

# NEWSLETTER

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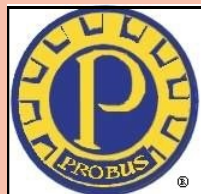
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**Next Meeting:** 10 am Tuesday October 20 The Sandringham Club

**Keynote Speaker:** Ken Piesse Australia's Most Published Sports Writer

**Topic:** Cricket & Football Nostalgia

**10-Minute Speaker:** Mal Carter - The Rigours of Teaching in China

Australian sport's most published living author, Ken Piesse has a rare passion for cricket and football. Ken has written, edited or published 69 books and edited more than 500 magazines on subjects from cricket to football to boating and business.

President of the Australian Cricket Society and a member of the Australian Football Media Hall of Fame, a dozen of Ken's books have been written with leading sportsmen from cricketers Max Walker, Terry Jenner and Brad Hodge through to footballers Dermott Brereton, Jason Dunstall and Tony Lockett. He is also a Beaumaris boy -- and very proud of it.

## **It's painfully apparent Australia is getting poorer - Terry McCrann**

"In blunt and undeniable terms, we are getting poorer. There is little to zero prospect of this trend reversing anytime soon. And it changes everything.

Indeed that metric — net national disposable income — understates the full extent of how both the country and all individual Australians are getting poorer. It incorporates only very partially the fall in the value of the dollar and does not allow for population growth."

At the next meeting of the Investment Group prior to the general meeting in October, the article by Terry McCrann published in *The Australian* on September 5 will be discussed and debated.



★ Further details on p3

Tuesday October 20 8.45 am

## **PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.**

### **Office Bearers 2015**

* President: <b>Kevin McDonnell</b>	9598 8209	* Vice-President: <b>Geoff Bransbury</b>	9589 1507
* Past President: <b>Peter Harford</b>	9592 6797	* 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>John Bushby</b>	9598 7113	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>Peter Harford</b>	9592 6797	Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982	Tastes: <b>Peter McGregor</b>	9533 4760
Theatre: <b>Tony Bowles</b>	9598 7973	Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	9589 3907

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



### **Kevin McDonnell**

We live in interesting and challenging times as has been demonstrated by the recent social upheaval in Europe as people seek to migrate to escape war zones and also seek a better life. Most developed countries are projected to experience a decline in their population in the 18 to 64 years age group, as a result of lower birth rates and an ageing population.

Recent forecasts suggest that by the year 2050 there will be a shortage in the workforce in Europe of around 68 million people. With such a dramatic decline in the workforce, governments will struggle to generate sufficient revenue to meet health and welfare programmes. One option to address this shortage is through migration, a policy successfully adopted by Australia. However, the need in Europe for workers is not now, as most countries are still struggling with high unemployment stretching back to the GFC. Germany is one of the few countries to welcome migrants displaced by civil unrest in Syria. But for those seeking to migrate to Germany, there is now a push-back by a government struggling to accommodate those who have already arrived.

Having just returned from Japan, it is interesting to reflect on their approach to an ageing population. Japan has one of the highest average ages for developed countries and is a country with one of the lowest percentage of its population born overseas - a result of actively restricting immigration. The desire for a homogeneous population is the major factor in its immigration policy. A consequence is that Japan's population is forecast to decline from 128 to 95 million by 2050. This will have major ramifications for the economy which has been virtually stagnant for the past 20 years and is likely to decline substantially by 2050 under the current policies.

Structural changes are taking place in the economies of most developed nations with employment in agriculture being largely replaced by machinery, low-skilled jobs in manufacturing exported to low-cost areas while at the same time the demand for workers with higher levels of education, technical knowledge and skills is rising. Regrettably, the migrants seeking to enter Europe at the moment do not in most cases have the skills required for the emerging jobs.

*Below (Left to Right): members Ron Hunter, Lloyd Jenkins and Don Lobb; Any Watson, Graham Symon and Warren Parker. Bottom left: Tony Bowles and Roger Wilson; President Kevin welcomes new member, Alan Kermond.*



Photos: Ian Maskiell

*Below: President Kevin introduces Keynote Speaker, John Williamson, to talk about the history of The Shrine; and Secretary Alan Stevens thanks him*



# NOTICEBOARD

## Investment Group: 8.45 am

Discussion Topic: *It's painfully apparent Australia is getting poorer* - Terry McCrann

Recently two major financial journalists, Terry McCrann and Henry Ergas, have written articles on how we may need to adjust to a declining economy. At the same time, Don Argus published a long letter to our new PM stating what needs to be done. If you would like to attend, please email Barry Amond and he will send you the above articles. Regardless of whether you are interested in investment, this is of great importance to all of us and our families.

## Directory changes

Alan Small has moved and his new address is:  
PO Box 76 Montrose 3765

His mobile number remains the same but delete his home phone number.

