



# NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting:** 10 am Tuesday August 15 The Sandringham Club

**Keynote Speaker:** Alex del Porto, Bayside Mayor

**Topic:** 2017-18 Budget & Strategic Planning

**10-Minute Talk:** Paul Stephens The TAA Whispering T-jet



Alex del Porto was first elected to Council in 1997 and was the Mayor of Bayside City Council in 1998/1999, 2004 and 2010/2011. He has lived in East Brighton for the past 24 years, is married with four adult children.



Cr del Porto is extremely passionate about planning in Bayside and concerned about maintaining Bayside's heritage and character for future generations to enjoy and is also conscious of the growing demand on services for families and older people in the City.

*Left: Mayor, Alex del Porto, touring construction site of the new Dendy Park cricket and soccer pavilion*

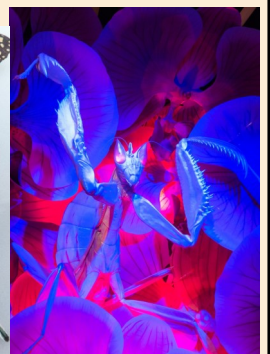
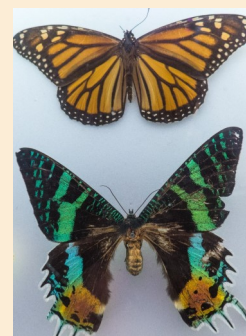


*From left: Alan & Robyn Farmer, John Pound, Alan Stevens*

*Front: Peter McGregor*



*Beaumaris Probud at Bugs Alive! @ the Melbourne Museum in July*  
*Bug Pictures: Alan Stevens*



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

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### **\* Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: <b>Duncan Gibson</b>	9585 3547
<b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982
Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	0418395946
Golf: <b>John Pound</b>	9521 8252

Bowls: <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
Tastes: <b>Alan Stevens</b>	9597 0235
Bridge: <b>Alan Farmer</b>	9598 2791
Theatre: <b>John Green</b>	9580 6820

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



**Ken Beadle**

At our last meeting in July, Barry Hooper gave a master class on the issues associated with electric power generation and supply security (a detail report of which is given on page 5). Barry also coped well with our microphone problems – he is used to lecturing to Chemical Engineering students at Melbourne University. The Federal Government's response to the Finkel Report is expected to be released soon, arguably the most important policy setting of 2017. Unfortunately, all recent governments have been blind to the huge problems caused by the lack of firm policy on new power generation facilities and now show lamentable ignorance on the costs and time required to design and install new power generation and storage systems. Inevitably, electricity prices will continue to rise without government support if Barry's trilemma of reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, a mix of power generation technologies and security of supply remains unresolved.

About 50 completed the questionnaires that were handed in at our last meeting, an encouraging number from the 65 members attending. This survey is a great opportunity for all members to make constructive suggestions on improvements and new initiatives that they would like to see as well as being given the opportunity to register an interest to participate in the management of our club. Members who have not yet responded are requested to fax, email or mail their completed questionnaires to me by August 9. I will be analysing your responses and preparing a summary for discussion at the August Management Committee meeting. We will have the draw for the bottle of red during the August General Meeting - however, if you don't complete the form, your name will not be in the hat to win the prize.



*Left: Towards the end of his trip, Geoff Bransbury explores the Qantas Museum in Longreach*

*Below (from left): Andy Coogan, Peter Flude and Lachlan McLean; Alan Farmer and Jim Duggan*



*Above: President Ken Beadle welcomes new member, Andrew Mann, and presents his badges and pin*

**He's Home!**

But to catch up with all his exciting adventures,

[CLICK HERE](#)

# NOTICEBOARD

## ★ Global Economic Issues: 8.45 am

Speaker: Chris Renwick former CEO of Rio Tinto Iron Ore and National President of Australia China Business Council

Topic: Iron Ore, China and Australia

Chris will discuss the likely impacts of the iron ore trade and China on Australia's future.

## Bike Group



*Eight members tackled the delightful 'Scotchman's Creek' bike path last month in perfect weather. Needless to say, the invigorating ride and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. We were very pleased to welcome Jim Duggan to our group of enthusiasts.*

Our August outing will be one week earlier than usual, on Friday 18 when we will re-ride the Capital City trail but in the anti-clockwise direction. Meet at Sandringham station at 9 am to catch the 9.05 am train to South Yarra. About 30 km along inner city trails around to Flinders Street Station finish after coffee and muffins at Docklands. All welcome. Please email me if you will be riding. Ken Beadle

## Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

We will next meet on Tuesday September 5 at 25 Third Street Black Rock commencing at 2:00 pm. A range of interesting topics including a discussion on tablet computers vs notebooks vs laptop computers is being prepared. An attendance sheet will be available at the August General Meeting. If you have a topic that you would like discussed, please contact me by email at geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au.

