



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday June 18 at The Sandringham Club
Keynote Speaker: Dr Margo Honeyman
Topic: Growing Old (dis)gracefully: Vitamin D can help!

10-Minute Speaker: Lloyd Jenkins Mooramong

Dr Margo Honeyman is an immunologist who until recently was a senior scientist at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research working on the prevention of type 1 diabetes for 20 years, and prior to that ran a laboratory matching bone-marrow transplants at the Sydney Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service for 14 years. She has published 100 scientific papers, most recently on the role of viruses in the initiation of pre-type 1 diabetes.

She is an advocate for the role of vitamin D, and has no commercial interests in it other than seeing the price drop so it is available to everyone!

Puffing Billy Trip Report

It was a terrific day. Twenty one Probians and their wives thoroughly enjoyed themselves! We had a private restaurant car which is quaint and very well restored plus our own private waiter! The food was excellent. It was tastefully displayed and more than sufficient. On the journey to Emerald Lake we enjoyed a selection of meats, cheese, salmon, olives etc. Wine was surprisingly cheap at about \$20.00 per bottle and was very good too! We had about 40 minutes at Emerald Lake, just enough time to walk around the lake and get ready for the Devonshire tea on the return leg! All this for just \$55.00 was excellent value. We were all impressed with the quality of everything and the way it was done. It is so good to see things

done properly for once and at such a reasonable price too!

This is a trip well worth considering if you have visitors to Melbourne.



New Members

►► M E JOYCE (Martin & Frances) ►►

13 Seaview Cres, Black Rock 3193. 9598 1712. mjoy7005@bigpond.net.au
Born Melbourne 1931, District Manager Telstra. Swimming, gardenin, bike riding, travel. [Club '13]

◄◄ W J PARKER (Warren & Adele) ◄◄

191 Were St, East Brighton, 3187. 9592 4644. wjparker@melbpc.org.au
Born Essendaon, 1932. AASA. Humes Ltd (38 yrs) accounting, Management consult. (13 yrs). Rotary (Melb) Royal Brighton YC, sailing, golf, gardening, all sports, [Club '13]



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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: 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 MCGREGOR

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tory.”

One of the many challenges of serving as Probus President for a year is the responsibility for organising the keynote speakers. No great problem, you would think, because there are so many gifted locals and enterprising business-people and academics to draw on. Maybe the Governor-General would come and speak to us, or eminent scientists such as Sir Gus Nossal or sports legends Ron Barassi or Tom Hafey. Perhaps our own Spin King Shane Warne - a local boy - or other Test champions; or even Hugh Jackman or Nicole Kidman. Maybe Barry Humphries would be in Melbourne and have a free Tuesday. But one person I had really high hopes of enticing to the Sandringham Club was Professor Geoffrey Blainey to talk about the future of Australia: 'What hope for the Lucky Country?'

Sadly, he declined; however, I can say with some confidence what he *would have* said because he gave an interview to research analyst Stewart Oldfield which was published in *The Age* in October last year. Professor Blainey, in

his 80s, told Oldfield that over the past decade Melbourne's population has grown by 20 per cent, a staggering percentage; yet over the same period, Australia's GDP has trebled. (Incidentally, he says the Chinese were as lucky to have us as we were to have them!) In his view, there is no doubt we have experienced a most fortunate period in the world's history and worries many Australians have about the state of the economy are exaggerated. He has no doubt that the Australian economy will continue to adjust to circumstances as it has in the past, driven by technological change and the growth of the services sector, and the United States will eventually bounce back from its current problems because of its enormous energy. Lamenting the neglect of the study of economic history, he makes the point that it's hard to learn from history; "But it's even harder to learn if you know no history."

An address by Geoffrey Blainey would have been an inspiration to us all. Sadly, our loss.



Photo shows some of the Probus bike riders admiring the remains of Princes Pier, Port Melbourne on the ride 24 May. The timber piles are left in place for historical reasons (the deck was destroyed some time ago)

Timely?

A politician needs the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month, and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen.
Winston Churchill

NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group

Members will meet as usual 8.45-9.45 am before the General Meeting.

Topic: Exhibits & portfolio analysis.

Bikie Group

Noel Ineson

Our next ride is a 20km run on Friday June 28. After assembling at the Harlequin Rigby Club car park in Ashburton we will ride along the Anniversary Trail to Booroondara Park in Camberwell, returning to the Ferndale Trail and down a beautiful scenic winding parkland area through the Hill'n Dale Park to Gardiners Creek before returning to our transport. On the way we will enjoy a coffee break at High Street. Photo of May ride on p.2

Music Group

Barry Amond

After the Winter break the Music Group will meet on Wednesday September 25 and the Opera Group on October 23.

