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October 2017

Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday September 17 The Sandringham Club

Keynote Speaker: Dr Tony Dicker Sunspot Skin Clinic

Topic: Skin Cancer Awareness

10-Minute Talk: Paul Crompton

How I learned to drive in the World's Most Dangerous Car

Approximately, two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70, with more than 750,000 people treated for one or more non-melanoma skin cancers in Australia each year. Non-melanoma skin cancer is more common in men, with almost double the incidence compared to women.

- 1 Presentation of 20-year pin to John Ragas and 10-year pins to Ian Gallagher and Brian Reynolds
- 2 Presentation of Noel Ineson golf trophy to Robert Kerr (winner of Annual Golf Day at Kingswood) by Noel Ineson
- 3 President Ken welcomes new member, Kevin Reed
- 4 Kevin Reed provides a potted history of his life watched by sponsor, Peter Harford
- 5 John Ragas thanks September Keynote Speaker, Les Pickett



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Beadle

One of our members recently suggested to the Committee that a fellow member be considered for Life Membership. This is the greatest honour the Club can confer and has only been awarded on four previous occasions, the last person to receive this accolade for 'outstanding service rendered' being Barry Amond in 2010. Both our Constitution and Standing Resolutions are imprecise on the definition of 'outstanding service' and vague on nomination and assessment procedures. At the Committee Meeting in September, criteria for nomination and assessment for Life Membership and a nomination form were approved. These documents can be viewed in the Members' Section of the Club website. The key criterion for nomination is sustained outstanding service for a minimum of 10 years. In order to maintain the prestigious position of Life Member, there will be a maximum of five at any one time.

Recommendations from the Club Health Check Questionnaire were also considered and several suggestions are being actioned. Discussions are proposed with local Probud clubs to share trips and tours to secure necessary numbers for bus hire and discounts. An embryo activity group is trialling a morning visit to the Palace Brighton Bay Cinema on October 11. The Committee also supports provision of more opportunities for members to mix with and meet recently-joined members and henceforward, informal booking of places at lunch tables is to be discouraged. To achieve a similar outcome, group seating requests at major social functions in future will not be entertained. Accordingly, members and their partners will be randomly allocated to tables by our Functions Coordinator.

*Three wise monkeys (from left):
Jeff Sturrock, Warren Parker and
Nick Caris*



*Keynote Speaker, Les Pickett, with President Ken (below
left) and with Kevin McDonnell and Barry Amond (below
right)*



*Below: New member, Kevin
Reed, is put through his paces
by Eric Slater and Peter Flude*



NOTICEBOARD

Discussion Groups



On Tuesday October 10 at 2 pm and Friday October 13 at 9.30 am, the discussion groups will discuss a book entitled *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt, a US psychologist. The sub-title is 'Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion'. Haidt explores why people tend to lean a certain way when adopting their views on issues generally, not just politics and religion.

Barry Amond

Music Group

On Wednesday October 25 at 7 pm, the program will include items from this year's *Last Night of the Proms* from the UK, one of which is *Finlandia* by Sibelius. In addition, there will be short extracts from a selection of overtures, symphonies and concertos by famous composers.



Barry Amond

Movies

To all moviegoers, it has been proposed that we have a morning session of the pictures at 11 am - followed by lunch - on Wednesday, November 15, at the Brighton Bay Cinema, 294 Bay Street. At this stage, the theatre is unable to advise what films will be showing but please refer to the website where details will be available. [Click here.](#)

John Green



Bike Group

The ride to 'Moto Cafe', Patterson, last month attracted eight members and a guest and was blessed with fine weather, although a breeze off the bay tested some of us on the return trip. What does not kill you makes you stronger! As usual, the hospitality at our destination was appreciated as a chance to gather strength. The ride for Friday October 27 starting from the Black Rock beachside car park is planned to follow the cycle path as far as the St Kilda Baths where we will refresh and take in the views. All welcome for an 8.30 am (summer time) launch.



Left: A colourful array of Probus bike-riders assemble for morning coffee at a familiar haunt

Duncan Gibson

For those interested in reading the newsletter from our Canadian friends in Mississauga – [click here.](#)

2017 Register

Rod Kelly has a new email which will be included in the next update of the Member Register: rodk1811@gmail.com.

The register is due to be updated over the coming week and should be on the website before the next meeting. If you require a copy for printing, it can be downloaded from the website and printed; or you may wish to request a printable copy from Geoff Wade (geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au). Geoff Wade

Last Tastes for 2017

Spectacular Chinese Banquet



KING YUEN
瓊園酒家

Where: King Yuen in Mentone

When: Thursday evening November 23

Time: 6.30 pm

Cost: \$50 pp

Don't miss it.

