



NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday January 16 Beaumaris Sporting Club

Keynote Speaker: Graeme Disney

Topic: A History of Beaumaris

10-Minute Talk: Barry Amond 53 Days At Sea

A Brief History

The first Beaumaris included two early estates within the parish of Moorabbin developed by Josiah Holloway from 1852. Beaumaris Town and Beaumaris Estate were named after the pastoral run in the area and ultimately after Beaumaris in Wales. Each lot comprising them were marketed by Mr Holloway's suggesting that the railway was imminent and a canal would be built. Beaumaris township developed slowly - a Post Office opened on 1 March 1868 - but was replaced soon after by the Gypsy Village office (now Sandringham). Beaumaris Post Office did not open until 1925. In 1957, this was renamed Beaumaris South when a new Beaumaris office opened in its current location in the Concourse.

President's Christmas Lunch 2017



Left: Robert & Margaret Kerr

Right: Geoff Bransbury, Gilda Griffiths, Kath Maskiell and Norm Griffiths

Below (L to R): Merry Bransbury, Bill & Jenny Cleland; Geoff Bransbury and Peter McGregor; Kath Maskiell, Graeme & Jill Keys; Garry & Pat Sebo

[Photos: Ian Maskiell]



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 Discussion: **Barry Amond** 9589 1143
 PRISMS: **Bill Davis** 9592 5982
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 Golf: **John Pound** 9521 8252

Bowls: **Ted Montfort** 9589 5949
 Digital Technology: **Geoff Wade** 9588 2593
 Music/Opera: **Barry Amond** 9589 1143
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 Bridge: **Alan Farmer** 9598 2791
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Beadle

The major announcement at our November 21 meeting was that our monthly meetings from January will be held in the new Beaumaris Sports Club at the Banksia Reserve, Oak Street. I was fortunate to be able to attend the official opening of the \$5 million building by Bayside Mayor, Laurie Evans, on December 1. The sports centre comprises change facilities for the Beaumaris Lawn Tennis, Cricket and Football Clubs, and a first floor bar, bistro and function room facilities for the sports clubs and general community. Access to the function room is by lift or stairways from the main foyer and there are also ramps and handrails to provide safe and easy access to the building.

The major plus over the Sandringham Club location is on-site parking for all. The existing pavilion has been demolished to provide additional parking which will then total approximately 100 spaces. Entrance to the car park is from Oak Street, just north of the Gibbs Street intersection. Committee members will be posted outside the premises before our inaugural January meeting to assist members with directions to the Banksia Room.

We leave the Sandringham Club on cordial terms. Recent changes to their catering arrangements required them to increase their facilities usage charge to us in order to break even. The proposed large increase was equivalent to a one third increase in our member annual subscription and your Committee deemed this to be an unreasonable amount to impose on members for no increase in amenity. So the decision to leave our meeting venue of almost five years was taken, a decision regretted, but amicably accepted by the Sandringham Club management.

As announced at our November meeting, our annual subscription remains unchanged at the 2017 level after agreeing a competitive facilities usage charge with Beaumaris Sports Club. The new venue has full kitchen facilities and will serve us a 2-course lunch with a choice of two entrees and three main courses (at a cost of \$25). I look forward to greeting you again at our Club's return to the Beaumaris meeting venue on January 16.

*Right: Induction of two new members—
Ian Henderson and Bob Wigg*

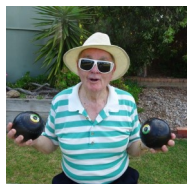


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NOTICEBOARD

PRISMS dates for 2018 are:

Tuesday April 3 Davis Residence
 Tuesday August 7 Amond Residence
 Tuesday November 27 Nash Residence
 Bill Davis



Probus Bowls Night

*Above: John Green – now what do I do?
 Centre: organisers Stan Bernhard and Ted Montfort
 Right: Competition winner, Don Lobb (with trophy)*

24 intrepid players in eight teams of three enjoyed a warm November night of bowls. The team of Don Lobb, John O'Connor and Stan Bernhard won the initial competition and had to play off.

Congratulations to Don Lobb and runner-up, John O'Connor. President Ken presented the trophy and thanked the organisers. Ted Montfort

Probus Bike Group

Rides start again January 26 (Australia Day – may not suit everyone but not a good idea to change the established pattern). We plan to kick off 2018 gently by riding the familiar Bayside bike path to Waterways, a short distance beyond Mordialloc and *The Nest Cafe* for refreshments. Summer starting time is 8:30 am from the Black Rock car park immediately south of the clock tower. All riders most welcome, and don't forget the sunscreen. Duncan Gibson

Member Register

The Register has been updated and is now on the website for your information. Geoff Wade

Digital Technology

Geoff Wade

Next meeting: Tuesday February 6 at 2pm. A variety of items to be discussed - your suggestions of topics would be greatly appreciated and should be forwarded to Geoff Wade at geoff-marg@bigfoot.com.au. An attendance sheet will be available at the January General Meeting.

