



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday March 19 at The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Barrie Peel Peel Cruises of Lakes Entrance

Topic: Cruising the Gippsland Lakes for over 90 Years

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The tranquil Gippsland Lakes - the largest inland network of waterways in Australia - are a system of coastal lagoons separated from the Tasman Sea by the coastal dunes of the Ninety Mile Beach. The lake system covers an area of about 354 km². Seven rivers terminate at the lakes - the Latrobe, Avon, Tambo, Nicholson, Mitchell, Macalister and Thomson rivers. There are approximately 400 indigenous flora species and 300 native fauna species. Three plants, two of them orchids, are listed as endangered. The lakes are home to about 50 of the recently described species of Bottlenose Dolphin.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BRUCE TOMKINS



Despite all this, we are still smiling (just)

Gill and I previously had an apartment at Main Beach on the Gold Coast; we also like Byron Bay and the Sunshine Coast for warm holidays. We wanted a similar holiday this year and thought of Port Macquarie. Gill's parents retired from Melbourne to Port in the late 60s. Living in Sydney, we spent a lot of time there and loved the warm climate. We arrived Thursday February 21; now March 4, we have had just one day on the beach. We arrived in pouring rain and gale force winds— it has not let up until (hooray) today. The river has flooded, evacuations have been ordered in some areas and the water is dirty and full of debris including large logs and live cattle, discoloring the beach water and littering every beach.

Despite all this, we are still smiling (just) and today shows promise. But enough of that. For my last editorial, I would like to say that I have been proud to have been so involved with such an active, vibrant and successful club. I would also like to thank those who made it so much easier and pleasing to do my job. First, Alan Farmer who asked me to be President and who has always provided advice and help; Peter McGregor for his work on this Newsletter and constant help; John Howe for his help in meetings and provision of all the necessary background papers and correspondence; and also, but by no means least, all committee members and activity organisers without whom the Club would cease to exist. Thank you.

NOTICEBOARD

Tastes Japanese Banquet
FINE WINES AND FINE FOOD!
\$45 pp. Selected wines: \$15 pb
When: Thursday May 2
Where: Okami Restaurant
530 Hampton St Hampton



Digital Technology Group

The next meeting of the DT Group will be on Tuesday May 7 (Note: no meeting in April). The intention is to take the opportunity to update the group on recent developments in some of the topics previously dealt with. Previous attendees will be contacted asking for suggestions and offers of topics.

Geoff Wade

Music Group

Barry Amond

The Music Group will meet at 7pm on Wednesday April 3. See the usual attendance list for completion at the March meeting. The Group's last meeting before the winter recess will be on Wednesday May 29.

Howlong Golf

Bookings are now open for the 2013 Howlong golf trip, October 26-31. There are still vacancies. A great time is assured - and non-golfing partners are welcome. A deposit of \$20 per couple (\$10 single) is payable at time of booking. Contact Geoff Wade, (9588 2593) to ensure you do not miss out.

Bikie Group

Our next ride is on Friday 22nd March. This ride starts from Thames Promenade Chelsea, passes through Bicentennial Park, continuing south to Patterson River and the Roy Dore reserve, over the Eel Race and around the Edithvale - Seaford wetlands. We then return to the Patterson River Bakehouse for a coffee break. A beautiful ride through parklands and wetlands.

Noel Ineson

Investment Group

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Meets as usual 8.45-9.45 am before General Meeting.

Topic: Your Superannuation

Speaker: Simon Briggs

Pitcher Partners

Subscriptions for 2013

David Robertson

Annual subs are now due and will be the same as last year: \$60 pa with a reduction to \$55 if paid before March 31. NOTE: It is ok to pay direct debit. Probus banking details p3. Please pay as soon as possible.

Theatre

Robert Dun

Brighton Theatre Co: Often, ticket holders are unable to attend and tickets are available for others. If you may wish to attend, please pass your name to Robert to be waitlisted. Remaining performances are Wednesdays 5/6, 21/8, and 13/11.

