

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday April 15 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Nicole Livingstone

Australian Olympic Swimming Medallist

Topic: Chasing the Dream

There will be no 10 minute speaker as we will be inducting six new members

After dreaming of being an Olympic swimmer as a child, Nicole Livingstone went on to represent Australia at three Olympics. One of Australia's greatest Backstrokers, she was a member of the Australian swimming team for twelve consecutive years from 1985 to 1996.

She holds the longest winning sequence of any Australian swimmer in history at the national titles, winning ten consecutive 100m Backstroke titles between 1987 and 1996. Nicole's career achievements include a silver medal and two bronze medals from three Olympic appearances; six gold, two silver and a bronze from three Commonwealth Games and competing in six Pan Pacific Championships winning four gold two silver and one bronze medals.

Nicole retired from competitive swimming in 1996 and began what has become a stellar career in television.



Annual General Meeting - 18 March 2014



Treasurer Geoff Carlson presents the financial report



Outgoing President Peter McGregor presents his annual report to the AGM



Outgoing President Peter McGregor adorns new President Peter Harford with his chain of office



New President Peter Harford presents Peter McGregor with his Meritorious Service Award

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Office Bearers 2014

* President: Peter Harford	9592 6797	Vice-President: Kevin McDonnell	9598 8209
* Past President: Peter McGregor	9533 4760	* Secretary: Alan Stevens	9589 1043
* Treasurer: Geoff Carlson	9589 4884	Auditor: Don Lobb	9598 5546
* Activities: Ken Beadle	9589 6120	* Assistant Functions: John Green	9580 6820
* Meetings: Geoff Wade	9588 2593	Assistant Meetings: Keith Ross	9589 3580
Almoner: Andrew Watson	9589 5913	Archive & Grapevine: Roy Petch	9589 5757
* President's Table: David Robertson	9551 1930	Sommelier: Bill Green	9596 1548
Speakers' Recorder: Alan Williams	9598 7550	Audio Visual: Paul Crompton	9583 1310
Projectionist Philip Stewart		9589 3309	

* Committee Members

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: Barry Donaldson	9598 6446	Music/Opera: Barry Amond	9589 1143
PRISMS: Bill Davis	9592 5982	Tastes: Peter McGregor	9533 4760
Theatre: Robert Dun	9589 5456		

FROM THE PRESIDENT



PETER HARFORD

“ ... there is plenty on offer, month in and month out ...”

My introduction to Beaumaris Probus about three years ago was through Eric Slater, a golfing colleague and firm friend. I felt immediately relaxed in the meeting environment largely because of the many Victoria Golf Club acquaintances present but also because of the friendly and open nature of other members, irrespective of their backgrounds. My wife and I immediately participated in a number of functions and excursions as well as the annual golf event at Howlong. This has brought both of us closer to other members of the club. These events organized by Geoff Bransbury and now Ken Beadle as well as Geoff Wade's Howlong organization have always been successful reflecting the attention to detail of those involved.

We will attend Howlong again this year but it is disappointing that the numbers are down at this stage. We would not miss the event and I would encourage others, and especially more recent members, to join us. I have also attended the Digital Technology group and enjoyed the discussions there and we have attended

a number of the Tastes events organized by Peter McGregor .

Despite this involvement, the club has an impressive array of other activities which have not drawn our interest such as music, theatre, investments, bike riding etc . There is plenty on offer month in and month out. Our fellow members have tirelessly spent time and energy planning and organizing these events. The least we can do is to acquaint ourselves with what activities are available, discuss them with our spouses and endeavour to participate. The reward is ours!

As your new President I look forward to the year ahead and working with Vice President Kevin McDonnell, new Secretary Alan Stevens, as well as Ken Beadle and other functions and activities organizers. Our objective will be to ensure we meet the high standards of previous committees.

Did You Know?

The all-important flight recorder (black box which is actually coloured bright orange) was invented by an Australian, Dr David Warren, who spoke to our Probus club during the late 1990s. He described the difficulties that he experienced in its development particularly with the Australian bureaucracy. A report of his talk can be found on p. 42 of our Club History for those who have a copy.



Incoming President Peter Harford addresses the Annual General Meeting

NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group

The Probus Investment Group will meet at 8:45 am on Tuesday 15 April.

