

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday May 17 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Molly Sasson ex-ASIO
Topic: More Cloak Than Dagger

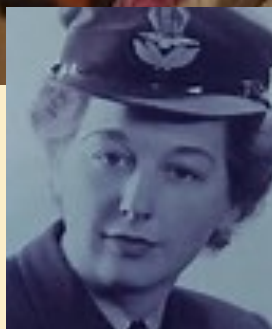
10-Minute Speaker: Dr Alan Kermond Melbourne's Synchrotron



ASIO Spy Breaks Silence

Molly Sasson, a former ASIO spy, is breaking a 46-year silence to reveal what she says is the darkest secret of all, something which ASIO and successive governments have never admitted in public.

"I have no doubt at all that ASIO was penetrated," Molly Sasson told 7.30 in August last year. "The Soviets always seemed to be a step ahead of us. If we put on an operation, it failed. There must have been a tip-off. It can't have been otherwise."



After working for British intelligence during World War II, and then MI5 in the post-war period, Ms Sasson was offered a job with **ASIO** in Canberra by its then chief, Charles Spry. She was given one of the most sensitive jobs in ASIO, to compile the daily intelligence report on Soviet diplomats who the agency suspected were operatives for the KGB or GRU, Soviet military intelligence.



Left: Inspecting the graffiti during the Melbourne Laneways walk



Right: Visiting the Gerbera Farm; a pensive Ken Beadle and others



Left: The April Laneways group

Right (from left): Lloyd Jenkins and a very curious Kevin McDonnell; while John Bushby looks as though he may be talking to the flowers



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*** Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: Noel Ineson	9589 5263	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	Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946
Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791	Golf: John Pound	9521 8252

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Geoff Bransbury

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to our Club and we are off to a flying start with five new members in two months. It's especially pleasing to see them get involved immediately in Club activities. Most of the newbies have attended one or more of our croquet, golf, Tastes, or bike-riding groups. Sincere congratulations to Andy Coogan who won an event for best score at our golf week in Port Fairy.

Our goal this year is 20+ new members and to achieve this, Past President Kevin will be leading the membership drive for 2016 and will be seeking your assistance to invite your friends or contacts who might be interested in coming to a meeting and joining us.

I am disappointed that nobody has put their hand up to get involved in the Functions team - currently being shared by Ken Beadle and John Green. As Ken will be President next year, we need someone now to take over this important planning and organising role. Personally, I found it very satisfying when I did it. All it requires is some enthusiasm. Please consider getting involved and speak to one of us.

Finally, I can never say thank you enough to those who assist and get involved, those who go that extra mile. Special thanks to John and Louise Pound for organising the superb Port Fairy golf trip; to Tony and Jenny Bowles for facilitating the croquet function (plus, of course, Chef Peter McGregor) and our tireless activity organisers, Ken Beadle and John Green.



Left: President Geoff presents John Smyth with the prestigious trophy for winning the 2016 Croquet Challenge



*Above: President Geoff presents new members – Paul Stephens, Andy Coogan and Peter Flude - with their pin and badge
Photos: Ian Maskiell*



Far left: John Pound displays and presents the brand-new aggregate trophy, crafted by his own hand in red gum

Left: members at morning tea – Gus Bravo, Frank Collings and Ian Johnson, 10-minute speaker, Ken White, with Alan Farmer

NOTICEBOARD



Investment Group: 8.45 am

Greg Wallace CA BEc. | Director Private Clients
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Bike Group

Noel Ineson

Our next ride is Friday May 27. Assemble at 9 am at the beachside car park. (See Melway B6 map 76 F7 near Hampton Street). Ride along the attractive beachside trail through Armstrong Street, Middle Park, around Albert Park lake and enjoy a coffee at the coffee shop in Armstrong Street before returning along the beach. (An easy ride of 22 km).



Discussion Groups

The next meetings will be on the second Tuesday and Friday in June.

Barry Amond



Opera and Music

Barry Amond

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

Wine Appreciation Group

2 pm Wednesday May 3 at Roger Wilson's Place 35 Church Street Beaumaris. The next gathering will be at Rod Kelly's place on June 28.



Members' Register Amendments

The following amendments should be made to the recently issued Members' Register:

Tony Bowles' phone number should read 9530 5580
Alan Taylor's address: 47/52-70 Centre Dandenong Road Dingley

In the list of Activities Co-ordinators please amend the entry for Bridge to read Alan Farmer 9598 2791 and add: Golf - John Pound 9521 8252

Our New Almoner

With the retirement of Andy Watson after 20 years' service, new Almoner Noel Ineson asks that we all endeavour to keep him informed regarding the health of members on the sick list or in need of our care and concern.