As usual, a range of carefully selected quality wines will be available @ \$15 a bottle.

Probus Golf

The Victoria Cup - which is open to any teams of four players from the same golf club (and Probus members) -will be held at Southern Golf Club on Thursday October 19. Southern Golf Club (present holders of the cup) and Victoria Golf Club are both fielding teams again and are looking forward to a tough contest.

The annual mixed golf trip, open to all members and their partners, to the Rich River Golf Club Resort at Moama/Echuca, from Tuesday March 13 to Friday March 16 is now booked out with 30 participants but we will run a waiting list in case of cancellations. The program includes two games of golf, a putting competition(open to all), a BBQ, a top restaurant meal, and a paddle steamer/winery tour for non-players. Full details can be found on the Probus web site.

John Pound

Birthday Boys – October

John Beaty 8/10

Gus Bravo 6/10

Duncan Gibson 1/10

Ron Hunter 16/10

Ian Johnston 18/10

Alan Kermond 23/10

Roger Leeming 11/10

Peter McGregor 21/10

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

John Beaty

November

Thursday November 9

Visit to B-24 Liberator Memorial, Werribee

[Click here](#)

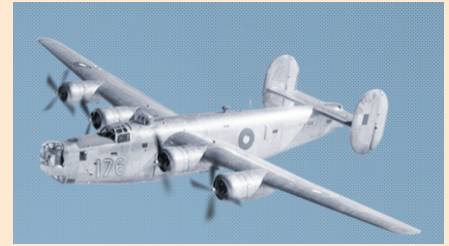
Location: corner of Farm Rd and Princess Highway. Members travel by car (self-organised car sharing) to arrive at 10.30 am. Morning tea on arrival and tour starts at 11 am. Following the tour there will be a BBQ lunch at the hangar (BYO drinks).

This is an opportunity to see a very rare WW2 B-24 Liberator bomber being restored and is not to be missed. Tucked away in the historic satellite airfield hangars is a group of very dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, who are doing a remarkable job rebuilding this aircraft to its former glory. Not just the airframe but all the many sub-systems and components that go into a very complex WW2 bomber; everything from engines, gun turrets, radios and a working Norden bomb-sight. Even the uninitiated will find the story of Hazel and her letters from WW2 fascinating.

Cost: \$27 pp - includes morning tea, BBQ lunch, and donation

Please sign up at the October meeting or contact John Beaty or Andy Coogan.

Payment to the Treasurer by October 30.



Lawn Bowls evening at the Sandringham Bowls Club

Wednesday November 29

This event will be very similar in format to last year's event.

Start time: 4.30 pm for 5 pm start. Teams of three players including one experienced player.

Full instructions will be sent to all nominated players. Cost: \$35 for players (including dinner).

Sign up at the October meeting, payment to the Treasurer.



December

President's Christmas Lunch Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Rd, Keysborough

Friday December 15

Arrival 12.15 pm

Pre-lunch drinks and canapés followed by two-course Christmas lunch (with one other option) followed by tea and coffee.

Cost: \$70 pp (includes lunch, beer, wines and soft drinks)

Registration at the October Club meeting. Payment to the Treasurer asap.

2018 Ferry Trip

Ferry trip, wine-tasting and lunch on the Bellarine Peninsula, Thursday February 1

The first social function in 2018 will be a return trip by ferry between Docklands and Portarlington with an optional wine-tasting prior to a gourmet lunch at the spectacular *Jack Rabbit* restaurant.

We will make our own way to Victoria Dock by train to either Flinders Street plus tram or Southern Cross plus walk for the 9.30 am ferry departure to Portarlington.

On arrival we will take a minibus to the nearby wineries area for optional tastings or coffee before having lunch in the nearby vineyard setting of the Jack Rabbit restaurant with views across Port Phillip Bay.

After lunch, we will return to Portarlington by minibus for a walk around the village before returning to Docklands on the 3.30 pm ferry, arriving at 5 pm.

Cost including ferry/minibus fares and 2-course lunch plus glass of wine is \$85. Numbers limited to 40 so register early (with payment) to secure your high summer day outing on the Bay.

