

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday August 18 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Kris Spark Council for the Aged (COTA)
Topic: Moving or Staying?

10-Minute Speaker: John Bushby John Coleman – Was He The Greatest?

There are many reasons for considering a move as a result of ageing - the decision can be a difficult one to make. Finding out what kind of support is available to help you stay in your own home could provide the answer to this decision. But if you are considering moving, what seniors housing options are out there? Kris Spark, a volunteer with COTA, will bring knowledge gained from working for 14 years at Seniors Information Victoria to this session. She will provide practical information to assist with making an informed decision around moving or staying.

One of our most distinguished members will give a highly professional and completely objective analysis of the career of perhaps the greatest full forward ever to pull on a footy boot. See above.



RESTRICTED

For Essendon supporters only. Click [Coleman](#)



Investment Group: 8.45 am

This will be an important meeting of significance to all members where your contribution is eagerly sought regarding planning of the future agenda. It will include an open discussion and your feedback on the merits of the Portfolio. Chaired by John Brimage

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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	9589 3907

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Kevin McDonnell

Between 2007 and 2014 I was on a committee of a not-for-profit aged care hostel. During that period of time, I witnessed significant changes in funding, as successive federal governments struggled to come to grips with how to address the many spiralling costs associated with providing residential aged care. The ageing of the Australian population - forecast to have 1.8 million persons aged 85 years and over by 2050 – has further compounded the need to address the aged care sector and the funding options.

In 2012, the Gillard government announced a new initiative titled “Living Long & Living Better”, a review which included the provision of greater assistance to enable people to stay in their own home as long as possible (a topic to be addressed by this month's Key-

note Speaker) while also looking at a much greater contribution by care recipients in meeting their costs.

Cutbacks in federal funding for aged care in the past two years have resulted in many hostels incurring losses as care costs outstrip income. Refundable bonds charged by aged care operators have had to increase as they attempt to generate higher interest income to cover their rising costs. The opening of the Mercy Aged Care Facility in Fernhill Road in 2015 has seen the first 1 million dollar bond for an aged care facility in Sandringham. To many, residential aged care is likely to become a financial burden with stay-at-home becoming a more attractive option for those not requiring high levels of care.



Far left: Ken Reed thanks the Keynote Speaker for July, Graeme Weber; President Kevin shares a cuppa with Richard Phillips

Below left: Les Hall, Alan Trumble, Lloyd Jenkins, Bob Matthews, Allan Taylor, Paul Crompton, Gerald Ettershank et al

Photos: Ian Maskiell



NOTICEBOARD

Beauy Bike Group

Noel Ineson

Our next [ride](#) is Friday August 28. We will assemble as usual at the Black Rock car park at 9 am and drive to the start of our ride along the Yarra. The bike path runs through very attractive parklands, past golf courses and school sports grounds, over the Plenty River and through a heavily timbered gorge with strongly flowing rapids, finally ending in a moderate climb up Westerfolds Park for coffee at the Mia Mia Aboriginal Gallery in a large English-style manor house with a superb panoramic view of Templestowe and the Melbourne city sky line. This is a round trip of 25 km. Our future bike rides are September 25, October 23 and November 27. These are always on the 4th Friday of each month.

Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 11 commencing at 2 pm at 25 Third Street Black Rock.

Opera and Music Groups

Barry Amond

At the opera night on Wednesday August 26 at 7 pm, there will be a recent Salzburg production of *Il Trovatore* with Anna Netrebko.

Next Music meeting will be on September 23.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

Discussions resume on the second Tuesday and Friday in September. Perhaps something important has happened while I've been away (perhaps racism in football), so please let me have suggestions.

Theatre 2016

Tony Bowles

Edinburgh Military Tattoo

We have been able to get seats for those who are wait-listed. Further advice at our August meeting.

Singing in the Rain

We have 22 seats booked in the Dress Circle for Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 1 pm.

Cost: \$71 (a saving of \$19).

We need a minimum of 10 for the discounted price but can take up to 22, so bring your friends along. Tickets must be paid for by February meeting.

