

# NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday July 15 The Sandringham Club**

**Keynote Speaker: Shaun Cox**

**Former CEO of Melbourne Water**

**Topic: Melbourne's Water & Sewerage System -  
Description & Issues.**

**10-Minute Speaker: Gary Sebo** Freemasons: A Secret Society or a Society with Secrets?



Our city has some of the highest quality drinking water in the world. As the wholesaler, Melbourne Water is responsible for managing catchments, treating water and transferring it to customers - the three retail water companies - who in turn supply homes and businesses.

Melbourne Water removes and treats most of our sewage via a network of over 400 kilometres of sewers, nine pumping stations and two treatment plants. Each year over 320 000 million litres of sewage, including trade waste, are treated.



*Red-Eyed Frog*

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## Office Bearers 2014

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

## Interest Groups

Bike Riding: <b>Noel Ineson</b>	9589 5263	Bowls : <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143	Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Investment: <b>Barry Donaldson</b>	9598 6446	Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982	Tastes: <b>Peter McGregor</b>	9533 4760
Theatre: <b>Robert Dun</b>	9589 5456		

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



## PETER HARFORD

## “There’s no place like home!”

On our way to Europe earlier in the year, we visited Israel which was quite an unusual destination for us. It was significantly different to anywhere else we had ever been and it was of great interest to us and a great experience. However, the visit also enhanced our understanding of the reality of the political environment and the living conditions of Palestinian people. We entered Israel at the border with Jordan where we were confronted with a significant military presence (by Israel) as well as large numbers of Arabs crossing from Jordan. We believe many of these were refugees probably from Syria. They certainly took a lot longer to make the crossing than we did. From there to Jerusalem, the number of new settlements established for Jewish settlers in occupied Palestine was very

obvious. In Jerusalem and its old city, steeped in a very long history, the multiple interests of different religions was quite visible. However, equally visible was the presence of weapons at many check points with neighbouring Bethlehem coupled with very regular overflying by Israeli jet fighters. From Israel we visited Rome and the south of France before spending a week in the highlands of Scotland - each of them places where we felt more at home, with similar cultures (and yet with sufficient differences) to Australia to make it very interesting. While we have the pleasure of these travel experiences and enjoy them very much, they also enhance our appreciation of home on our return. There’s no place like home!

Thanks to Kevin McDonnell for managing the May meeting and also to the hard-working com-

# NOTICEBOARD

## Investment Group

## Bikie Group

Noel Ineson

## Opera and Music Groups Discussion Groups

## Digital Technology Group

## Tastes: Reminder

Our next Tastes outing is a repeat of last year's Roast Suckling Pig at True South in Black Rock.



Where: True South 298 Beach Road Black Rock  
When: Thursday August 14 6.30 pm  
Cost: \$55 pp. Wines available for purchase.  
Please book NOW.

## Our Lunches



The

Committee is looking into the lunch offerings (and cost) at The Sandringham Club on meeting days. Your opinions will be sought in the coming weeks. Do you want a wider variety, something different; and is \$20 better than \$17? These are typical of some of the opinions expressed so far. What's your view?

## How Much is a Billion?

A billion seconds ago it was 1959.

A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.

A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.

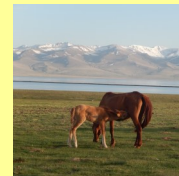
# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

Ken Beadle

John Green

## Our Dopey Old Bloke in Kyrgyzstan



"I'm now in OSH, Kyrgyzstan, an ancient town on the Silk Road," Geoff reports..... "That sounds romantic doesn't it....I've had some adventures and ridden through some spectacular scenery....and Azulo has behaved like a perfect gentleman! Almaty to Bishkek was a pleasant ride through a valley with snow capped mountains in the distance..."

See [www.dopeyold.bloke.com](http://www.dopeyold.bloke.com)

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## Functions & Activities continued

### Keeping the Counterfeiters at Bay

Our resident expert, Kevin McDonnell took us back in



time and through the evolution of Australian banknotes from when they were first introduced in 1913. Prior to this, coins of various denominations were the currency of the day including sovereigns, two of which were more than sufficient for an average week's wages. Today we have banknotes in circulation with a value totaling \$56.9 billion! But counterfeiters have been a constant threat to the integrity of our currency. In 1966, pound notes were replaced by dollar notes and within one year counterfeit notes were appearing; fortunately a dramatic reduction occurred from 1988 with the introduction of polymer notes. Kevin showed us interesting examples of state-of-the-art technical advances used in the printing and presentation of our banknotes today, all designed to foil counterfeiters. Interestingly, in the UK, despite an extensive history of counterfeiting problems, only recently have they agreed to adopt polymer banknotes in 2016.

Alan Williams



According to our

Keynote Speaker, Stephen Dunn, Director of the Metropolitan Planning Authority, by 2051 Melbourne will be a global city of opportunity and choice with a population of 7.7 million citizens. It will mean an additional 1.6 dwellings and 3.7 million jobs in employment clusters in city, suburbs, and fringe areas, in reasonable proximity to transport and services. Integrating transport infrastructure and land use, livability and productivity will improve with shorter travel times to places of employment, schools, parks, and shopping centres. One essential element is an up-grade to our rail and road systems, funded by State and Federal Governments as well as private investment including a levy on all developers building new housing. A major project at Fishermans Bend will include hi-rise and lo-rise housing, schools and parks with rail links to the CBD.

Within the next four years, there will be considerable improvements to the existing rail network with work commencing on extensions to new corridors including the airport, the East-West Link tunnel and the City Link/Tulla Freeway. Stephen is very confident that Plan Melbourne will be acceptable to both political parties with only minor priority adjustments. In the likely event we may not all see the completion of these undertakings, he is hopeful we may at least see the beginning!

Alan Williams

### Getting Melbourne Moving

#### Running Out?

In 1993, the proven reserves from Canada's Alberta oil sands was only 32.3 billion barrels. Today reserves are 167.8 billion barrels. In Venezuela's Orinoco Belt in 1993 there weren't any proven reserves. Today there are 220.5 billion barrels of proven reserves... extend(ing) Venezuela's position as the location of the world's largest oil reserves. *Money Morning 18/6/14*

Year	Proven Reserves (billion barrels)
1993	1,041.4
2003	1,334.1
2012	1,687.3
2013	1,687.9

BP Oil

# Probus Club of Beaumaris

# Events Calendar

Tuesday	2pm	Digital Technology Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Thursday	7 pm		
Tuesday		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday July 12		PRISMS	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday July 15	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club
Thursday July 17		Annual Candlelight Dinner	Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron ★
Friday		Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 5	2 pm	Digital Technology Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Wednesday		Opera Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Thursday August 14		Roast Suckling Pig	True South ★
Friday August 15		Eastern Treatment Plant	★
Tuesday		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday August 19	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday		Music Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday		Bike Ride	
Wednesday August 27		<i>The King &amp; I</i> <i>The Chilling and Killing of Annabel Lee</i>	Princess Theatre Brighton Theatre ★
Tuesday		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday		Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Wednesday September 3	Jazz Night 7 pm		25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 16	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club 25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday October 21	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club
Friday November 21		Night Races	Moonee Valley ★

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



Payment required

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