



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday May 15 at The Sandringham Club, Beach Road



Keynote Speaker: Frank Costa ex-President of the Geelong Football Club
Topic: The Rise and Rise of Geelong – Ingredients for Success in the AFL

Investment Group: Amy Lawrence UBS Director 9 am before the main meeting. See p2

10-Minute Speaker: Don Lobb **Topic:** Transiting the Suez Canal

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Tomkins



*We can all
do our bit to
help save
the planet.*

It was very good to hear Air Commodore Michael Rawlinson speaking about his view of our world, particularly some of the problems we face in both the near and long term – and how we need to deal with the likely short term problems now.

There is no doubt our world is warming and, while the cause is debatable, we need to plan to cope with the possible local effects such as changing weather patterns – including very variable rainfall, higher temperatures, droughts, severe storms and the like. Also, we may face diminishing oil, coal and water reserves. Therefore, we need to try to reduce our usage of all these resources. I recall the serious water shortage in the 80s when it was pointed out for almost the first time that we should avoid wasting water. I was attending a lunch meeting at that time when a senior member of the water authority told how his family reduced their

water usage by more than half by simple measures such as turning off the water while brushing teeth, reducing shower time, not hosing paths, leaving dirty dishes until a full load accumulated and other simple ideas. As our water reserves now appear reasonable, most of us may have relaxed our vigilance. It was good to see recent proposals to conserve rain water which is wasted as storm water and to make use of non-drinking water – but we must continue to be sensible.

Similarly, we all need to keep our use of electricity and fuel to a minimum. While solar and wind power may come to our rescue eventually, they are both very long-term solutions. In the meantime, we will remain dependent on coal as our source of electricity for a long time and *it is not inexhaustible*. We can all do our bit to help save the planet.



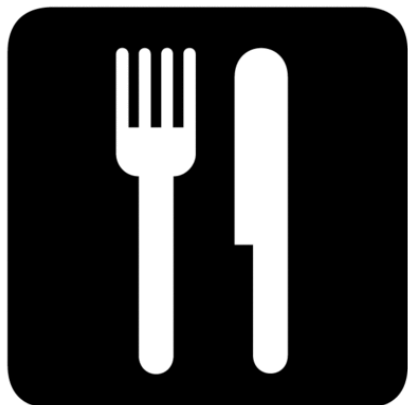
For more than 50 years, Frank Costa has been at the forefront of developing and building the Costa Group into a major horticultural and logistics company. Former President of the Geelong Football Club (1998 - 2010), he tirelessly promotes the development of the City of Geelong and surrounding community. Frank has been honoured with an Order of Australia Medal for his services to youth and the community. Keynote Speaker for May.

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Tastes Goes Greek

Tzatziki? Yiros?
Melinzosalata?
Skordalia? Kota
Htipidi? Hirino?
Spanokopita?
What more could you
ask for?

Join us for this very
special night of fun
and Greek fare.

THEO'S: 66 Station Street Sandringham
Thursday June 14 6.30 pm Cost: \$40 pp.
NOTE: You may be interested to know that the public
bus service stops right opposite at the station.

Bike Group

Our next ride will be around Point Nepean National
Park on May 22 which is
truly one of Victoria's most
beautiful natural landscapes
with outstanding coastal
scenery and panoramic
views of Bass Strait, the Rip
and Port Phillip Bay. We will then return to Portsea for
a relaxing lunch after completing the 16km circuit.

Noel Ineson



Making Payments to the Club

The Treasurer is concerned that banking payments
are often not made correctly, frequently giving no
details of what payments are actually for or who is
making the payment. Reminder: cheques to the Club
should be handed personally or sent to the Treasurer
only - rather than other members.

Investment Group

Question for discussion: Will repression policies (i.e.
a budget surplus) affect investors' confident judgment
of risk and return short term?

Barry Donaldson

Music & Opera Groups

The Music Group will meet on Wednesday May 30 at
7pm. Please let me know if you wish to come. On
April 25, members of the Opera Group were delighted
with the Metropolitan Opera's 2009 production of
Lucia Di Lammermoor with Anna Netrebko in the title
role. Members felt it was one of the best operas seen
in our 25 evenings over the last nine years, during
which we have seen all or part of 29 operas.
This year, both groups will avoid the winter months
and meet again from September onwards. Barry Amond

Discussion Groups

At their meetings on May 8 and 11,
the Discussion Groups will grapple
with The Role of Females in Society.

Barry Amond



Members' Register

If you did not get your copy of the
2012 Members' Register which were distributed at the
April meeting, make sure you pick it up this meeting.
Also, if you can distribute a copy to anyone who is not
in attendance, please do so. All copies are named
with a label – so make sure you take yours and not
someone else's.

Digital Technology Group

There will be no meeting of the Digital Technology
Group in June. We intend to meet again in July.

The topic and leader will be advised in the June
newsletter. See PS, p4

Geoff Wade



Howlong Golf

Are you interested in the
Howlong Golf Trip at the end of October but haven't
put your name down? See Geoff Wade now and get
your name on the waiting list.

Leaders 2012

Almoner: **Andrew Watson** 9589 5913
Archive & Grape Vine: **Roy Petch** 9589 5757
Assistant Functions: **Robert Dun** 9589 5456
Audio Visual: **Paul Crompton** 9583 1310
Auditor: **Geoff Carlson** 9589 4884
Bowls: **Ted Montfort** 9589 5949
Bike Riding: **Noel Ineson** 9589 5263
Computer Mentoring: **Ken Reed** 9583 5858
Digital Technology: **Geoff Wade** 9588 2593
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FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Menno van Ruyven



25th Anniversary Dinner



Everyone is invited (with partner) to our very special anniversary dinner on July 3, 2012 at the BRIGHTON SAVOY, 150 The Esplanade Brighton (on the bay). We will continue the tradition of an annual Candlelight Dinner in the wonderful Seaview Room.