Howlong Golf 2013

Geoff Wade

Bookings are still being taken for the annual golf trip, October 27-31. (Yes, there was an incorrect date in the May newsletter.) There are still vacancies and a great time is assured - non-golfing partners are welcome. A deposit of \$20 per couple (\$10 single) is payable at time of booking. Contact Geoff Wade (9588 2593) to ensure you do not miss out.

Probus Vic Golf Challenge

Geoff Wade

The Probus Vic Golf Challenge will be held at the Cranbourne Golf Club On Monday 18 November. The competition is a 4BBB Stableford event with registration at 7:45 am and shotgun start at 8:15 am. Cost is \$60 per player which includes lunch and trophies. We have entered teams the last two years and it would be good to do so again. If you are interested please contact Geoff Wade. Entries close 17 October.

Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the Digital Technology Group will not be until Tuesday 6 August. Topic/s to be discussed will be advised in the July Newsletter and at the July General Meeting.

Discussion Group

Barry Amond

There will be no discussion group meetings in July.

I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well.

Diane Ackerman

Musical Interlude

Our thanks to Barry Amond for a musical interlude from his collection of classical recitals including excerpts from Opera and Ballet performances, plus Violin and Piano Concertos with the finale including the last movement of Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony ; all in 10 minutes !

The quality of the performance was outstanding with excellent sound and as good or better visual appreciation of the performers than you would expect from a front row seat in the stalls of any theatre, including the Albert Hall where the Piano Concerto was recorded.

Barry, through his Music Group, has provided our members with the opportunity to see and hear some wonderful performances on regular occasions over the past 12 years. Contact Barry if you would like to join him and his group of Music Lovers for an evening at the Concert Hall.

Alan Williams



Lindsay Fox - Vision for Melbourne



Lindsay Fox bought his first truck on time payment at 19 years of age and is still buying trucks today with over 6000 in his fleet and counting! He described himself as an Academic Failure in his youth, but he certainly learnt how to build a business employing 24,000 people

throughout Australia and overseas with 3.8 million sq. feet of warehouses and a customer base with major companies in many industries including the mining industry and retailers, plus a distribution contract with Coles worth \$350m. annually. A substantial part of his business is now in the Asia-Pacific region where 50% of the world's population reside and the growth in his business has been "astronomical."

His family now run the business while Lindsay uses his influence to urge our slow moving politicians to be bolder in their future planning, and addressing the lack of infrastructure investment over past years. He is particularly concerned at the approaching traffic gridlock in downtown Melbourne caused by the ever expanding Container Terminal at Docklands. In his view, the land should be converted to hi-rise apartments and a new Container Terminal facility created at Hastings on Westernport with freight distributed by rail, connecting with distribution depots on Melbourne's fringe, and the sooner the better.

Some time ago, Lindsay, Bill Kely and Simon Crean travelled Australia seeking pledges from employers in regional towns and cities to find jobs for the unemployed; they obtained 60,000 pledges. He is still very concerned about the deterioration of employment in regional towns and considers more could be done in areas of tax relief for employers. Some of his other concerns include truck accident levels caused by driver fatigue and trucks not keeping in the left or slow lane as is the law in Europe.

He obviously gets frustrated by some politicians who, in his opinion, do not think commercially or find the problems of Transport, Health, and Finance beyond their understanding.

Alan Williams

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER - BE THERE! TUESDAY 9 JULY

Last chance to register, please come! If you haven't registered already please do so ASAP or call Geoff on 0416 294452

Our mid-year "Candlelight Dinner" is one of the main events of the Probus year where we hope most of our Probus members, wives, partners and friends come and enjoy a really good evening amongst friends! This year we go to "Sandy on the Bay", (better known as the Sandy Football Club, Beach Road Sandringham). The room is lovely with views of the Bay, lots of parking elevator access. The food is reputed to be excellent and the company second to none! The Club has generously agreed to subsidise some musical entertainment!

Price \$57.00 includes two course dinner and Coffee and drinks to a generous limit!

Members usually wear jackets. Time: 7.00pm for 7.30. Seating arranged.

Please pay now or latest at next Meeting!



ALL ABOARD The South Gippsland Railway Wednesday August 7th Price Reduced!

Amazing value! All aboard this unique heritage Railway AND we have it all to ourselves! Our bus from Beaumaris at 9.00 am takes us to Nyora where we board this special train and enjoy a delightful train ride to Korumburra and back. We then have lunch at the Korumburra Hotel before a scenic drive home!

Cost \$52.00 pp. (Reduced by \$10.00pp).



