and to the east of the church on the old tennis court area; also on the grassed area (enter off Haldane St). Parking also available in Gibb St.

Lunch will be at Sing Tao Chinese Restaurant, South Concourse, Beaumaris.

Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday February 2 at 2 pm. Items to be discussed will be advised at the January meeting but it is hoped to have a local computer guru speak to us about Windows 10 to answer all your questions. Suggestions for other topics should be sent to Geoff Wade (9588 2593 or email: geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au). An attendance sheet will be available at the January meeting.

Bike Group

Our next ride is on Friday January 22. Assemble at 9 am at the beachside car park near Hampton St, riding along the beachside trail through St Kilda and Middle Park to Armstrong St, around Albert Park Lake to finish with a coffee at the Armstrong St shopping centre before returning along the beach.

Noel Ineson

Investment Group: No meeting this month

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

February

RAN West Head Gunnery Range, Flinders

Monday February 22

NOTE: change of date



Regular visitors to the western shores of Mornington Peninsula will be aware of the Gunnery barrages which disturb seabirds and people throughout the year. An exclusive tour of the facilities for our club, - including anti-aircraft machine-gun firing (by the Navy) - will commence at 1pm following a briefing at 12.30pm. We will make our own way to Flinders and car pooling will be arranged nearer to the date. We meet at the RAN visitors' carpark at 12.15pm on the West Head approach road (Melways ref 262C11) after driving through the security gates. A maximum number of 30 visitors can be accommodated. There is no charge for this visit but registration is essential.

NOTE: Members are invited to coffee/tea prior to the visit at the Beadles' holiday house at 28 Young Street, Flinders from 11am (Melways ref 262 A6).

Princess Cruise to NZ

John Green

A 13-day trip departing Melbourne December 4, 2016, returning December 17. There are seven stops and prices range from an inside cabin at \$1899 pp to \$2899 pp for a balcony. Passengers travelling alone pay the fare for a twin cabin. A non-refundable deposit of \$646 for a couple and \$703 for a single is payable three days after booking; final payment no later than September 20. A discount may apply if our group booking is for more than eight cabins. Booking sheet available at the functions table.

March

Annual Croquet Challenge and Spit Roast

Friday March 18

Thanks to Jenny and Tony Bowles, we have again booked the Sandringham Croquet Club (opposite the Sandringham Club on the foreshore) for a fun evening from 4pm to 8pm. The handsome trophy will again be up for grabs.



Experienced croquet club members, will show us how to play - no special skills required. Last year, the competition was won by Keith Ross after a hard-fought final. The club greens can accommodate a maximum of 40 players, so register and pay early to ensure a place in our first marquee event of 2016.

When: Friday March 18 4 - 8 pm

Where: Sandringham Croquet Club

Cost: \$35 per head (includes croquet and all food).
BYO drinks. Registration by March 11

NOTE: We are scheduling the event later in the year than previously to avoid potential heat exposure.

NEW

Nellie Melba's Cottage Garden, Yarra Valley Thursday March 31

Trip to Yarra Valley and Nellie Melba's Coombe Cottage Estate and Garden. The coach leaves from Beaumaris Library at 9 am.

We will have morning tea/coffee en route for a tour of an alpaca stud and gerbera farm, where we will also have lunch. Then we will drive to Dame Nellie Melba's cottage and estate for a tour followed by Devonshire Tea, returning to Beaumaris by 5pm.

Cost: \$68 pp (includes bus fare and meals/refreshments). Please register your interest now. Payment is required no later than March 17.

Ken Beadle

APOLOGIES Sincere apologies to all those with a birthday in December. As there is no newsletter in December, we are not able to acknowledge your important day in the usual way.

Felicity Frederico



Graeme Wearne and Frank Collings talk with Felicity Frederico, until recently Bayside Mayor, our vibrant Keynote Speaker for November. She spoke about the many challenges facing those who serve on Council.

Wine Appreciation

Our enthusiastic wine-tasters enjoyed a final get-together for 2015 in early December with a three-course lunch at The Lobster Cave – a memorable finish to our first year – where 12 different wines, both whites and reds, were tasted. Roger Wilson



Above: A smiling group of imbibing Probians enjoying the festive spirit at the Lobster Cave in December.