Bridge Players

Normal transmission resumes in February.

Birthday Boys – January

Marshall, Geoff 4/1	Knight, John 10/1
Sabin, Grant 11/1	Donaldson, Barry 15/1
McDonnell, Kevin 16/1	Sturrock, Jeff 16/1
Taylor, Allan 16/1	Green, Bill 2/1
McGann, Jim 26/1	Mason, Geoff 29/1

MEMBERSHIP SUBS FOR 2018 NOW DUE

Annual membership subs are due and payable on January 1 each year. The subs for 2018 are \$70 pa discounted to \$65 if paid before January 31, 2018. Payment by direct transfer to our bank account is encouraged: BSB 063 144, Account No. 10121288. You may prefer to send a cheque to me at: 22 First Street, Black Rock 3193. Also, payment may be made at our January meeting by cash or cheque. Pay before end of January and pay only \$65! Thank you to those who have already paid.

Geoff Carlson

Victorian Probus Bowls Association

Annual Bowls Day Wednesday March 21
 Each team must have at least one Probus member.
 Contact Ted Montfort 9589 5949 or mob 0427 676 491 or email montfort@aapt.net.au to enter. [More](#)

Music and Opera Groups

It is planned to have three music and one opera evening in 2018. The Music Group will meet on Wednesdays February 28 and May 30 at 7pm. Other dates will be advised later. Barry Amond

Discussion Groups

Interesting issues continue to abound. Although we have discussed more than 40 topics over the last six years, no doubt there will be plenty of challenging times in 2018. There are one or two vacancies - if any members are interested in joining one of the groups, please contact me.

The next meetings will be on Friday February 9 at 9.30 am and Tuesday February 13 at 2 pm. During the year, meetings are expected to be every two months but future dates will be agreed at each meeting. Barry Amond

Wine Appreciation

Our first meeting for 2018 is Tuesday February 27 with red wines at Convenor Roger Wilson's home @ 2pm. See report and photo p5. RW

Tastes 2018

Be sure to mark Thursday February 22 in your diary for our next Tastes night. More details at the next meeting on January 16.

Vale Andy Watson (1924-2017)

Andy was a much-loved member of Beaumaris Probus who left an indelible mark on everyone he met, both within our club and in the community at large. He was made a Life Member of Probus in 2006 and served as Almoner from 1997 until 2016, in which time he delivered hundreds of memorable jokes in his own inimitable style. When asked to list his hobbies, he replied: "Staying alive and being helpful." Typical Andy.

[More](#)

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

John Beaty

February



Left: Jack Rabbit restaurant overlooking Corio Bay



Right: The marina at Portarlington where the ferry berths



Visit to Portarlington by Ferry Wine-tasting and Winery Lunch Thursday February 1



Travel to Victoria Dock by rail, tram and walk to catch the 9.30 am sailing to Portarlington. By minibus to the nearby wineries for coffee and/ or wine tasting. Two- course lunch and glass of wine at the *Jack Rabbit* restaurant. Cost: \$85 pp (including ferry & minibus costs plus lunch & glass of wine)

March

Annual Croquet Competition & Spit Roast Sandringham Croquet Club Friday March 2

The competition will be for the best player - the winner to receive the Club's prestigious Croquet Challenge Cup. Competition will be followed by the renowned spit roast BBQ and dessert. Full details will be issued to players and diners later in January. Sign up on the attendance sheets at our January meeting at the Beaumaris Sports Club. Cost: \$44 pp



April

Immigration Museum Tuesday April 10

Travel by rail to Spencer Street Station and walk from the Flinders Street exit. Admission is free to all Seniors Card holders. Arrive by 10.45 am to commence the visit at 11. Following the museum tour, we will adjourn to a nearby restaurant for lunch (at own cost).



Melbourne's Immigration Museum explores the stories of people from all over the world who have migrated to Victoria and Australia. From the reasons for making the journey to arrival in a new country and the impact on indigenous communities, these stories are sometimes sad, sometimes funny, but always engaging. Created by Museum Victoria, the Multilingual Tour is simple to follow and provides visitors with an orientation to the exhibitions. At each stop on the tour, text, audio commentary and stunning historical imagery show the people, businesses and varied architecture that have transformed Melbourne and Victoria.



