



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday April 18 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Dr John Basarin, OAM

Topic: Gallipoli A Turkish View

10-Minute Talk: Duncan Gibson For Goodness' Sake, Get a Real Job!



*"Those heroes that shed their blood
And lost their lives.
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
Therefore, rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies
And the Mehments to us where they lie side by side
Here in this country of ours.
You, the mothers,*

*Who sent their sons from far away countries
Wipe away your tears,
Your sons are now lying in our bosom
And are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land they have
Become our sons as well". Ataturk*

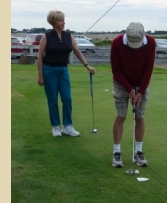


Dr John Basarin



Beaumaris Probus Goes Bush

The Annual Golf Trip was held at Port Fairy in March in superb weather. Competition was fierce but friendly with everybody a winner. Great food and good fellowship. Thanks to John & Louise Pound again for their excellent organisation. Photos by Alan Stevens. [More.](#)



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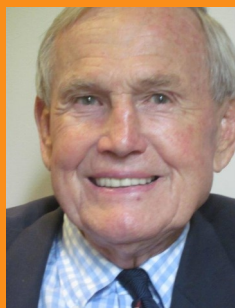
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*** Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: Duncan Gibson	9586 3647
Ken Beadle	9589 6120
Discussion: Barry Amond	9589 1143
PRISMS: Bill Davis	9592 5982
Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946
Golf: John Pound	9521 8252

Bowls: Ted Montfort	9589 5949
Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	9588 2593
Music/Opera: Barry Amond	9589 1143
*Tastes: Alan Stevens	9597 0235
Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791
Theatre: John Green	9580 6820

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Beadle

I am honoured to be your President for 2017 and will do all I can to make the year a rewarding one for all members. My most important job is to get excellent and varied speakers for each of our monthly meetings. We have a very talented community in Bayside and I will tap into this as my priority source. Michael Heffernan, our inaugural speaker at the first meeting of the Global Issues Forum, presented a cautiously optimistic picture of post-Brexit and post-Trump economics at last month's meeting (see p5). Over 50 club members were up bright and early for Michael's address and based on this response we will arrange further quarterly meetings. Our AGM signals the changing of the guard in some positions; however, we have many experienced interest group leaders and club administration officers continuing in their roles. Thank you for your continued dedicated service for everyone's benefit. Our retiring President Geoff rides off on Azulo at the end of April into the sunshine of Western Australia on the first leg of his next bike trip, this time around Australia. We wish him a safe journey and look forward to the next regular episodes of 'dopey old bloke' blogs. Thank you, Geoff, for your leadership and unfailing good humour in your presidential year and particularly for masterminding and implementing our Club website which is surely the best in the Probus stable.



Above: Ingo Rehder is inducted into membership by President Geoff with Proposer Jeff Sturrock behind
Above right: Lloyd Jenkins, Alan Kermond and Alan Nash
Right: John Opie, George Fabiny



Right: The Handover – President Geoff Bransbury presents in-coming President Ken Beadle with his Chain of Office
Photos: Ian Maskiell



NOTICEBOARD

Bike Group

On the last Friday of this month, the ride planned is to Altona's Cherry Lake, starting at Scienceworks in Spotswood, then following the Yarra River through historic Williamstown and then along the Altona Bay foreshore to the Lake. Williamstown's coffee strip offers lots of choice for refreshment on the return. Bike transport is provided from the Black Rock beachside car park, departing 8:30 am, Friday April 28 (always weather permitting). Why not join us for some healthful cycling and fresh scenery?

Duncan Gibson



Music group

Barry Amond



Our next musical evening is Wednesday May 31 at 7pm.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At the April meetings the groups discussed Religion. We meet next: Tuesday May 9 and Friday May 12.

Digital Technology

The next meeting of the digital technology group will be on Tuesday May 2 at 25 Third St Black Rock at 2 pm. Items to be discussed include the new range of smart phones, mobile wi-fi hotspots, budget chrome notebooks, bluetooth blues, internet radio apps and many others. An attendance sheet will be available at the April General Meeting.

Geoff Wade

Advance Notice

15-night Cruise to Singapore

3-night Stay in Singapore and Return Flight to Melbourne



Approximate Total Cost: \$8518 per couple

Departs Melbourne on Thursday March 15, 2018

Cruise ship: *Golden Princess*.

