



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday July 18 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Barry Hooper MD UNO Technology

Topic: Carbon Capture and Storage Explained

10-Minute Talk: David Dodd Memoirs of a Sub-zero Hero

UNO is a start-up company in the emerging area of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). It is a spin-off of the Co-operative Research Centre for Greenhouse Technologies (CO2CRC) and has plans to commercialise its IP to reduce costs for low-emission fossil fuels. [More about UNO.](#)



Some of the happy faces at our Candlelight Dinner & 30th Anniversary Photos: Ian Maskiell

Above: The Rosses and the Sebos; Margaret Wilson and the Reids; Alan Nash and John Beaty
Right: The McLeans with Kath Maskiell; Peter and Maureen Flude with Tony Avery



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 Theatre: **John Green** 9580 6820

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Beadle

I hope everyone who attended the recent Candle-light Dinner on winter solstice day - at which we also celebrated our 30th Anniversary - enjoyed the night as much as Margie and I did. The Sandringham Yacht Club is the premier Bayside venue for club dinners and the ambience, food, drinks and service were top class as usual. Four Foundation Members - Tony Avery, John Brimage, Merv Davidson and Bob Matthews – were our guests for the evening and each of them reminisced about the Club's early days in discussion with Roger Wilson. I spent many hours sourcing photos for the souvenir place mats and the powerpoint show: both will be put on our website for all to share when adventurer Geoff Bransbury gets back from his motorbike travels.

Our thanks to John Beaty who organized the event; Phil Stewart for compiling the photo powerpoint show and Richard Flude for his electronic wizardry in producing the souvenir place mats.

At our July Meeting we will have the second in our World Economic Issues series, a presentation by Jim Minifie who is a Program Director at the highly respected Grattan Institute, an independent Think Tank on economic solutions. We are fortunate to have Jim address us and I ask all members to make a special effort to attend for the early 8.45 am start to his session.

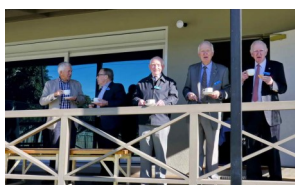
Our Keynote Speaker in July is Barry Hooper who will cover the very topical issue of power generation, supply security and Professor Alan Finkel's report. Barry will explain why carbon capture and storage (CCS) is the definitive process add-on required to achieve clean coal power generation.

Members are getting two expert speakers in the one morning on July 18 - a meeting not to be missed and certainly worth turning out for on a cold winter's morning. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Below: Various members (and President Ken) enjoying their cup of tea



Right: John Howe thanks June Keynote Speaker, David Rand



NOTICEBOARD

Global Economic Issues: 8.45 am

Speaker: Jim Minifie, Grattan Institute

Topic: Australian policy in a low-growth world

Jim directs the Productivity Growth Program at the Grattan Institute. His research focuses on developing policy to raise Australians' living standards by improving productivity and also accelerating the spread of innovations. [More](#)

PRISMS

Bill Davis

Our next meeting is Tuesday August 1 at the home of John Howe, 44 Ardoyne St, Black Rock @ 2 pm.

Fact: There are over 5000 types of Single Malt Whisky [More](#)



Discussion Groups

Nothing further until September

Barry Amond

Music Group

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Bridge

The Probus Men's Bridge Group, most of whom joined as beginners, have enjoyed more than 18 months of fun and friendship. We meet Tuesdays - except the third, our Probus General Meeting. We are now planning to play every week by meeting on the third Wednesday morning of every month and would like to share our fun with other members who might consider joining. If we can get enough new members interested to join us, we will arrange the means of assisting them to build their knowledge and skills, perhaps starting a beginning members' group.

Contact: Alan Farmer



Bike Group

Duncan Gibson

The ride proposed for Friday, July 28, takes in the attractive Scotchman's Creek bike trail passing through Ivanhoe, Alamein and Ashburton, a round trip of about 20 km. Assemble at the Black Rock beachside car park at 9 am for a leisurely drive to Mt. Waverley (Melways Map Ref: 69K6) where the ride begins. Refreshments will be taken as usual at the halfway point to boost our spirits, not to mention our legs! New riders made very welcome.

Note: Probus rules require a record of attendance for the purpose of Third Party insurance cover so please advise me if you intend to participate. This will also facilitate the arrangement of transport.

