



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday August 21 at The Sandringham Club, Beach Road

Keynote Speaker: Marnie Peterson Manager, Australian Hearing Cheltenham

**Topic: Hearing Loss in Australia – How to Detect It
Also, Aural Rehabilitation and Communications Strategies**

10-Minute Speaker: Roger Leeming "Somewhere it says Something About a Chicken"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Tomkins



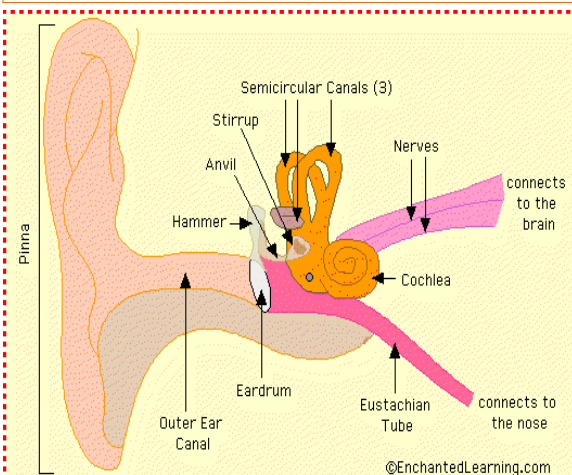
**"the water
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Here we are in August. I always think it is the worst of the winter months when Melbourne people should be going north of Brisbane or overseas to somewhere like the south of France or Italy. My wife Gill has for some years had the wish to spend several months in a rented home in one of those places in our winter. If only! We haven't done it yet.

Our son James has been in London broadcasting at the Olympic rowing for Channel 9 and Foxtel. He and wife Bridget decided they would have a holiday before The Games and James asked his four girls what they would like to do. Bridget said she would like her birthday in Paris. One daughter wanted to climb the Eiffel Tower as her Papa had done (some years ago). Another said a gondola ride in Venice, yet another said the Sound of Music tour from Salzburg, and the other said the Leaning Tower of Pisa. They did all that - but James had been rowing in Dubrovnik

some years ago so they went there also; and to the Island of Vis in the Adriatic Sea. They spent almost two weeks in Croatia – at least ten cloudless days with temperatures no less than 30. They sent photos and comments. I have never thought about Croatia much but it seems to be a very beautiful seaside country, very civilised, with spectacular rocky coastlines, beautiful beaches and marinas, and great towns. I have always thought that both the Mediterranean and Adriatic must be very polluted; but I know the water around the Greek islands is crystal clear and James said the Adriatic is the same. Those countries where people have fixed their problems over thousands of years have really learnt how to do it.

Meanwhile, Gill and I and a couple of friends are going for an 'overseas trip' down to our daughter's holiday house on Phillip Island for a few days. See you soon, sans sunburn.



FACT: One in six people in Australia has a hearing loss, and with the ageing of the Australian population, hearing loss is projected to increase to one in every four Australians by 2050.

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NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group

As usual, 9 - 9.45 am before the main meeting.
Dividends still the only GOLD. Portfolio and exhibits.
Purchase quality yields with strong balance sheets in second half of 2013.
Barry Donaldson

Digital Technology

There will be no meeting of the DTG in September.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 2.
Topic: The Use of Smart Phones with some of our members who have such devices assisting others of their uses and abilities. If you have a smart phone or are thinking of getting one, come along and be helped. If time, we may also discuss the capabilities of Android Tablets such as Samsung, Toshiba and Kogan. An attendance sheet will be available at the September 18 Probus meeting.
Geoff Wade

Opera & Music

The Opera Group will meet Wednesday September 26 at 7pm. The next Music night will be held on Wednesday October 24.
Barry Amond

Discussion Groups

At their August meetings, the Groups are continuing the discussion on 'Future Jobs in Australia'.
Barry Amond

