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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday March 20 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Geoff Bransbury Inveterate Adventurer
Topic: Taking The Lid off North America by Motorbike

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual Croquet Competition & Spit Roast March 2018



*Above: Master Chef, Geoff Bransbury, at work
Above right: Croquet Master, Tony Bowles, supervises George Montgomery and Lloyd Jenkins
Right: Eventual winner, Robert Kerr, with gallant runner-up, Merry Bransbury, and referee, Jenny Bowles (right) [More](#)*



A Night at the Japan Inn

*Left to right:
Peter Harford, Geoff Wade
and Geoff Carlson; miso steak;
Alan & Robyn Farmer*



*Below:
Margaret Wade and Elizabeth Harford; service with a smile; Tony & Jenny Bowles;
Patricia Tan-Stevens and Judith Carlson
[Photos: Ian Maskiell]*



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Bike Riding: **Duncan Gibson** 9585 3547
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 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
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 Bridge: **Alan Farmer** 9598 2791
 Theatre: **John Green** 9580 6820

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Beadle

A highlight of my year as President was the conferring of Life Membership on Noel Ineson and Geoff Wade at our February meeting. Awarded for "sustained outstanding service", this is the highest honour our Club can bestow on a member and is well deserved by both recipients. The Committee approved Criteria for Life Membership in late 2017 and henceforward it will consider annually if any member warrants life member nomination.

For most of the current Probus year, the Committee has been formulating an extended Risk Management Policy. Recently, all Activity Group Leaders have completed a risk assessment plan for their Club activity. After approval by the Committee, the plans will be posted in the Member Section of our website and also promulgated to all participants by Group Leaders at the next activity event. The objectives of this program are twofold: firstly, identify the risks involved in member participation in the various Club activities and how these risks can be minimised by members. Secondly, to have documentation in place to satisfy the requirements of the Probus South Pacific

insurance policy in the event of a claim. Your understanding and cooperation are requested to maximise your safety at all Probus events.

The new car park at Banksia Reserve is now paved and expected to be in use by our March meeting after landscaping and other ancillary works are completed. We will continue to liaise with the management of the Beaumaris Sports Club on joint solutions to speed up morning tea and lunch services at our monthly meetings.

The Probus year is almost complete and this is my last message as President. It has been my privilege to lead the Club through another very extensive and successful program of meetings, visits and activities. My report at the March AGM will give details and acknowledge the support and hard work throughout the year of the many members who make it all happen. I will hand over the chain of office to Roger Wilson at the AGM and I wish him a successful and rewarding year.



*Left: President Ken Beadle awards Life Membership to Noel Ineson and Geoff Wade
 Below: Simon Appel and Duncan Gibson welcome new member, Stan Phillips
 Right: President Ken and Keynote Speaker, Paul Ness*



Photos: Ian Maskiell



NOTICEBOARD

Music and Opera Groups

The next music evening will be on Wednesday May 30 at 7 pm. It is likely that this year's opera evening will be on Wednesday August 29.

At the music evening in February, 31 of us had a new experience when a sound bar was used for the first time. Although experimental, it was generally agreed that it was an improvement on the stereo speakers which have been used for many years. A highlight of the evening was two famous operatic ensembles: the quintet from *Carmen* and the trio from *Così fan tutte* which were enhanced by Lloyd Jenkins' introduction. Another highlight was the thrilling playing of Daniil Trifonov in Tchaikovsky's famous piano concerto. Barry Amond

Discussion Groups

Next discussions will be Tuesday April 10 at 2 pm and Friday April 13 at 9.30 am. At the meetings in February, we expressed concern at many of the 'virtuous gestures' by people wanting to be noticed for their idealistic views on current issues like changing Australia Day. It was agreed that we need to discuss something cheerful in April. Barry Amond

Bridge Players



Our Bridge Group now numbers 25 members but new participants are very welcome. Alan Farmer