Tastes Goes Italian Again

When: Thursday July 27 6.30pm

Where: Saltimbocca Cheltenham

Cost: \$60 pp

This is our gourmet event of the year at an Italian restaurant in the local area with a reputation for fine food. You should not miss this! A careful selection of wines will be made available @ \$15 per bottle.

Last chance to book.



Alan Stevens

Theatre

Members are invited to consider a production of *Equally Divided* by the Mordialloc Theatre Company at 8 pm on Thursday, September 14 at the Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale. Also, the Cheltenham Light Opera Company is putting on a production of *A Chorus Line* at 8 pm Wednesday October 25 at the National Theatre, St Kilda. To obtain attractive concessional booking rates, we need to confirm our numbers well in advance of the above dates. A sheet for booking will be available at the functions table at our July meeting but you may wish to check our website where detailed information is shown.

[CLICK HERE](#)

John Green

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Our next meeting is on Tuesday August 22 at 35 Church Street Beaumaris@2pm

Theme: Red Wine Tastings



President Ken congratulates Foundation Members at our June meeting, each of whom was awarded their 30-year pin

From left: Merv Davidson, Bob Matthews and John Brimage

Birthday Boys – July

Tony Bowles 3/7

Frank Collings 20/7

Robert Lander 20/7

Rod Murrell 1/7

John Smyth 24/7

Mal Carter 10/7

Howard Hoskins 21/7

Colin Meade 14/7

Eric Slater 24/7

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

John Beaty

August

Winter visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens
Friday August 11

Discovery Tour 10.30 to 12 noon

Followed by a Vietnamese lunch at *Jardin Tan*

Cost: \$35 pp including lunch.

Directions: Drive to Birdwood Ave off Anderson Street close to its junction with Alexandra Ave. Drive along Birdwood Avenue until you reach the Terrace Cafe and Information Centre on your right. Parking all along Birdwood Avenue. Or, Train to Flinders St Station and then catch the 16 or 72 or 67 to the Domain Interchange St Kilda Rd, then (6 minute wait) 58 tram to 23 Hope St/ Domain Rd and then 150-metre walk to the gardens.

After the self-directed tour, lunch at the *Garden Tan* Vietnamese restaurant next to the gardens shop and information centre.

September

Werribee Open Range Zoo
Friday September 8

Morning visit from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Followed by Lunch at the Shadowfax Winery

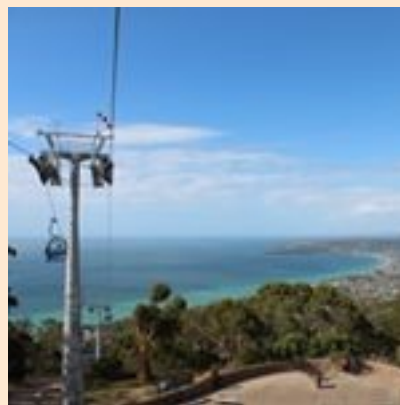
Restaurant - Chef's Sharing Menu

Cost: \$75 including lunch.



October

Arthurs Seat Eagle Sky Lift
Friday October 6



Take the Eagle from the Base Station at 795 Arthurs Seat Road to the Summit Station, then a casual lunch at the Eagle Cafe before taking the Eagle back to the Base Station and drive home. Cost: \$22 pp and lunch at own cost

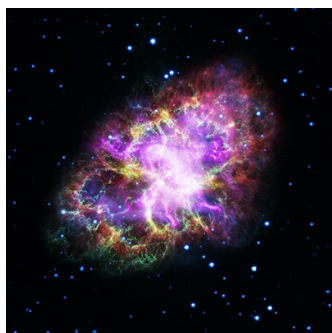
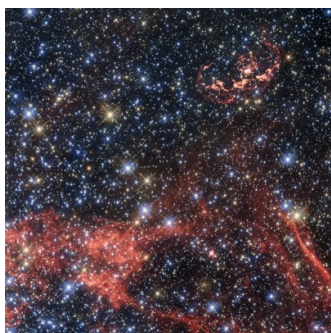
During the coming spring and summer, I would like to arrange a 3-day midweek break at a Victorian location within two to three- hours drive of Beaumaris. The concept would be to travel outwards on Tuesday and returning home on Friday morning. If this idea interests, please drop me an email with your preferred month. Any ideas you have about good locations would be appreciated. JB

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Bugs Alive! is one of Melbourne Museum's most popular exhibitions. The exciting and informative exhibits provide information on everything you ever wanted to know about bugs and more! This amazing exhibition features over 100 species of live bugs, feeding demonstrations, hands-on activities, and the very best of Museum Victoria's insect and spider collection.

