



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday July 19 at Beaumaris RSL

Investment Group: 9 am Is the International slowdown cause to convert stock to cash ? More p4
10-Minute Speaker: Brian Burton A Humorous Dissertation

Keynote Speaker: Ms Annette Wilson Royal Australian Flying Doctor Service

Topic: All about the unique aero-medical health service for those who live, work or travel in outback and regional Australia.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



President Alan Farmer

*So what is a wise man?
He has a clear sense of who he is and what he is supposed to do*

While cycling is an aid to maintaining good health - a view Noel Ineson certainly supports - last month, Gabriel Gaté provided another aspect of the Tour de France: its tastes. His wisdom, experience and charisma led many of us to think about planning a trip to France to enjoy the food and wine. But I was also impressed by the wisdom and experience shown by our members at that meeting when they agreed to discuss the pros and cons of difficult subjects. Over the years, members of Beaumaris Probus have proven themselves to be well endowed with wisdom - a priceless possession. Since before the time of King Solomon, wisdom has been associated with making judgements or decision-making, a skill often used by professional and business people. So, what is wisdom? Wisdom may be defined as a special ability to perceive, to grasp the essential elements of a situation and judge and act accordingly. One idea from Aristotle was *phronesis*, or practical wisdom, a bridge between the intellectual and the moral; more than mere intelligence. Humility appears to be one vital ingredient of wisdom: the Old Testament's Proverbs (11:2), states, "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but

with humility comes wisdom." In the New Testament, the writer of James (3:13), says, "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." The Buddhist tradition of *prajna* claims to offer the wisdom of liberation from delusion and craving for things beyond our control. So what is a wise man? He has a clear sense of who he is and what he is supposed to do, where he is going and how to be happy in the face of suffering and death. He is able to make the right decisions amidst confusions, tensions and competing interests. However, we can over-emphasise intelligence to the detriment of other equally valuable attributes, including scientific knowledge, methods and experience.

Our last committee meeting set a target for membership. We look forward this year to members selecting another ten men - with wisdom and experience like themselves - to join our club, share our activities and enjoy our company.

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Bike Riding: **Noel Ineson** 9589 5263
Tastes: **Peter McGregor** 9533 4760

NOTICEBOARD

A TASTE OF THAI

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged a very special Thai banquet for our next Tastes evening.

Selected wines include:
2007 Bobby Dazzler shiraz;
2010 Devil's Corner
Sauvignon Blanc and a 2010
Brown Bros Pinot Grigio. \$15

Where: Bistro One11

111 Bluff Rd Black Rock

When: Thursday August 4

Time: 6.30 pm **Cost:** \$40 pp
(must pay July meeting)



Bird Action

Want to get rid of those flying cane toads from your back yard and bring back our native birds? Simple Indian myna bird traps are now available for purchase – or, if you wish, plans for making your own. More at July meeting.
www.indianmynaaction.com.au



Theatre Group

Love Never Dies

The Regent Theatre, Wednesday, August 17 at 1 pm.
Tickets available at July meeting. Allan Taylor

New Technology Group

The August meeting of the New Technology Group will be held on Tuesday August 2 at Barry Amond's house 25 Third St Black Rock at 2:00 pm. The topic will be "Transferring LP albums to CD and MP3" and will be led by Allan Taylor and Bill Cruthers. NOTE: Attendance sheet available at the next meeting.

Howlong Golf

Our annual golf trip (23-27 Oct) is fully subscribed and confirmed with the Howlong Golf & Country Club. All details of competitions and activities will be provided prior to the trip. Although, all places are currently taken, if you would still like to come, add your name to the waiting list as cancellations are always possible.
Geoff Wade

Probus Victoria Golf Challenge

The Probus Victoria Golf Challenge will be held on Friday November 18 at the Drouin Golf & Country Club. 4BBB Stableford Medley is open to all Probians who have a handicap. Entry fee: \$55 (for golf and lunch). Shot-gun start at 8:30 am. Members who are interested should contact Geoff Wade asap.

Are You a Mystery Payer?

An important message from the Treasurer: Would all

those who send money by direct debit please list their name on the transaction and also details of what the payment is for. Reason? Three times over the past month, David has had to chase up 'mystery payers'.

