

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday June 21 Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Onnie Wilson

Topic: Lifting the Veil on Afghanistan

10-Minute Speaker: Dick Kirby – A Life of Golf Involvement

Onnie Wilson

My background includes working in education and social sciences and now I am retired, I am active for women's human rights, particularly human rights of women in disadvantaged countries. Over the years I have established direct links with women working for those in need in their local communities and am currently Co-convenor of Women's International Solidarity Australia, the Melbourne based support group for these women.

For the last 17 years I have given my time to supporting RAWA, (<http://www.rawa.org>) the

Afghan women's organisation based in Afghanistan and the refugee camps of Pakistan and former Afghan parliamentarian, Malalai Joya, (malalaijoya.com) co-ordinating speaking tours and fundraising events for both, in Australia. The presentation is my telling of these women's stories: an overview of Afghanistan over the last 50 years and the place of women in a country socially and economically devastated by ongoing war and violence. Life for women has been bleak with few opportunities that we take for granted: education, health care and the chance of work for financial independence. But these feisty women are not daunted and are determined that the future will be better as they demand and strive for change.



Bill Baker and Aub Gamble enjoy morning tea

Happy diners at Japan Inn at April Tastes



President Geoff Bransbury welcomes Simon Appel to the club



Alan Stevens and Alan Kermond discuss the Synchrotron



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Bike Riding: Noel Ineson	9589 5263	Bowls : Ted Montfort	9589 5949
Discussion: Barry Amond	9589 1143	Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	9588 2593
Investment: Peter Harford	9592 6797	Music/Opera: Barry Amond	9589 1143
PRISMS: Bill Davis	9592 5982	Tastes: Peter McGregor	9533 4760
Theatre: Tony Bowles	9598 7973	Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946
Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791	Golf: John Pound	9521 8252

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Geoff Bransbury

I congratulate Alan Kermond for his 10 Minute talk on the Australian Synchrotron. I thought it excellent. Let's face it, it's a complex concept to put across in 10 minutes and some would have resorted to technical mumbo jumbo. Not so Alan, he put across the basic concept in seconds by throwing around a few tennis balls! A picture is truly worth a thousand words. Let's hope a visit can be arranged to the Australian Synchrotron in Clayton before too long.

Congratulations also to Noel Ineson for his joke which lifted the roof. Noel has cemented his place as the Club joke teller now that Andy has stepped down.

On the reverse side the disruption caused by the Sandringham Club opening some 40 minutes late was unacceptable and be assured we are taking this up

with Club management.

I trust you're enjoying the election campaign! Mark Twain's famous quote "lies, damned lies and statistics" may have some resonance as it always does during election campaigns but at least we don't shoot one another. Churchill was correct when he said "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

Another classic Churchill comment when he lost the election in 1945 "Why should I accept the Order of the Garter, when the British people have just given me the Order of the Boot?"

Malcolm won't be offered any order of the Garter but will he get the "order of the boot? Time will tell.



Wine guru Roger Wilson and his band of wine lovers



NOTICEBOARD



Investment Group: 8.45 am

Speaker for Investment Group 21 June 2016 is Bruce Lanyon Client Adviser Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. He has been there for thirteen years and his client base includes super funds, boutique funds, charities and affluent individuals. Bruce works with them to build and preserve their investment portfolios.



Bike Group

Our next ride is on Friday 24th June at Lysterfield Park. We will meet at the Black Rock beach side car park at 9am and be driven along Heatherton Road and up Reservoir Road to the car park alongside Lysterfield Lake. We will be exploring the many interesting bike tracks through the very popular Lysterfield Park, home to the State Mountain Bike Course. The ride will conclude with coffee and muffins at the attractive lakeside cafe.

Noel Ineson

Digital Technology Group

Next Meeting of the digital technology Group will be on Tuesday 26 July at 2:00 pm. Topics to be discussed in July newsletter.

Geoff Wade



Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At the meetings on Friday June 10 at 9.30am and Tuesday June 14 at 2pm the Groups are going to look 20 years into the future!

Opera and Music

On Wednesday June 29 at 7pm the Opera Group will see a great performance of one of Rossini's less known operas, The Gazette, a comedy. This Spanish production is full of colour and vitality with some of his best music. It is surprising that it is not better known as it was written in the same year as the Barber and Cinderella. Not to be missed!

The Music Group's next program will be on Wednesday August 24.