Bridge

From left: Alan Trumble, John Fisher, John Green, Peter Morris, Garry Sebo, our instructor Gill Tomkins, Alan Farmer & Phil Stewart



The next Bridge skill level begins on May 3 when guru No.2, Ian Speed, introduces the Bridge Group to the mysteries of Stamen, Jacoby and possibly even Transfers!! We are all agog with anticipation. A good time to join us to see whether the game is to your liking.

Alan Farmer

Tastes

Next: Gourmet Italian Dinner

Where: Saltimbocca 338 Charman Rd Cheltenham

When: Thursday August 4

6.30 pm

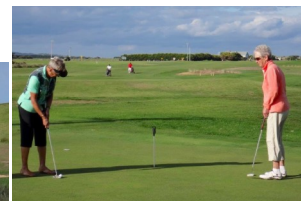
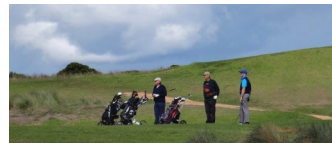
Cost: \$55 pp

Selected mature wines: \$15 per bottle

Limited numbers. DON'T WAIT. BOOK NOW.



Golf Week



After a very successful Beaumaris Golf Week in Port Fairy, participants have been surveyed to determine if the 2017 event will return to Port Fairy or visit another interesting location. Results to be announced in the near future.

Golf News

An all-out offensive by organisers of this year's World Cup has created the possibility that the game's Big Three - Jordan Spieth, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy - will be playing at Kingston Heath in November. Click [HERE](#) for more.

Guided Tour of MCG Wednesday August 17

First, a guided tour of the inner sanctum of our world famous MCG which should include areas such as the media room, the MCC Library, the cricketer's viewing and change rooms and much more. Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes. We then do a self-paced leisurely visit to the National Sports Museum complex where our own John Green will offer guidance, if asked. There is a wide variety of sporting material and memorabilia and also ample seating. A light lunch is included.

We meet at Gate 3 at 10 am. Jolimont station is just 400 steps to our entry.

Cost (including tours and lunch): \$45



Birthday Boys - May

Barry Amond 4/5	Brian Davey 10/5
George Fabinyi 12/5	Neil Jones 3/5
Bruce Kaplan 27/5	Rod Kelly 1/5
Don Lobb 3/5	Bob Matthews 24/5
Ossie Obst 15/5	Alan Reith 20/5
Andy Coogan 7/5	

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

June

URGENT!! PLEASE PAY NOW!!

Marilyn Monroe Exhibition at Bendigo Art Gallery

Wednesday June 8

9.15 am train from Southern Cross Station arriving in Bendigo at 11.16 am and walk to the Art Gallery where we have booked a room for early lunch at the nearby Basement Cafe. This assures seating for all of us. A variety of choices available. 1 pm entry to exhibition. Return train at 4.02 pm. Seniors Card and Pension Card holders can use their free VR voucher (from staffed railway stations*). Those who pay full fare can use their MYKI card. Cost: \$42 return.

Please register and **PAY NOW** to secure your place. Cost: \$25 (includes entry).

Other costs at your expense. NOTE: We have purchased 20 tickets and cannot guarantee more - first come, first served!

**NOTE: You need to apply first to Seniors Card for a form and take it to the station to receive your ticket.*



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 last June. Songsters, The Hot Flushes, will entertain us again. Cost: \$65 per head - includes a 2-course dinner plus coffee and drinks. Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Please make a big effort to attend. REGISTER NOW. Payment required by June 7.

July

Golden Days Radio Tour

Wednesday July 13

Local broadcaster Golden Days Radio (95.7) call themselves "Melbourne seniors broadcaster playing yesterday's music today". Meet @ 1236 Glenhuntly Road, Carnegie, 10 am. It has three modern studios with state-of-the-art equipment and broadcasts 24/7. More than 35 presenters, a playlist in excess of 24,000 tracks. All voluntary staff number around 80 people. Travel by car for a 1½ hour tour starting at 10.30 am. After the tour, there will be a light lunch option at your own expense. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$5 pp (includes the tour and a cup of tea).

Registration and payment by July 6.

