

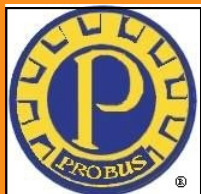
NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday August 16 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Michael Wormach

Topic: The Story of Enterprize -

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

10-Minute Talk: Geoff Bransbury on the Creation of our Website

In April 1835, *Enterprize* was purchased by John Pascoe Fawkner to search for a suitable place to found a new settlement in the Port Phillip District. *Enterprize* sailed from Launceston on 21st July 1835, but only travelled as far as George Town in northern Tasmania where Fawkner was forced to remain by his creditors. *Enterprize* then departed George Town on 1st August 1835 under Captain Peter Hunter.

Below: The new *Enterprize* is a replica of the ship that brought the first white settlers to Melbourne in 1835



Beaumaris Probus visits Golden Days Radio

Right: Exploring the CD library at Golden Days Radio

Below: Fay and Ron Hunter; Faye with Joan and Eric Slater

Below Right: Aub Gamble with the Hunters and the Slaters inside one of the studios



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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	Assistant Theatre: Peter Morris	9576 8888
Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946	Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791
Golf: John Pound	9521 8252	Photographer: Ian Maskiell	9592 3380

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Geoff Bransbury

I am pleased to announce that we have developed a website for our club which is now available for you to access. I will demonstrate it to you at our August meeting. The website is intended to be useful and interesting for members. It is also intended as an on-line brochure to show off our club to potential new members. By the way, you can view the latest newsletter (and all other newsletters since 2008) on the website as well as the Members' Register. Both will continue to be sent to you by email. Also, the Events Calendar has been enhanced on the website for you to plan which activities you wish to attend and the latest speaker video can be viewed there as an alternative to borrowing a DVD. There is information about all our interest groups, functions and speakers. You can even view a music and opera video on the Music Group's page, Ralph Butcher's superb 10-Minute talk on the speakers' page, the history of our club and an archive of all our Speaker DVDs created by Paul Crompton.

Our newsletter will remain the main source of news. However, the newsletter is obviously limited in size whereas the website is not. We can therefore present additional information on the website that enhances the newsletter. Peter will add links to the newsletter that will take you directly to the website to see these Extras. Any information that we consider private will be placed within a protected members' section where the password will change annually. This, of course, is just the beginning. We expect over time that many more functions will be added. Your input and involvement in this process is essential. Interestingly, the total cost is less than 10 cents per member per month! To access our website, enter www.beaumarisprobud.org.au or click [HERE](#).

We hope you like our website and find it interesting and useful. We look forward to your comments.



Above (from left): New member, John Beaty, and President Geoff; John Opie, Ralph Butcher, Rod Murrell and Geoff Cupples deep in discussion; Paul Stephens and Simon Appel; visitor Geoff Taffs, Ken White and Howard Hoskins; President Geoff collecting the votes on the outcome of the Rio Olympics
Left: One of the stalwarts of the Club, Paul Crompton, adjusts his lenses



NOTICEBOARD

Investment Group: 8.45 am

Paul Fleming, Financial Information Service,
Department of Human Services

Topic: Overview of pension eligibility and concessions
with a focus on the upcoming asset test changes.

Parking Notice

As many are aware, there is ample parking available for our meetings in the car park on the other side of Beach Road adjacent to the Croquet Club. However, be careful crossing the road and remember: you need to display your Bayside parking permit.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At their meetings on August 9 and 12 the groups will discuss 'Trends in Democracy'. We meet again in September on the second Tuesday and Friday.

Music Group

Barry Amond



The program for the music evening on Wednesday August 24 will include a Beethoven piano concerto played by a Georgian whose brilliance matches her image. There will also be excerpts from the 1954 movie *White Christmas* and a selection from the brilliant 2014 open air Paris Concert near the Eiffel Tower. An attendance sheet will be available at the monthly meeting on August 16. Our next evening will be on September 28.

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson



Next two meetings—
August 30 at Roger Wilson's: Raiding the Cellar
October 25 at Kevin McDonnell's: White Wines

Bridge Players

Alan Farmer

Very pleased to welcome two new beginners during July but we still have room for others who may wish to join us at this early stage. It's a lot of fun!



FACT CHECK

According to the last Australian Census (2011), there are more Buddhists (2.5%) living in Australia than Muslims (2.2%). An overwhelming majority (62%) nominated Christianity as their religion.