Alan Williams has moved. New contact details:

Alan (& Gwyn) Williams,

5/34 Warleigh Grove,

Brighton 3186 Phone: 9530 6536.

M J Gordon (Morris) 581920120

2/36 Tarella Rd, Chelsea, 3196. 9773 3303.

Born 1927, Scotland.

SA (edin) FRAIA, ARIBA, architect, Brit Army–Royal engineers 1944-46. Travel, golf. [Club '12]

Lachlan McLean has moved. New address:

3/30 Blanche St, Brighton East, Vic 3187

New Phone 9592 7994

New email: lachlansue@outlook.com

## New Member

A J KERMOND (Alan & Bev)

373 Danks St, Middle Park 3206.

Ph: 9690 7927 Mob: 0418 376 395.

ireog52@gmail.com. Born Melb 1935. MBBS FRANZCR.

Specialist radiologist. Golf, music. [Club '15]

## Bike Group

Our next ride is on Friday October 23. This ride will start from the Thames Promenade Chelsea, pass through Bicentennial Park, then south to Patterson River and the Roy Dore Reserve, over the Eel Race and around the Edithvale - Seaford wetlands. We will then return to the Patterson River Bakehouse for a coffee break. A beautiful ride through parklands and wetlands.

Noel Ineson

## Opera and Music Groups

At its meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday October 28, Opera Group will see the acclaimed Glyndebourne production of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* - a light-hearted and tuneful opera of love and temptation.

Music Group celebrates its 15 years anniversary on Wednesday November 25.

Barry Amond

## Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At their meetings on Friday October 9 at 9.30 am and Tuesday October 13 at 2 pm, each of the groups will discuss 'Industrial Relations and Unions'.

## Theatre 2016

We have 22 seats reserved for *Singing in the Rain* on Wednesday, May 18, at 1 pm at Her Majesty's. (This price of \$71 represents a discount of \$19.)

*The Sound of Music* commences at the Regent on Friday, May 13, and we hope to obtain a matinee booking. Tickets are available at a cost of \$67 which represents a saving of \$34. Please indicate ASAP your interest on the booking sheets at the functions table. We will also firm up our requirements for the Brighton Theatre Company for 2016 and again there is a booking sheet for that purpose.

Tony Bowles

## Tastes

Our last culinary adventure for the year is a very special one! We are going Portuguese – or more particularly, Madeiran.

WHERE: Madeira restaurant

325 Bay Street Brighton

WHEN: Thursday November 26  
6.30 pm

MENU: Dips; lamb, fish or chicken espetada; pasteis de nata, coffee and conversation

COST: \$45 per head

Carefully selected red and white wines available @ \$15 a bottle as usual. BOOK NOW.



## China Trip

On Monday, October 5, Tony Bowles and Alan Farmer together with their wives and Les Hall left for China, returning on Tuesday, October 20. We all wish them a most memorable holiday.

## Bet You Didn't Know

The famed classical composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was baptised as Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart



## Birthday Boys – October

Gus Bravo 6/10 Duncan Gibson 1/10

Geoff Goodwin 1/10 Ron Hunter 16/10

Ian Johnson 18/10 Roger Leeming 11/10

Peter McGregor 21/10



# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

## November

### IT'S ON AGAIN!

Night Races & Christmas Fare Carvery Buffet  
Moonee Valley *Legends* Friday November 20



Our annual visit to the races is on again and we will be joined by Probians from Beaumaris Bay and Sandy Bay. The bus leaves from the Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Road, at 5 pm for Moonee Valley Racing Club for a great evening. With a new chef at *Legends*, there will be variations to the Christmas-themed menu. 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. Live musical entertainment from 7.30 pm. We leave *Legends* at 10 pm to be back by approximately 11 pm.

NOTE: Last year, places on the buses were booked quickly, so register soon to avoid disappointment. Cost: \$67 pp (bus and buffet). Drinks not included. Payment required by November 6.



Beadle

Ken

## December

### NOT TO BE MISSED

President's Christmas Lunch  
Friday December 4



Following last year's very successful function, this year's lunch will again be held at Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside (ref Melways 88H8). Cost is \$60 per head and covers canapés on arrival, two course lunch and drinks to a generous limit. Time: 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Our final marquee social event of 2015. Payment is required by November 27.

NOTE: Please advise Ken Beadle of any special dietary requirements and table seating requests by December 1.

## ★ March 2016

Annual Croquet Challenge & Spit Roast  
Sandringham Croquet Club  
Friday March 18

This event is scheduled later in the year than previously to avoid potential heat exposure. Please lock this date into your diaries for the club's first major social event of 2016. More details next month.

*Right:  
Stars in  
action,  
February  
2015*



## Beaumaris Probus Men's Bridge Group

The group has agreed to meet fortnightly at Victoria Golf Club; four two-hour sessions - from 10 am to 12 noon (followed by light lunch if desired). Commencement date: Tuesday, November 10. We hope to have four initial sessions conducted by a tutor (probably 'guru' Jan Clyne). We are looking forward to plenty of fun, stimulating our grey matter and enjoying great company in the process.