Barry Amond



Birthday Boys – June

Ralph Butcher 24/6	Geoff Cupples 24/6
Bill Davis 22/6	David Robertson 18/6
David Seedsman 30/6	Alan Trumble 25/6

Tastes

Next: Gourmet Italian Dinner

Where: Saltimbocca Charman Rd Cheltenham

When: Thursday August 4

6.30 pm

Cost: \$55 pp

Selected mature wines: \$15 per bottle

Limited numbers. DON'T WAIT. BOOK NOW



Wine Appreciation Group

On May 3rd at the Convenor Roger Wilson's Home—we had 8 of our 16 members enjoy 5 red wines from different parts of Australia—rated by attendees in order (1)2011 Chapel Hill McLarenvale S.A, Shiraz, (2) Margaret River WA - Devil's Lair 2014 Cabernet Shiraz, (3) Bleasdale Langhorne Creek S.A, 2012 Shiraz, (4) Mount Langhi Ghiran Grampians, Vic 2014 Cliff Edge Shiraz, and (5) Hunter Valley N.S.W 2013 Rothbury Estate Shiraz. As usual plenty of chatter—not just on the wines but every other subject under the sun! Our next get together is Tuesday 28th June at Rod Kelly's Home where we will taste a variety of International Wines.

Roger Wilson Convenor Beaumaris Probus Wine Appreciation Group



Bridge

The Bridge Group shuffles from game to game. All members are well suited. They bid eagerly and contract to attend as many games as possible. Enthusiasm is so great they have increased their meetings to weekly, and their playing time by an extra half hour!! The 17 members have benefitted enormously from the recent teaching and guidance of two Bridge Gurus - Gill Tomkins Guru no. 1, and Ian Speed Guru No 2. Undoubtedly Group members would commend the pastime to anyone - particularly someone who has lots of time to listen.

Alan Farmer Bridge Group Organiser

Directory Changes

George Montgomery has an email address: georgemontgomery70@gmail.com.

New Member



◀ S E APPEL OAM (Simon & Barbara) ▶

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sappel81@gmail.com. Born Melb 1941. Dip. Pharm.
Pharmacist, Comp Dir. Golf (VGC), genealogy, garden,
education. [Club '16]

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

July

Golden Days Radio Tour

Wednesday July 13

Local broadcaster Golden Days Radio



(95.7) call themselves

"Melbourne seniors broadcaster playing yesterday's music today". Meet @ 1236 Glenhuntly Road, Carnegie, 10 am. It has three modern



studios with state-of-the-art equipment and broadcasts 24/7. More than 35 presenters, a playlist in excess of 24,000 tracks. All voluntary staff number around 80 people. Travel by car for a 1½ hour tour starting at 10.30 am. After the tour, there will be a light lunch option at your own expense.

Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$5 pp (includes the tour and a cup of tea).

Registration and payment by July 6.

Guided Tour of MCG

Wednesday August 17

First, a guided tour of the inner sanctum of our world famous MCG which should include areas such as the media room, the MCC Library, the cricketer's viewing and change rooms and much more. Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes. We then do a self-paced leisurely visit to the National Sports Museum complex where our own John Green will offer guidance, if asked. There is a wide variety of sporting material and memorabilia and also ample seating. A light lunch is included. We meet at Gate 3 at 10 am. Jolimont station is just 400 steps to our entry. Cost (including tours and lunch): \$45



NEW

NGV Exhibition - Degas: A New Vision

Wednesday August 31st.

This year's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces series exhibition features more than 200 works of one of the world's most loved artists, Edgar Degas. This is a rare opportunity to be immersed in the originality and creativity of this French artist's talent for painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. Degas was fascinated by many aspects of Parisian life - voraciously painting dance halls, cabarets, cafes, race tracks, opera and ballet stages. Similar to last year, we will have a guided tour exclusive to our club members. We will travel independently to the National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Road and meet at 9.45am at the Schools entrance, which is on the side of the Gallery closest to the Arts Centre for a one hour tour commencing at 10am. Cost is \$35 per person which covers exhibition admission and the guided tour. The maximum group size for the tour group is 25 so please register early and pay by Wednesday 24th August latest. After viewing the exhibition, you will have the option to have an early lunch at an NGV cafe at your own expense.



Ken Beadle

Cruise to New Zealand

Please keep in mind our proposed 13-night cruise from Melbourne and return departing March 5, 2017. Golden Princess has a capacity of 2600. Early bookings will ensure that your choice of deck will be satisfied. A booking sheet is available at the functions desk.

John Green

Molly Sasson—More cloak than Dagger



Molly Sasson joined the RAF in 1942 at the age of 19 years. Between 1942 and 1945 she did intelligence work, learnt the Dutch and German languages, undertook the Police course, did photo intelligence work, censorship and the interviewing of persons entering the U.K or who had been left behind by the retreating Nazis. In 1945, attached to the Air Ministry, worked as a War Crimes

interpreter.

