



NEWSLETTER

PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday May 21 at The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Lindsay Fox AC

Topic: My Melbourne – Past, Present, Future

10-Minute Speaker: Barry Amond The Food of Love



Linfox has grown from humble beginnings to become the largest privately-owned logistics company in Australia. Lindsay Fox began his business in Melbourne in 1956 with one truck, delivering soft drinks in the summer months and fuel in winter. Today the massive Linfox Logistics business operates more than 3.8 million square metres of warehousing and nearly 5 000 vehicles across 10 countries. More than 19 200 people deliver sophisticated supply chain services to a wide range of leading business names. Across the Asia Pacific region, Linfox Logistics provides logistics services to the world's largest natural resources company, the world's two largest consumer goods companies and one of the world's largest retailers.



STOP PRESS

News just in about a highly successful Japanese banquet event at Okami in Hampton on May 2. Several witnesses have reported that some members of Probus Beaumaris actually made it to the end of the eighth course. See evidence at left.

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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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We all know what Marx thought about being a member of a club. No, not Karl; Groucho. (Karl would have argued with everyone and not lasted long in any club.) But Groucho, who is famous for a multitude of unforgettable quotes - such as 'The secret to life is honesty and fair dealing; if you can fake that you've got it made' - reckoned he didn't want to belong to any club that would accept people like him as a member. If only we had been able to have Groucho as one of our speakers, we could have told him that clubs mean many things to many people: fellowship, a range of diverse interests - from discussion, bike-riding, technology and golf, to food, single malt whisky, travel and excursions - as well as the regular intellectual stimulation of visiting speakers. And also that our members value our club because it gives them wonderful opportunities to engage in activities they might not otherwise have undertaken and in so doing enrich their lives. No doubt, he would have

quipped something like 'I intend to live forever, or die trying' and changed the subject. But the fact remains that being a member of any worthwhile club involves more than just being a mere member. The value of membership in Probud is finding an affinity with other people - maybe discovering that, despite our differences, we have things in common; that other people are even more interesting than ourselves; that some people have experiences and knowledge that we can enjoy sharing. Given the wide range of interest groups, social activities and excursions on offer, there is no excuse for members - old and new - not participating. As Groucho himself once said, "If you're not having fun, you're doing something wrong."

But then, apropos of nothing at all, he also said, "Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."

Young Women for Change

Last month's Keynote Speaker, Jillian Hocking, made reference to an organisation doing great work in Afghanistan for the local people and suggested that supporting them was, in her opinion, the best way to help. For those members who expressed interest, the website is www.youngwomenforchange.org



lose some. Steve Ager, a Qantas pilot who trains those who fly the A380s, has now been rostered on the day he was to speak to us. In his place in June we have Dr Margaret Honeyman from the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute to talk about Ageing (dis)Gracefully.

Keynote Speakers for 2013

Finding outstanding speakers to address our monthly meetings is perhaps the main challenge of being the President of Beaumaris Probud. You win some, you

Next Month

The next issue of our newsletter will be edited by Geoff Wade, someone who is no stranger to the job, having been editor for a number of years and who proof-reads and scrutinises most issues prior to their publication. You are reminded to send Geoff all your items for the June newsletter by the end of the month: geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au

NOTICES

Investment Group

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

Howlong Golf 2013

Bookings are now being taken for the annual golf trip, October 26-31. 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.

2013 Members' Register

The 2013 Members' Register was distributed to those who attended the April meeting. For those who did not, copies will be available at the May meeting. If anyone attending the meeting is able to deliver a copy to a member not present, please collect the named copy and deliver it. The register is also available in a digital format (pdf file – same as the newsletter). If you would like a copy to store on your computer, please advise Geoff Wade (geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au). A copy will be sent by email. Those who obtain a digital copy will be provided with updates as they occur.

Bikie Group

Noel Ineson

Our next ride is on Friday May 24. The ride starts from Sandown Street, Brighton, riding around the bike path, along Elwood Canal to Elsternwick Park and returning bayside to Beaconsfield Parade Middle Park and a coffee break. We were pleased to welcome new riders on our April ride. This was an outstanding 22 km ride along an extensive board walk through the impressive, very attractive Western Port mangrove wetlands to Jack's Beach, returning to Pelican Point Cafe in Hastings for coffee. (Photo p4)

Music Group

Barry Amond

An attendance list for the meeting on May 29 at 7pm will be available at our monthly meeting. On April 3, for the Beethoven program, we had an excellent attendance of 38. Music/Opera nights will resume in September.

Discussion Group

Barry Amond

At each of the May meetings, the topic will be A Plan for Australia - which seems to be an urgent need. In April, the discussions on Local Issues touched on aspects of life in Bayside and adjoining areas. Unease was expressed about methods for the election of our councillors but all were glad to be living here. In March, the topic was Multiculturalism although there was a feeling that 'Integration' is a better word and that immigrants should be given as much support as possible to learn English and our customs.