## Bridge Group

Alan Farmer

Recently, the group welcomed new members John McArdle and Geoff Hosie. Our system of mentoring assists new members to develop their skills equal to those of our inaugural group. Also, Alan Trumble has informed us of local Bridge Clubs where our more skilful members can test themselves.

## Probus Annual Golf Trip

Rich River Golf Resort at Echuca / Moama is the venue for our 2018 golf trip. Tuesday March 13 - 16. Bookings have been made for 3 nights in 1 bedroom twin share suites. Costs include 2 games of golf, 3 breakfasts, 3 x \$20 vouchers for use in the resort. Free shuttle bus services. Outdoor pools, BBQ areas, gardens. Putting competition. Prizes. Estimated price: \$450 pp. As the venue requires a deposit immediately, a \$50 pp deposit needs to be transferred to the Probus account asap by interested participants. Alternatives for non-golfers. Full details on the Probus website.

[CLICK HERE.](#)

John Pound

## Reminder: Club Register

Geoff Wade

Please note that if you require information re: a member's phone number or email address, you may access the Members' Register on our club website (updated at the end of June).

## Theatre Events

Members are invited to consider a production of *Equally Divided* by the Mordialloc Theatre Company at 8 pm on Thursday, September 14 at the Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale. Also, the Cheltenham Light Opera Company is putting on a production of *A Chorus Line* at 8 pm Thursday October 26 at the National Theatre, St Kilda. To obtain the attractive concessional booking rates, we need to confirm our numbers well in advance of the above dates. A sheet for booking will be available at the functions table at our next meeting but you may wish to check our website where detailed information is shown.

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John Green

## Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

Nothing further until September

## Music Group

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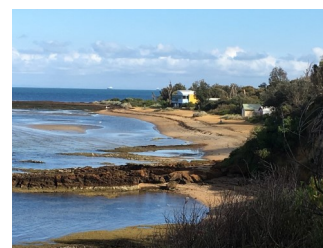
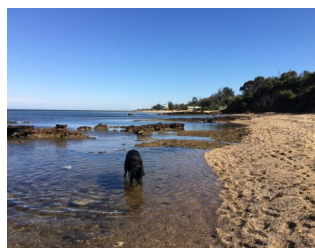
## Mississauga South: CONTACT

Some of our members have been receiving regular mailings of the newsletter from our sister/brother club in Canada. They have now posted all current and past issues of CONTACT on a website that can be accessed easily: [CLICK HERE](#). We invite you to read the newsletters at your leisure to see how a very successful Probus Club on the other side of the world operates.

## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Next meeting Tuesday August 22 @ 2 pm at the usual place: 35 Church Street, Beaumaris



Above: Pictures from Beaumaris beach, including the Dopey Old Bloke (Geoff Bransbury's dog, Maggie (left)

## Birthday Boys – August

Ken Beadle 3/8

Bill Day 25/8

Jim Duggan 24/8

John Green 1/8

Norm Griffiths 29/8

Geoff Wade 8/8

George Montgomery 11/8

Apologies to Simon Appel whose birthday was overlooked last month: 21/7

August 2017

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

## September

### Visit to the Werribee Open Range Zoo and Lunch at the Shadowfax Winery Restaurant

**Wednesday September 6**

Cost \$75 per person including lunch at the Shadowfax Restaurant with a Chef's Tasting Plate lunch.

A visit to Werribee Open Range Zoo isn't complete without an adventure on one of the unique safari buses. Once on board, you will be transported through arid landscapes and savannah grasslands to explore open range exhibits and learn about some of the world's most endangered species. The safari tour is wheelchair- accessible and suitable for all ages. Sit back and immerse yourself in the wonder of wildlife – the most thrilling safari adventure you'll have this side of Africa!



#### Lunch at Shadowfax Restaurant

Chef's Sharing Menu (minimum of 15 adults required) includes:

Charcuterie board of prosciutto, smoked chicken, grilled chorizo, duck pate and more

Wood-fired pizzas and dessert (tiramisu)

## October

### Arthur's Seat Eagle Sky Lift & Lunch at the Sky Lift Cafe (own cost)

**Friday October 13**

We will take the Eagle from the Base Station at 1085 Arthur's Seat Road to the Summit Station. Followed by casual lunch at the Eagle Cafe before taking the Eagle back to the Base Station and drive home. Cost \$21 for return trip from Base Station.

## November

### Visit to RAAF Museum, Point Cook, to see the exhibition and renovation of World War 2 aircraft.

**Thursday November 9**

More details in next month's newsletter.