Accommodation: ocean view cabin with balcony

Stops at Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Margaret River,

Fremantle, Bali, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore

Arrives Singapore: March 30, 2018, at 0700 hrs for

a 3-night stay at the Swissotel Stamford Hotel

Flight back to Melbourne as arranged by our travel agent, included in price.

NOTE: The length of stay in Singapore and flight details to Melbourne can be amended to meet members' needs.

Registration for this trip will be available at the April General Meeting. Please sign up if you are at all interested - no firm commitment until booking date. This will be a very popular cruise as it is starting in Melbourne - cruises to Singapore usually start from other ports.

John Beaty

Newsletter News

The more observant readers will have noticed that we now have a new modern masthead (p1) Ed.

VALE: Geoff Goodwin

The Probus Club of Beaumaris would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of Geoff Goodwin to the Club's development over many years. Geoff, who passed away last month, and his wife, Jan, were both active participants in many of the Club's activities. Sadly missed.

Birthday Boys – April

Merv Davidson 9/4	Gerald Ettershank 6/4
John Fisher 15/4	Morris Gordon 15/4
John Opie 14/4	Richard Phillips 24/4
John Ragas 27/4	Brian Reynolds 7/4
Keith Ross 23/4	Paul Stephens 6/4
Alan Stevens 17/4	Noel Williams 5/4
Roger Wilson 10/4	

Awards

At the March meeting, Barry Amond was presented with his trophy for winning the 2017 Beaumaris Probus Croquet Competition (below left) and Don Lobb received his 10-year pin (below right).



From the start of the 20th century until WW2, what was Australia's second-largest city?
A Sydney B Melbourne C Brisbane C Other
ANSWER ON PAGE 4

The Age 11/3/17

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES 2017

May

**Tour and Lunch in the Dandenong Ranges.
Monday May 8**

Depart by coach from Beaumaris Community Centre at 9.30 am returning approximately 4.30 pm. Tour includes a visit to the Rhododendron Gardens, Olinda, free tour and coffee shop access. Then drive to Fortnum's Restaurant, Sassafras, for lunch followed by a scenic drive and return to Beaumaris. Cost including lunch is \$60 - \$70 depending on the number attending (More members makes it cheaper!) Please register at the April meeting or if not there by contacting John Beaty or John Green

June

**Annual Candlelight Dinner to be held at the Sandringham Yacht Club
Wednesday June 21**

Full details and costs will be announced in April but will be similar to last year. Registration will be available at the next General Meeting



July

**Visit to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia
Monday July 10**



Tour including lunch. See how this valuable service is provided to so many vision impaired people and how the dogs are trained
Cost \$52 - \$56 depending on numbers

[More](#)

October

**Holiday Package to Norfolk Island
October 15-22**

Q: Australia's Second Largest City 1900 to WW2? Answer: A

7-night package with flights via Sydney
Accommodation at Executive Suites at the Governor's Lodge with daily breakfasts. Six organised tours.
Cost: \$2189 pp twin share and \$2689 single (today's prices, may increase as the year advances)
Registration will be available at the April meeting. I would like to get our group organised and confirmed by the next General Meeting - later additions would be at the then current cost.

John Beaty

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Cruising New Zealand

In early March, on the *Golden Princess*, 19 members cruised around NZ for 13 days with the intention of visiting six ports. Unfortunately, the weather in the Tasman was as bad as ever and for the first nine days we had high winds and constant cloud. We were late arriving in Auckland leaving no time for excursions and we had to bypass Gisborne. As we left the drizzle of Dunedin, we hoped for a miracle and it came! The beautiful Milford Sound was calm and cloudless in all its glory. Despite the weather, the ship was excellent and we had a great time enjoying the food, the service and all its other offerings. [More](#).