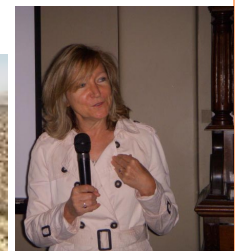
On The Road to Mandalay

Rod and Ros Murrell recently took a Captain's Choice tour to Myanmar (Burma). The tour started at Yangon (Rangoon) with rare sights such as the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda (right) covered in gold leaf, the Pindaya Caves with their thousands of Buddha statues and its lake with 70,000 people living in 'houses' on the lake; and included a beautiful river cruise down the famed Irrawaddy River to legendary Mandalay past many thousands of temples on the Bagan plains to the cooler highlands of Maymyo. An incredible adventure - safe and with good food. His 10-minute presentation wasn't nearly long enough to capture all of Rod and Ros's experiences.

Alan Stevens



More Than Bombs and Burqas



Above: Taliban; Australian troops; and (right) Jillian Hocking addressing the April meeting

Jillian Hocking – former Head of Radio Broadcasting at the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan – is an incredibly brave woman who accepted a 12-month UN assignment in Afghanistan that proved to be both rewarding and life-changing. During her stay, many of her pre-conceptions were dramatically altered - not only the incredibly warm welcome of the people and their eagerness to learn, but the fact that men wore scarves over their faces and women wore their burqas largely because of the extremely dusty conditions. Jillian said that the effects of the Taliban are still being felt - starving families because the Taliban cut down the walnut trees; poor male health for over 50 year-olds due to over-work when women were forced to stay at home. With 85% illiteracy, radio is an essential tool for communication and learning. Jillian's team of two men and one woman conducted interviews in the field in highly dangerous situations and reported daily, providing advocacy and outreach with strategically-targeted radio features highlighting activities such as Mine Action and Awareness In Afghanistan (MACCA) because there are still 50 women and children killed each month by mines. While the International media reports the bad-news stories, she said, it often fails to highlight the good news regarding new schools and apartments being built, the appointment of female judges and new young music groups. Jillian Hocking challenged our thinking about how Australia can play an ongoing role in helping the Afghani people both in Afghanistan and as refugees.

Alan Stevens

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

NEW APPROACH - Special Interest, casual trips

Dear Members, There are many events that take place around Melbourne that you might like to attend but don't, for whatever reason. Sometimes only small numbers of us are interested in a visit or event but our day trips currently cater for larger numbers. We intend to try something different - smaller groups of members (with friends/partners) going together to visit places or events by car or bus. To kick this off we will suggest a visit somewhere, place a sheet on the Functions Desk at the meeting for members to register interest (same as for Music & Opera or Digital Technology groups) and then, based upon interest, arrange a date and time and means of transport, perhaps nominating one of the interested members to lead the group. All members would pay on the day for their own expenses and possibly chip in for petrol. What do you think?

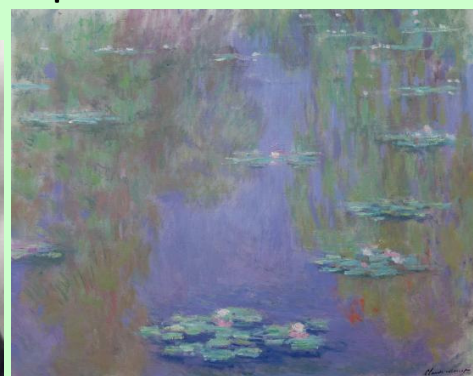
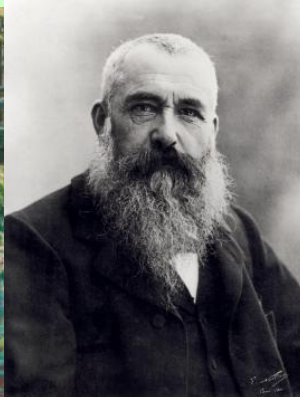
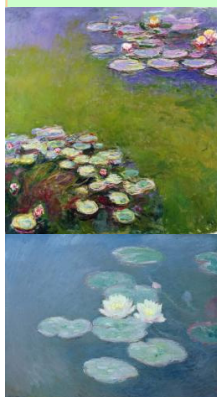
Special Interest trips: Please add your name to the sheets at the Functions Desk.

1 Archibald Prize at Mornington Regional Gallery between June 8 and July 7.

Cost: \$8. Date to be decided.

2 Monet Garden Exhibition at NGV - date between May 10 and September 8 tba .

Concession price \$22.50.



*Direct from Musee Marmottan
Monet, Paris*

SURVEY OF MEMBER INTEREST: FUTURE DAY, EXTENDED and OVERSEAS TRIPS

It's been a while since the last survey and we want to hear your thoughts.

We will be emailing a short survey soon. Knowing how we all love surveys, we have made it brief, so please complete it and bring it to the next meeting and give it to either John Green or Geoff Bransbury at the Functions Desk.

Printed copies will be available at the meeting and if you haven't already completed the form, you have another chance. We would request your earliest attention.