The 90-minute trip across Port Phillip Bay on the fast ferry rivals the drive from Portarlington to Melbourne in light traffic and opens the Bellarine Peninsula to tourism potential

[Click here](#)



Over-Managed and Under-Led

According to our Keynote Speaker in September, Les Pickett, most of us are having problems coping with change and most organisations face the same challenge. The forces of globalisation and technology - many emanating from China, Japan, Indochina and India - have thrust a skill-based economic revolution upon us and businesses and governments are not coping well. Instead of long-term strategies there is often an emphasis on short-term decisions - our energy problem is a classic example - not to mention that it is almost impossible for the average Australian to distinguish fact from fiction. One major enquiry, Tomorrow's Global Company, looked at some of the qualities tomorrow's business leaders will need to function successfully. It found that "he or she will be a person with vision and strong values as well as courage, empathy, accessibility and a high level of negotiating and interpersonal skills; also, a passion for teamwork and humility." A very tall order indeed. It identified a need for people who can operate in an increasingly complex, turbulent and often uncertain environment and visualise what success will mean for their organisation, company or country. Above all, the leaders of tomorrow will accept his or her limitations.



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"Leaders know instinctively that it is important to balance confidence with a willingness to admit one's mistakes and keep learning." Importantly, "respect is earned through action and integrity, not through the trappings of position and power," Les said. If only our leaders were listening.

Peter McGregor

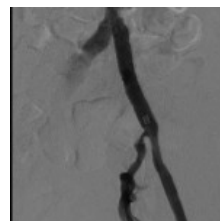
More and More Disasters?

..In the 1930s, drought, floods, storms, wild-fires and extreme temperatures globally killed almost 500,000 people. Today they kill fewer than 25,000 people....[d]espite the population trebling..

*Bjorn Lomborg, Director
Copenhagen Consensus School*

New Curative Approaches in Medicine

Our bridge-playing, radiographer colleague, Alan Kermond, gave us a short burst at the September meeting on the two main advances in medicine in the last 25 years: namely, arterial manipulation and cross-sectional body imaging.



Blood vessels may become narrowed or blocked over time as the result of arterial disease or other related conditions. Through minimally invasive procedures, radiologists can open the blocked vessels. Today, procedures such as angiograms, angioplasty and stenting diagnose and correct problems in the arterial system

Access to the arterial system through the femoral artery has led to balloon dilatation of narrowing in the arterial system which replaces operations for coronary arteries causing angina and heart attack (if done within 3.5 hours). It also allowed development of aortic valve replacement via the femoral artery, returning the patient to normal activities in a few days. There is also the possibility of being part of the strategy in the treatment of stroke (if performed within 2.5 hours). Cross-sectional imaging of the body (including the head) has allowed the exact diagnosis of diseases which otherwise would need more invasive approaches. With the addition of PET scanning, doctors can diagnose the presence of cancer deposits to allow a hopefully more curative approach in suitable cases.

Peter McGregor

Empire Building 101

List of agencies intervening in the (supposed) National Energy Market:

Australian Energy Market Commission
Australian Energy Regulator
Australian Energy Market Operator
Clean Energy Regulator and (a new one)
Energy Security Board

Judith Sloan, *The Australian* 15/8/17

Outstanding Viewing

For those who subscribe to Netflix and are looking for something worthwhile to watch, *Suite Française* is a love story set in France during the German Occupation at the outset of WW2. It is a beautifully acted movie with engaging characters and authentic settings based on a novel that has a remarkable background—the author, Irene Nemirovsky, wrote the story during the Occupation before she was arrested and sent to a concentration camp where she perished. *Suite Française* is both a brilliant novel of wartime and an extraordinary historical document, the basis of this excellent movie. A very rewarding experience.

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday October 10	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
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
Tuesday October 17	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Thursday October 19		Victoria vs Southern Annual Golf Day	Southern GC
Tuesday October 24	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf 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	
Tuesday October 31	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday November 7	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday November 10	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday November 9	11 am	B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration	Werribee
Wednesday November 15	11 am	At the Movies	Brighton Bay Theatre
Tuesday November 21	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Sandringham Club
Thursday November 23	6.30	Tastes	King Yuen, Mentone
Wednesday November 29		Annual Lawn Bowls Meet	Sandringham Bowls
Friday December 15		President's Annual Christmas Lunch	Southern GC



Above: 10-minute speaker, Alan Kermond, discusses his presentation with Ron Hunter and Bruce Tomkins



Left: A gaggle of Probus members prior to the start of the September meeting



Above: Duncan Gibson, Don Lobb, Barry Amond; Graeme Keys and Noel Ineson deep in discussion

Left: Richard Phillips and Lachlan McLean taking tea