We already have a large number of acceptances and expect a full house. A number of our Foundation Members will be our guests. Please book by emailing: mmvr1@netspace.net.au. Seating requests will be considered as will any specific dietary requirements - provided they are indicated at time of booking.



Payment can be made by Direct Debit to Probus Club of Beaumaris Inc 063 1441 - 1012 1288.

NOTE: Please include your name and "Anniversary Dinner" on the Direct Debit. You may also pay by cheque. All inclusive cost: \$55 pp.

Time: 6.30 for 7 pm.

Parking under cover available.

**This promises to be a great night of fun.
We hope you will come and join us.**

June

Tour to 'The Briars'
Wednesday June 6

So far we have a disappointing number of only seven members participating. Our friends at Beaumaris Bay are adding another seven participants. However, the total of 14 is short of the required minimum number. Please let me know at the May meeting whether you would like to join the tour!

ARCHIBALD.PRIZE.2012



The 2012 Archibald Prize winners will again be on display at The **TARRAWARRA** Gallery – just past Healesville – from June 9 to July 8.

Last year this exhibition at Tarrawarra attracted some 50 000 visitors in one month.

ARE YOU INTERESTED???

Depending on your interest, we can arrange for a comfortable bus to pick you up from Beaumaris and deliver you safely home. The cost of a comfortable bus for up to 48 passengers would be \$41pp. A less-comfy 24-seater bus would be \$30pp – you would also be delivered home safely. The cost includes admission to the exhibition (\$10 for seniors). Lunch would be by your own arrangements – there are plenty of choice lunch establishments nearby in Healesville.

We will proceed with arrangements only if there is sufficient interest. Please let Menno know by email (mmvr1@netspace.net.au) or in person at the next meeting. Your earliest response to this opportunity would be appreciated.



Railways in India

No of passengers killed in 2011: 381

No of casualties: 844

No killed walking on the tracks (per day): 40

Total per year: 15 000.

The Age 14/4/12

You're never too old to learn something stupid

Taking the Long View

A thought-provoking presentation by Air Commodore Michael Rawlinson entitled Big Picture - Long View on the future of our planet, may have taken some of the shine from our day at the April meeting. We have twenty short years to address the increasing world-wide problems that will occur during the 2030-50 'bottleneck' years, he says; that is, problems caused by rapidly-expanding world population - including longer-living aged people in developed countries and a burgeoning growth of younger people in developing nations. As he sees it, the human impact of these changes will create a depletion of resources including essentials such as food, energy and water. Michael is not a 'greenie' - he thinks the carbon tax is a useless encumbrance in such a large but essentially under-populated country. He despairs of the very short-term attitudes of governments of all international, political and religious persuasions who are not doing enough to slow the degradation of our environment. As we are all citizens of the world, breathing the same air and affected by the same disasters such as terrorism, tsunamis or financial upheavals on Wall Street, he would like our politicians to start taking the long view and address the future needs and lifestyle of their grandchildren.

Alan Williams



Left: Ivan Prince and the Keynote Speaker, Air Commodore Mike Rawlinson Right: Noel Ineson, Norm Griffiths and President Bruce Tomkins engage Air Commodore Rawlinson

Victoria Cup



That Cup

Amid much mirth, Eric Slater accepted the vaunted Victoria Cup – the result of a fierce annual play-off between Victoria and Southern golf clubs. Better luck next year, guys.

PS: Digital Technology

For those who were at the meeting on Tuesday May 1 Geoff Wade says the correct download for FastStone photo editing program is [FastStone Image Viewer](#).

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Never One Shot in Anger

Right: The Sunderland



Les Hall related several amusing anecdotes from his experiences in WW2. Serving in the Australian Army in 1941 as a member of an anti-aircraft gun crew stationed on Coode Island in the Yarra, adjacent to Fisherman's Bend, the only action he encountered occurred at 2.30 am one morning when he fired on an unidentified aircraft flying over their position. They missed the target, fortunately, as it was later identified as an RAAF aircraft on exercise from Point Cook! The following year, Les decided that the Air Force could be a better option for him and spent many months learning to fly various aircraft from Tiger Moths to more sophisticated planes such as Beaufighters and other multi-engined aircraft. He was enjoying an interesting and fairly relaxed war when he was transferred to New Guinea where some fighting was still continuing in the mountains. Here he flew Sunderland Flying Boats, based in Port Moresby, transferring troops and supplies between Northern Australia, New Guinea, and Bougainville. Les claims that during his years of service, he never fired a shot in anger; nor, to his knowledge, did anybody take a shot at him.

Alan Williams

The Sandringham Club: Our New Premises



Over the past two months, club members have been adjusting to the new premises at The Sandringham Club and the general consensus seems to be that the facilities are superior to the RSL at Beaumaris – despite the fact that parking can be problematic and we are still learning to share the spaces available. The lunch menu has received accolades (thanks, Scott) so there is an open invitation to all members to think about staying for lunch and fellowship. Come and join us and give it a try! In the meantime, maybe a bit of car-pooling can solve the parking problem. Let us know if you have room for someone in your car.

PS: Members' Register

Doug Reid's details were inadvertently omitted from the 2012 Register so they are provided here:

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5/19-21 Jellicoe St, Cheltenham, 3192. 9585 3868. Born 1916 Carnegie. 2 Aust HAA Regt '40-45 ME & NG. Finance, Ret Dir Georges of Collins St. Theatre, cinema, TV, classical music, golf (Kingston Heath), spectator football & cricket. [Club '94]