Legally Blonde, The Musical

We have 24 seats for Wednesday July 3 at 1.00 pm at the Princess Theatre. Payment of \$70 per seat to be made by the April meeting.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

The groups will be grappling with 'Multiculturalism' at their March meetings. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Tuesday afternoon group.

2013 Members' Directory

The Members' Directory for 2013 is in an advanced stage of preparation. If you would like to change any of your details, please contact Geoff Wade 9588 2593 or email geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au by the end of March. Similarly, if you would like an updated photo to be taken, please contact Geoff or Peter McGregor.

Change of address:

John Laing has moved. New contact details are as follows:
7/77 Beach Rd, Mentone, 3194.
Ph: 9585 6005 mobile: 0412025666.

The Imperial Russian Ballet Company presents a festival of Russian Ballet.

Robert Dun

A series of excerpts from the world's greatest ballets including from *Giselle*, *Carmen*, *The Dying Swan*, *Le Corsair* and a Can-Can surprise. We have booked 20 seats for Sunday September 22 at 1.30 pm at the *Palais* with payment of \$90 per seat required by our June meeting.

Leaders & Activities 2013

Almoner: **Andrew Watson** 9589 5913
Archive & Grapevine: **Roy Patch** 9589 5757
Assistant Functions: **Robert Dun** 9589 5456
Audio Visual: **Paul Crompton** 9583 1310
Auditor: **Geoff Carlson** 9589 4884
Bowls: **Ted Montfort** 9589 5949
Bike Riding: **Noel Ineson** 9589 5263
Digital Technology: **Geoff Wade** 9588 2593
Discussion: **Barry Amond** 9589 1143

Investment: **Barry Donaldson** 9598 6446
Music/Opera: **Barry Amond** 9589 1143
Newsletter: **Peter McGregor** 9533 4760
President's Table: **Norm Griffiths** 9598 8575
PRISMS: **Bill Davis** 9592 5982
Sommelier: **Bob Matthews** 9583 9958
Speakers' Recorder: **Alan Williams** 9598 7550
Tastes: **Peter McGregor** 9533 4760
Theatre: **Robert Dun** 9589 5456



"great improvements in surgery techniques and treatments"

Tears To Our Eyes

Alan Williams

Local oncologist and surgeon David Dangerfield (above) specialises in men's health problems, with which many members are familiar - kidney, bladder and prostate procedures. One slide showing the facial expression of a patient enduring a digital rectal examination brought tears to many eyes. David said that at least 50% of men over 40 years of age can expect some problems related to an enlarged prostate gland, including weak urine flow and waking three or more times a night to pass urine, sleep deprivation being one side effect. He recommends PSA blood tests annually together with digital rectal examinations for men under 75 to detect early signs of prostate cancer. David spoke of great improvements in surgery techniques and treatments that have extended the life expectancy of patients but emphasised that early diagnosis is important. The volume of questions from the floor was a measure of the interest his excellent address aroused.

New Member



◀ K J BEADLE (Ken & Margie) ▶

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Born 1935 Scarborough UK. MA(Cantab), FICChem.E, FIEAust. Resources ind, marketing, Rotary, cycling, bowls, bridge [Club '13]

Below: New member, Ken Beadle, being welcomed by his proposer, Menno van Ruyven, and presented with his badges by President Bruce



Office Bearers 2013

President:	Bruce Tomkins	9591 0076
Vice-President:	Peter McGregor	9533 4760
Past President:	Alan Farmer	9598 2791
Secretary:	John Howe	9598 2429
Treasurer:	David Robertson	9551 1930
Functions & Activities:	Geoff Bransbury	0416294452
Meetings:	Bill Green	9596 1548
Asst Meetings:	Duncan Gibson	9585 3547

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No of people in the world: 7.1 billion
No of mobile phone connections: 7.4 billion



Williamstown Ride

Above: an impressive sight - giant container ship on the Yarra Right: Williamstown Angling Club boat harbour. Below: To the victor the spoils; the prestigious Victoria Cup presented to captain Bill Green (SGC) by Eric Slater.

