

NEWSLETTER



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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday May 19 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Ian Crawford Crawford Productions
Topic: Crawford Productions and the Dramas of Early Television

10-Minute Speaker: Mev Connell Winter in Kazakhstan

Ian Crawford joined Crawford Productions when he was twenty years old. His uncle was Hector Crawford, his mother was Hector's sister, Dorothy Crawford. Once television began in Australia, Ian became the director and producer of many Crawford programs; later he was Executive Producer of all the company's drama output. In 1980, he became the company's Managing Director, a post he held until he and Hector sold their shares in the company in 1988.

Ian's talk spans the period of the late 1930s to the late 80s and focuses on the Crawfords and the travails of the company ... the collapse of radio drama following the arrival of television, the company's efforts to get drama onto TV, some of the early TV series and serials, along with an inside look at such moguls as Sir Frank Packer, Kerry Packer and Sir Reginald Ansett.



**Shrine Visit &
Galleries of
Remembrance**



Investment Group: 8.45 am

Speaker for May: Michael Koutrouzas, Adviser, Bell Potter

Topic: Current share market conditions and recommendations

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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

The Federal Government released the Intergenerational Report in March with projections for Australia through to 2055. The significant aspect of the report was the likely impact of an aging population on future budgets as they seek to meet the increased costs associated with older Australians requiring higher medical and welfare costs, while at the same time having a lower percentage of the population in the workforce. The aging of the population is not unique to Australia and is a world-wide occurrence. Australia is, however, in a fortunate position of having one of the lowest average ages amongst developed nations. What also separates Australia from many other countries is that our population is forecast to grow by 2% a year whilst many others will experience a decline. This population growth is primarily being achieved through immigration; our population is forecast to increase by 16 million over the next 40 years, with the vast majority expected to reside in the capital cities. As a result, we could see the population of Sydney and Melbourne at 8 and 6.5 million respectively.

The creation of mega-cities, which is a world-wide trend, will be coming to a place near you.

Australia's post-war immigration programme has been a success for the nation in terms of higher standards of living. Currently, Australia has over 24% of its population born overseas. This is twice the ratio of most developed nations. While most have turned their back on immigration, we have continued to embrace it; immigration is seen as a way of mitigating the impact of an aging population. Unfortunately, the report does not focus on the resulting impacts on our essential services and how we will accommodate more people in our cities.

It will be very interesting to see what programmes the state and federal governments come up with to address future infrastructure needs.

Below left: Dennis Bowdern and Alan Farmer receive their 10-year pins from President Kevin McDonnell



Ken White and Duncan Gibson



Keith Ross, Gary Sebo and Graeme Keys



Left: Geoff Carlson is amused by Duncan Gibson's display of strength on a recent bike adventure. Incredible!

Below: members at morning tea

Les Hall, Ralph Butcher, Ron Hunter



Right: April Keynote Speaker, Tristan Miller, signs copies of his book Run Like Crazy for members



Below: Past President, Peter Harford, and Alan Farmer welcome visitor and prospective new member, Tim Ive



NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group: 8.45 am

Speaker for May: Michael Koutrouzas, an adviser at Bell Potter, who will talk to us about current share market conditions and his professional recommendations. PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at our Group is not exclusive – all members of Probus are welcome to attend any meeting. Please join us. Peter Harford



Music Groups

Barry Amond



Next Opera Group meeting will be on Wednesday August 26; Music Group will meet on September 23.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At their May meetings, the groups are discussing Sport. The next meetings will be in September.

Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

Next meeting: Tuesday August 11. Discussion items will be advised at the July General Meeting.

Directory Changes

Graham Dunscombe has resigned due to ill health. The 2015 issue of the Members' Directory has been issued by email. Any member who did not receive a copy by email should let me know and I will resend. Note: There are still a limited number of the printed version available. If you would like a copy please contact me. Geoff Wade



Left: The April meeting of the august PRISMS group at the Davis residence

Theatre

We have 12 going to The Grimethorpe Colliery Band and two for Glenn Miller. Thanks for your support. The next show is *West Side Story* on Wednesday July 15 @ 1pm. Cost: \$72. For those going to the Brighton Theatre: The next performance is on Wednesday June 3.

Tony Bowles



Wine tation

Apprecia- tion

An enthusiastic group of wine enthusiasts (above) met recently at the home of Roger Wilson to closely scrutinise an interesting range of selected reds: Tahbilk Chairman's Selection, Penfold's 2011 Bin 8 cabernet shiraz, Gramp's St Hugo shiraz cabernet, Dark Corner 2014 durif-shiraz and De Bortoli 2012 durif. Those still standing (and sitting) are: From left, Alan Farmer, Barry Amond, Roger Wilson, John Opie, Kevin McDonnell and Geoff Bransbury.