Musical Theatre

John Green
CLOC Musical Theatre is putting on a production of *Strictly Ballroom* at the National Theatre, corner of Barkly and Carlisle Streets, St Kilda, at 8 pm on Wednesday, May 23. Tickets: \$48 pp. We would greatly appreciate your early payment, preferably by direct credit. Please email me the number of tickets required, or better still, follow the prompts on the website. **To register [click here](#).**

Mamma Mia is returning to the Princess Theatre later in 2018. Bookings are open for the matinee performance commencing 1 pm on Wednesday, September 19. Provided we have a minimum of 12, tickets are priced at \$59.95 and early payment, by direct credit preferably, would be appreciated. Members are encouraged to email me the number of tickets required, or better still, follow the prompts on the website. **To register [click here](#).**



Some of our bike-riding enthusiasts - (from left) Duncan Gibson, Geoff Bransbury, Ken Beadle and Rod Kelly - pause for a moment to admire the view near Hastings after riding through mangrove swamps
Photo: Jim Duggan

Bike Group

For the March ride on Friday March 23, we propose a trip to Frankston via safe bike trails with a coffee break at the attractive foreshore precinct before returning by train, a cycling distance of about 22 km. Intending riders please advise Ken or Duncan and be sure to bring your Myki card. Departure time is 8:30 am from the Black Rock bayside car park; or, riders can join the group en route - for example, at the Teahouse or the Charman Road / Beach Road corner. We hope you can join us for some healthful outdoor cardio exercise! Duncan Gibson

Probus Golf News

The annual major golf event of the year - which is booked out for our maximum of 30 guests - is about to happen from March



13-16. We have planned three nights at the Rich River Golf Resort at Echuca/Moama with two games of golf on different courses. There will be a Paddle Steamer trip to a winery for lunch and a historic walk around Echuca for the non-playing partners. We also have a dinner at the American Hotel in a private room. It promises to be a great three days. John Pound

Register

To ensure entries in our Probus Register accurately reflect your details, please check them and advise me of any changes; ie. interests, partner, phone numbers, address, email address. Geoff Wade

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Birthday Boys – March

Alan Nash 6/3	John Pound 6/3
Graeme Keys 8/3	Bill Baker 9/3
Tony Avery 10/3	Brian Simpson 10/3
Mev Connell 11/3	John Howe 13/3
Bruce Tomkins 16/3	Bill Cruthers 17/3
John Bushby 20/3	Ted Montfort 24/3
Noel Williams 25/3	Alan Farmer 27/3
Ian Maskiell 27/3	Ken White 29/3

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

John Beaty

April

Visit to the Immigration Museum. Tuesday April 10

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

The Immigration Museum explores the stories of people from all over the world who have migrated to Victoria and Australia. A multilingual tour - which is simple to follow and provides an orientation to the exhibitions and building - was created by Museum Victoria. At each stop, text, audio commentary and historical imagery show the businesses, people and architecture that have transformed Melbourne and Victoria.

To register [click here](#).

May

RAAF Museum Point Cook. Thursday May 3

We will travel by car - car pooling will be organised. The museum displays the history of the Royal Australian Airforce from its beginnings in 1913 when the Central Flying School was established at Point Cook. At 1 pm on some days - including Thursday - flying displays are held of certain heritage aircraft. Cost: \$10 pp

After the display, we will lunch together at a nearby restaurant (at own cost).

To register [click here](#).



"Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future." Niels Bohr, Danish nuclear physicist

June

Candlelight Dinner at the Sandringham Yacht Club Thursday June 28



The Guest of Honour will be Ralph Butcher on his 100th birthday. Cost: \$75 pp
2- course dinner and drinks, house wines, beer and soft drinks.

To register [click here](#).

February 2019

Proposed Holiday Tour to Sri Lanka

More details of this holiday are available on the Club's web-site. If you are uncommitted but even slightly interested, please put your name on the proposed attendance sheet. There is no commitment until you pay the deposit.

To register [click here](#).