Your Special Messages

If you or members of your family are celebrating a special birthday or wedding anniversary you can receive personal congratulations from the Prime Minister, Governor-General or The Queen. Make a big day special for friends or relatives celebrating important milestones in their lives. You can arrange a special anniversary message through the electoral office of any Federal Member or the office of any Senator. For more information, click [here](#).

Beaumaris Probus Golf Week @ Port Fairy

A Reminder from the Treasurer

When paying online please ensure a description of the function or event is included. If insufficient room for a full description (you may be paying for several events), please email me with the details at grc44@bigpond.net.au. My phone numbers are in the Members' Register and Newsletter. Geoff Carlson



Octo-
29

When:
ber 26—

Program includes 2 x 18-hole competition, Putting Competition, optional game at Warrnambool GC, dinner at local restaurant(s), BBQ, pizza and fish and chips meals.

Anticipated cost: \$540 per couple

NOTE: \$280 per couple must be paid by August 18

Contact: John Pound 0414 251 292

Correct email: jaypound@hotmail.com (NOTE: not the email address listed in the flyer.)

Calabrian Tastes

Last chance to join us!

Where: Il Forno
273A Hampton St
Hampton

When: 6.30 pm

Thursday August 27

DO IT NOW! Sunglasses optional

Cost: \$55 pp Selected wines – including a range of Calabrian wines (Griffith area) @ \$15 per bottle



Scam Alert Site

The ACCC has set up a new site to help people avoid being caught by scammers:

www.scamwatch.gov.au

New Members

Please be aware that we are always on the look-out for new people to join our club – especially those who represent the younger end of the retiree spectrum. Give some thought to inviting someone you know much younger than yourself!!

Birthday Boys – August

Ken Beadle 3/8

Brian Burton 2/8

Bill Day 25/8

John Green 1/8

Norm Griffiths 29/8

George Montgomery 11/8

Geoff Wade 8/8

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

August

Masterpieces From the Hermitage

The Legacy of Catherine the Great

NGV Wednesday August 19

One of the world's greatest art collections. Featuring works by Rembrandt, Rubens, Velázquez and Van Dyck and others, the exhibition offers over 500 outstanding works which includes the finest group of Dutch and Flemish art ever to come to Australia.



Travel independently to the NGV, St Kilda Road, and meet at the exhibition entrance desk at 9.50 am for a group guided tour commencing at 10. After viewing the exhibition, there will be the option to have lunch at one of the NGV cafes at your own expense. Please register and pay by Tuesday August 18.

Cost: \$31 pp (covers exhibition admission and guided tour).

September

Tour of Western Treatment Plant and Ramsar Wetlands, Werribee

Wednesday September 23

[NOTE: Ramsar wetlands are recognised as a matter of national environmental significance]



We visit the oldest and largest treatment facility in Melbourne Water's assets - many say the best to visit, particularly in springtime. It includes morning tea/coffee, an overview of the facility and a tour of the site comprising the treatment plant, lagoons and wetlands, home to many species of birds. Our coach leaves from the Reserve Road Library at 9.30 am to travel to Werribee where the program will commence at 10.30 am with a 20-minute presentation. This will be followed by a 2-hour tour utilising our coach to get around the extensive area.

The tour will finish at about 1 pm. We will stop to have lunch in the Werribee area (at own expense) before arriving back at Beaumaris (about 3 pm). Cost: \$50 per person which covers coach travel, morning tea/coffee on arrival, entrance and tour fees. Please register and pay by September 21.

Ken Beadle

Beaumaris Probus Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

There was a recent convocation of the group on July 28 with eight out of 17 members in attendance to sample a magnificent field of red wines. Added interest was that we had a winemaker in Probian John Laing in our midst who has a share in a winery at Colbinabbin on the Bendigo-Murchison Road in North Central Victoria – providing a great tasting of a new shiraz from John's vineyard.



Right: Seven of the august members of the wine appreciation group.

