

# NEWSLETTER

**PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.**

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday November 18 The Sandringham Club



Keynote Speaker: Bernard Harford, B AgSci, MBA  
Former CEO of Victorian Artificial Breeders (VAB)

Topic: Genetic Improvement and Modification of Animals

10-Minute Speaker: Richard Phillips The RAAF Museum at Point Cook



After 25 years with the Department of Agriculture, Bernie Harford became Chief Executive Officer of Victorian Artificial Breeders (VAB), a farmer-owned co-operative established in the 1950s to commercialise the technology of artificial breeding, primarily for dairy farming. During his 16 years with VAB, Bernie led the organisation through expansion and the changes necessary to maintain competitiveness in a challenging environment marked by drought and structural and economic pressures faced by the dairy industry. VAB re-organised to become Genetics Australia and is now the largest supplier of Australian-proven genetics to the Australian dairy industry. Bernie led GA to pioneer a new role in research targeting the next generation of artificial breeding technologies - including research in genetic modification, cloning and DNA-based technologies



**INVESTMENT GROUP 8.45 AM BEFORE NOVEMBER MEETING**  
**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL GUEST** Paul Fleming of the Department of Human Services providing financial information services re retirement and accommodation  
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## PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

### Office Bearers 2014

* President: <b>Peter Harford</b>	9592 6797	* Vice-President: <b>Kevin McDonnell</b>	9598 8209
* Past President: <b>Peter McGregor</b>	9533 4760	* Secretary: <b>Alan Stevens</b>	9597 0235
* Treasurer: <b>Geoff Carlson</b>	9589 4884	Auditor: <b>Don Lobb</b>	9598 5546
* Activities: <b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120	* Assistant Functions: <b>John Green</b>	9580 6820
* Meetings: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593	Assistant Meetings: <b>Keith Ross</b>	9589 3580
Almoner: <b>Andrew Watson</b>	9589 5913	Archive & Grapevine: <b>Roy Petch</b>	9589 5757
President's Table: <b>David Robertson</b>	9551 1930	Sommelier: <b>Bill Green</b>	9596 1548
Speakers' Recorder: <b>Alan Williams</b>	9598 7550	Audio Visual: <b>Paul Crompton</b>	9583 1310
Projectionist: <b>Philip Stewart</b>	9589 3309	* Committee Members	

### Interest Groups

Bike Riding: <b>Noel Ineson</b>	9589 5263	Bowls: <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143	Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Investment: <b>Barry Donaldson</b>	9598 6446	Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982	Tastes: <b>Peter McGregor</b>	9533 4760

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



## PETER HARFORD

**“..we cover a very wide range of activities sufficient to cater for the multiplicity of interests of our members”**

At our last meeting, it was a pleasure to induct Mal Carter as a new member of our Club and also to have, as a guest, Ross Brown who we expect will be inducted at our next meeting. Both Mal and Ross are members of the Sandringham Probud Club which is struggling with its membership and it is very possible that it may not survive.

In contrast, our Club is maintaining its membership at about 120, despite the very sad loss of two members in the last month in Kevin Wood and Robert Dun. Robert in particular was a very active club member especially in relation to our theatre activities and his contribution will be sorely missed. Why the difference between our clubs? In my view, the major reason for our current position is the large number of volunteers we have to drive and manage our many and varied activities. There is no doubt we cover a very wide

range of activities sufficient to cater for the multiplicity of interests of our members.

However, what we do is very much a reflection of the efforts and enthusiasm of our organisers. The loss of Robert is significant because he was so enthusiastic about the Theatre Group to the extent that he was always encouraging us to attend and his enthusiasm was infectious. At our October meeting, I asked for a volunteer to take over from Robert. John Green is covering on an interim basis but now Tony Bowles has agreed to take responsibility for Theatre. We thank both John and Tony for offering their time to organise an activity which brings so much pleasure to so many of our members.

