

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday March 18 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Tim O'Brien Operations Manager Lakes Oil

Topic: Farming and Fracking

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



LAKES OIL IS AN UNCONVENTIONAL GAS & OIL COMPANY

2014 marks the 68th anniversary of Melbourne-based Lakes Oil NL. It is the oldest Australian oil and gas explorer still operating in the country.

"Properly managed, fracking is unlikely to either contaminate aquifers or allow the migration of water from one underground natural reservoir to another," says Tim O'Brien.

Probus @ Play: Croquet Capers

February 28 2014



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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

“...unbridled humanity and respect for others and the law...”

No-one has ever asked me for a list of my heroes and maybe that's a good thing. Revealing who we most admire often speaks more about ourselves than we care to divulge. In my case, it would include many of the usual suspects. But I would also make a case for Saul of Tarsus who, before the age of travel, walked to small communities at the extremities of the Greek and Roman Empire to tell people to love one another not hate; Galileo Galilei who was imprisoned, abused and ex-communicated for knowing what almost no-one else did at the time, that the Earth revolved around the Sun; and an unknown self-taught Englishman named William Smith who, for the first time in recorded history, investigated, mapped and named the layers of rock beneath his (and our) feet - *The Map that Changed the World*, his biographer called his achievement. However, as an Australian, I would reserve the strongest case for Captain Arthur Phillip, a gentleman of the Enlightenment, whose unbridled humanity and respect for others and the law, paved the way for the establishment of one of the fairest, most egalitarian societies on the planet. Far from the

barbaric invader that many of today's schoolchildren may well come to believe him, Phillip was a man of principle with a vision for the future and we are all the beneficiaries of his vision. Yet I am also inspired by the number of fine people around me in this Probud organisation; people who are both selfless and caring, people with a generosity of spirit and time, who through their actions enrich the lives of others. It is a privilege to be a member of Beaumaris Probud.

Finally, a last word. But no matter what I say, nothing will come even close in impact to what probably are the most famous last words of all time; namely, the reported 'last words' of comic genius Spike Milligan - who, in fact, penned them long before he died in 2002 but which have nevertheless been immortalised on his headstone: "I told you I was sick." In my case, nothing as memorable, but while I still have time and the space, I wish to thank members for giving me the rare opportunity over the past year to serve as your President and work towards fostering the interests of this great club and its advancement.

Below: Jeff Sturrock introduces his friend and new member, Ken White, while President Peter McGregor welcomes Ken to membership



Above: Winner of the 2014 Probud croquet trophy, Rod Kelly, with artisan trophy designer, Paul Crompton



Above: 15 kgs of beef on the spit - and ready. Left: Tony Bowles and finalists, Rod Kelly, John Smyth and Jim McGann

NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group

Members will meet as usual: 8.45-9.45 am.

To review survey and provide a suggested agenda. General thoughts and suggestions. Review of topic priorities and provide an agenda for 11 meetings.

Bike Group

Noel Ineson

Our next monthly ride is on Friday March 28. This ride is a re-run of the magnificent scenic ride of almost two years ago when we rode along the Scotchman's Creek bike trail to Ivanhoe Grove reserve, past Alamein and Asburton stations to the outstandingly beautiful Hill'n'Dale Park with its sweeping downhill curves to Gardiner's Creek - not forgetting a great coffee stop at High Street on the way (round trip of 20 km). We will assemble as usual at the Black Rock beachside car park at 9 am. Please note that the delayed February ride - now March 14 - is still on.

Music Group Anniversary

The 50th Music Evening since we began in November 2000 will be on Wednesday March 26 at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please complete the attendance sheet at the March meeting or let me know by email or phone. New members especially - and their partners - are very welcome.

Barry Amond

Discussion Groups

Meetings, Tuesday March 11 at 2 pm and Friday March 14 at 9.30 am, will discuss a variety of topics including human propensity to forecast catastrophes; and how to deal with existing refugees in camps. The groups will meet again on the second Tuesday and Friday in April.

Digital Technology Group

Next meeting: Tuesday April 1.

Topics/equipment to be discussed will include the next generation Smart TV (UHD) and show-and-tell applications. If anyone has any other suggestions for topics to be discussed, please contact Geoff Wade.



2014 Members' Register

The Members' Register is currently being updated and should be issued by the April meeting. If you have any changes to make regarding your details, please advise Geoff Wade no later than March 28. This year it is intended to email a copy to all members with internet access and also to have hard copies available for those who wish to have one. The email version will be updated on an as-required basis.

From the Treasurer

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder for those who have not yet paid their subs for 2014 - they are now overdue and *\$55 only if paid before March 31 2014.*

PAYMENT DIRECT TO BANK ACCOUNT

We have received a deposit to account without the appropriate description. Would the member who deposited \$55 on February 20 2014 please let me know. Thank you.

Geoff Carlson

Howlong Golf Trip

Geoff Wade

The 2014 Howlong golf trip is scheduled for the period Sunday October 26 to the Thursday morning (30/10) at the Howlong Country Golf Club. Golf will be played on the afternoon of Monday October 27, late morning/afternoon of Tuesday October 28, and the morning of Wednesday October 29. As usual, the annual putting competition will be held on the Wednesday afternoon prior to the presentation of trophies.



Probuss Golf Weekend, 2013, at Howlong Country Club

The Play-and-Stay package (\$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 with details of all information is available at the Probuss meeting and bookings are now open.

A deposit of \$10 pp is required at the time of booking. Travel to Howlong on Sunday October 26 or Monday 27 is at the discretion of each member. All enquiries to Geoff Wade 9588 2593.



"India is a geographical term. It is no more a united nation than the equator."