CSL Visit

After a masterclass presentation in the CSL lecture theatre, Dr Vincent Chung gave us a tour - viewed through observation windows - of the processing facilities producing influenza vaccine for winter 2016. He said that 360,000 hens' eggs per day are inoculated with selected flu viruses at the Parkville laboratories and, after incubation and many stages of extraction and purification, a mere four litres of vaccine are produced. Pictures, p1. Ken Beadle

Moonee Valley Night Races

Our coach load of 22 punters enjoyed the buffet dinner and the spectacular view of the horse races from the comfort of *The Legends*. (It is rumoured that IPP Peter Harford again made a handsome profit on the evening – no further details available at this stage.)



Above left: Helene & John Knight, John Green, Noel Ineson and Ingrid Dewar from Beaumaris Bay - some of the keen spectators at the Night Races
Above right: Helene & John Knight, John Smyth, Noel Ineson, Roger Wilson and Ken Beadle enjoying the food

Probus Bridge 2016



Above (from left): Visitor, Wayne Cheeseman, Alan Trumble, John Smith, Peter McGregor, John Green, Alan Farmer. Above right: Tony Bowles, Alan Kermond, Michael Harwood and Philip Stewart

Our first weekly game for 2016 will be on Tuesday February 2 followed by February 9 and 23. Also, as I have been advised that we would all benefit from the continuing assistance of an experienced supervisor attending at least some of our next games, I have approached Mrs Gill Tomkins, an experienced Bridge Tutor, who has kindly agreed to undertake the task of extending our skills in the first weeks in 2016. Despite the fact that we have three tables of very enthusiastic players, we would welcome any one else interested in joining us.

Alan Farmer

Ralph's War

John Bushby

Veteran Ralph Butcher's informative story dealing with his war service detailed an incredible history of WW11 participation that almost beggared belief. For the period 1940 - 46, Ralph clearly kept the enemy on the run throughout Libya, Sicily and Greece despite confronting appalling hardships. In 1946, he married in the UK and came to Australia on Christmas Eve, then playing a major role in the formation of the CMF. Ralph's ongoing support of Legacy is to be applauded. It was a thoughtful and sobering presentation, very much appreciated.

Keynote Speaker

Lt Col Bernard Mulholland RFD JP, served as an Australian Army Reservist for 25 years. During this period, he developed a keen interest in the life and accomplishments of Sir John Monash.

Birthday Boys – January

Barry Donaldson 15/1	Bill Green 26/1
John Knight 10/1	Kevin McDonnell 16/1
Jim McGann 26/1	Geoff Marshall 4/1
Geoff Mason 29/1	Tom Moorcroft 9/1
Jeff Sturrock 16/1	Allan Taylor 16/1

Vale: Bob Aubrey

It is with regret that we record the passing of Bob Aubrey, a former member of our club. Bob was born in 1921 and joined the club in 2000.

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday January 19	NO INVESTMENT GROUP 10 am GENERAL MEETING	MEETNG ★ St Martin's Uniting Church
Friday January 22	Bike Ride	
Tuesday February 2	10 am Bridge Group	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 2	2 pm Digital Technology Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday February 9	10 am Bridge Group	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 9	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday February 12	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Saturday February 13	1 pm Edinburgh Military Tattoo	Etihad Stadium
Tuesday February 16	8.45 Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Monday February 22	RAN West Head Gunnery Range	Flinders
Tuesday February 23	10 am Bridge Group	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 23	2 pm Wine Appreciation	35 Church Street Beaumaris
Thursday February 25	6.30 pm Seafood Tastes	Lobster Cave ★
Wednesday March 9	10.30 am Annual Bowls Day	Burden Park Bowls Club
Tuesday March 8	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday March 11	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday March 15	8.45 Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday March 18	5.30 pm Annual Croquet Day & Spit Roast	Sandringham Croquet Club ★
Wednesday March 23	7pm Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday March 31	Nellie Melba's Garden	Yarra Valley ★
April 11-13	Annual Golf Trip	Port Fairy GC ★
Tuesday April 26	2 pm PRISMS	Bill Davis' Residence



Above: Duncan & Janette Gibson head up a star-studded cast of diners
Photos: Ian Maskiell



Vertical Tasting: At Madeira in November, we sampled a quartet (08, 09, 2010 and 2012) of classic Martinborough (NZ) pinot noir
Above: Nick Caris and Alan Trumble about to tackle their espetadas



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★ Payment required

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