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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday October 21 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Tony Knight AIPP M Photog 1 Dip Photog
Topic: Family Legacy: This is My Life

10-Minute Speaker: Michael Harwood

The Story of Housie: Special Air Service or (SAS) & Special Boat Service (SBS)

“For me, the light bulb moment was shortly after the death of my mother when I realised that my children would grow up not really knowing a lot about my parents.

“My Dad passed away nearly 30 years ago and not a day goes by that I don’t think about my parents; I have so many questions I would love to have asked them.

“Sometimes it is not until years later you have these questions and now it is too late for me to ask but I realised that it is not too late for others.”

Tony



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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 HARFORD

At our monthly meetings, we have invited speakers from outside the Club membership. Speakers are usually invited because of their particular occupations and a number of them have a high profile presence in the public eye. We want to hear about their jobs and gain insights into how they manage themselves and their roles given the range of pressures many are under.

Our most recent speaker, Ian Henderson, is a very good example. All of us know Ian from his Channel Two Nightly News presentations. Some of us know him personally from Victoria Golf Club and understand he is a "regular guy" who despite his television presence is a very normal and likable person. However, most of us want to know more: what our speaker is really like; what are the critical pressures of his work and how does he manage them?

Ian covered all these issues very well and he gave us an excellent insight into his newsreader role. However, there

was one very significant takeaway for me personally – this was Ian's positioning of himself at the microphone and also the way he projected his voice. From my position, seated quite close beside him, this was immediately noticeable to me when he commenced speaking. He stood well back from the microphone but spoke loudly and projected his voice with great clarity. Of the speakers we have had, his technique was different and unique to him. To me he was also technically the best.

I suppose I should not be surprised at the professionalism Ian displayed. After all, he *is* a professional and he is in front of a large audience every day, albeit via a camera. He also has been doing the job for twenty-four years. There are things we can all learn from such a very experienced and accomplished speaker.



*Far Left:
New Member, John
Solomon, inducted
into the Club.*

*Left: Keynote
Speaker, ABC TV's
Ian Henderson and
President Peter*

NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group: 8.45 am

Topic: A Review of Current Superfund Rules led by
Two Speakers from Bruce Edmunds & Associates

Bike Group

Noel Ineson



A cool September day, but a hardy few rode from St Kilda under the West Gate Bridge to the Yarra at Pier 35 where we enjoyed refreshments on a sunny deck. We also rode back!
[Photo: Duncan Gibson]

Next ride: Friday October 24; the Maribyrnong River.* We will assemble as usual at the Black Rock beach-side car park at 9 am and drive to the car park on Farnsworth Avenue near the river. We ride along this very beautiful river with its parklands, bridges, jetties, a living museum of the river and a stop at the Anglers Tavern for coffee - a ride of 22 km. Club members and friends are welcome to join this very friendly group.
[*Maribyrnong: Aboriginal for 'I can hear a ringtail possum' "]

Digital Technology Group

The group met on four occasions in 2014. Topics included: computer security (eg viruses and malware); downloading from iTunes and You Tube - how to do it; bundled packages (phones, mobile phone, the internet, pay TV etc); smart TV; bitcoins; remotely turning on lights; show-and-tell favourite apps for iPad and tablets; pen computers; upgrading Windows XP to 7/8; smart lights; iPhone 6; Windows 10; Apple pay systems; and online scammers. In 2015 we will meet on the first Tuesday in February, April and October with another meeting scheduled during August/September. New members are very welcome and are assured of some lively discussion and learning something new each time. Geoff Wade

Revised Members' Register

An updated Members' Register was sent by email to everyone on the email list during the first week of October. If you are not on the email list and would like a copy, please let me know and I will arrange for a copy to be printed. Geoff Wade

Change of details:

Ron & Fay Hunter at The George have changed their phone number to: 03 8599 2252

Victoria Cup Challenge 2014

On September 20th, a tremendously tortuous tussle of two truly terrific teams tested their testosterone and tenacity at the tendentiously titivated, top-drawer, treed and tranquil terrain of Victoria Golf Club to win the prestigious Victoria Cup. Four members from each of Victoria and Southern Golf Clubs entered the close competition. Alan Stevens sank a 30-foot putt to square the first match, with John Pound and John Howe finishing ahead in the other. Congratulations to both teams for games well played in the fun and spirit of the game - particularly at the 19th hole. Result: the team from Victoria was victorious this year so each member has the privilege of displaying the illustrious trophy for part of the coming year. Alan Farmer, Convener

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

The October meetings will not now take place. The

New Member

J E SOLOMON (John & Kylie)

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Born 1945 Melb. BA, B Ed, M Ed. School Principal
C'ttee Ret Principals Assoc, Athletics (Rep Aust Maccabiah Games 1965), fishing, lawn bowls [Club '14]

last meetings of the year will be in November when the topic will be 'Islam'. We will focus on gaining an understanding of the history of Islam and how it has led to the current problems in many countries. Dates: Tuesday November 11 and Friday November 14.

Opera and Music Groups

Barry Amond

The Opera Group is meeting on Wednesday October 29 at 7pm. An attendance sheet will be available at the monthly meeting. The Music Group's last evening for 2014 will be on Wednesday November 26.

Tastes – Gala Spanish Night

see p4 for full details. Book now.

Board Vacancy

Nominations are sought to fill the Board positions (Member/Director) becoming vacant for Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) for the Term 2015-2018. Anyone interested should get in contact with our Secretary, Alan Stevens.

