

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday September 15 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Associate Professor John Williamson

Topic: The Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance (see p3)

10-Minute Speaker: Alan Trumble Embarrassing Moments



Quick Quiz

Can you spot the following Probus people at the NGV block-buster exhibition, Masterpieces From The Hermitage, in August:

- Nick & Anne Caris
- Ken & Margie Beadle
- Ron & Fay Hunter
- Geoff & Judith Carlson
- Lloyd Jenkins (in headphones)
- John Fisher, Helen McGregor, Alan & Jan Trumble?

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Interest Groups

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	9589 3907

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Kevin McDonnell

Early this month I was asked by a friend what industry or professions I would suggest his grandson consider. I found this extremely difficult to answer. When I joined the workforce in the 1960s, it was possible to work for the same company for your entire working life. Today this is highly unlikely, as is the possibility of staying in the one profession during your working life. When I look at my own career (in the automotive, electronics and printing industries), each of them have experienced significant upheaval. The automotive industry was heavily impacted by the proliferation of imports. Printing - with the virtual demise of census forms, group certificates, tax returns and airline boarding passes, while volumes significantly declined for cheques, currency and single-use transport tickets - saw alternative technologies lead to the halving of revenue; while the electronics industry has virtually disappeared with most consumer products now being imported - and the pace of change shows little sign of

slowing. A recent article in *The Age* covered the likely implications of electronic safety features in new motor vehicles and forecast a reduction in collisions of 30% to 40%. This level of decline would heavily impact the vehicle insurance industry, the component suppliers and the vehicle repair industry and it highlights how factors outside one's control can affect an industry.

Whilst the *Intergenerational Report* released this year did provide guidance on industries that are likely to exhibit growth over the next 30 years, the report was not specific in respect of professions. The difficulty we have is that we tend to view things from the past. I found all I could do was to recommend the importance of continuing education as a possible way that young people can future-proof their employment.



Bill Green and Duncan Gibson chat over a cup of tea during the morning break



Alan Williams presents Kris Spark from the Council on the Ageing with a magnum of shiraz as a memento of her visit and a thankyou for her keynote address



Morning Tea: Richard Phillips and Frank Collings

NOTICEBOARD

Keynote Speaker – September

Dr John Williamson AM, O St J

The Shrine of Remembrance was constructed from 1927-1934 as a Memorial to the Victorian service and sacrifice during World War One. Remarkably, the funds were raised in six months at the height of The Depression! It was built so the families of the nearly 20,000 Victorians who died in World War One would have a place to mourn and it is regarded as second only to the War Memorial in Canberra. On Remembrance Day 2014, the Victorian Governor opened the new Galleries of Remembrance which was the centre feature of the \$45 million upgrade.

Digital Technology Group

The final meeting for the year will be on Tuesday October 6 at 25 Third St Black Rock, commencing at 2 pm. Topics will include a review of some of the matters discussed this year including an update on Windows 10, and avoiding virus infestation. A full list of intended topics will be advised at the September General Meeting and an attendance sheet will be available. Topic suggestions are always received enthusiastically.

Geoff Wade

Directory Amendment

Alan Williams has moved and his new details are as follows: Alan (& Gwyn) Williams,
5/34 Warleigh Grove,
Brighton 3186. Phone: 9530 6536.

Music & Opera Groups

The next Music evening is Wednesday September 23 at 7 pm. The Opera Group is likely to meet again October 28. In August, we enjoyed some wonderful singing in the 2014 Salzburg production of Verdi's *Il Trovatore*. The opera has an improbable story but has some of Verdi's best music.

Barry Amond

Bike Group

Our next ride is on Friday September 25 starting at 9 am from the Black Rock beachside car park. This ride follows the Beach Road bike path and Mentone promenade to Mordialloc, tracking inland to the new suburb of Waterways, a ride which we enjoyed last year. A spare bike is available for any member who would like to do a trial run with us.

Noel Ineson

Subscriptions 2016



August Ride

Our intrepid bike group "passed through wide expanses of beautiful rolling countryside and river flats, over the Plenty River and into Westerfolds Park, an impressive area of steep riverside cliffs and rapids in heavy flow from recent rains."

-Noel Ineson

Investment Group: 8.45 am September 15

Scott Young from Morgan Stanley will talk about Fixed Income investments and, if time allows, also cover international equities.