Barry Amond



New Zealand Adventure
Members and wives
(back row from left):
Peter & Maureen Flude,
Alan & Margaret Nash;
(front row from left):
Barry & Margaret Amond,
John & Jeni Beaty

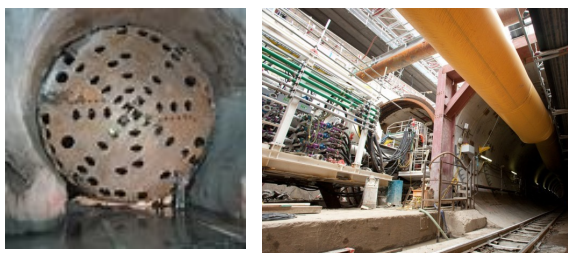


Beaumaris Boys (from left): Former member, Les Hall, Ted Montfort, Aub Gamble, Allan Taylor and John Wallace

April 2017

Through Mountains and Under Cities

Peter Stephens' brief was to educate members about the complex and dangerous use of Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs), amazing technology that involves digging a tube-like passage through the earth which replaces the conventional tunnelling methods of using explosives and manual labour.



Today, using TBMs, engineers can bore through mountains, rivers and even beneath cities. After analysing soil and rock samples and drilling test holes, a rotating cutting wheel and a trailing support with many computer-controlled systems completes the task and inserts a shield. Tunnelling shields have progressively improved since their introduction in 1825 and today they are at the cutting edge (don't mind the pun) of technology. Modern TBMs have several advantages: minimal ground disturbances, minimal support requirements, higher advance rates, continuous mining and improved safety.

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On the other hand they are very expensive, have difficulties in cutting through some rock and can have frequent breakdowns. Peter used Melbourne's Burnley Tunnel as an example of the often common problem of having to control groundwater by the constant use of pumps. Worldwide there is a need to use groundwater control using compressed air, grouting and freezing methods. Peter described the tunnelling techniques used in the Chunnel between England and France, and their use in the Crossrail project under London, and in Kuala Lumpur and the Philippines. He also referred to the current work on our Metro but left us in no doubt that tunnelling can still be a dangerous endeavour. It was a brilliant presentation.

John Bushby



Brexit and the Trump Plan for Australia

Our inaugural speaker at the Issues Forum, Michael Heffernan, promised a comprehensive assessment of the effects of both Brexit and Donald Trump (not to mention the triumph of the Bulldogs in the 2016 season). There were initial fears, he said, that Brexit would mean mass exodus of British businesses and jobs going to Europe, that Britain would suddenly slip into recession and bad things would happen. "In fact, it is the reverse. Since Brexit, the economy has been the best performing economy in terms of growth in GDP of all European countries. On Trump, he said, we all remember the outrageous promises during the election campaign. "But one ingredient that did not get much attention was his economic policies," Michael said. "It was not until the acceptance speech that he mentioned that he intended to spend something like \$1 trillion on much-needed infrastructure spending on roads, ports, hospitals, bridges, railways and the link."

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Bottom Line: the good economic plans of Donald Trump are more likely to be put in place while his harsher social agenda has been blunted. However, what the Trump ascendancy and what Brexit has done is provide a circuit-breaker to the now tired policies implemented since the GFC. In Michael's view, Australia should do the same as Donald Trump and embark on a major wave of much-needed infrastructure spending on roads and rail in particular such as in Melbourne with a circle road, a further Yarra crossing and a rail link to the airport, just to name a few. The same could be replicated in other states to enhance Australia's economic growth. "Fortunately there are some signs that this may be happening," Michael concluded.

Probus Plays Port Fairy

Below: Paul Stephens, Geoff Bransbury, Paul Crompton and Geoff Carlson

Photo: Patricia Tan-Stevens



Winners Are Grinners 2017

Howlong Country Club Trophy - Geoff Carlson
Warburton Heirloom Trophy -- Kevin McDonnell
Bill Gillingham Putting Trophy - Paul Stephens
Perpetual Aggregate Trophy - Geoff Carlson
(two years in a row)

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Friday April 7	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday April 11	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday April 11	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday April 18	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Tuesday April 25	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday April 28		Bike Ride	
Tuesday May 2	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday May 2	2 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Monday May 8	9.30 am	Tour and Lunch in the Dandenong Ranges	
Tuesday May 9	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday May 9	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday May 12	9.30	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday May 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Friday May 19	12 Noon	Wine Appreciation	Steak Bank Restaurant
Tuesday May 23	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday May 24	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Group	
Friday May 26		Bike Ride	
Tuesday May 30	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday May 31	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock



A Port Fairy Dawn

Photo: Alan Stevens