One Hat Restaurant/Castlemaine Excursion

Full details in your July newsletter. PAY NOW.
When: Wednesday October 26. All day trip.
Cost: \$80 This includes a ride on the Castlemaine-Maldon historic railway. Please check your diaries. Very limited numbers so you NEED TO PAY NOW. First in, first served, as they say. Peter McGregor

*SEE IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE p4

Theatre

Mordialloc Theatre

Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks Madcap comedy
Friday September 16 at 8 pm
Group discount: \$25 down to \$21.

Matilda

Rave reviews. Recently picked up 10 Helpmann Awards. Special price tickets at \$99 in the Grand Circle Princess Theatre. Your last chance to see it. Sunday November 6 @ 6.30 pm

Kooza by Cirque du Soleil

Big Top Flemington Racecourse Sunday February 5 @ 12.30. Tickets \$95 (a saving of \$20)

"Kooza is a show that blends almost to perfection, its sub-continental sounds, its stunning lighting and costumes with theatrical ingenuity and acrobatic wonder." *The Independent*, London
See Peter Morris at Functions Desk Tony Bowles



Bike Group

Duncan Gibson

Our August ride is the off-road paths through Braeside Park, situated on Lower Dandenong Road a few kilometres from Beaumaris. It is a somewhat shorter ride that will not over-tax riders but the compensation is the natural bush setting, water features and birdlife. Before dispersing, we will enjoy coffee at a nearby cafe. Come with us and get your circulation going! The group meets at the Black Rock car park (near the clock tower) at 9am.



Birthday Boys – August

Ken Beadle	3/8	Bill Day	25/8
John Green	1/8	Norm Griffiths	29/8
George Montgomery	11/8	Geoff Wade	8/8

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICE-BOARD

August

Guided Tour of MCG

Wednesday August 17

A guided tour of the inner sanctum of our world famous MCG, including the media room, the MCC Library, cricketers' viewing and change rooms and much more.

Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes. There is a wide variety of artefacts and sporting 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

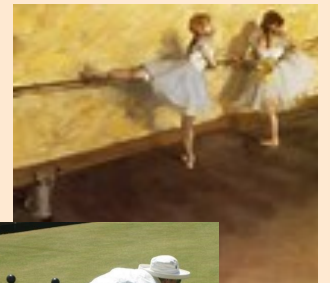
NGV Winter Masterpieces Exhibition - Degas: A New Vision

Wednesday August 31 10 am

This year's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces exhibition features more than 200 works of one of the world's most loved artists, Edgar Degas - a rare opportunity to be immersed in the originality and creativity of this French artist's talent for painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. The artist was fascinated by many aspects of Parisian life - family life, dance halls, cabarets, cafes, race tracks, opera and ballet stages. As last year, we will have a guided tour exclusive to our members. Travel independently to the National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Road, and meet at 9.45 am at the schools' entrance (on the side of the gallery closest to the Arts Centre) for a 1-hour tour.

Cost: \$35 pp (which covers admission and guided tour.)

REGISTER EARLY and pay by Wednesday August 24.



November

An Evening of Lawn Bowls

Wednesday, November 9, at 4 pm



Sandringham Bowling Club

Come and join us for an evening of lawn bowls at the Sandringham Bowling Club in Tulip Street. Adequate parking is available.

Stan Bernhard will be our host ably assisted by others of the bowling fraternity who are Probians. This is a very special social occasion. Wives and partners most welcome. A booking sheet will be available at the functions desk at the August meeting.

***IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE**

Holders of a Victorian Seniors card are entitled to free off-peak travel on V/Line subject to certain conditions. To access, for example, a trip to Castlemaine you need a travel voucher which are sent out to all Seniors every September with the Seniors magazine. Or, ring 1300 797 210 and ask to be sent a voucher—which must then be taken to a manned railway station for a valid ticket to be issued prior to travel. Peter McGregor



Not For the Faint-Hearted
Recently seen on an overseas trip: A life-sized glass gumbboot of beer, located in a café in Rhodes, Greece. Apparently, a not uncommon sight.

Cruise to New Zealand

Please give serious consideration to a proposed 13-night cruise from Melbourne to New Zealand return departing Sunday, March 5 from Station Pier. The ship *Golden Princess* has a passenger capacity of 2600 and provides a most comfortable and relaxing cruise. We berth at six locations in New Zealand covering both the North and South islands. Prices range from \$1799 to \$2499 pp dependant upon your choice of accommodation. Deposit payable by mid August, 2016.

A booking sheet is available at the functions desk.