May Bike Group

Next ride: Friday May 22. We will meet as usual at

AMAZING WINE FACT

Which country drinks the most wine per capita? Answer: The Vatican with 74 litres per capita per year - that is, about 99 750 ml bottles per year. Followed by France and Portugal.

the Black Rock beach-



Left: Noel Ineson leads the way

side car park at 9 am and drive to the Yarra Boulevard carpark just east of the Mac Robertson bridge for the start of the ride along the Gardiner Creek trail to Glen Iris, taking a left turn onto the Anniversary Trail which runs parallel to the Alamein train line. Then, on to Harp Junction and North to the main Yarra Trail which we will follow West through Fairfield Park to Dights Falls, stopping at the Collingwood Children's Farm for a coffee break and continuing south through Richmond to our car park. This is a 30 km ride on mostly flat bike paths. It is a ride full of attractive natural scenery and famous historical parts of early Melbourne. A must for any budding bike riders! Noel Ineson

TASTES

PLEASE NOTE: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE FOOD AND WINE GROUP AT CASA DEL MAROC ON THURSDAY MAY 21 AT 6.30 PM. INTERESTING FOOD AND CAREFULLY SELECTED WINES. \$45. BE IN IT. Peter McGregor

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

May

NGV Exhibition - Golden Age of China

Thursday May 28

Emperor Qianlong reigned from 1736 to 1795 when China was the wealthiest, most populous nation in the world. This exhibition reveals the mystery and secrets of imperial life in the Forbidden City. We will travel independently to the NGV, St Kilda Road, and meet at the exhibition entrance at 11.20 am for a guided tour commencing at 11.30 am. After viewing the exhibition, you will have the option of lunch at the NGV café at your own expense. Cost: \$16 pp which covers exhibition admission and guided tour.

Please register and pay by May 25.



July

Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

Thursday July 2

Founded in 1915, the Institute's scientists have made discoveries that have improved the lives of millions of people and have produced many eminent researchers including Sir Gustave Nossal and Sir Macfarlane Burnet. Our visit will commence with an address on the Institute's current research followed by a tour of a working laboratory to meet scientists researching the causes of diabetes and preventative measures. We will make our own way to the Institute in Royal Parade next to the Royal Melbourne Hospital (Melways Ref 2B B7) and meet in the main foyer at 10.50 am for an 11am start. After the tour you will have the option to have lunch at a local hostelry, Naughtons, at your own expense. A maximum 20 visitors can be accommodated so register early - and by 30th June latest. Car pooling will be arranged as onsite parking is limited. There is no cost for this visit.

★ NEW

Excursions

At the invitation of Probus Ricketts Point, we have an opportunity to experience a 10-day trip to Port Macquarie and Port Stephens. The trip runs from June 18 to June 27 at a cost of \$1650 twin share (single supplement: \$450). All travel is by coach; the fare includes 9 breakfasts, 8 dinners and 3 morning teas. We arrive home at 5.30 pm on June 27.

I have a copy of our itinerary for your information and I anticipate the trip will prove popular so please feel free to contact me prior to our meeting because numbers will be limited. Payment would be required by late May.

From September 18 - 23, there is a Murray River trip aboard the *Proud Mary* which includes a tour of Kangaroo Island. Cost: \$2670 pp twin share (single supplement of \$694).

Also, in the early days of October there is a 5-day trip to the Canberra Floriade travelling up the Hume Highway and returning via the Princes Highway. We will enjoy many of the sights of Canberra. Cost: \$930 pp (single supplement: \$280). This is a very popular tourist attraction, hotel accommodation is very tight so early bookings are encouraged.

John Green

July

Melbourne Museum

WW1 Centenary Exhibition The War That Changed the World.

Thursday July 23

The most significant exhibition from The Imperial War Museum ever to leave Great Britain and visit our shores. Travel independently and meet at the Melbourne Museum main entrance at 10.50 am for an 11am entry. After seeing the exhibition, you will have the option to stay for lunch in the museum restaurant – at your own expense. Cost: \$26 which covers entry to the museum and the exhibition.

Please register and pay by July 21. Ken Beadle

★ NEW

Annual Candlelight Dinner

Ken Beadle

Thursday June 25

One of the major social functions of our Probus year at the prestigious Sandringham Yacht Club. Cost: \$65 pp – includes a two-course dinner plus coffee and drinks to a generous limit. 6.30 pm for 7pm. Payment required by June 17. Please make a big effort to attend. Register now.