1947 saw Molly working jointly with MI6. Her work involved dealing with foreign officials hoping to defect to Britain. She then moved on to photographic intelligence which kept her in Britain with trips to Europe for the next 3 years.

Due to personal issues Molly, who had formerly met Charles Spry, accepted a job with ASIO.

From the highly trained organisations in Britain Molly and her husband were somewhat taken aback by the disorganised and amateurish ASIO in Canberra. Nevertheless she was placed in charge of the highly sensitive "Russian Desk". Over the years with ASIO she encountered many foreign agents in Canberra and a reluctance of her superiors to accept reports of their activities in vital areas of, for example the CSIRO and Department Of Supply. Molly became convinced that ASIO had been, and continued to be, penetrated by foreign agents. She believes that it is quite possible this still the case today.

The forthright manner of this wonderful speaker certainly did not hesitate to identify a number of prominent Australians who clearly were / had been characters who acted against Australian interests. Thus she identified how vigilant Australia must be against an ever increasing danger in a time of social media saturation.

Our members, as expected, were most grateful for having Molly cast some light on the dark side of government morality.

Port Fairy Golf

Our recent successful golf trip to Port Fairy will be repeated in 2017, but it is intended that the subsequent year will be to another part of Victoria, so this will be the last chance to enjoy the charms and great golf course of Port Fairy.

Due to the demand on the beautiful accommodation which we enjoyed on our recent trip, and the desire to enjoy the same next time, we have had to commit and pay a substantial deposit already. We are therefore requesting that those interested in attending next year commit at this very early time by paying a \$100 deposit per person (\$200 per couple).

The dates are March 22, 23, and 24th 2017. Estimated cost for accommodation, golf and prizes, is

\$285 per golfer and \$200 per non golfer in ensuite accommodation. Single accommodation about \$340.

The deposit is to be sent to the Treasurer ASAP, noting that it is for Port Fairy 2017 Golf Trip

Dr Alan Kermond

Dr Alan Kermond in ten minutes clarified the mysterious world of the "Synchrotron".

It appears that the entire world of synchrotron science depends on one physical phenomenon:

when a moving electron changes direction it emits energy. When an electron is moving fast enough the emitting energy is at x-ray wavelength.

Thus a synchrotron machine exists to accelerate electrons to extremely high speed and then make them change direction periodically....emitting energy that can be used in various medical and industrial projects.

A very interesting presentation made even more memorable by the short practical display by three semi-skilled assistants from the audience.



GOLF

Golf Day at Spring Valley

We are running a golf day at Spring Valley Golf Club on Friday September 16th, for all Beaumaris Probosc members who hold a Golf Link Australia handicap.

We have arranged hit off times for at least 4 groups from noon.

Players will be grouped by mixing abilities, and prizes will be awarded

on both individual stableford performance, and a 4 ball better ball stableford competition.

Early lunch and drinks after play will be available at the club.

The cost for green fees and prizes is \$60 to be paid to the Treasurer. We also need to know in advance each player's GA number and current handicap so that we can arrange groups, and print score cards in advance.

If you wish to be included, please fill out the form available from our Treasurer at the booking desk, and transfer or pay \$60 to the Club, specifying that the payment is for Spring Valley. The form can be left with the Treasurer or scanned and e-mailed to John Pound at jaypound@hotmail.com

STOP PRESS

As a result of discussions with the Sandringham Club management, the cost of our lunches will increase to \$20 for the 2 course meal commencing at our June meeting.

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Events Calendar

Tuesday June 14	6:30 for 7 pm	Candlelight Dinner	SandringhamYC	★
Tuesday June 14	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Tuesday June 21	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club	
Friday June 24		Bike ride		
Tuesday June 28	2 pm	Wine Appreciation Group	Rod Kelly's home	
Wednesday June 29	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Wednesday July 13	10:30 am		Golden Days Radio Tour	★
Tuesday 19 July	8:45 10:00	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club	
Tuesday 26 July	2 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third St Black Rock	
Friday 29 July		Bike Ride		
Tuesday 2 August		PRISMS	Amond Residence	
Thursday 4 August	6:30 pm	TASTES	Salimbocca	★
Tuesday 16 August	8.45 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club	
Wednesday 17 August	10 am	Guided Tour of MCG		★
Wednesday 24 August	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock	
Friday 26 August		Bike Ride		
Wednesday 31 August	9:45 am	NGV—Degas : A New Vision		★

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★ Payment required

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