



# NEWSLETTER

Probud Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday September 19 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Les Pickett

Topic: Surviving and Having Fun in a VUCA World

We live in a fast changing environment that is highly disruptive, very volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous (VUCA).

10-Minute Talk: Alan Kermond - Medical Advancements from the 1980s onwards



*Les Pickett  
Chief Executive – Pacific  
Rim Consulting Group*

“We have identified poor managerial leadership as the main barrier to Australian business success ... most respondents to research projects list the availability of effective business leaders as their major challenge. We need to develop more effective leaders with capabilities to harness opportunities that lie ahead with Australia strategically placed to benefit from the dramatic growth of Asian economies. What are some of the challenges we face and the key characteristics of tomorrow’s successful leaders – and how can we enjoy life and have fun while all this is going on?”

## Beaumaris Probud Golf Day

## Winners and Losers but All Good Fun



*Left: Even Don Lobb, at a particularly testing moment, had a smile on his face*



*The overall winner for the day on 38 points was our host, Robert Kerr (who also won Nearest The Pin). Thanks again to John Pound for organising such a great day of golf with fellow Probians.*

*Photos: Alan Stevens & Geoff Bransbury*

*Right: John Pound at the end of a long day*



## **PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.**

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### **\* Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: <b>Duncan Gibson</b>	9585 3547
<b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982
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Golf: <b>John Pound</b>	9521 8252

Bowls: <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
Tastes: <b>Alan Stevens</b>	9597 0235
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Theatre: <b>John Green</b>	9580 6820

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



## **Ken Beadle**

It was a marathon listening morning for members at our August meeting with three excellent talks (summarised on page 5). Comprehension of these addresses is greatly aided by on-screen overheads projected by Phil Stewart, whose involvement starts a week or more before our monthly meeting. Phil contacts all our speakers about their presentation needs and assists where necessary with Power Point formulation. He then arranges collection of a USB of the presentation and runs it through the desktop computer/projector prior to the meeting to ensure compatibility and to optimise screen image size. Phil also generates and projects promotional slides for our various trips and activity groups. Thanks, Phil, for your dedicated service which adds significantly to the enjoyment of our meetings.

Thank you to all members who responded to the questionnaire last month on the Club's health. An analysis and executive summary of conclusions and

recommendations can be read on our website. Some suggestions to improve comprehension of our speaker sessions will be implemented next month and others considered at the September committee meeting. Overall, I believe our club is in very good shape now and for the foreseeable future. Finally, my apologies for forgetting to bring the names in the draw for the bottle of red to our last meeting but the draw for a winner will definitely take place at our September meeting.

Last year's day trip to Castlemaine for a nostalgic steam train journey followed by a gourmet lunch was a highlight of our social program. Recently, three members of committee took an exploratory trip to the Bellarine Peninsula by ferry from Docklands to Portarlington to sample wineries and restaurants for a similar event this summer. We liked what we experienced and details are being worked through for an early February outing.

*From left: Members at morning tea; Rod Kelly, Peter Harford, Geoff Bransbury; August Keynote Speaker, Alex del Porto; the President congratulates 20-year members, Paul Crompton and Aub Gamble*



*September 2017*



# NOTICEBOARD

## Bike Group



The September ride on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> is planned to take the off-road route south along the Bayside bike path to Patterson where we revisit the Moto Cafe (we have fond memories of the friendly host and classic motorcycling decor). Hope to see some Spring wattle along the way! Riders depart as usual from the Black Rock beachside car park at 9.00 am where we sign in.

Duncan Gibson

## PRISMS – August Report

The PRISMS Group met at John Howe's residence earlier this month for its second meeting of the year. Four fine Scottish malt whiskies were tasted, a 15-year Dalwhinnie, a 10-year Glengoyne, a 12-year Glenmorangie Lasanta and a 10-year Talisker. After considerable thought and discussion late in the afternoon, the Glenmorangie was judged the best of the day.

Bill Davis

## Movies

John Green



It may be of interest to members to know that the Brighton Bay Cinema in Bay Street, Brighton, provides a film at 11 am Monday to Friday followed by lunch. Lunch consists of a four-point sandwich, cake and tea/coffee. Provided there is a minimum of eight people, the cost is \$17 pp.

A booking is required two weeks prior to the date and confirmation two days prior to attendance. Wednesday, October 11, has been suggested as a suitable date for our first occasion when a choice of two films is available: *The Dancer* and *The Final Portrait*.

