



NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday November 21 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: John Van Wisse

Topic: From Arch to Arc

10-Minute Talk: Geoff Cupples You Can Bank On It

Our November guest is John van Wisse, our local ultra triathlete champion and until recently, the world record holder for the Arch to Arc triathlon event. We will be showing a highlights version of the DVD of his record-breaking achievement followed by a Q&A discussion. Please invite your friends, particularly any aged 70 years and under, for what should be a great final 2017 monthly meeting and perhaps persuade your guests to join our ranks in 2018. [More](#)

President Ken Beadle

Members' Very Successful Visit to the B-24 Liberator

More pictures click [HERE](#)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



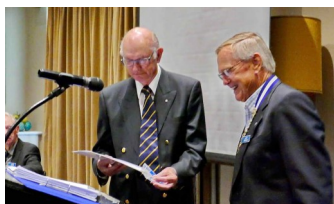
Ken Beadle

At its October meeting, the Committee discussed updating of the Club Risk Management procedures to more fully cover all club activities. The aim is to ensure all events are conducted in a safe manner and documented adequately so that everyone is covered by the Probud South Pacific insurance policy. Associated with this is an update of the Member Register so as to include the name and phone number of the person to be contacted in an emergency. All members will be contacted by email in the near future by Geoff Wade for this information; also for provision/confirmation of the member's mobile phone number.

Modification is required to the decision advised in last month's newsletter regarding seating at major functions. Single members and widows/partners of deceased members may send a request to John Beaty a minimum of seven days before an event to seat them with a person of their choice. Everyone at a table should have at least one person with whom they are comfortable.

The bike group's November ride is from Bairnsdale to Orbost and return on the rail trail over three days from the 23rd to 25th. We will be out of mobile phone range along some of the route and need to take a satellite phone to make contact in case of an emergency. If you are able to facilitate such a loan please contact me.

This is the last newsletter for 2017 and I wish all readers a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year of Probud activities and fellowship.



*Left: Garry Larkin and Chris Renwick are welcomed as new members to the Club by Grant Sabin and Peter McGregor, supervised by President Ken Beadle
Below: Keynote Speaker, Tony Dicker, with President Ken and thanks from Alan Kermond*



NOTICEBOARD

Discussion

Barry Amond

In October, members grappled with Jonathan Haidt's book *The Righteous Mind* and despite interesting discussions didn't reach a conclusion on how we form our different views and opinions. The topic for November will be Global Warming/ Climate Change - an update. The meetings will be on Friday November 10 at 9.30 am and (for this month only) the Tuesday group will meet at 2 pm on Monday November 13.

Music and Opera Groups

Barry Amond

The next evenings will be in the New Year.

October Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

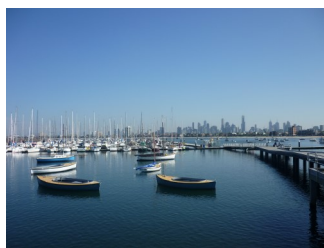


All the usual suspects at Kevin McDonnell's place for a special tasting of some select European wines

Photo: Roger Wilson

At Kevin McDonnell's home, nine European red wines were sampled – four from France, two each from Spain and Italy and one from Croatia. Top three: (1) Clefs des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2011 from the southern Rhone; (2) 2011 Zanna Riserva from Italy; and (3) 2014 Chateau l'Escart Bordeaux Superieur (\$15).

Our last meeting for 2017 is lunch at the Lobster Cave on Tuesday December 5 @12 noon.



Beaumaris Bikers



Above: On their October ride, the bikers took a break on the historic St Kilda pier where the sun shone brightly and the living was easy. Riders left to right: Manfred Lobert (Beaumaris Bay President, a regular guest rider); President KB; Geoff Carlson and Tony Bowles Right: A zoom with a view Photos: DG

Arrangements are well in hand for the planned Gippsland rail-trail ride over three days in November for which our Seniors' free travel passes will be put to good use. There's still time to get in some training and stock up on sunscreen and energy snacks if you feel like participating in a classic rural ride.

Please note: no formal outings are scheduled for December but straddling a bike will always help to work off the Christmas pudding.

Duncan Gibson



PRISMS

Where: Nash Residence

When: Tuesday November 28

Bridge

Next event: Tuesday November 14 beginning at 9:30 am sharp followed by the Second Anniversary Lunch immediately after the game @ 12 noon.