Howlong Golf – October

We have a cancellation from our annual golf trip to Howlong. If you wish to join us for three great days of fun and fellowship, please contact Geoff Wade as soon as possible. Numbers have to be finalised with the golf club motel in the next week or so. For those who have registered, we hope to eat at the excellent Courthouse Hotel at Howlong for at least one of our evening meals. Details as soon as available.
Dates:- Sunday to Wednesday (26 - 31 inclusive) - depart Thursday morning November 1.
Geoff Wade

Theatre

Brighton Theatre Company: A reminder that the third play for the year, *Calendar Girls*, is on Wednesday September 12 at 8pm.
Alan Taylor

Stephen Sondheim's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

"...the lusty conniving Roman slave, Pseudolus, is one of the great classic comic roles – this is ancient Rome via Broadway slapstick and I can't wait to join so many comedic pals in such an outrageous and hilarious farce..."
~Geoffrey Rush



30 tickets for Wednesday December 5 at 1pm at Her Majesty's have been booked. Often described as Broadway's funniest musical comedy - where it played for some time - it is 'a musical which pays homage to vintage vaudeville in an orgy of classic comedy, bawdy stage high jinks and sensational slapstick'. Principal actor in Melbourne: Geoffrey Rush. Payment of \$90 per person or \$65 for pensioners is required by our September meeting.
Robert Dun

Bike Group: Friday August 24

This month we visit the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne which embraces over 100 000 native plants. Our 15km ride around the untouched heathy woodland will include wet lands, a stringybark forest and a lookout tower. On return, we meet at the Boon Wurrung cafe in the Visitors' Centre. At 1 pm, there is a one-hour public tour of the native plant gardens for anyone interested. Last month's ride to Oakleigh took us through a charming 3km long glen with beautiful stands of trees and native plants. It was a pleasant surprise to encounter such a delightful place.

Leaders 2012

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FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Geoff Bransbury
Robert Dun



September

A MUST- SEE



Napoleon Revolution to Empire (at NGV) Friday September 14

There are still a few tickets left but we MUST close off by the August meeting. We will meet at the NGV (travel by train or car if you prefer) and have a guided tour at 10.30am. Lunch is not included but, of course, there are plenty of places nearby.

Price: (Ticket and Guided Tour) \$33.00 or \$29.50 (full pension card - not senior's card) or \$28 for NGV members.

Payment must be received at the August meeting.

October

Guided Walk around Historic Melbourne plus lunch at the *Old Imperial* Wednesday October 17

This will be a lot of fun!

The leisurely 1.5 hour walk starts at Federation Square at 10.30, ends at Melbourne's oldest hotel, *The Imperial*, in Spring Street for a one-course lunch. We visit special lanes (for example, Graffiti Lane), China Town, *Hotel Windsor* and also some historic buildings en-route.

A professional guide will amuse and educate us along the way. You won't believe the stories s/he tells!

Price: \$25.00 (excludes train)



Above: Graffiti Lane



November

BY POPULAR REQUEST

Night Races at Moonee Valley Friday November 16

We had a fabulous evening last year at *The Legends*, Moonee Valley. The food was amazing and the view of the track is stunning under lights. You don't need to be interested in horse racing as this is just a great evening out – but filling FAST! Register now. Why not bring a friend(s)? Bus to and fro. Price: \$60.

A revealing line from the musical *Finian's Rainbow*.
"My family's had nothing but trouble with
immigrants ever since we arrived in this country."
Contact Probus Club of Mississauga South

December

President's Christmas Lunch Tuesday December 11

Please register now for our Annual President's Lunch - perhaps the most important function in our Probus calendar!

This year we will have our lunch at *The Beaumaris*, Beach Road, Beaumaris.

We will have an excellent two-course Christmas lunch plus coffee. Drinks are included to a reasonable float. Of course, we will have our usual free raffles with great prizes and more. b innit!

Cost (virtually the same as in past years): \$57.00

We look forward to your company!



2013

Cruise Melbourne - New Zealand - Melbourne
13-night cruise on *Dawn Princess*. From March 16.
Full details: see July newsletter.