Victoria Cup

Following a decision by the VC Committee, a challenge for this noble award may be attempted by any two Beaumaris Probus members of the same golf club who can form a team to represent them by enlisting any other two members of our Club. See me for more details. Alan Farmer



Gourmet Tastes

Our first Gourmet Tastes was a great success. Many commented on the fine Argentinian food (and wine), the setting, the conviviality. Look out for another Gourmet Tastes later in the year— and a couple of nice surprises, as well.

Below: Some of the action at True South in February at the first Gourmet Tastes night: Bill and Judith Davis in conversation with Iris Hickey; Eric Slater and Barry Amond playing up; Judith Carlson, Yvonne Robertson, The Wades et al.



Another Interesting Fact : The world's population is currently growing at a rate of around **1.10%** per year (estimated 75 million per year). The annual population growth rate reached its peak in the late 1960s (**2.19** percent). UN projections suggest world population will stabilise at just over 10 billion persons after 2200. Can hardly wait.

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Geoff Bransbury Robert Dun



March

STOP PRESS

Williamstown

Wednesday March 20

Definitely don't wait to the next meeting...It's too late. Call Geoff Bransbury now and join us on this day of surprises! We may go aboard one of the Sea Shepherd ships if they are back from their drama in the Antarctic Ocean. With Jacqui, our guide, it is guaranteed to be fun! Jacqui will take us to some unusual places, for example, the Williamstown Opium Den (famous for Miss Fisher's murders), the morgue and other places too. A casual fish and chips for lunch. Only \$30. We travel by train. Details later when we have numbers finalised. Call Geoff 0416 294452 TODAY or email: gbransbury@gmail.com.

April

Living legends and the Woodlands Historic Park

Wednesday April 17

This trip comes highly recommended by other clubs. We will see retired champion horses, (Fields of Omagh, Might and Power, Rogan Josh etc.) Wander through the magnificent gardens and historic homestead, see countryside as seen by the early settlers and enjoy a hearty two-course lunch!

Bus leaves Community Centre at 9 am returning at 5 pm. Cost \$63. An interesting and leisurely day. Please come and join us.

May

BY SPECIAL REQUEST

Lunch, Afternoon Tea on Puffing Billy

Wednesday May 15

The Dandenongs will be in full colour as we puff along in our own restaurant car, nibbling on a gourmet light lunch (typical menu: cured meats, smoked salmon, seasonal roast vegetables, pate, mushrooms, olives and aioli, cheeses, breads). We spend a little time at



Emerald Lakeside Park and on the return trip have scones with jam and cream, tea/coffee. What more could you want? Wine, beers, soft drinks available at reasonable prices. Car pool travel to Belgrave and back.

A very special price of \$55 which includes lunch, Devonshire tea and ticket. Amazing value. Numbers are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

June

NEW

Treasures of Afghanistan

Wednesday June 19

Another magnificent visiting exhibition at the Melbourne Museum, not to be missed! 230 remarkable, ancient artefacts only recently discovered, plus amazing stories of intrigue and bravery. Afghanistan was at the heart of the Silk Road - the trading route travelled by Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Marco Polo - linking ancient Iran, Central Asia, India and China. These artefacts were thought to be lost or destroyed in war, but in 2003 they were uncovered from vaults inside the presidential palace where they had been placed in secrecy by a few courageous staff from the National Museum, Kabul.

We have reserved some tickets for a special 10.30 am viewing. When we know numbers, we will decide whether to organise a bus, cars or train. Tickets \$16 concession, or \$12 if a Museum Member. Please book your ticket ASAP so we can finalise early.

July

Tropical North Trip

Ricketts Point Probus is arranging a unique trip to outback Queensland (July 31 to August 12). Cost: \$4330 pp/ts - \$690 single supplement. Cost includes airfares Melbourne to Brisbane and Cairns to Melbourne and virtually all meals. Stops include Longreach, Winton, Gulf of Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Karumba, Cobbold Gorge, Undara Lava Tubes, Karunda and Cairns for three nights. Detailed itinerary from Robert Dun.