Menu is one course. Cost: \$40 (includes drinks).

Sunday November 19. Mixed lunch in dining room, followed by Bridge competition in lounge. Menu is pre-ordered light lunch for all. Cost: \$15 pp.

Pay on day for both events.

Alan Farmer

Theatre 2018

Brighton Theatre Company has just released its program for 2018. There will be four performances (on a Wednesday evening) as follows:

February 21, May 23, August 22, November 21.

Cost: \$84 pp or \$168 per couple. As this outing has been particularly popular in the past, early booking is recommended. A booking sheet is available at the functions table or you may wish to advise me by email. Please note: No meeting in December.

Early payment to the Probus bank account would be greatly appreciated.

John Green

From the Treasurer

In accordance with our Constitution, the Club joining fee and annual subscription for next year are to be determined by members at the November General Meeting. Accordingly, my recommendation, which is supported by your Committee members, is detailed on the website. [Click here.](#)

Geoff Carlson

Last Tastes for 2017

Alan Stevens

Special Chinese Banquet

Where: King Yuen in Mentone

When: Thursday November 23

Time: 6.30 pm

Cost: \$50 pp

Not to be missed.

As usual, a range of carefully selected quality wines will be available @ \$15 a bottle.

Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 6 at 25 Third Street, Black Rock. Possible discussion items will be advised at the January General Meeting - an attendance sheet will be available. Please advise me of your suggestions for future discussion. geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au.

Change of Number

Norm Griffiths' new mobile phone number - 0423 503 340 will be incorporated in the next Register update following the November General Meeting.

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

John Beaty

Right: Action shots from the 2016 Probus bowls event at Black Rock

Jenny Bowles shows her style

November

Lawn Bowls evening at the Sandringham Bowls Club

Wednesday November 29

This event will be very similar in format to last year's event.

Start time: 4.30 pm for 5 pm start. Teams of three players including one experienced player.

Full instructions will be sent to all nominated players. Cost: \$35 for players (including dinner).

Sign up at the October meeting, payment to the Treasurer.

Right: Paul Crompton, Paul & Suzi Stephens and Alan & Robyn Farmer enjoy the spectacle of Beaumaris Probus bowlers at play (below) in 2016



December

President's Christmas Lunch

Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Rd, Keysborough

Friday December 15

Arrival 12.15 pm

Pre-lunch drinks and canapés followed by two-course Christmas lunch (with one other option) followed by tea and coffee.

Cost: \$70 pp (includes lunch, beer, wines and soft drinks)

Registration at the October Club meeting. Payment to the Treasurer asap.



2018 Ferry Trip

Ferry trip, wine-tasting and lunch on the Bellarine Peninsula, Thursday February 1

The first social function in 2018 will be a return trip by ferry between Docklands and Portarlington with an optional wine-tasting prior to a gourmet lunch at the spectacular Jack Rabbit restaurant.

We will make our own way to Victoria Dock by train to either Flinders Street plus tram or Southern Cross plus walk for the 9.30 am ferry departure to Portarlington.

On arrival we will take a minibus to the nearby wineries area for optional tastings or coffee before having lunch in the nearby vineyard setting of the Jack Rabbit restaurant with views across Port Philip Bay. After lunch, we will return to Portarlington by minibus for a walk around the village before returning to Docklands on the 3.30 pm ferry, arriving at 5 pm.

Cost including ferry/minibus fares and 2-course lunch plus glass of wine is \$85. Numbers limited to 40 so register early (with payment) to secure your high summer day outing on the Bay.



Werribee Zoo Visit

Left: Peter Flude, Jeni Beaty, George Montgomery and Noel Ineson at the Werribee Zoo

Ugly Ducklings on our Skin

Skin cancer specialist Tony Dicker made it clear that the main purpose of his visit to our October meeting was to educate us about the different kinds of cancers, the dangers of the sun and ways we can protect our skin. "In Victoria, there are as many deaths from melanoma each year as there are deaths from car accidents," he said. He pointed out that the only time he goes to the beach is to check out his future customers and with melanomas killing many more Australians each year than drownings, he suggested that it would be far better if lifesavers nationwide pulled people off the beaches and put them back in the water. (Much laughter.)



Melanoma is the most dangerous form, he said, because it has the potential to leave the skin and migrate to the body and its organs.