John Green

Olympic Gold



Left: Roger in full flight
Above: Olympic hopefuls, Jessica Fox and James Magnussen

Before introducing our larger-than-life, now retired Olympic rowing commentator, Roger Wilson, our President distributed slips inviting each member to predict the number of medals Australia might win at Rio. Some were confident enough to complete their guesses even before Roger's talk! After reminding members that he had predicted 20 gold for London (where Australia won 8), he proceeded to bravely forecast 19 Gold and 49 top-three finishes for the Australian team of over 400 athletes. This result would put us in the top five, behind USA, China, and Russia. Individually, he tipped:-
Athletics 1,3 (gold and total) Basketball 0,1 Canoe 1,3 Cycling 3,8 Diving 0,2 Equestrian 0,2 Golf 0,1 Football 0,1 Gymnastics 0,1 Hockey 1,2 Judo 0,1 Rowing 2,4 Rugby 1,2 Sailing 2,4 Shooting 1,2 Swimming 7,10 Taekwondo 0,1 Triathlon 0,1.
Thank you, Roger, for sharing your expertise and recording your predictions. Ron Hunter

Intelligent Transport Systems Expo

Brian Negus, our July Keynote Speaker, has offered us 20 tickets to visit the 2016 ITS World Expo.

When: Wednesday October 12

Where: Convention and Exhibition Centre

It features some 300 contributors with a wide variety of exhibits and information about transport systems of the future. A Must-See! Please register ASAP. As always, first come, first served.

Geoff Bransbury

New Member

◀ J H BEATY OBE (John & Jeni) ▶

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johnbeaty2@icloud.com. Born 1932 Keswick UK. Sandhurst Military Academy. Brit Regular Army (LtCol), Coles Myer, Uni lecturer. Cricket, golf, tennis [Club '16]

VALE: DENIS BOWDERN (1925-2016)

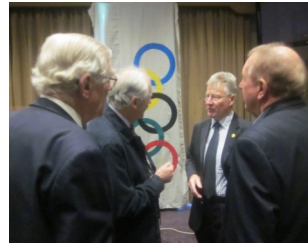
Denis passed away 19/7/16. He had been a member of Beaumaris Probus Club since 2002 and had been a regular attender until recently. Our sincere condolences to Carmel and family.

Melbourne 2050

Ron Hunter

Two very informed representatives from the RACV gave us a thought-provoking insight into the future developments of cars, and Melbourne's transport needs as the population expands to 8 million.

RACV Director, Geoff Cosgriff, talked of the issues facing the introduction of fully automated cars: for example, would the system be secure? Imagine the chaos if all the automated cars stopped, or worse still, ignored all the safety features built into their controls. Who would be liable for damages? The manufacturer, the programmer, the GPS?



Above: Members quiz Brian Negus about his many futuristic predictions for Melbourne and its traffic



How would drivers and pedestrians react to the mix of silent driverless cars, buses and lorries? Looking ahead, improvements in battery technology will soon enable electric cars to drive from Melbourne to Sydney on a single charge, rechargeable in an hour. Also, Geoff said, driverless cars will foster ride sharing, car sharing and Uber or Airbnb-styles of vehicle renting.

"Imagine the chaos if all the automated cars stopped, or worse still, ignored all the safety features built into their controls"

GM for Public Policy, Brian Negus, explained the RACV advocacy role in lobbying for better roads, integrating cars and public transport, and the issues of costs, road deaths and the comparisons between States. Based on its research, RACV has a multi-modal focus on seeking the best traffic solutions. Their telematics group is working on systems that enable people to plan journeys, with fully-automated systems linking driverless cars to form road trains. Members' questions covered a wide range of topics to conclude one of our most lively sessions for the year.



Above left: Geoff Cosgriff discusses Melbourne's future traffic needs; and, right, Philip Stewart assists Brian Negus with the preparation of his Power Point presentation

Odd Spot

2016 is the first time China has overtaken the US in the number of billionaires (568 vs 535).

The Australian 16/7/16

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday August 9	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday August 12	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday August 16	8.45 am	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	
Wednesday August 17	10 am	Guided Tour of Melbourne Cricket Club/MCG	
Wednesday August 24	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday August 26		Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 30		Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Place
Wednesday August 31	10 am	Degas Exhibition	NGV ★
Wednesday August 31	6.30 pm	Brighton Theatre Group	<i>Blood Brothers</i>
Friday September 9	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 13	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 16	8 pm	Mordialloc Theatre	★
Friday September 16		Beaumaris Probus Golf Day	Spring Valley GC ★
Tuesday September 20	8.45 am	Investment Group	Sandringham Club
	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	
Wednesday September 28	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday October 12		Intelligent Transport Systems Expo	Melbourne Convention Centre
Wednesday October 26		Castlemaine Experience	★



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Disc Jockeys: Eris Slater and Fay Hunter*

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★ Payment required

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