Anyone interested in joining Peter McGregor on this excursion, please call him asap (0418 322 987). Date by mutual arrangement. Chauffeured luxury. Lunch included.



After the Big Bang

“the evidence suggests that it all occurred about 13.7 billion years ago and that our universe is the direct result”

“In the beginning there was nothing, it seems, which then exploded”. This may have been the extent of our understanding of the Big Bang Theory but Jim Duggan painted a much more complex picture in his 10-minute talk. He said that the evidence suggests that it all occurred about 13.7 billion years ago and that our universe is the direct result. According to standard theory, the universe may have begun as a minute, infinitely hot and dense singularity which inflated, expanded and cooled. As a direct result, our planet circles the sun, clustered together with several hundred billion other stars in one or as many as three trillion galaxies. Jim’s photographs – taken by the Hubble telescope, stunning in colour and complexity – amazed his audience. But his presentation raised the key question of whether our universe did have a beginning and from what? Members were left with many questions to think about - not the least being the ability of the human mind to process the theory of The Big Bang. Thank you, Jim, for such a provocative presentation.

John Bushby

The Promise and Risks of Batteries



Since December 1982 when an Australian-made car, driven by Hans Tholstrup and Larry Perkins performed the first manned transcontinental journey on solar power only, our keynote Speaker for June, David Rand, has had an interest in solar-powered vehicles. David has been involved in the series of World Solar Challenges since 1983 with the task of scrutinising car battery packs to make to sure the participants comply with the rules. As he sees it, the Challenge is a great testing ground, “whether it is for photovoltaics, composition, suspension, tyres or batteries” under the most arduous conditions, such as extreme heat, flies, dust, wildlife, road trains – coupled with the instability of each solar car - all making for daily difficulties. David originally worked in England and later in Australia (with the CSIRO), spending his working life on technological development in the area of energy storage, in particular rechargeable batteries with their great promise and risks. Some have reached the limits of their application; others a propensity to burst into flames. “Most are not without their very serious problems,” David says. “There are many challenges ahead.”

John Bushby

Fact Check

The number of cities in the world with a population of one million or more: 500

The expected increase in the number of people living in urban areas in the Asia-Pacific area by 2050: 63%.

2017 Chicago Forum on Global Cities



Golf Day

The 2017 General Golf Day which is open to all Probud Club of Beaumaris members who have a current Golf Australia handicap will be held at Kingswood on Friday September 1, arriving at 11 am for a 12 noon hit-off. The cost is \$95 per head which covers green fees, a light lunch and prizes. The competition will be 18-hole individual stableford. Although Kingswood is shortly to go to a new life, we understand that it is being maintained in great condition. This is one of the last opportunities to play it before it disappears. Please register and pay at the registration table at Probud by the latest at the August meeting, or e-mail John Pound at jaypound@hotmail.com. The magnificent newly-mounted Elson/Ineson trophy will be held by the winner for the following year. The photos (above) show the transformation of the trophy from a 9-hole competition to an 18-hole competition and how we have attempted to retain respect for its (short) history. The first photo shows the lump of 150-year-old railway sleeper which was used for the new plinth.

John Pound

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday July 11	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday July 18	8.45 am Global economic Issues 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday July 25	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Thursday July 27	6.30 pm Tastes	Salimbocca
Friday July 28	Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 1	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday 1 August	2 pm PRISMS	John Howe's Residence
Tuesday August 8	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday August 11	Royal Botanic Gardens	
Tuesday August 15	8.45 am Global Economic Issues 10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday August 22	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 22	Wine Appreciation Group	35 Church St Beaumaris
Wednesday August 23	8 pm Brighton Theatre Company	
Friday August 25	Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 29	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday September 1	General Golf Day	Kingswood Golf Club
Friday September 8	Werribee Open Range Zoo	
Friday September 8	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 12	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday September 19	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday September 27	7 pm Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 6	Arthur's Seat Eagle Skylift	