Left and above: Some of the highlights of the 2017 Probus Croquet Day and Spit Roast

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From Backwoods to Back Office

Geoff Cupples' talk 'You Can Bank On It' interested and amused members and displayed a sense of humour, a facet of behaviour not usually attributed to bankers. Geoff described a rural upbringing in the bush beyond Marysville and a Spartan upbringing which continued into his early working years with a small local bank. He thoroughly enjoyed those times and remembered lessons learnt, both in work and out, in the years ahead. So successful was he that he rose in rank through the bank in larger towns and eventually cities, embracing the introduction of a range of new technologies and including overseas banking experience. When he retired from the bank, he had reached the position of General Manager. Thank you, Geoff, for taking many of our members back to their younger days and allowing us to reflect on our lives and the inevitable passage of time.

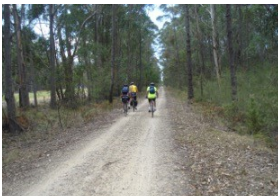
John Bushby

Jim McGann

Just a quick note to let you know that Jim has recently moved to Mercy Fernhill in Sandringham. It is a great facility and much more conducive to visits, having a lovely coffee area and outside courtyards. We did want to thank those who have been in to see Jim at Abberfield. I know he (and we) appreciate it very much. Anyone visiting just needs to ask for Jim at reception and you will be given directions. It is also helpful if you give Jim a friendly introduction e.g. "Hi Jim, it's (*Geoff*) from Probus". The address is:

Address: 18-22 Fernhill Road North, Sandringham Victoria 3191 Phone: 03 9291 8000

Many thanks Rachael McGann



Ted Montfort

Congratulations to Ted Montfort. Ted has just won the Club Championship at Black Rock Bowls and Tennis Club for the third time.

[More](#)

From Arch to Arc



Starting at Marble Arch in London and finishing at the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, the Enduroman Arch to Arc is an ultra-distance triathlon in three stages – 140 km run from London to Dover, a cross-channel swim of at least 33.8 km, followed by the final 289 km bike ride from Calais. Of the 77 who have attempted it only 17 have finished, one of whom, our Keynote Speaker for November, John Van Wisse, is one of the greatest athletes the world has seen, known for his iron will, his stamina and his courage. His DVD showed us his 2014 attempt to complete this feat in record time despite numerous hurdles that had to be overcome. First there was inclement weather and then a navigational error that took him five kilometres off course. The swim across the Channel was murderous – an angry sea that was the tail-end of a US cyclone – followed by trying to avoid arrest by the French police who absurdly took him for an illegal immigrant, adding to the degree of difficulty. Even the last leg, cycling, had a surprise - instead of being level, the route was undulating and left him open to the dangers of sharing the roads with heavy transports. But his time of 61 hours 27 minutes set a new record at the time.

John Bushby

Going Bush

Five intrepid riders (Geoff Carlson, Jim Duggan, Duncan Gibson, John Pound and Ken Beadle) endured hot weather and stony terrain (in places) but nevertheless an enjoyable scenic three-day bike ride from Bairnsdale to Orbost and return in late November. The motel/pub at Nowa Nowa was a comfortable stop for two nights including hearty dinners-and-drinks with local bush characters providing background entertainment. The railway trestle bridges (see left) are a spectacular feature of the trail as well as vast eucalyptus forests with their frequent reminders of bushfire devastation. Our hired satellite phone for use in emergencies was unused, perhaps a small price to pay for an incident-free ride. [More pics](#)

Ken Beadle

Wine Appreciation Christmas Lunch

Twelve members had a magnificent three-course lunch at *The Lobster Cave* on December 5 with special guest Ralph Butcher in his 100th year.



For full report, click [HERE](#)

Roger Wilson



Left and below: The Bridge Group's second annual lunch was a great success and included a sumptuous birthday cake baked by Robyn Farmer



Left: Alan Farmer doing the honours, as they say

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday January 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Friday January 26		Bike Ride	
Thursday February 1		Ferry to Portarlington and Winery Lunch	
Tuesday February 6	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 6	2 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday February 9	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday February 13	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday February 13	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 20	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Thursday February 22		Tastes	Details to be advised
Tuesday February 27	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 27	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Roger's Place
Wednesday February 28	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday March 2	4.30 pm	Annual Croquet Day & Spit Roast	Sandringham Croquet Club
Tuesday March 20	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday March 21		Victorian Probus Bowls Association Annual Bowls Day	
Tuesday April 3	2 pm	PRISMS	Bill Davis' Residence
Tuesday April 10	11 am	Immigration Museum	



Members at morning tea at the November meeting

Above: Graham Symon and Aub Gamble

Middle (L to R): Geoff Bransbury, Allan Taylor, Mike Read, Dick Kirby, Norm Griffiths and John O'Connor

Right: John Bushby and John Wallace

Photos: Ian Maskiell