

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday August 19 Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Adrian Robb, CEO, Bayside City Council
Topic: Challenges of Municipal Management, 2014 and Beyond

10-Minute Speaker: Geoff Wade VLADIVOSTOK TO MOSCOW BY GOLDEN EAGLE

Local government is faced with huge challenges as it moves into the future.

Responding to recent legislation around the impact of climate change and related matters such as food security is becoming a significant issue for local government.

Another emerging issue is the need to create the governance to manage Australia's two-track economy. The flow-on impact of the global financial crisis - including fiscal stress on higher tiers of government - requires a governance response at a local level.

Other challenges that need to be met at a local level include coping with an ageing population and delivering affordable housing.

Municipal Association of Victoria

CANDLELIGHT DINNER 2014

The annual midwinter Probus Candlelight Dinner was enjoyed by 96 members and partners on July 17 at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron. Photos: Ken Beadle

How many faces can you pick?



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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

".... examples of what is achieved when thought and energy are applied to ensuring events will be successful"

What a success the Annual Candlelight Dinner was! This is a very special event for the Club and it is clear from the good attendance that there are many who appreciated the opportunity to meet for a night of dinner and pleasant conversation. With 96 attending on a bitterly cold winter's night indicates the regard in which the function is held. We also know there were a number of others who planned to attend but on the night they were not well enough to do so. We hope they get well soon.

I have received compliments about the night from members about the venue, the food and the music. This is a credit to Ken Beadle and John Green and also Ken's wife Margi who arranged the singers. It is clear that Beaumaris Probud is a very successful club and Ken and John are examples of what is achieved when thought and energy are applied to ensuring events will be successful.

Without downplaying their particular efforts, it is also clear that the club is successful because it has a large number of very capable members from diverse backgrounds and with a wide range of interests.

There are many members who have been in the club for many years and who have previously participated in the governance of the club and also in organising many varied and interesting activities. These have contributed to maintaining a strong and active club.

Fortunately, we also have had the advantage of a flow of new members. Over the past 18 months we have had 20 new members and these now make up about 16% of the club's membership. Ken Beadle is one of these and he is making a great contribution as Activities Coordinator. Philip Stewart is also relatively new and he has recently assumed responsibility for audio visual presentations at our monthly meetings.

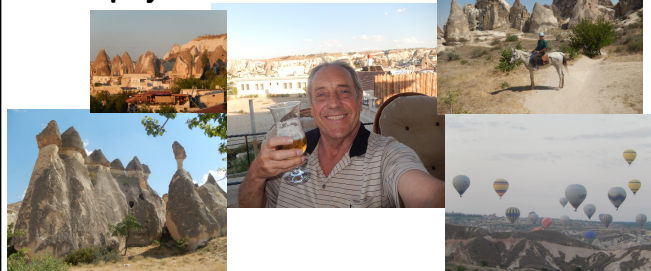


Left, your hard-working Committee at the coalface: Ken Beadle, in charge of activities; President Peter, and Secretary Alan Stevens.



Left, President Peter welcomes our newest member, Gus Bravo, into the fold.

Our Dopey Old Bloke



Our tireless adventurer, former Activities Co-ordinator, Geoff Bransbury, continues to excel himself, this time in Cappadocia, Eastern Turkey. Above, enjoying a drink after a dry Iran month.

NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group

Topic for August: The Horrors of the Mining Boom 1969 - 1972. The Speaker is our President, Peter Harford, chaired by Ron Hunter as per our agreed 'ownership strategy'.

Barry Donaldson

Jazz, Music and Opera

The Jazz night on Wednesday September 3 at 7pm will feature video excerpts from a variety of groups and soloists playing traditional jazz and the music many of us grew up with. An attendance sheet will be available at the monthly meeting and we look forward to new members joining the large band of regulars who attend the various 'music' groups.

The Music (classical) and Opera Groups will meet on September 24 and October 29 respectively.

Barry Amond

Directory Changes

Ian Martin's phone number is incorrect. The correct phone number is **9592 4081**.

New address for Mev Connell:

21 Huntingtower Crescent,

LANGWARRIN 3910

Phone (03) 8790 0656

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New address details for Dick Kirby:

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Phone: 9598 6766 Email: dick-kirby@bigpond.com

Probus Bike Group

Noel Ineson

Our next ride is on Friday August 29. Assemble as usual at the Black Rock beachside car park at 9am, drive to our blast-off point at the parking area beside the Glen Iris Bowling Club (Melway Map 59 G5). Cross the Monash freeway on Burke Road, turn left into McDonald St, left again into Sinclair Avenue and you are there! We will ride along the Gardiner's Creek Path, cross the Yarra beside St Kevin's College, then left onto the Yarra bike path, then ride to Southbank along the North side of the river. We will have coffee at a Southbank cafe then ride back along the South side. It should be a good ride of around 20 km.

Archibald Prize ★★

An exhibition of the 2014 Archibald finalists will be on show again at the Mornington Peninsula Gallery from October 4 to November 16.