*Below: Would-be member, Ross Brown, and new member Mal Carter, chat with our very own Bill Green; President Peter and Keynote Speaker, Tony Knight; and the President introduces Mal Carter to members at the October meeting*



# NOTICEBOARD

## Important Investment Group Meeting ★

8.45 am as usual. Topic: Retirement Homes  
**UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUTURE NEEDS**

Speaker: Paul Fleming from the Department of Human Services  
Chairman: Alan Trumble

## The Ubiquitous Bikie Group



*Above: The most photographed activity group within the entire Club – they just love having their picture taken, as you can see! From left: Tony Bowles, Ken Beadle, Roger Wilson and Helene Knight. The empty chair is for group photographer and reporter Geoff Carlson.*

Bike riders Ken, Tony, Roger, Geoff and Helene had an enjoyable ride from Black Rock along the bike path beside Beach Road and along the beach from Mentone to 'Mordi'; then beside the 'Mordi' Creek to Waterways, followed by coffee and cake at the lakeside Nest Cafe. Our next ride, Friday November 28, will probably be along the Maribyrnong River but this will be confirmed or otherwise direct to the bike group by mid-November.

Geoff Carlson

## Theatre

20 seats have been reserved for the matinee session of *Strictly Ballroom* at Her Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday, March 4. Tickets are \$75 pp (stalls) - provided we have a group of at least eight. Payment is required by Friday, December 19. Also, 20 seats have been reserved to see *The Lion King* at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday, May 6 at 1pm. Cost: \$70 pp.

NOTE: Ticketek has a strict policy of no refunds. Please record your name on the booking sheet for each production at the functions table. John Green

## Music Group

The last evening of the year is at 7pm on Wednesday November 26. We will have a mixture of classical and show music with a difference.

Barry Amond

## Discussion Groups

I will report at the monthly meeting on the outcome of discussions on Islam by the two groups on November 11 and 14. The topic is one of the most challenging we have had in the three years since we began.

Barry Amond

## Birthday Boys - November

We are in the process of compiling a complete list of birthdays within the Club. Our records are still incomplete; however, we do know that Nick Caris, John Laing and Allan Small are among our birthday boys for this month. Happy Birthday fellas!

## Bowls Congratulations

At the October meeting, members congratulated Ted Montfort who was recently presented with a Life Membership by the Southeast Metro Group of the Past Presidents Association Victoria. Well done, Ted!

## Prisms

Our planned PRISMS dates for 2015 are:

Tuesday 24 March at Davis residence

Tuesday 21 July at Amond residence

Tuesday 24 November at Nash residence

Bill Davis

## ★ Remember: no monthly meeting in December



*Above: Norm Griffiths, Ron Hunter and Lloyd Jenkins chat; Below: Jeff Sturrock, Bill Davis, Ian Jones and Bruce Tomkins enjoy morning tea*



**Another Amazing Fact: On average, we blink 4 200 000 times a year.**





# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD  
Ken Beadle



## November

**Night Races at Moonee Valley *Legends* Restaurant**

Friday November 21

NOTE: Latecomers can be accommodated provided they pay their \$60 pp on or before November 13



## December

**NOT TO BE MISSED**

**President's Annual Christmas Lunch**

Friday December 12

This year's lunch will be held at Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside (ref Melways 88 H8).

Cost is unchanged from last year at \$55 per head for canapés on arrival, two-course lunch and drinks to a generous limit.

Time: 12 noon for 12.30 pm.

This is our final marquee social event of 2014.

Book and pay now. Payment is required by December 5.

NOTE: Please email any special dietary requirements to Ken Beadle ASAP. Similarly, table seating requests received on or before December 9 will be accommodated.



## February 2015

**Social Croquet and Spit Roast Evening**

Friday February 20

Thanks to Jenny and Tony Bowles, we once again are able to book the Sandringham Croquet Club (opposite the Sandringham Club) for a fun evening from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, February 20.

NOTE: No special skills required!

Unfortunately, the club greens can accommodate only a maximum of 40 players, so register and pay early to ensure your place in next year's first sports outing. Cost: \$30 per head - includes croquet and all food. BYO drinks.