Money bags

This year, July has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years and is called 'money bags'. Why? According to Chinese feng shui, forward this information to your friends and money will arrive within four days. Anyone who does not forward it, will be without money.

Bike Group

Our sixth ride for the year on Friday July 22 will be 25 km along the Williamstown/ Altona Esplanade paths - from Scienceworks museum along the Strand, around the Williamstown headland, through Altona coastal park, around Cherry Lake, returning for our morning coffee at the very popular Strand. There are attractive views of the city, Westgate Bridge, yacht clubs and old sailing-day precincts including the Timeball Tower at Point Gellibrand. We will assemble at 9:30 am (not the normal 9 am) at the Black Rock clock tower car park on Beach Road. Contact me at 0408 397258 if unable to make it. Our fifth ride in June along the main Yarra Trail with Geoff Carlson (right) as trail blazer was a real surprise with views along the river, a gorge with strongly flowing rapids and a final moderate climb up to the Westerfolds Park Mia Mia Gallery Café. As well, we were pleased to welcome newcomer Walter Povey who hails from Beaumaris Bay Probus Club.
Noel Ineson



Music and Opera Groups

30 members of the Music Group met on June 29 and enjoyed a wonderful program including works by Mozart, Beethoven, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn. We started with a performance of Mozart's Second Piano Concerto, composed when he was 11 years old. After a winter break, the next meeting of the Opera Group will be on Wednesday September 28. The Music Group meets Wednesday October 26.
Barry Amond



"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Geoff Bransbury & Robert Dun



July

Special Event ! Archibald Expo at Healesville's TarraWarra Museum of Art, Wednesday July 27

This Exhibition is only on this month, July, so time is short. We feel many of you may be interested. Due to the very short timeframe, we hope to organise a car pool – instead of a bus. Cost of entry: \$5.00. Lunch extra on the day. If you are at all interested, please contact Geoff Bransbury ASAP (0416 294452) - or even immediately.



August

Tour of Historical Toorak, Visit to Toorak House and Gourmet Lunch Wednesday August 10

Toorak House is a classic residence in St Georges Road and was once home to the Governor of Victoria. Our visit will include morning tea. Our chauffeur-driven Mercedes will also take us on a tour of the fine houses of Toorak, and provide a commentary. To be followed by a special two-course gourmet lunch at the *Observatory Café* in the Royal Botanical Gardens. Cost: \$55. Please register now and pay at the July meeting (latest).

September

Yarra Valley Railway Friday September 23

Come on a scenic tour of the countryside on the Yarra Valley Railway. We will also have two-course lunch at the Upper Yarra RSL. This trip is a joint trip organised by Beaumaris Heights Probus.

Cost: \$65pp. (If we have 40+ on the trip there will be up to \$10 refund!)

Please book and preferably pay now to secure a seat. This trip is shared with the four local clubs so there is a limit on the numbers.

October

Night Races at Moonee Valley

"I don't regret a thing I've done ... I only regret the things I didn't do."
Ingrid Bergman

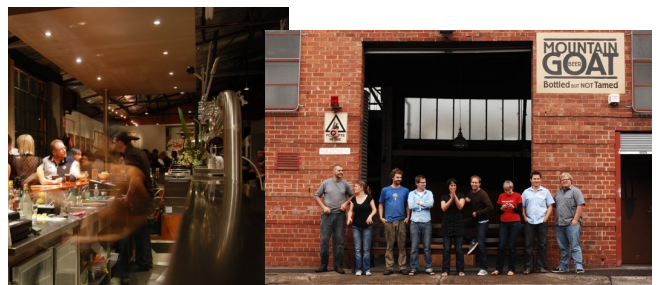
Friday October 7

A bus will take us to and from the Night Races. We will enjoy a sumptuous smorgasbord dinner at the *Legends* bistro. There is a fabulous view of the track but with all the comforts as well. No sitting in a cold stand! Of course, you can place a bet or two if you like but – in addition – there is also entertainment. NOTE: You don't have to be a racing enthusiast to come as this will be a great evening! Cost: \$55 which includes the Dinner and the bus. Please register your interest IMMEDIATELY.