Getting in early! Our financial year is January 1 to December 31; our subscription year is the same. The usual procedure is to put a motion, approved and supported by Committee, to the November General Meeting recommending subscription and joining fee amounts for the following year. Prior to the meeting, the motion is sent to members with the newsletter, then voted upon at the next meeting. Subscriptions are due January 1 each year.

Geoff Carlson, Treasurer

Passing of Margaret Taylor

Members will be saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret, the wife of Past President and Treasurer Allan Taylor, on Sunday August 23. Our sympathies are expressed to Allan and his family.

Theatre

I have been able to obtain 20 tickets in the stalls to the new musical *Georgy Girl*, Wednesday January 27, at 1pm at Her Majesty's theatre. It is proving to be very popular and although the season does not start until the end of the year, it is nearly booked out. Early Bird tickets are \$56 but must be paid for by October 30. We need at least 10 tickets to obtain the discount so please discuss with your partner and friends before the next meeting.

We have also booked 22 seats in the Dress Circle to *Singing In the Rain* at Her Majesty's for Wednesday May 18 at 1pm. Cost: \$71 (a saving of \$19).

NOTE: We need a minimum of 10 for the discount price but can take up to 22, so bring your friends along. Tickets must be paid for by the February meeting.

Tony Bowles

Discussion Groups

At the September meetings, members will discuss 'Refugees', a topic which has increasingly been in the news recently as people from many countries flee from persecution and danger or seek a better life in richer countries.

Barry Amond

Birthday Boys – September

Noel Ineson 1/9	Lloyd Jenkins 16/9
Ian Martin 21/9	Bob O'Brien 8/9
Warren Parker 25/9	Roy Petch 13/9
Mike Read 6/9	Stan Ryding 24/9
Andy Watson 26/9	Graham Wearne 24/9
Alan Williams 3/9	

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

November

Night Races Pre-Christmas Carvery & Buffet

Moonee Valley *Legends*
Friday November 20



Our annual visit to the night races is on again and we will be joined by Sandy Bay and Beaumaris Bay Probians. As usual, our bus will leave from the Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Road, at 5pm for a great evening at MVRC.

NOTE: This year there is a new chef at *Legends* who will add variations to the Christmas-themed menu. Complimentary soft drinks and race books will be on the tables on our arrival. Tote facility is in the room but you don't have to bet on the horses to enjoy the evening.

Live musical entertainment from 7.30 pm. We will leave *Legends* at 10 pm and be back at the Community Centre by approximately 11 pm. Last year, places on the buses were booked quickly, so register soon to avoid disappointment.

Cost: \$67 pp (for the bus and buffet only). Payment is required by November 6.

December

President's Christmas Lunch

Southern Golf Club
Friday December 4

Following last year's very successful function, this year's lunch will again be held again at the Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside (ref Melways 88H8).



Cost : \$60 pp covers canapés on arrival, two-course lunch and drinks to a generous limit.

Time: 12 noon for 12.30 pm.

Not to be missed - our final marquee social event of 2015. Payment required by November 27.

NOTE: Please advise of any dietary requirements and table seating requests by December 1.

As foreshadowed at our August general meeting, the tour of the Western Treatment Plant has had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

Ken Beadle

New Member

B D PODGER (Barry & Verna Drummond) 581920152
7/446 Balcombe Rd, Beaumaris, 3193. 9589 5896.
barringtonpodger@bigpond.com. Born 1935, Ballarat.
Career Banking. Golf, travel, reading, natural health, share market. [Club '15]

★ Tahbilk Shiraz Magnums 2008

We are in the process of ordering a case of the above magnums as gifts for our keynote speakers in 2016. Under this arrangement, the cost is \$35 each, delivered freight free. If any members wish to take advantage of this unique offer for their own uses, please let me know immediately.

Peter McGregor

Some of the shady characters seen hobnobbing at Il Forno in Hampton recently:

Barry Podger, Jan & Alan Trumble; Tony Bowles, Jill O'Brien; and below, Gilda & Norm Griffiths



Wine Facts: Most Popular Grapes in Australia

Shiraz 391,649 tonnes
Chardonnay 376,339
Cabernet sauvignon 209,588
Most profitable wine region: Tasmania

September 2015

Was He The Greatest?