Poverty in China

Wikipedia

Live on less than \$1.25 a day:	11.8% (157 million)
\$2	: 27.2% (362 million)
\$2.5	: 36.5% (486 million)
\$4	: 58% (772 million)
\$5	: 67.8% (902 million)

Howlong Golf

After careful consideration at its meeting on 15 July, the committee reluctantly agreed to cancel this year's golf trip to Howlong which was to take place later this year. We are hoping to organise another golf trip for 2015 - perhaps a different venue in light of comments received from members. Geoff Carlson is arranging for refund of deposits paid by those who had booked and paid a deposit.

Geoff Wade

Digital Technology

The Digital Technology group will meet on Tuesday October 7. Items to be discussed will be advised in the September Newsletter.

Geoff Wade

New Member

▶▶ A P BRAVO (Gus & Cynthia) ▶▶

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gusb98@yahoo.com. Born Tasmania 1939. BSc(Hons). Geologist, exploration manager, consultant. Golf, travel. bushbashing [Club '14]



Theatre

Tickets to *The King and I* are available from Robert Dun at our August meeting.

20 seats have been reserved for *Strictly Ballroom, the Musical* on Wednesday March 4 at Her Majesty's Theatre. Global Creatures presents *Strictly Ballroom, the Musical* based on the much-loved Australian film. This brand new production, which is a kaleidoscope of colour and fun, is currently playing to audiences in Sydney's Lyric theatre. It includes classic songs from the film including "Love is in the air" and "Time after time". Price: \$75 pp (stalls). Payment required no later than mid- December.

Robert Dun

STOP PRESS: A couple of tickets to the Brighton Theatre performance on Wednesday August 27 have become available. Anyone interested, please contact Geoff Wade 9588 2593.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

The July discussions on Education were wide-ranging. There was no attempt to reach a conclusion but it was felt that at least there should be a federal 'umbrella' curriculum and that the standard of teacher training is paramount. Our next topic will be 'America' - its democracy and international standing.

Andy's Corner

A very old guy was working out in the gym when he spotted a sweet young thing walking in. He asked the trainer standing nearby, "What machine should I use to impress that young lady over there?" The trainer looked him over and said, "I would recommend the ATM machine in the lobby."

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

Candlelight Dinner



Continuing the great tradition of our Probus midwinter Candlelight Dinner

The annual midwinter Candlelight Dinner was enjoyed by 96 members and partners on July 17. Despite the cold and wet weather, we enjoyed great food and drink, entertainment, fellowship and wonderful bay views from the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron clubhouse on the foreshore. In particular, we all had a drink for our enforced teetotal colleague Geoff Bransbury - alias the Dopey Old Bloke, then in Iran and halfway through his epic journey - to wish him continuing good health and safety.

Eastern Treatment Plant Tour Friday August 15



The plant sits on 1 100 hectares and treats about 330 million litres of raw sewage a day – about 40% of Melbourne's total sewage.

Part of the Melbourne Water facilities described by Shaun Cox, our Keynote Speaker at July's meeting, the Thompson's Road, Bangholme plant treats 40% of Melbourne's sewage. Unlike the Desalination Plant at Wonthaggi which we visited last winter, this plant is in full operation and is an integral part of our urban infrastructure. The 2-hour - mostly outdoor - tour provides a unique opportunity to learn about treating sewage including primary and secondary processes; capturing biogas to fire electricity generation; and the recently completed tertiary treatment plant producing high quality water for recycling to industrial users and golf courses. Travel independently by car and meet at 9.30 am at the Edithvale Seaford Wetlands Education Centre on Edithvale Road (Melways 93 E7) for a tour of this striking, energy sustainable building and bird-watching centre including morning tea/coffee. At 10.30 am we will transfer to a minibus for the short drive to the Eastern Treatment Plant for an 11 am tour

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss league records were destroyed in a fire and so we will never know for whom the Tells bowled. Anon

using the minibus to access all parts of the facility. We return to the Edithvale Wetlands Centre car park by approximately 1.15 pm. Similar to last year's visit to the Desal Plant, required visitor clothing includes long sleeves, long pants/trousers, flat enclosed footwear; also high visibility vests and safety glasses which will be provided. Cost: \$30 pp which covers morning tea/coffee, tour fees for both Melbourne Water facilities and minibus. At the time of writing there are only a few places left on the minibus.

Please contact Ken Beadle by August 9 if you are at all interested in coming.



November

Night Races and Carvery Buffet, Moonee Valley @ The Legends Restaurant Friday November 21



It's on again - for the third successive year at the same price. This year the buffet is Christmas fare with three meats, vegetables, salads as well as Indian style curry, Malaysian stir fry and pastas. Complimentary soft drinks and race books will be on the tables on our arrival. Tote facility in the room; however, you don't have to bet on the horses to enjoy the evening. This year, there is musical entertainment from 7.30pm. We leave by bus from the Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Road, at 5pm for Moonee Valley Racing Club for a great evening. We will leave at 10pm be back at the Community Centre by approx 11pm. Last year's places on the bus were booked quickly, so please register soon to avoid disappointment.