November

Boutique Brewery Tour and Lunch Tuesday November 2

This suggestion received some considerable interest when presented to the meeting! The intent is to have our 'chauffeur-driven Mercedes' take us to a few of the excellent Boutique breweries to taste their wares and then have a good lunch. Details have not yet been finalised so please make suggestions of places you know or would like to visit! So far, Two Brothers (Moorabbin), Mountain Goat (Richmond), James Squire (Docklands) and True South (Black Rock) are on the 'possibles' list. Please register your interest to give us an idea of numbers.



Point Cook Trip

The guide – Jackie - at the Point Cook homestead was a big hit with the boys!! Blonde, pretty and with a great sense of humour!

Happy faces



France, Food & Cycling



Gabriel has just finalized a series of four-minute SBS television programs introducing the different food and wine specialities of the regions through which the Tour de France passes

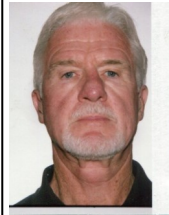
Keynote Speaker for June, Gaelic gourmet Gabriel Gaté - a culinary legend since his arrival in Australia in 1977 and marrying here - guaranteed most of his audience will be tuned to the nightly Tour de France cycling reports on SBS starting July 2. Gabriel has recently finalised a series of four-minute television introductions to the many food and wine specialities along the world-renowned Tour's twenty-one stages. After Day One at the island of Noirmoutier, home of fabulous fresh seafood, we then heard about the special buckwheat pancakes of Brittany, visited on Day Two. Next came the delicious camembert cheese area of Normandy and the Calvados brandy derived from local apples; and on through the Loire Valley, where we learnt about the magnificent goat cheeses and a special Vouvray Chenin Blanc. The Tour progresses through Bordeaux and Provence - where Gabriel explained the intricacies of nougatmaking—before surging over the Alps to Turin where our French maestro praised the variety of Italian cooking. This year, the finishing run is through Grenoble, the heart of the walnut region - and on to Paris and the final sprint around the Champs Elysées, in a city dear to his epicurean heart with its over three hundred fresh food markets. Gabriel's most appreciative audience will surely be amongst the many followers of his introductory culinary treats prior to the (late) nightly live tour reports. Alan Trimble

The Future of Food

In the next 40 years, we will have to produce as much food as the world has produced in the last 500 years. To supply the amount of meat the world will be eating in 2050, we will need to discover three more North Americas to grow enough grain to feed all the extra livestock. CSIRO *Landline* ABC TV (26/6/11) <http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2010/s3253782.htm>

Directory Changes—New Members

Please make the following additions to your register:



►► G R CARLSON (Geoff & Judith) ►►

22 First St, Black Rock, 3193. 95894884 Mob: 0408 568 971. grc44@bigpond.net.au. Born 1944, Melb. FCPA. Golf (rules official), fitness, food & wine, music. [Club '11]



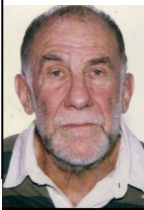
◀◀ G MOTTERSHEAD (Geoff) ◀◀

30 Hornby St, Beaumaris, 3193. 9589 1029. gmotters@bigpond.net.au. Born 1926, England. PhD, BA, BSc, MICE. History, arts, music performance.



◀◀ B W SIMPSON (Brian & Joan) ◀◀

124 Pellatt St, Beaumaris 3193. 9589 6225. Born 1940, Horsham. Golf Professional. [Club '11]



►► P STEVEN (Peter & Liz) ►►

67/15 Beach Rd, Hampton, 3188. 9521 8370, stevenprint3@bigpond.com. Born 1943, England. B.App Sci, MBA. Tennis, golf, skiing, travel, carpentry

Candlelight Dinner 2011

Happy snaps from a night to remember



Investment – July Meeting

As well as the main topic (see p1), comparisons will be drawn between each group's portfolio selections and preferred stocks according to personal polling.

Scott Young of FIIG Securities addressing the Investment Group at the June meeting on equity derivatives. He discussed term deposits, government and corporate debentures and bonds, including hybrids and managed investment products.