For more information about these films [CLICK HERE](#). A booking sheet will be made available at the functions desk at our September meeting.

## Opera Group

The program on Wednesday September 27 at 7 pm will consist of excerpts from a number of the most popular operas including those performed by Opera Australia on Sydney Harbour over the last few years.

Barry Amond



## Music Group

Our next evening will be on Wednesday October 25. As usual, all members and partners are welcome to join these longstanding groups.

Barry Amond

## Tastes

Details of our next Tastes event to be announced in the October newsletter.



## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Eleven members met mid-August and welcomed new member, Paul Stephens. See above. Special guest President Ken Beadle in attendance. A total of 10 excellent Australasian red wines were tasted, including a 1996 Bobbie Burns shiraz, three cabernet sauvignon, one New Zealand pinot noir and a cabernet merlot.

No 1 selection - with 7 out of 11 votes - was a 2013 St Hallett shiraz from Tanunda, SA.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 24 @ 2 pm

Where: Kevin Mc Donnell's home, 15 Cowper Street, Sandringham, where all the selected red wines will be international only.

NOTE: Last get-together for 2017 will be at *The Lobster Cave* @ 12 noon on Tuesday December 5.

## Annual Golf Day at Kingswood



From left: Peter McGregor, John Howe, Geoff Carlson; Rod Kelly, Noel Williams, John Smyth

Tired but happy, 18 members of Beaumaris Probus enjoyed the fine hospitality of Kingswood Golf Club while awaiting the outcome of the day's play in beautiful weather. For more photos, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Discussion Groups

Both groups resume their erudite discussions on Friday September 8 at 9.30 am and on Tuesday September 12 at 2 pm. We will tackle a number of the most important current issues including the emerging emphasis on rewriting history.

Barry Amond

## Birthday Boys – September

David Dodd 17/9	Noel Ineson 1/9
Lloyd Jenkins 16/9	Phil Maddox 14/9
Andrew Mann 2/9	Ian Martin 21/9
Peter Morris 5/9	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

## 2017

John Beaty

NOTE: Due to a fire at the Shadowfax Winery Restaurant, the restaurant is closed for repairs until the end of September. As a result, I am switching the visit to the Werribee Zoo and winery from September to October . JB

### October

#### Werribee Open Range Zoo

Friday October 13

Cost \$33 pp (including safari tour)

Arrive at the Zoo at 10.45 am to start the tour at 11 am.

To be followed by a Chef's Set Lunch at the Shadowfax Winery Restaurant (at own cost):



### November

#### Visit to the B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Australia

Thursday November 9

This intricate restoration work is proceeding in one of the impressive World War II hangars on the old Werribee airfield, Corner Princess Highway & Farm Road, Werribee.

Arrive by car at 10.45 am to start the tour at 11 am. A must-see, unique experience. This is a place steeped in history, of interest to those who love planes. Give yourself time (don't rush in and out) and make sure you take a tour with one of the volunteers to hear their story. There is a \$5 donation requested for entry. We will lunch at a local cafe or restaurant after the tour. [CLICK HERE](#) for more.

#### Annual Probus Bowls Competition

#### Sandringham Bowls Club

Wednesday November 29

One of the most enjoyable fun events of our Probus year. Come and join us. No prior experience required.

For more about this event, [CLICK HERE](#).



Above left: Alan Farmer shows how it's done in 2016

Above right: Merry and Geoff Bransbury with Peter Flude

### December

#### President's Christmas Lunch at Southern Golf Club

Friday December 15

### Winter Discovery Tour Report



Left: President Ken Beadle seated behind Peter and Maureen Flude on the Winter Discovery Tour  
Above: Howard and Lynn Hoskins; Richard and Julie Phillips

In early August, Probus members and partners attended and enjoyed the Botanic Gardens for the superb Winter Discovery Tour accompanied by a very knowledgeable guide who gave details of the garden history and its trees, plants and fauna. We were able to visit most of the important parts of the garden within the one-hour tour on our open-sided supersize golf buggy and trailer. We were lucky with the weather which kept fine and not too cold so that we were comfortable at all times on the tour.