Overseas Excursion

With a view to the future, plans are in hand for an overseas trip towards the middle of next year. One suggestion is Lord Howe Island for 7 nights at a ballpark figure of \$2000; another is Vietnam/Cambodia for 12 days, again at a ballpark figure of \$3800. I would welcome your feedback. John Green



More Theatre



Peter McGregor

There is a remarkable world-first exhibition currently running at the Public Library of Victoria at the top of Swanston Street. It is the first time these artifacts have left France, including Victor Hugo's original manuscript, as well as many iconic photographs and sketches of this period – a time of unrest when the slums of Paris were being demolished to be replaced by the New City we know today. But there is also a plethora of costumes and theatre props relating to the dramatisation of Hugo's classic story on stage, and showings of early versions of *Les Mis* films up to the most recent version starring Hugh Jackman.

Victor Hugo (1802-1885) is considered possibly the greatest and most important French writer of all time. When the first volumes of *Les Mis* arrived in Paris in 1862, all 6000 copies sold in one day. It was quickly translated into nine languages and after only three months 100 000 authorised copies had been sold worldwide making the novel an unprecedented literary best-seller of Western literature. There have been at least 48 films, 14 animated films or TV series, several radio plays, 12 television miniseries, comic books and at least 286 adaptations of *Les Misérables* published, spoken or sung. The stage musical of Boublil and Schonberg's *Les Mis* is a worldwide phenomenon and has been seen by more than 65 million people in 43 countries and 12 languages.

THIS IS A UNIQUE EXHIBITION AND IS WELL WORTH VISITING. Cost: \$12 CONCESSION.

A Society with Secrets

Garry Sebo's ten-minute talk on Freemasonry was entitled 'A Secret Society or a Society with Secrets?' He explained that in the middle ages craftsmen of all trades banded together to form guilds. Most guilds had a fixed place from which to work and therefore knew their workmates and their skills, but the stonemasons moved around wherever buildings were being erected. There were no certificates to prove their competence so the Masons developed their own hierarchy - apprentice, clerk, mason, and master mason - and ways of proving their abilities. In the past, Freemasons did not seek publicity, and the lack of information about their membership, meetings and rituals led others to see them as secret societies. This has changed and they are becoming more open. Just as we use *user names and passwords* to protect information on our computers or prevent others from using our bank accounts or credit cards, so Freemasons use secret codes to protect their Lodges from others masquerading as members – we don't make details of our personal finances available to the public at large, and neither do the Freemasons. Masonic symbols have allegorical meaning; for example, the Masons level demonstrates that all are Brothers and all are on the same level and entitled to the same respect. Today, little about Freemasonry is secret and information can be found on the internet.

Ron Hunter

Our Water

Ron Hunter



Former CEO of Melbourne Water, and previously head of Southeast Water and Brisbane Water, Shaun Cox (right), gave the July keynote address on Melbourne's water and sewerage systems. Melbourne uses about a billion litres of water per day, of which a million litres are drinking water; that is, a million tonnes weight of water per day. This explains, he said, why it costs so much to bring drinking water to our tap. There are ten dams, of which six have 'protected' catchment areas - water that does not require filtering - and four which require filtering with chlorination and fluoridation added. The largest dam, the Thompson, has twice the capacity of Sydney Harbour (500 gegalitres), or 40 times that of Port Philip Bay. There are 59 smaller service reservoirs serving the city, through 1000 km of trunk mains. In his opinion, the Wonthaggi Desal Plant is needed as an insurance against drought, the only question being the size. However, if used at full capacity, salinity levels have to be monitored.

On sewerage, the plant at Bangholme, treats about 40% of Melbourne's sewerage. "All water is recycled, whether through nature or by treatment", Shaun said. "At some time, we may all have to accept recycled drinking water," - the result of increasing population (double by 2050) and rising demand for drinking water and recycled water, and the disposal of waste water and sewerage. Solutions to water shortage, such as half flush toilets, bring other problems, such as a build up of solids in the shallow gradient pipes!

Unfortunately, time did not permit for all the latent questions to be answered, but members were grateful to Shaun for candidly answering as many as possible.



Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Friday	August 8	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	August 12	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Thursday	August 14	6.30 pm	Roast Suckling Pig	True South ★
Friday	August 15		Eastern Treatment Plant	★
Tuesday	August 19	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday	August 27		<i>The King & I</i> <i>The Chilling and Killing of Annabel Lee</i>	Princess Theatre Brighton Theatre Group
Friday	August 29		Bike Ride	Yarra River
Wednesday	September 3	7 pm	Jazz Night	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday	September 9	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday	September 12	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	September 16	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday	September 24	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	October 7	2pm	Digital Technology Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	October 14	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday	October 17	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday	October 21	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday	October 29	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday	November 21		Night Races	Moonee Valley ★
Friday	December 12		President's Christmas Lunch	Southern Golf Club ★

For those wishing to pay for activities and events, please note details below for direct transfer of funds.

★ Payment required

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