Still Running Like Crazy



Keynote speaker for May, Tristan Miller, told how running changed his life and impressed members with not only his speaking ability and his visual presentation but his love of life. Very entertaining and informative, his story was one of determination, achievement and courage. To run 52 marathons in 42 countries in 52 weeks was surely a feat that has rarely, if ever, been achieved before. Tristan began his working life in the film industry, working his way through overseas travel and success in insurance sales at 3AW and Google. His high work ethic was maintained despite setbacks in his business and private life as he continued to work long hours under stress. Luckily, a friend encouraged him to combat his demons by commencing a weekly run. Initially reluctant, Tristan found that the running relieved his stress and thus he got to the point where he ran his first half marathon and shortly thereafter the full marathon from Frankston to the city.

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With his passion for achievement verified, he set himself ever-increasing goals, entering and finishing the world's longest marathon - the 90 kilometre South African marathon. His time of 9 hours and 18 minutes led him to undertake the unbelievable task of attempting to run 52 marathons in 42 countries in 52 weeks. Despite some obvious logistical and health issues, in 2010 Tristan began the odyssey of a lifetime. Tristan displayed a map of the countries he covered and helped us all to get some greater appreciation of what he had been through with the constant travel and running. To hear that Iceland, South Africa and Antarctica were on his itinerary indicated that the 42 countries were as diverse as could be imagined. Indeed he travelled an amazing 318 000 kilometres. Funding this adventure came primarily from his own resources which included the proceeds from the sale of his own apartment.

Despite recent fatherhood and the demands of his business, Tristan still runs insane distances and plans to run the 100 kilometre Mongolian marathon (amongst others). No doubt, Tristan's wonderful achievements may well inspire our bicycle group to greater feats!!

John Bushby

Publishing or Perishing?

John Bushby

Philip Stewart spoke to his advertised topic, which perhaps could more accurately be stated as

'Scientific Publishing Is Perishing'. In particular, he says, what's 'perishing' is the quality and accuracy of published scientific data. As a result, much of the published data and conclusions drawn therefrom can sometimes mislead the public, citing particular examples such as climate change and health. There are many reasons for this but a large part of the problem arises from the conditions inherent in the sources of research funding, which are often driven by financial, political or ideological considerations rather than on pure objective, scientific grounds.

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Publication facilitates individual and organisational promotion with the inherent risk of lack of quality. Unfortunately, an objective measure of quality is hard to develop to increase credibility. This most



interesting presentation is clearly suited to a time frame beyond the allocated ten minutes.

Birthday Boys – May

Barry Amond 4/5	Ross Brown 2/5
Brian Davey 10/5	George Fabiny 12/5
Neil Jones 3/5	Bruce Kaplan 27/5
Rod Kelly 1/5	Don Lobb 5/5
Bob Matthews 24/5	Ossie Obst 15/5
Alan Reith 20/5	

Beaumaris Probus at the Shrine

On Wednesday, April 22, the Shrine was spick and span for the Anzac Day ceremonies soon after. Six members and partners/guests had a first-rate tour of the Shrine followed by exploring the spectacular new Galleries of Remembrance. We finished off the visit with lunch at the nearby Observatory Café. See p1.

Ken Beadle

The Intrepid Beaumaris Probus Bike Riders

You can now follow their monthly adventures online. Just Google 'beauyriders.wordpress.com'

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday May 19	8.45 Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING		Sandringham Club
Thursday May 21	6.30 pm Tastes	★	Casa del Maroc
Friday May 22	Bike Ride		
Thursday May 28	Golden Age of China	★	NGV
Wednesday June 3	Brighton Theatre Group		
Sunday June 14	7.30 pm Glenn Miller band	★	Hamer Hall
Tuesday June 16	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING		Sandringham Club
Thursday June 25	Candlelight Dinner	★	Sandringham Yacht Club
June 18-27	Port Macquarie/Port Stephens Trip	★	
Friday June 26	Bike Ride		
Wednesday July 15	1 pm <i>West Side Story</i>	★	
Tuesday July 21	8.45 am Investment Group 10 am GENERAL MEETING		Sandringham Club
Thursday July 23	World War 1 Centenary Exhibition	★	Melbourne Museum
Tuesday August 4	2 pm PRISMS		The Amond Residence
Tuesday August 11	7.30 pm Grimethorpe Colliery Band	★	Hamer Hall
Tuesday August 11	2 pm Digital Technology Group		25 Third Street Black Rock



Above: Ralph Butcher heads up the Music Group; Graham Wearne and Warwick Andrews in discussion; Ken White scans Tristram Miller's book; John Brimage and Barry Amond at morning tea

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