But it was serious stuff. Tony spoke about the three main types of skin cancer: melanoma (M; usually associated with Melbourne), basal cell carcinoma (B; commonly found in Brisbane) and squamous cell carcinoma (S; a Sydney phenomena). Melanoma is the most dangerous form, he said, because it has the potential to leave the skin and migrate to the body and its organs. "But if it's cut off before it can swim anywhere, that's a cure," Tony said. He made a comparison between the appearance of 'ugly ducklings' on our skin - lesions that are elevated, firm and growing - as distinct from lesions that have been present since birth, are not getting bigger and are not changing colour. "Birth marks," he said. His strong advice: "If it's changing, get it checked." He recommended that we should all have skin checks every year. In the meantime, our sunscreens should be broad spectrum and 50+. One point of interest: Tony said he had never found a melanoma on anyone with coloured skin pigment such as aborigines.

Peter McGregor



Probus Golf

Left: Geoff Taffs, on behalf of Southern GC, presents the prized annual trophy to Alan Farmer, captain of the winning Victoria GC team

Photo: Alan Stevens

One Thursday in October, eight Probus golfers from Victoria and Southern Golf Clubs enjoyed a dazzling game at the scenic Southern Club. The two teams pounded the fairways to see who was the better on the day. On this occasion, Victoria won by the slender margin of three points. The Southern team hosted the day graciously with lunch and drinks and their company to make the annual tussle to see whose name would grace the magnificent trophy a great experience for all.

Intrepid Adventures

Right: BMW Isetta Three wheels and no brakes



"I learned to drive in a car with three wheels, no brakes for most of the time, no suspension and an engine that occasionally fell out bringing it to an abrupt halt," said Paul Crompton, our 10-minute speaker for October. Nothing prepared him for his rare experiences in the UK in the 1950s learning to drive as a teenager on 'the world's most dangerous car'. In post-war England, with the need for very economical vehicles, Bond Cars Ltd found success making small, three-wheel cars powered by single-cylinder motorcycle engines, top speed 45 mph. No chassis, no rear suspension, balloon tyres, with no starter motor and a pull start. These primitive small cars proved popular among motorcyclists (and also intrepid people like Paul) looking to protect themselves from the elements. As an added benefit, the car didn't require an automobile driver's licence. In addition, the ability to achieve more than 100 miles per gallon (42.5 kilometers per litre) proved helpful at a time when fuel was expensive and scarce.

Nothing prepared him for his rare experiences in the UK in the 1950s

However, the downside was that braking was most unreliable, the windscreen operated manually, the electrics were 6-volt and the headlights resembling two candles inside jam jars. To stop the vehicle, it was necessary to decelerate and use the brakes only at the very last minute. Paul's hilarious teenage exploits made for a very entertaining few minutes.

Peter McGregor

"...any engineer will tell you that pumped hydro uses nearly as much energy pushing the water uphill as is generated when it is released."

Judith Sloan, *The Australian* 14/10/17

CONTACT

Members who wish to continue to access the newsletter of our friends in Mississauga South, Canada, should click on the link [HERE](#).

Birthday Boys – November & December

Nick Caris 14/11	Peter Flude 10/11
Ian Gallagher 6/11	Barry Podger 21/11
Ken Rattray 8/11	Warwick Andrews 21/12
Stan Bernhard 6/12	Geoff Bransbury 28/12
John Brimage 23/12	Geoff Carlson 18/12
Bill Cleland 30/12	Aub Gamble 21/12
John O'Connor 27/12	Ken Reed 15/12
John Solomon 22/12	Philip Stewart 5/12
Geoff Taffs 2/12	John Wallace 31/12

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Friday November 10	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Monday November 13	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 14	9.30 am Bridge & Second Anniversary Lunch	Victoria Golf Club
Sunday November 19	Mixed Lunch and Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday November 21	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday November 22	8 pm Brighton Theatre Group	
November 23 – 25	Gippsland Bike Ride	
Thursday November 23	6.30 pm Tastes	King Yuen, Mentone
Tuesday November 28	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday November 28	PRISMS	Home of Alan Nash
Wednesday November 29	Annual Probus Bowls Competition	Sandringham Bowls Club
Tuesday December 5	12 Noon Final Wine Appreciation	The Lobster Cave
Friday December 15	12.15 President's Christmas Lunch	Southern GC

"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes." Oscar Wilde

Right: Morning tea time



Right: Ian Johnson, Gerald Ettershank and John Fisher take their cup of tea in the Spring sunshine