Noel Ineson will make a presentation on the Sinex Medical Company and we will review our Model Portfolio and Watch List.

We look forward to one of you volunteering to be our leader.

From the Treasurer SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are still some members who have not yet arranged payment of their club membership subscriptions for the current year!

Now that we are in April, the subs payable are \$60.

Bikie Group

Due to a number of conflicting events in April, decimating bike group numbers, the scheduled April bike ride has been cancelled.

Noel Ineson

Opera and Music Groups

There will be no meetings until later in the year, probably September.

Barry Amond



Discussion Groups

The meetings on Tuesday April 8 at 2pm and Friday April 11 at 9.30am will discuss future social trends. There will be no meetings in May or June.

Barry Amond

Digital Technology Group

The next meeting of the Digital Technology Group will be on Tuesday 5 August. Topics to be discussed will be advised at the July Probus meeting.

Geoff Wade

Probus Bowls Day

Altogether there were entries received from 56 Probus clubs with teams playing at Burden Park, Heatherdale, Heathmont and Buckley park.

We had three teams playing at Burden Park and although not featuring in the winners circle we had a most enjoyable day. The winning team was from Pakenham and the runner-up from Longbeach Probus Club.

Ted Montfort Convenor



2014 Members' Register

This is the final opportunity to change/amend your details in the Members' Register. Please advise Geoff Wade (geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au) ASAP of any changes you would like. He will be available to take new photos at the April meeting. The new register will be emailed by early May and hard copies available at the May meeting

Borneo Trip

Our bus to the airport will arrive outside the Beaumaris Library in Reserve Road at 8.30a.m. on Sunday, 27 April, 2014. (Not 9:30 am as previously advised - change due to cessation of daylight saving). It is requested that travellers arrive by this time or shortly after.

This will ensure that we satisfactorily account for all travellers and allow for sufficient time to stow the luggage in the undercarriage of the bus.

The aim is to leave by 8.55 a.m. arriving at the airport no later than 10.15 a.m. which is 2 hours before our expected time of departure.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

John Green

Howlong Golf Trip

Following from the survey conducted re an alternative venue, ie Rosebud Country Club, the results indicated there were insufficient people interested in going to Rosebud to justify a change. Hence the Committee agreed at its meeting that we should continue planning to go to Howlong from 26-30 October 2014. Bookings are still open as we have had a few more interested in going to Howlong.

Golf will be played on the afternoon of Monday 27 October, late morning/afternoon of Tuesday 28 October, and the morning of Wednesday 29 October. A putting competition will be held on the Wednesday afternoon just before the presentation of trophies.

The Play and Stay package price (\$102 pp per night) includes accommodation, continental breakfast, golf and \$15 meal voucher. Dinner is available in the clubhouse although in the past we have had the Wednesday night dinner at a local hotel. A flyer detailing all information is available at the Probus meeting and bookings are now open.

A deposit of \$10 per person is required at time of booking. Travel to Howlong on Sunday 26 October or Monday 27 October is at the discretion of each member.

All enquiries to Geoff Wade 9588 2593 or email to geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au.

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD



Trip to Blue Lotus Gardens, March 7th. 15 of our members & partners/guests enjoyed a great outing with Beaumaris Bay Probus to Yarra Junction where the waterlilies and lotuses are superb. We wandered around the extensive ponds and dams in warm sunshine at this 6 hectare Little Yarra River location after a sandwich and fruit lunch. On the way home we bought fruit at Rayner's Orchards and then enjoyed a scenic drive through the Dandenongs. Thanks to Ingrid Dewar for organising an interesting and spectacular trip.



Trip to Federation Square, Friday May 2nd (**Changed date!**)



Tour of Fed Square complex followed by Thai lunch in conjunction with Beaumaris Bay Probus. Independent travel to/from Flinders Street – train recommended – meet outside the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Fed Square at **10.20am** for a 50 minute behind the scenes tour at **10:30 am**. Learn about the site's history, unique architecture and engineering marvels that make Fed Square one of the city's icons. Then proceed to

lunch at the close by "Alice" Thai restaurant at the Victoria Hotel in Little Collins Street. All food is MSG-free. Price is **\$20** payable by 18th April latest. (**Please note changes to date, times and cost.**)



July

2014 Candlelight Dinner Thursday July 17. The venue this year is the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron – on the waterfront at Beaumaris Bay with fabulous night views of Port Phillip Bay from Mentone to Arthur's Seat. Please reserve this date in your diary for this marquee event on our social programme.