John Beaty



## Budget & Strategic Planning

The Mayor of Bayside City Council, Alex del Porto, was elected to the first Bayside Council in 1997 and has been elected in each of the subsequent six terms. His address to the August meeting covered many of the infrastructure programs including sports pavilions to accommodate the growing number of girls playing sport. To cope with the more than 20,000 building enquiries per annum, some twelve new staff have been added to Planning Applications with some plans attracting divisive points of view; for example, the Dendy Street Beach pavilion where life-savers have to use flooded change rooms. Also, playgrounds are being upgraded, a storm water dam is being built to make Brighton Golf Course fully sustainable and further works are planned for our many libraries. A robust Q & A followed, including discussion of height limits and the battle with the State Government not imposing mandatory limits; the intention to increase housing renewals by private companies with 10% allowed for public housing, ratepayers' dissatisfaction with parking at railway stations and the removal of gates at the McDonald Reserve.

Alan Stevens



*"To cope with the more than 20,000 building enquiries per annum, some twelve new staff have been added to Planning Applications," the Mayor said*



*"Communism may be dead but nationalism is everywhere," Chris Renwick said*

## China is our Future

Prior to the August meeting, our guest speaker at the Global Economic Issues forum was Chris Renwick, AO, former CEO of Hammersley Iron and National President of the Australia China Business Council. He spoke about the rise of iron ore production in Australia since 1960 to become one of our leading exports today and the growth (and importance) of the China market where, he said, "Communism may be dead but nationalism is everywhere." Chris said that the improving productivity of steel production in China makes it imperative that its mills access better quality iron ore, mostly from Australia and West Africa. But, one major influence will be the increasing use of domestic scrap as buildings and bridges throughout the country are recycled, fuelled by the 15 million people who move each year from rural areas to urban centres.

## Red Notice: A true story of High Finance, Murder and One Man's Fight for Justice

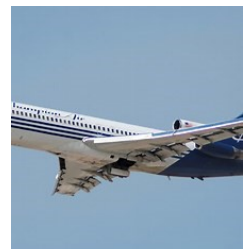
Bill Browder was a high-flying businessman in Moscow, until Putin turned on him. His new memoir details how dangerous it is to end up on the strongman's bad side. Eventually, one of Putin's henchmen sued Browder, an investment fund manager who had launched a devastating campaign against a number of corrupt officials who had not only driven him out of Russia, but also tortured and murdered his lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky. This is a remarkable story of how Browder achieved the support of the American Congress and also the European Parliament in his fight for justice against Putin and his cronies. Highly recommended. For more on the Magnitsky Act, [CLICK HERE](#).



## Recollections of the Tri-Motor

Paul Stephens' entertaining 10-minute talk was on the 'whispering T-jet', the Boeing 727. This plane had many unique aspects to its design: an on-board Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) so it could fly to remote locations such as Mt Isa and the Cocos Islands which did not have the necessary ground support needed for other jets. The three engines were all grouped at the tailplane so that the wings were unencumbered allowing huge front and rear flaps, thus increasing the wing area and assisting in short take-offs and landings on smaller runways. However, the downside was the 727 was difficult to land smoothly so hard landings could result in the oxygen masks dropping. It was also the last aircraft to carry an engineer who did all the routine checks and managed the plane's systems (they called themselves 'stage coach drivers' - but you'll have to ask Paul why). After 20 years' fine service, in 1984 the 727 was replaced by the 737, a new technology which enabled two engines to give 10% greater power than the three engines of the 727 while at the same time delivering 50% better fuel economy.

Alan Stevens



## Huh?

"... apart from sanitation, medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, freshwater systems and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?"

*Life of Brian*

## Bridge Alert

Members of the Bridge group are expanding their reach to include wives and partners at a special Lunch & Play afternoon on Sunday September 17 at Victoria Golf Club. All welcome.

# Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

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 12	9.30	Bridge	Victoria GC
Sunday September 17	12 pm	Bridge Social Day	Victoria GC
Tuesday September 19	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday September 26	9.30	Bridge	Victoria GC
Wednesday September 27	7 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday September 29		Bike Ride	
Wednesday October 11	11 am	Movies	Brighton Bay Cinema
Tuesday October 10	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 13	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 13		Werribee Open Range Zoo	
Tuesday October 17	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday October 24	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Kevin McDonnell's Place
Wednesday October 25	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 27		Bike Ride	
Thursday November 9		B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration	
Tuesday November 21	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Wednesday November 22	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Group	
Tuesday November 28		PRISMS	Nash Residence
Wednesday November 29		Annual Probus Bowls Competition	Sandringham Bowls Club

*Far right: John Pound and Runner-up, Geoff Taffs; also, a birdie at the last tee  
From Left: John Howe, Geoff Carlson, Alan Stevens, Peter McGregor - different strokes for different folks*

*Photos: Alan Stevens*