Back (L to R): Dick Kirby, Roger Wilson, Gus Bravo, John Brimage

Front (L to R): Rod Murrell, John Laing, Kevin McDonnell

Photo: Alan Farmer

Avoiding a Bleak Future

John Bushby

Whatever our individual views on nuclear power (and the politics attached), members were given plenty to ponder by Graeme Weber's presentation on its suitability as an alternative energy source. Graeme fully accepts the premise that the world is warming and that burning 900m tonnes of coal per year contributes in some part. On the other hand, he said, the power to be gained from the use of most renewable sources was limited. Only nuclear power, combined with coal and gas sources, can provide the base load to give a secure and plentiful energy supply.



In summary, he says,

Solar Power cannot be stored at this stage and thus only relevant during sunlight hours. The faith placed in future technology by its supporters is naïve and countered by a lack of infrastructure.

Wind Power is unreliable and expensive; it is also as variable as the wind. Very large wind farms are required and the largest turbine can only produce enough power for less than 500 houses.

Natural Gas – a traditional source of our power – we are one of the world's biggest producers of carbon dioxide and a contributor to the warming process.

China constructs one nuclear reactor per fortnight

Graeme said the main obstacle to nuclear power in Australia is the apparent danger it presents. People think of the catastrophes that have occurred around the world and the additional problem of the safe storage of waste. On the other hand he pointed out that at present, worldwide, there are more than 500 reactors operating with another 500 at the planning stage or proposed. For example, China constructs one nuclear reactor per fortnight with the intention to complete 200 asap. Citing the case of [Germany](#), Graeme's conclusion is that without nuclear power world desolation will result.

A Treacherous Rip

John Bushby

Did You Know?

China has consumed more cement in the past three years than the US did in the entire 20th century

Andrew Garthwaite, Credit Suisse



of “one the ten most treacherous port entrances in the world”

At the July meeting, Graeme Keys gave us a good insight into the dangerous nature of the important work undertaken by the [Port Phillip Sea Pilots](#) who, since their formation in 1839, have shepherded thousands of ships through the Heads, one of the ten most treacherous port entrances in the world. He provided a vivid picture of the work undertaken by these officers and, using maps, clarified the location and dimensions of the Heads, the many shipping channels and the widely varying water depths of the southern end of Port Phillip Bay. Given its size and the relatively narrow entrance, it creates a rip of rushing water with waves as high as 30 feet. Even large ships can sometimes be forced to sit offshore until conditions abate. To hear that tide calculations are founded on measurements from as far west as Lorne was merely one of many interesting facts we were told. Graeme, having made his first trip through the Heads in calm water, was clearly proud of the work of the sea pilots and his personal involvement. It all made for a very interesting and informative presentation.

Graeme Keys highlights some of the channels running through the Port Phillip Bay rip (Right)



Dopey Old Bloke Drama

As some members will be aware, our intrepid adventurer, Geoff Bransbury, was forced to come home early as result of his wife, Merry, falling from her horse and breaking a leg. Geoff is now back home from the Deep South of the USA but still awaiting the return of Merry from hospital. Sorry about that, Geoff, but good to have you back.

Last Month's Brain Teaser

What do these words have in common? Banana Dresser Grammar Potato Revive Uneven Assess. If you move the initial letter of each word to the end, they make the same word backwards. For example, 'anana' + 'b' reads banana. Told you it was simple!

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday August 11	2 pm	Digital Technology Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday August 11	7.30 pm	Grimethorpe Colliery Band	Hamer Hall
Tuesday August 18	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday August 19	10 am	Masterpieces from the Hermitage	NGV ★
Wednesday August 26	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday August 27	6.30 pm	Tastes	Il Forno, Hampton St ★
Friday August 28		Bike Ride	
Tuesday September 8	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 11	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 15	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday September 22	2 pm	Wine Appreciation Group	McDonnell Residence
Wednesday September 23	7pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday September 23		Western Treatment Plant, Werribee	★
Friday September 25		Bike Ride	
Tuesday October 20	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday October 23		Bike Ride	
October 26–29		Proposed Golf Week	Port Fairy GC ★



Members' recent visit to the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute

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