Functions & Activities continued

Theatre 2014

Robert Dun

Wednesday July 30 at 1 pm. Les Miserables at Her Majesty's Theatre. Cost: \$60 per seat. Payment must be received by May meeting, May 20.

Wednesday August 27 at 1 pm: The King and I at the Princess Theatre. Cost: \$66 per seat. Payment must be received by our June meeting.

The World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, direct from the USA is to perform in the recently-refurbished Hamer Hall on **Saturday May 31** at 2.30 pm. This will feature some of the original arrangements and all the favourite Glenn Miller classics. The Orchestra will perform with The Moonlight Serenade Singers and the Broadway Swing Dancers to bring back some sentimental memories of the 40s. We have been able to obtain 12 seats. Cost: \$80 per seat. Payment by or at our April meeting.

Unfortunately, we had insufficient numbers to get tickets to the Russian Ballet performing "Don Quixote" and also "Wicked" so we had to cancel our reserved tickets.

Tastes 2014

Annual Japanese Banquet - \$35pp

WHERE: Okami Hampton Street Hampton

WHEN: Thursday May 8 6.30 pm

Selected regional wines available @ \$15 /bottle



Roast Suckling Pig

As promised, we are hoping to repeat last year's very successful roast suckling pig event at True South in Black Rock. Especially for those who missed out last time. Unfortunately, however, they are changing their interior layout and aren't able to tell us until April what the future holds. Will keep you posted.

Peter McGregor



Probuss bike riders at a café in Ashburton - 28 March 2014

Farming and Fracking

Fracking, also known as Hydraulic Fracturing, is a process used by the Oil/Gas Mining Industry to access gas deposits in Gas Shale below the rock strata. A fluid composed of 90% water, 9.5% sand, and 0.5% non-toxic chemicals is pumped under pressure through a gas pipeline creating fractures in the rock strata to allow the gas to escape and travel to the surface through the pipeline.



Tim O'Brien, Operations Manager of Lakes Oil N.L., gave a very interesting presentation including details of delays to the program caused by conflicts with environmentalist activists fuelled by

considerable misinformation about land degradation, and other problems with the process, both real and imaginary. He stated that over 2.5 million oil/gas wells are active in the U.S.A and 90% of those used the fracking procedure. Independent studies have concluded the process is safe and manageable and the benefits outweigh the perceived negatives.

Tim has personally negotiated with farmer/land owners for access to the Company leases on their land and, without exception, agreement was reached without having to refer the matter to VCAT or a higher authority, as the farmers realised they have nothing to lose but everything to gain! As gas prices in Victoria continue to rise and current energy suppliers are incurring increased emission scrutiny and concerns over diminishing reserves, access to our gas reserves should be encouraged, providing proper regulations and safety protocols are observed.

Alan Williams.



Philip Stewart thanks Tim O'Brien for his informative address on Fracking for accessing gas deposits

And presents Tim with the traditional bottle of wine



Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday	April 8		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday	April 11		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	April 15	8:45 am	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
		10:00 am	General Meeting	
Friday	May 2	(Note changed date) Trip to Federation Square		
Thursday	May 5	6:30 pm	Tastes - Japanese Banquet	Okami Hampton ★
Tuesday	May 20	8:45 am	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
		10:00 am	General Meeting	
Friday	May 23		Bike Ride	
Wednesday	May 28	8:00 pm	"Red"	Brighton Theatre Group ★
Saturday	May 31	2:30 pm	Glen Miller Orchestra	Hamer Hall ★
Tuesday	June 17	8:45 am	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
		10:00 am	General Meeting	
Thursday	July 17		Candlelight Dinner	Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron ★
Wednesday	July 30	1:00 pm	"Les Miserables"	Her Majesty's Theatre ★
Tuesday	August 5	2:00 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	August 19	8:45 am	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
		10:00 am	General Meeting	
Wednesday	August 27	1:00 pm	"The King and I"	Princess Theatre ★
		8:00 pm	"Chilling and Killing of Annabel Lee"	Brighton Theatre Group ★



= Payment required

More of the Beauty at Blue Lotus Gardens