"..considering surface water resources, not including groundwater, Australia has 10 941 cubic metres per person. The corresponding figure for Israel is 341, the UK 2 041, Germany 2 421 and the US 9 011."

Quadrant magazine, March 2012



Honouring Our Foundation Members

Some of our Foundation Members were unable to attend the Club's Gala Night in Brighton in July. Accordingly, they were awarded their framed certificates at the July meeting.

Alan Reith (above) seems particularly chuffed to be awarded his Certificate of Commendation. Well done, Alan.

New Member

◀ M J GORDON (Morris) ▶

2/36 Tarsua Rd, Chelsea, 3196. 9773 3303. Born 1927, Scotland.
SA (Edin) FRAIA, ARIBA, architect, Brit Army—Royal engineers 1944-46.
Travel, golf. [Club '12]



President Bruce welcomes Maurice Gordon to Beaumaris Probus

Membership

This year (2012), 114 members with three (3) inductees' for August totals 117. Our current average attendance to meetings is 70.29. The average age this year is 79 years 6 months.

You can see the great excitement in Gerald's eyes (below)



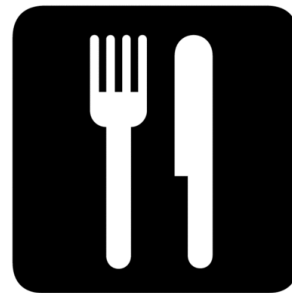
Hooked on Fly Fishing

Before retirement Gerald Ettershank was introduced to fly fishing and became completely 'hooked'. He started his fishing exploits on the Yarra, behind the shopping centre at Warburton; and when that didn't produce a result, his mentor took him a bit further up-stream where he managed to catch his first trout. After that, intoxicated by the sport, he was enticed further inland - to the Goulburn, of which he knew almost nothing, and then to the Mitta Mitta in New South Wales. This led him on to trout fishing adventures wherever there were fish, including numerous trips to New Zealand, Tasmania (22 times at last count) and more recently to Bright. But getting involved meant purchasing the essential equipment - rods, reels, lines, waders, wading boots and vests; and of course, a 4-wheel drive! In pursuing the passion that has overwhelmed his life, Gerald reminded us all to chase our own dreams and 'give it a go!'

Alan Stevens

NEXT TASTES

Thursday October 18 6.30 pm
Location: To be advised
Wines: Gold medal-winning Marlborough sauvignon blanc; and Heathcote shiraz. \$15.



If all the gold that has ever been mined throughout the world were to be piled in one place, it would make a pile 20m x 20m x 20m.

The Greatest Show on Earth?



Roger Wilson's passion for the Olympics started in 1956 as a boy following the rowing. He has since broadcast rowing for the ABC over 40 years and has written for both *The Age* and *Herald-Sun*. Key points from his address include: The 4700 gold, silver and bronze medals to be awarded are safely kept in a vault in The Tower of London (along with the Crown Jewels). Over 200 countries will compete in London with more than 10 000 competitors. Sponsorship rights total over \$1b and more than \$3b in broadcast rights. Over 28 000 media people will cover the events and Foxtel will transmit 3200 hours' coverage on eight channels. Compare this with a total 500 hours in Beijing.

For the record, Roger predicted: 20 gold – ie. three more than our previous best in Athens. He said Sally Pearson will win gold in the 110m hurdles and the Opals will win Women's Basketball gold (silver only at the last three Games). In the Canoe/Kayak sprint, Ken Wallace will repeat Beijing with gold. Cycling BMX World Champion Sam Willoughby will win gold and in Track Cycling, Anna Meares will win gold. Australia will win two gold in Diving; the Kookaburras will win gold in Men's Hockey and in Rowing; in Swimming, James Magnussen will win three gold, and there will be many others.

Roger will be at the London Games and will share more of his experiences on his return.

Alan Stevens

President Bruce Tomkins shares some of his Olympic stories with Keynote Speaker, Roger Wilson, at the July meeting.



An important fact: There are more chickens than people in the world