## December

### President's Christmas Lunch at Southern Golf Club

**Friday December 15**

Cost \$70 per person. More details in next month's newsletter. Sign-up sheet available at the August meeting.

*Photos at the Chinese Museum (below): Alan Stevens*



Click [HERE](#) for more about the museum. Click [HERE](#) for more pictures of the visit.



*Probus members at the unique Chinese Museum - Far Left: Gilda and Norm Griffiths (front), Margie Beadle and friend Left: Alan Nash, Norm Griffiths and John Beaty deep in discussion*

**Beaumaris Probus explores Victoria's early history at the Chinese Museum**

## Clean Power Generation

John Bushby

In his July address, Keynote Speaker Barry Hooper started with a YouTube video on why reducing our carbon emissions matters. [CLICK HERE](#). On the subject of renewable sources of energy, Barry said that foremost among the current problems of solar and wind power was the lack of reliability in creating and storing energy. He then set out to convince us why carbon capture and storage (CCS) is required to achieve clean power generation in Australia. He said that there is a need to balance CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with climate control given that science had finally established that major cuts to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are necessary, a fact recognised since the 1930s when the connection between the rise in temperatures and emissions was first correlated.



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CCS is effected by compressing the emissions and injecting them as a dense fluid into porous rock, the eventual outcome of which is to turn emissions into rock itself – in fact, trapped kilometres beneath the surface, in similar locations to oil and natural gas. The good news is that there are already CCS sites operating in the North Sea (UK), in the Otways (between Warrnambool and Port Campbell) and in Western Australia. With the costs of development having reduced by 30% in recent times, Australia is looking to develop several large-scale projects.

### **Important Reminder**

Ken Beadle

The third speaker in our World Economic Issues series is Chris Renwick who will talk on the Iron Ore Trade and China at 8.45 am before our next General Meeting on August 15. Chris is a former CEO of Hamersley Iron, a Rio Tinto company which has a long record of successful mining and exporting iron ore from northwest Australia. He was also National President of the Australia China Business Council. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend another early start.

### **Vale: Ken Rollason (1928-2017)**

We regret to announce the recent passing of Ken Rollason. Ken had been an active member of Beaumaris Probus from 1996 until he retired in February 2016. Sincere condolences to his family.

## Sub-Zero Hero: Two Winters in Antarctica



Under the amusing heading of “Memoirs of a Sub-Zero Hero”, David Dodd told us of his two winters in Antarctica in 1955. At the age of 21 years, David worked as a weather observer for the Department of Meteorology at Macquarie Island, situated about half-way between New Zealand and Australia and which became part of Tasmanian in 1948. Now a World Heritage site and home to about 90 people, it is completely self-sufficient. Inhabited by many thousands of King Penguins and with eco-tourism thriving, the island was recently cleared of feral cats and other vermin at a cost of \$49 million. Minus temperatures are the norm. David then spoke about Heard and McDonald Islands, both of which are Australian Territories. Located 4000 kilometres southwest of the Australian mainland, they each contain an active volcano. Of particular interest was the fact that Heard Island was established in 1947 but was abandoned after five years due to supply difficulties and is currently uninhabited. John Bushby

### **Global Economic Issues – July**

Members who braved the chilly early morning start on July 18 received a master class presentation from the Grattan Institute's Dr Jim Minifie on Australian Investment in a Low-Growth World. Jim's graphs and tables made for easy understanding of many recent world economic performances. In his view, the boom economic conditions of the noughties are unlikely to return. However, Jim's analysis shows that Australia will remain at or very near the top of slower growth in all developed world economies.

Ken Beadle



*Above: President Ken with the Grattan Institute's Dr Jim Minifie*

### **Terrorism Alert?**

Number of Australians killed by terrorists in Australia in the last 20 years: 3  
Number of deaths from domestic violence 2014–2015: 318  
Alcohol deaths: 15 per day

The Age 26/7/17

# Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday August 8	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 15	8.45 am Global Economic Issues 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday August 18	Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 22	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 22	2 pm Wine Appreciation	35 Church Street Beaumaris
Wednesday August 23	8 pm Brighton Theatre Group	
Tuesday August 29	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday September 1	Beaumaris Probus Golf Day	Kingswood GC
Tuesday September 5	2 pm Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday September 6	Werribee Open Range Zoo	
Friday September 8	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 12	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday September 14	8 pm <i>Equally Divided</i>	Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale
Tuesday September 19	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday September 27	7 pm Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 13	Arthur's Seat Eagle Skylift	
Wednesday October 25	7 pm Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday October 26	CLOC <i>A Chorus Line</i>	National Theatre, St Kilda
Thursday November 9	Visit to RAAF Museum, Point Cook	
Friday December 15	President's Christmas Lunch	Southern Golf Club