Ken Beadle

Melbourne Lanes Walk

In April, members and partners enjoyed a warm sunny autumn morning for a Melbourne Lanes Walk. Our guide, Jill Hauser, provided interesting historical insights on old Melbourne buildings and copious artworks adorning some lanes. The Bourke Street areas between Russell & Exhibition Streets were particularly salubrious with former bordellos now operating as smart bars and night clubs. Our outing concluded with a convivial roof garden lunch at Madame Brussels Bar on Bourke Street. From left: Richard Phillips, Ken Beadle, Gloria Donaldson, Gilda Griffiths, Geoff and Merry Bransbury, Norm Griffiths, Margie Beadle, Barry and Julie Donaldson



Mark Knight Draws the Line



The artist at work

Nothing illustrates the dictum that a picture is worth a thousand words more than cartoons, which still remain today one of the most important weapons in the media's armoury of political and social analysis. They range from social humour to a devastating method of cutting the powerful and pompous down to size. Keynote Speaker, Herald Sun cartoonist Mark Knight demonstrated that the skill behind his cartoons was a combination of wicked humour, sharp intellect, sketching genius and an uncanny ability to identify core issues.

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Mark commenced his award-filled career (including a Walkley) after his mother gathered up several of his adolescent drawings while he was still in Year 11 and presented them to the editor of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Since the drawings encompassed a number of his school teachers, it was perhaps somewhat fortuitous that in 1980 he was offered a cadetship. But then reality surfaced; his first job was to fill in the many black squares in the next day's crossword. Nevertheless he embraced the opportunity and by 1984 had accepted a job with the *Financial Review*. To our members' delight, Mark demonstrated his unique skills before our eyes, creating cartoons of Jeff Kennett, Julia Gillard, John Howard, Meg Lees, Kevin Rudd and Malcolm Turnbull. Through his infectious humour and enthusiasm, Mark kept members laughing throughout. To have been so expertly educated and entertained at the same time made for a memorable hour.

John Bushby

Life Expectancy

In 17th century England, average life expectancy was around 35 years. More people died in London than were born there.

Preston. *A Pirate of Exquisite Mind – The Life of William Dampier; Explorer, Naturalist and Buccaneer*

More Questions than Answers

A piece of debris thought to be from inside the cabin of missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370



Ken White's thought-provoking ten minutes on the mystery of MH370 quickly discounted the several conspiracies surrounding the tragic disappearance of the Malaysian Airlines flight in March 2014. In his view, ultimately we can only guess at what may have happened. Possible causes include a cabin fire in the cockpit, crew sleep deprivation, explosion of the aircraft's large lithium batteries and release of toxic gas, and difficulties with the operation of the auto pilot. Whether the discovery and reclaiming of the aircraft will eventuate is problematic given the depth of the ocean, adverse weather conditions and the huge expanse of uncharted waters. Members were left with the same sense of loss and dread we have had since the aircraft's initial disappearance. What remains is the sensitive question of who pays for the well-intentioned search that has continued for more than two years and finishes in June. Ken's informed presentation on a topic that continues to raise many more questions than answers was greatly appreciated.

John Bushby



Bright, Historic Towns and High Country
4 days, 3 nights. *Departing Monday June, 27*
Returning Thursday June 30
This tour is terrific value!

Spectacular alpine scenery – scenic mountains & valleys – historic old gold mining towns, and superb gourmet producers. The motel is based in Bright. We will visit the Ovens, King and Buckland Valleys as well as Mt Buffalo National Park. We visit a variety of produce farms and lovely towns and villages such as Beechworth, Yackandandah, Harrietville, Wandiligong.

We did a similar trip some five years ago and it was a resounding success!

Cost: \$555 pp (Single supplement: add \$48/night). Includes bus, dinners, breakfasts (but not lunches) and admissions. NOTE: This is a joint trip with Sandy Bay Probus requiring a minimum of 30 people (from the two Clubs.)

Cruise to New Zealand

Please keep in mind our proposed 13-night cruise from Melbourne and return departing March 5, 2017. *Golden Princess* has a capacity of 2600. Early bookings will ensure that your choice of deck will be satisfied. A booking sheet is available at the functions desk.

John Green

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday May 3	10 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday May 3	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Place
Tuesday May 10		Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday May 17	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday May 18	1 pm	Singin' in the Rain	Her Majesty's Theatre ★
Tuesday May 24		Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday May 27		Bike Ride	
Wednesday June 8		Marilyn	Bendigo Art Gallery ★
Friday June 10	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday June 14	6.30 for 7 pm	Candlelight Dinner	Sandringham YC ★
Tuesday June 14	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday June 21	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday June 28	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Rod Kelly's Place
Wednesday June 29	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black
Wednesday July 13	10.30 am		Golden Days Radio Tour ★
Tuesday July 19	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday August 2	2 pm	PRISMS	The Amond Residence
Thursday August 4	6.30 pm	Tastes	Saltimbocca ★
Wednesday August 17	10 am	Tour of MCG	
Wednesday August 24	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock



Port Fairy 2016



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