"Coleman was targeted unfairly by the opposition all his career and umpires appeared to do little or nothing to give him adequate protection".

John Bushby



He remains the only player to kick one hundred goals in his first year

Based on the audience reaction to John Bushby's wide-ranging 10-minute talk, many Probus members do indeed accept that former Essendon champion and legend John Coleman can be considered the greatest full forward to have played VFL football. Arising from country football at Hastings to play his first league game in 1949, he announced his arrival by kicking 12 goals and set the scene for a stunning career of 99 games. Coleman averaged 5+ goals per match and was the 'rock star' of his time. But tragically his brilliant playing career was cut short by a dislocated knee in 1954, going on later to coach Essendon to premierships in 1962 and 1965. He died much too young at the age of 44 years but left a legacy of brilliance and fiery intensity fuelled by a burning dislike of umpires.

Fact Check

John Coleman was born and went to primary school in Port Fairy, later attending Moonee Valley Central and, finally, University High School.

Moving or Staying ?



With her long experience in dealing with the rights, needs and interests of older Australians, Kris Spark from the Council on the Ageing (COTA), was well-credentialled to educate members on the need to plan ahead for their autumnal years. The question is whether to stay in our own home or engage another option; hence the need for people like us to plan ahead so as to maximise our enjoyment of life. With the Commonwealth Government keen on reducing its expenditure, greater emphasis has been placed on Home Care. This does not mean, however, that the Government is prepared to contribute largely to our comfort but it does mean that we can continue to live in our own homes and be assisted by services offered by various providers (at a cost). From July 2015, the Commonwealth Home Support Program has brought together previously separate programs to provide basic and streamlined care in the home or community for older people. The aim of this program is to help older people stay healthy and safe at home and live independently as long as possible. Services available include personal care, domestic assistance, delivered meals and respite care.

2015 Probus Victoria Friendship Golf Day



The 7th Annual Golf Day will be hosted this year by the Combined Wheelers Hill Probus Club and is open to all Probians (and a friend), but subject to availability. It will be played at Waverley Private Golf Club, 82 Bergins Road, Rowville, on Monday November 16. The format for this year is an 18-hole 4-person Ambrose with an 8:15 am shotgun start (registration from 7:30 am). Entry fee is \$50 per person which includes golf, gourmet bistro lunch and 'goodies bag'. Entries close October 15 or prior if capacity reached. Entry forms are available from Geoff Wade. Members are encouraged to form a team of four to represent Beaumaris Probus.

Geoff Wade

~~“...the aim of this program is to help older people stay healthy and safe at home and live independently as long as possible”~~

~~Should Home Care not be desired or possible then~~ the older person is faced with a number of choices, all requiring pre-planning and careful consideration of the financial and legal issues. (Indeed, given what is at risk, appropriate professional advice could be seen as mandatory). Kris emphasised that these were matters that should be discussed with family and/or people who have been through the choice-making process. Members were advised to obtain advice from [COTA](#). Many left this presentation with a realisation that mature age necessarily means that assistance should be sought for decisions that are becoming more complex at a rapid rate. John Bushby

Report: Grimethorpe Colliery Band, Hamer Hall

For all those who missed their fabulous concert at Hamer Hall recently, you can click [here](#) and see their rendition of the William Tell Overture, Rocky, Macarthur Park and others. Thanks for organising a great night out, Tony.

New Members

Please note that we are always on the lookout for new people to join our club — in particular, those at the younger end of the retiree spectrum. Give some thought to inviting someone you know much younger than yourself!

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday September 8	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 11	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 15	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday September 23	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 25		Bike Ride	
Tuesday October 6	2 pm	Digital Technology Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 9	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday October 13	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Monday October 16		Probus Victoria Annual Golf Day	Waverley GC ★
Tuesday October 20	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
October 26–29		Beaumaris Probus Golf Week	Port Fairy GC ★
Wednesday October 28	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 10	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday November 13	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 17	8.45 am 10 am	Investment Group GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday November 20		Night Races	Moonee Valley ★
Friday December 4		President's Christmas Lunch	Southern Golf Club ★
Tuesday December 8	2 pm	PRISMS	The Nash Residence

★ Payment required



Above: Some of the 48 at the Calabrian Food & Wine Night in Hampton



Above: Bikers amidst the wattle

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