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

Archibald Prize 2014 Exhibition

Thursday, October 30

The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery is the only venue in Victoria to present the iconic Archibald Prize 2014 Exhibition. We will make our own way to the gallery (ref Melways 145 H4 – access from Dunns Road) and meet outside at 10.45 am for an 11 am entry to the exhibition. A group booking should avoid a long wait for entry. Cost of entry: \$8 concession, \$10 adult.

NOTE: Registration and payment by Monday October 17.

After viewing the portraits, lunch at the Gallery café at own cost.



November

Night Races and Buffet
Moonee Valley's *Legends*
Friday, November 21



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We leave by bus from the Reserve Road, at 5pm for Moonee Valley Racing Club for a great evening. This year, the buffet is centred on Christmas fare with a choice of three meats, vegetables and salads, as well as Indian-style curry, Malaysian stir-fry and pastas. Complimentary soft drinks and race books will be on the tables on our arrival. Tote facility in the room (but you don't have to bet on the horses to enjoy the evening). Musical entertainment from 7.30pm. Leave Legends at 10 pm and return by approximately 11pm.

Cost: \$60 (bus and buffet) - drinks not included. Payment is required by November 7. Sandy Bay and Beaumaris Bay clubs are joining us and a second coach has been booked. NOTE: At the time of writing there are only six places left, so pay now to secure your inclusion in this great night out.

Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Road, at 5pm for Moonee Valley Racing Club for a great evening. This year, the buffet is centred on Christmas fare with a choice of three meats, vegetables and salads, as well as Indian-style curry, Malaysian stir-fry and pastas. Complimentary soft drinks and race books will be on the tables on our arrival. Tote facility in the room (but you don't have to bet on the horses to enjoy the evening). Musical entertainment from 7.30pm. Leave Legends at 10 pm and return by approximately 11pm.

John Green & Ken Beadle



December
President's
Christmas



Annual
Lunch

Friday, December 12

This year, our festive lunch will be held at Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside (ref Melways 88H8). The 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 12.30pm. Not to be missed - our final marquee social event of the year. Book now.

Payment required by November 26.

NOTE: Any dietary requirements must be emailed to Ken Beadle. Particular seating re-

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TASTES – SPANISH NIGHT

Where: The Grange
North Concourse, Beaumaris
When: Thursday November 6
Cost: \$55 pp 6.30 for 7
pm



Wines: Special selection of both Spanish and Australian wines @ \$15 per bottle (as usual)



Tricks and

Traps

Philip Stewart talked to the Investment Group about tricks and traps of investing in the mining sector, especially in junior or mid-size companies, which can offer the possibility of spectacular gains. However, fraud aside, it is also beset with many potential traps. His presentation gave members an understanding of how a mining project develops and highlighted several potential pitfalls to be aware of when assessing a potential investment - and some thoughts on when to buy (or not to buy)!

An Itinerant in Italy

Alan Williams



During his seven-week holiday, David Seedsman saw Italy from top to bottom, beginning with the Dolomites on the northern border. He enjoyed the winter period with plenty of snow over the 150 km of ski runs and spectacular winter scenes. Not far away was Venice - his photos highlighted a fascinating city and its winter

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floods that occur regularly, particularly in St. Marks Square, during high tide. Tuscany was next. Amongst the major attractions were the Duomo Cathedral in Florence, Piazza del Campo in Siena, the walled towns of Lucca and San Gimignano – and with not a tourist in sight! David recommends travelling in Italy during the winter months so as to avoid the tourist crowds and long queues waiting to access museums, galleries and other favourite haunts. He rented a car to travel south as far as Bari and Lecce in the heel of Italy, seeing some picturesque villages along the way. He says one needs “the courage of a fighter pilot” to drive there. His wonderful holiday concluded in Rome.

Australia's fastest growing religion: Hinduism
Largest religious group: Christianity (62%)
Percentage of Muslims: 2.2%

Behind Our TV News



September's Keynote Speaker, Ian Henderson, has been the face and voice of ABC Evening News since 1992. He told us of the detailed planning required for the program every day— beginning at midday— when stories and information from reporters, cameramen, journalists and world-wide wire services flow into the newsroom. The selection of items to make the run-down is made according to criteria set by the News Editor, the Producer and Ian himself who writes all his accompanying commentary – using the rule-of-thumb of approximately a third national, a third overseas,

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and a third local news with the aim of retaining viewer interest throughout the program. They also have to be aware of possible legal ramifications in the material while pitching their stories to a mainly adult audience, estimated to be predominately in the 50 years-plus demographic.

Ilan believes television news, as distinct from radio or print, should let the pictures tell the story; that is, with a minimum of accompanying explanation. One thing he deplores is overly emotive language often used by presenters which can turn a simple problem or situation into a looming crisis, known in the Industry as a ‘beat-up’. For example, during the filming of the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Ian wrote a brief script to coincide with the event but allowed viewers

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uninterrupted time to appreciate the moment and the emotional impact of the event. Members were greatly appreciative of Ian Henderson for taking us behind the TV screen.

Alan Williams

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday October 21	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group General Meeting	Sandringham Club	
Friday October 24		Bike Ride	Maribyrnong River	
Wednesday October 29 Rock	7pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Thursday November 6	7 pm	Tastes — Spanish Night	The Grange	★
Tuesday November 11	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Friday November 14	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Tuesday November 18	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club	
Friday November 21		Night Races	Moonee Valley	★
Tuesday November 25	2 pm	PRISMS	The Nash Resi-	
Wednesday November 26	7pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Friday November 28		Bike Ride		
Friday December 12		President's Christmas Lunch	Southern Golf Club	★

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