## China Tour



Plans for a 15-day trip to China some time next year around October are at an early stage. Weather-wise, October should be comfortably warm. The holiday would be by air and bus with a 5-day cruise along the Yangtze River. On current prices, the all-up cost should not exceed \$3000 per person twin share. The single supplement would be close to \$700. Members should indicate their interest as per the booking sheet at the functions table at November meeting.

John Green

## Your Family Legacy

Ron Hunter



*Michael Harwood warming to his 10-minute task*

### The Incredible Adventures of 'Housie'

Michael Harwood told us of the wartime escapades of John House (Housie), born in 1920, and married to Michael's cousin. He served initially with the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, and was a despatch rider when the Second World War broke out. Posted to Egypt to face the Germans, and then the Italians who had overrun Ethiopia, he told of one action when the 25 pounders could not fire on the Italian position and a company of *gurkhas* was called in. They stripped off and, carrying their feared kukris (knives), silenced the Italians that night.



In 1941 his unit was split into SAS and SBS (Special Boat) with its commander Major Earl Jellicoe known as "The Boss". Each unit was allocated 15 lend-lease jeeps, which were stripped down to carry additional fuel, guns, and sand mats. The SBS were also equipped with *Folboats* (kayaks). The British guard to the Shah of Persia joined them, but were immediately sent away for training. The Boss inherited a car from this unit, and Housie became his personal driver. The unit was sent from Cairo via Macedonia, to help Tito train his fighters in Yugoslavia.....

Michael was just warming to his story when the ten-minute bell sounded. His talk will be concluded at a later date.

Ron Hunter



To-ny Knight and his wife Shelli spoke about using audio and visual images to create a family history. Shelli asked, 'Just how much do you remember of your grandparents?' and 'How much would you value a record of their voices?' She encouraged us to go as far back as we could and start a legacy of memories. They demonstrated how much better it is to pass on a personal record through a talk with the family than to wait till a eulogy is delivered.

The present recording material is rated to last up to 200 years and acid-free paper is expected have a life of 75 - 300 years. A bit to go to match the Domesday book of 1086 in the National Archives of UK and now online - but much better than 'quick pics' in Office-works or Ted's. They expressed surprise at how many in the audience had already prepared, or were in the process of preparing a family history.

For further information see [www.thisismylife.com.au](http://www.thisismylife.com.au)

*Below: Our visit to Government House and LaTrobe's Cottage with members of Beaumaris Bay Probus on a sunny spring morning in early October. The National Trust guides did an excellent job providing information and anecdotes on the first humble dwelling imported by Governor LaTrobe in the 1800s, the grand current palatial building still the largest dwelling in Australia, built in the gold rush years later that century. From Left: The Beadles, the Laings and the Howes.*



**FACT: Annual worldwide cost of cybercrime: more than US\$45 billion.**

Intel Security

### New Member

M C CARTER (Mal & Diana)  
51 East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh, 3165. 9563 7936,  
mob 0409 771 114  
[dianacarter@hotmail.com](mailto:dianacarter@hotmail.com) Born 1940 Melb. BA (Monash),  
Teacher, retailer, salesman. Golf (SGC), music, films. [Club '14]



# Probus Club of Beaumaris

# Events Calendar

Tuesday November 18	8.45 am 10 am General Meeting	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday November 21	Night Races		Moonee Valley ★
Tuesday November 25	2 pm	PRISMS	The Nash Residence
Wednesday November 26	Music Group	7 pm	25 Third Street Black
Friday November 28	Bike Ride		
Friday December 12	President's Christmas Lunch		Southern Golf Club
★	★	★	★
2015			
Tuesday January 20	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday February 20	4 pm—8 pm	Croquet & Spit Roast	Sandringham Croquet Club ★



Left: Lucy Nicholson entertaining the November Tastes crowd - plenty of good Spanish food, Spanish wine and some excellent Spanish music to round off the evening

## LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
- \* A keyboard was a piano
- \* A web was a spider's home
- \* A virus was the flu
- \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
....you just hoped nobody found out



It's going to take me a little longer  
to answer my e-mails now....



★ Payment required

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