Winston Churchill

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

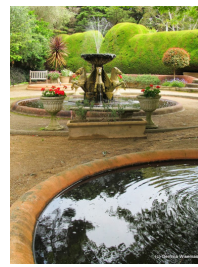
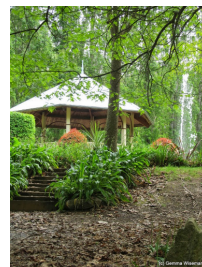
April

PARTICIPATION REQUIRED!!



Montalto Winery & Sculpture Exhibition and Ashcombe Maze & Gardens

Thursday April 3



The response from members so far has been disappointing - perhaps as a result of the many other activities the club currently has pending and the Yarra Glen garden trip next week. Our functions partner clubs have about 10 people between them who have signed up. I will promote the Montalto trip to the coach party next Friday on the way home from Yarra Glen. But unless numbers increase, this event may have to be cancelled. Could members advise me asap after receiving the March newsletter their commitment to the trip (Phone: 95896120 or 0412286617). Payment definitely required before March 21. I will have to cancel if the response from our club does not improve before our March meeting.

Ken Beadle

May

Federation Square Tour and Thai lunch

Thursday May 1

By train to Flinders Street for a tour of the Federation Square complex followed by lunch at a nearby Thai restaurant in Collins Street. Cost: \$15. More details next month.

Federation Square (below) is a civic centre and cultural precinct in the centre of Melbourne which was opened in 2002



April

Sabah and Brunei Trip Briefing

A special briefing is being organised for those going on the Sabah trip. The briefing will be held on Wednesday April 2, 12.30 - 1.30. Cheltenham GC
NOTE: There may be one or two vacancies for the trip - any member interested please phone John Green asap 0430 114 048.

High-tech Exports as a share of Total Exports:

Denmark 20.8%	Switzerland 20.8%
United States 19.2%	Finland 17.3%
Japan 16.3%	United Kingdom 15.1%
Sweden 13.5%	Germany 12.4%
Austria 10.8%	Canada 6.6%
Spain 4.2%	AUSTRALIA 2.3%

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.



"All I ask is the chance to prove that money can't make me happy."

Spike Milligan

March 2014

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.



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

New Member

►► K WHITE (Ken & Jenny) ►►

607/127 Beach St, Port Melbourne 3207. 9645 4810 jwhi3413@bigpond.net.au
Born NSW 1940. Retired airline pilot. [Club '14]

Kitchen Hero

I would like to elevate to hero status one of our own: Geoff Mason. Many of those members who were at our magnificent croquet spit roast on the last day of February were so busy enjoying themselves and watching the play that they may not have noticed how quickly and efficiently everything was cleared, cleaned and tidied up. In the middle of the team of people who pitched in and helped was Geoff Mason, towering over the sink and making sure the cutlery and crockery were spotless. Congratulations, Geoff, for working so tirelessly in the kitchen. Thank you also to the several ladies who worked with Geoff.



From Somalia to Brighton

Keynote Speaker
Mariam Issa being
thanked by Peter
McGregor



Somalia is country of poets and pirates where tribal wars are common and a culture of clans is strictly adhered to - often leading to violence between neighbours. This country of extremes was the home of Mariam Issa, our February Keynote Speaker, who told stories of her life living in remote villages. Family culture decrees that priority of education be extended to boys but Mariam, attending the village school under the mango tree, determined to educate herself and eventually become the well-educated, emancipated woman she is today. Eventually, she and her husband and four children fled the country. After many trials and tribulations, she obtained the necessary visas to Australia, arriving in 1998. Mariam started working as a cleaner to integrate with white women in their homes and enrolling her children in the local schools. She created an organisation called RAW (Resilient Aspiring Women) inviting all women in the neighbourhood to join. Describing her community work as 'practical multiculturalism', she hopes to change our perception of Africa and the African people.

Alan Williams

50 Years in the Car Industry

Keith Ross' career in the motor industry began in the early 1960s when employed as an apprentice motor mechanic with Ford, after which he worked in a dealership marketing the Ford Falcon which was challenging Holden, a major player in the Australian family car market. At the time, annual production of cars in Australia was around 204 000 which would grow through the 1970s - with the assistance of high tariffs on imported cars - to more than 498 000. He then joined Honda marketing their excellent motor cycles and establishing their brand in cars at the quality end of the market. When Toyota began manufacturing in Australia, sales of locally-built cars reached 30 000 annually, whilst imported car sales reached 179 000. Obviously, this was where future profit priorities would lie. The motor industry today is a world-wide industry without boundaries - even some Korean brands are made in Eastern Europe and some of the European brands are made in Mexico.

Alan Williams



Recommended Reading

Michael Pembroke, *Arthur Phillip: Sailor, Mercenary, Governor, Spy* (2013) Hardie Grant Books

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday March 11	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday March 14	Discussion Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Tuesday March 18	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday March 18	7.30 pm <i>Empire Spiegelworld</i>	Crown Casino ★
Tuesday March 25	PRISMS	300 St Kilda St Brighton
Wednesday March 26	Music Group—50th	25 Third St Black Rock
Friday March 28	Bike Ride	
Tuesday April 1	Digital Technology Group	25 Third St Black Rock
Wednesday April 2	2.30-1.30 Sabah Briefing	Cheltenham Golf Club
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 10 am General Meeting	Sandringham Club
Friday April 25	Anzac Day Bike Ride	
Thursday May 8	Tastes: Japanese Banquet	Okami ★
Tuesday May 20	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am General Meeting	Sandringham Club
Friday May 23	Bike Ride	
Wednesday May 28	8 pm <i>Red</i>	Brighton Theatre Group ★

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Next month's editor of the Probus newsletter will be Geoff Wade while Peter McGregor is overseas. Please submit all newsletter items and interest group notices to Geoff by the end of March.



Payment required

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