Any members interested in joining the group, please let Bruce or me know as soon as possible.

Bruce Tomkins / Alan Farmer

## Vale Colin Walker

Sadly, Colin Walker passed away September 25 and his funeral was held on Thursday October 1. We apologise for the late notice due to the fact of late notification of his passing. Colin was a foundation member of our Club and has been in ill health for some time. He was an inactive member for the past 18 months.

## Holy Ground

As a volunteer guide at Melbourne's iconic Shrine of Remembrance, John Williamson enlightened and educated our members about the history, purpose and physical aspects of our magnificent Shrine. He commenced by detailing the unique location of the Shrine - a direct result of the influence of Sir John Monash - dedicated in 1934 following the first Anzac Day one year earlier. Whilst members were familiar with the most obvious aspects of the Shrine - its position, appearance and general access - they were nevertheless fascinated by many of the less obvious features: such as the fact that it sits on a man-made hill (using soil from the surrounding site), that Monash played a pivotal role in its inception and establishment, that St. Kilda Road had to be diverted to allow Swanston Street direct views of the Shrine, that the design was inspired in part by a building in Turkey designed by Greek architects, that the outside walls slope slightly inwards and that 1 in 5 Victorians attended its dedication.

**"..reminded members of the debt we owe to those thousands of men and women who served in the name of freedom.."**

The eternal flame is of great interest to all but most school children are curious as to how the flame can survive wind and rain. Members were left to ponder the slowly revolving scroll of the 360 000 Second World War servicemen and women from Victoria who served. It was a highly educational presentation that reminded members of the debt we owe to those thousands of men and women who served in the name of freedom from tyranny, acknowledging the significance of "Let All Men Know - This Is Holy Ground."

John Bushby

## Embarrassing Moments

John Bushby



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to create a sense of anticipation amongst members. Such was the case as Alan Trumble took us back to the 1960s - a fantastic time in our youth lived in a safe and developing society. He worked with the Kayser Company in the hosiery industry which was involved in marketing wars with David Jones and Farmers (later Myer). His marketing role placed him at the forefront of competition for market share and his initiatives were very successful; but on occasion they led to embarrassment for him and his company - although, ironically, attracted further business. Our members were introduced to a world of children and helium balloons, leggy blondes and Maserati cars, jazz bands and advertising campaigns. Needless to say Alan's presentation was much appreciated.

title of this 10  
minute talk  
always going

## Travel 2016

I have received three suggestions for trips: visit Myanmar (formerly Burma); Australian Outback at Longreach (April 8 to 15) at a cost of \$2800; or a luxury trip on a private railway in [Africa](#). (Click here if interested.) The duration of each trip would be a matter for general agreement. To gauge the level of interest, a sheet will be available at the functions table. Members are invited to indicate their interest in any or all of these destinations.

John Green

## Wine Appreciation

Our gathering at Kevin Mc Donnell's home on September 22 was attended by thirteen Probus connoisseur wine tasters. A record attendance of members tasted, shared around and well and truly consumed six excellent bottles of red wine. Rod Kelly shared an Australian 2015 Vintage Report from the well-known wine expert James Halliday which caused a fair bit of discussion! Our next meeting is a three-course lunch @ The Lobster Cave, North Concourse, Beaumaris, on Tuesday December 1 @ 12 noon (cost: \$30) with a variety of white and red wines to be tasted with the meal (no corkage). Our first meeting for 2016 has been set at Roger Wilson's home, 35 Church Street Beaumaris, on Tuesday February 23 @ 2pm - all white wines.

Roger Wilson



**Serious wine business** From Left: Garry Sebo, Rod Murrell, John Brimage, Roger Wilson (standing) Geoff Bransbury, Rod Kelly, David Seedsman, John Laing, Barry Amond, John Opie, Ralph Butcher, Kevin McDonnell  
Photo: Alan Farmer

# Probus Club of Beaumaris

# Events Calendar

Tuesday October 6	2 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 9	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday October 13	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Monday October 16	Probus Victoria Annual Golf Day		Waverly GC ★
Tuesday October 20	8.45	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	
Friday October 23	Bike Ride		
October 26–29	Beaumaris Probus Golf Week		Port Fairy GC
Wednesday October 28	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 10	10 am	Bridge Group	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday November 10	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday November 13	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 17	8.45	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	
Friday November 20	Night Races		Moonee Valley ★
Wednesday November 25	7pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday November 26	6.30 pm	Tastes	Madeira, Brighton ★
Tuesday December 1	12.30 pm	Wine Appreciation	Lobster Cave
Friday December 4	President's Christmas Lunch		Southern Golf Club ★
Tuesday December 8	2 pm	PRISMS	The Nash Residence

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