Based upon your input, we will come up with selected Day/Extended and Overseas trips for your consideration for next year.

John Green
Geoff Bransbury

New Member

◀ D J SEEDSMAN (David & Gail) ▶

4/200 Beach Rd, Black Rock 3193. 9598 4277. gbs4200@bigpond.net.au
Born Melbourne 1939. Trade scholarship, Plumbing, air conditioner. Senior manager AG coombs (30 years), AE smith Pty Ltd (16 years). Reading, learning Italian, snow skiing, bike riding. [Club '13]

Directory Change

Bob Aubrey has moved. His new address details are:
Bupa Berwick 359 Narre Warren Road
Narre Warren North 3804 Phone: 9796 9677

Our
Bucolic
Bunch of
Bikies



It has been said that you have become a bikaholic when you begin to enjoy drinking warm water out of a water bottle

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES Continued

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

June **NOT TO BE MISSED**

Treasures of Afghanistan at Melbourne Museum
Wednesday June 19

Last call! Must pay soon so please pay ASAP and if you would like to come, call Geoff on 0416 294452. This exhibition is getting excellent reviews. Tickets: \$16 for Concession, \$12 Museum Member. Please book your ticket NOW so we can finalise early.

July **SPECIAL EVENT**

Annual Candlelight Dinner

Tuesday July 9

Our annual mid-year Candlelight Dinner is one of the special events of the year where Probus members, wives, partners and friends come together to enjoy a wonderful evening of food and fellowship.

This year we go to Sandy-on-the-Bay – better known as the Sandy Football Club, Beach Road. The unique functions room has excellent views of Port Phillip Bay and elevator access. And lots of parking available.



The food is reputed to be excellent and the company, of course, second to none! The Club has generously agreed to subsidise some musical entertainment.



Price \$57 includes two-course dinner and coffee and drinks to a generous limit. Dress: Members usually wear jackets, many with ties! Time, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Please pay at May meeting. Come and join us.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Russian Ballet

REMINDER

We have 20 seats for Sunday September 22 at the *Palais* at 1.30 pm. Payment of \$90 per seat required by our June meeting.

Robert Dun

We hope you like the new and extended format of this month's newsletter which has been designed to better promote the Club's functions and activities. Ed.

August **UNIQUE EXPERIENCE**

South Gippsland Railway
Wednesday August 7



All aboard this unique heritage railway! Our bus from Beaumaris at 9 am takes us to Korumburra where we board this special train and enjoy a delightful train ride to Leongatha. Our bus then takes us to lunch and then a scenic drive back home.

This is a joint trip with our neighbouring clubs, so book early as it will fill fast.

Cost: \$62 pp. included bus/train trip /lunch

August **FILLING FAST**

Tour of Desalination Plant

Wednesday August 28

A special tour of our very expensive desalination plant has been booked. It is filling fast so book now to avoid disappointment.



We travel by bus at 8.45 from the Community Centre, Reserve Road, to Wonthaggi for a private guided tour of the plant. Afterwards, it's off to the famous Kilcunda (Killy) pub for what we hear is an excellent lunch. We will return to Beaumaris at 5 pm. This will be a very interesting and special day but you need to book early. Come and investigate the real reasons behind your rising water bill!

Cost: \$60pp which includes bus/guided tour/lunch.

September Another Gourmet Tastes

Exact date to be announced

We hope to organise one or more evenings of roast suckling pig for groups of no more than 24. Further details in June. Expressions of interest accepted.

"There are only two things that men do better than women: cooking and making dresses..."

Germaine Greer

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday May 21	General Meeting	
Friday May 24	Bike Ride	
Wednesday May 29	Music Group	
Wednesday June 5	Brighton Theatre Company— <i>Picasso @ Lapin Agile</i>	
Tuesday June 18	General Meeting	
Wednesday June 19	Treasures of Afghanistan	★
Friday June 28	Bike Ride	
Tuesday July 9	Candelight Dinner	★
Tuesday July 16	General Meeting	
Friday July 26	Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 6	Digital Technology	
Wednesday August 7	South Gippsland Railway	★
Friday August 9	PRISMS	
Tuesday August 13	Discussion Group	
Friday August 16	Discussion Group	
Tuesday August 20	General Meeting	
Wednesday August 21	Brighton Theatre Company <i>Echoes</i>	
Friday August 23	Bike Ride	
Wednesday August 28	Day Trip: Desalination Plant, Wonthaggi	★
Tuesday September 3	Digital Technology	
Tuesday September 10	Discussion Group	
Friday September 13	Discussion Group	
Tuesday September 17	General Meeting	
Sunday September 22	Russian Ballet	★
Friday September 27	Bike Ride	
Tuesday October 1	Digital Technology	
Tuesday October 8	Discussion Group	
Friday October 11	Discussion Group	
Tuesday October 15	General Meeting	
Friday October 25	Bike Ride	
Sunday October 27– Wednesday 30	Annual Howlong Golf Week/end	★