Tour of Desalination Plant and lunch at "The Killy"

Wednesday 21 and 28 August

The bus for the 28 August is FULL and the Bus for 21 August is filling fast so please book now! We will have a guided tour of our Desalination Plant followed by lunch at the famous Kilcunda Pub (The Killy). We travel by bus from Community Centre, Reserve Road, Beaumaris, to Wonthaggi. We return to Beaumaris at 4.00 - 5.00pm. This will be a very interesting and special day.

Price \$60.00 pp. includes Bus/tour/lunch.

Survey 2013

Thank you to those who have completed the survey. We really appreciate your effort. It helps us enormously in preparing trips for the next year. Those of you who still haven't yet sent your survey forms in...Please can you mail them to John Green at 17 Clare Street, Parkdale 3195. If you have misplaced the forms, contact either John or Geoff and we will send one to you. Many thanks

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Archibald Prize – Wednesday 26th June

Consensus is that the preferred date is Wednesday 26th June. The session visit time starts at 1.30 pm. I will purchase tickets in advance to avoid queues so please pay Beaumaris Probus \$8.00 pp. ASAP and let Geoff know on brans@iinet.net.au that you have paid. I will contact those who registered to arrange shared cars and suggested departure time etc.

Monet Gardens Exhibition Friday 19th July



Please register at the Functions desk if you wish to see this Exhibition. Ticket cost is \$26.00pp

Hamer Hall Aperitivo Tour – Friday 6th September

A new, behind-the-scenes tour of the newly refurbished Hamer Hall. This ends with guests being served Arts Melbourne Signature Series canapés accompanied by a glass of sparkling wine. Cost: \$25. Meet: 10.45am in front of Hamer Hall. Tour starts 11am sharp. We need at least 25 people to get the \$25 PRICE, otherwise \$30. Register now at the Functions desk!



LAST CALL and REMINDER September – Sunday 22nd - Russian Ballet

We need just two more people and time is running out! We also need payment by June meeting. We have reserved seats for Sunday September 22nd at the Palais at 1.30 pm. The Ballet features a diverse programme in three acts including "The Nutcracker and Bolero A festival of Russian Ballet. Also highlights from the world's great ballets including Giselle, Carmen, The Dying Swan, Le Corsaire and many more!
Payment of \$90 per seat required by June meeting.



Gourmet Tastes – "Special Argentinean Suckling Pig" Thursday September 26th

A very special evening awaits just 24 members for a unique evening at True South hosted cosily within the Brewery itself! (If we have many more wanting to come we will arrange a second evening) We will enjoy a whole Roast Suckling Pig done the Argentinean way (which is amazing!) We will have dessert and coffee but drinks are not included and are at True South's (reasonable) prices.
We are advised that some people find the spectacle of a full pig roasting somewhat confrontational but believe me it is delicious!



Special price
\$50.00 pp.
Book now!

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Wednesday June 5		Brighton Theatre Company— <i>Picasso/Lapin Agile</i>	
Tuesday June 18	08:45 10:00	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club Sandringham Club
Wednesday June 19		Treasures of Afghanistan 	
Wednesday June 26	1:30	Archibald Prize	Mornington Regional Gallery
Friday June 28		Bike Ride	
Tuesday July 9	7:00 for 7:30	Candelight Dinner	Sandy on the Bay 
Tuesday July 16	08:45 10:00	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club Sandringham Club
Friday July 19		Monet Gardens Exhibition NGV 	
Friday July 26		Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 6	2:00	Digital Technology	25 Third St Black Rock
Wednesday August 7	09:00	South Gippsland Railway	Community Centre 
Friday August 9	2:00	PRISMS	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday August 13	2:00	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday August 16	10:00	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday August 20	08:45 10:00	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club Sandringham Club
Wednesday August 21		Brighton Theatre Company <i>Echoes</i>	
Wednesday August 21	08:45	Day Trip: Desalination Plant	Community Centre 
Friday August 23		Bike Ride	
Wednesday August 28	08:45	Day Trip: Desalination Plant	Community Centre 
Tuesday September 3	2:00	Digital Technology	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday September 6	10:45	Hamer Hall Aperitivo Tour	
Tuesday September 10	2:00	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday September 13	10:00	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday September 17	08:45 10:00	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club Sandringham club
Sunday September 22		Russian Ballet 	
Thursday September 26		Gourmet Tastes	True South 
Friday September 27		Bike Ride	
Tuesday October 1	2:00	Digital Technology	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday October 8	2:00	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday October 11	10:00	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday October 15	08:45 10:00	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club Sandringham Club
Friday October 25		Bike Ride	
Sunday October 27– Wednesday 30		Annual Howlong Golf	
Monday November 18		Probus Vic Golf Challenge	Cranbourne Golf Club 
Tuesday November 19	08:45 10:00	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club Sandringham Club