*Right:
Congratulations to Robert Kerr, 2018
winner of the prestigious Beaumaris
Probus Croquet Cup after a hard-
fought tussle with runner-up, Merry
Bransbury*

This is how he did it



The Joys of Steam



Steamrail Victoria relies on a small core of highly dedicated specialist staff supported by a large team of volunteers.

Amid these modern times, there is an increasing interest in the joys of the past and steam trains are remembered with affection by many people. In his 10-minute talk to members, Bob Wigg spoke on the subject of 'Steam in the 21st Century'. In the 60s, steam trains were out of fashion and it was left to Bob and his fellow volunteers to resurrect their memory and attempt to rescue and restore a small number of them. Their efforts have been largely successful but the time and effort required can be seen in the 10-year task of the acquisition and rebirth of an A2 locomotive previously situated in Warragul - a wonderful achievement because it entailed the total dismantling, and replacement, of 2000 working parts; not to mention the \$2 million cost. As well as undertaking carriage restoration and maintenance, Bob and his team of volunteers at Steamrail Victoria also provide regular train trips for the general public.

John Bushby

Wine Appreciation

One of our very experienced red wine tasters who attended our first wine tasting for 2018 commented that it was "the best selection of red wines we have ever sampled." Next meeting is a steak lunch with red wines at The Steak Bank, Ormond, on Friday



Photos: Geoff Bransbury

May 4.

Roger Wilson

For more information [click here](#)

See also Roger Wilson's note in the box at right.

I would like to share an experience with you all, about drinking and driving. As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd social session over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and some rather nice claret. Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before - I took a bus home. I arrived home safely and without incident, which was a real surprise, as I have never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got it from...

Master Physio at Work



Left: Andy Coogan thanks our Keynote Speaker for February, Paul Ness

Former Beaumaris resident and Keynote Speaker for February, Paul Ness, gave members an insight into his life as a World Tennis Association (ATP) Master Physiotherapist. His journey began when he combined his university studies with stints of hands-on physio in numerous sports including women's soccer, NFL, table tennis, triathlon and Aussie Rules. After working part-time with ATP for several years, he eventually moved into full-time for 8 to 12 weeks per year. In response to our questions, Paul explained that his work now takes him to overseas tournaments for 22 weeks a year, is on call at all times, but tries to balance work with being home with the family as much as possible. From contact with tennis players and sports organisations worldwide, he has amassed a plethora of stories to tell.



"Paul says it has led to increased research into the issue"

Paul said that AFL players (male and female) are currently the subject of research into hamstring and knee injuries, impacting upon players' careers to such a degree that once any one of these serious injuries occurs it can mean a period of prolonged suffering. On the contentious matter of the safe limits of the intensity at which sports should be played, Paul says it has led to increased research into the issue. He also raised a wide range of other complex issues pertinent to sport such as nutrition, environment, contractual disputes and obligations, and body structure and its vulnerability to stress.

John

NOTE: There have been enquiries from people wishing to join the wine group but with 15 current members we are not able to take any more at present. However, if a second group wishes to start up, we will assist with its formation. RW

Bushby

Right: It seems that Geoff Taffs was so reluctant to hand over the Victoria/Southern golf trophy to Alan Farmer, captain of the winning team this year, that he nearly dropped it



Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday March 6	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday March 13-16	Probus Golf Trip	Rich River Country Club
Tuesday March 20	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday March 21	Victorian Probus Bowls Association Bowls Day	
Friday March 23	Bike Ride	
Tuesday March 27	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday April 3	PRISMS	Bill Davis' residence
Tuesday April 10	11.00 am	Immigration Museum
Tuesday April 10	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday April 13	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday April 17	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday May 1	2 pm Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday May 3	RAAF Museum	Point Cook
Friday May 4	Wine Appreciation	The Steak Bank
Tuesday May 15	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday May 23	8 pm <i>Strictly Ballroom</i>	National Theatre
Wednesday May 30	7 pm Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday June 28	6.30 for 7 pm Candlelight Dinner	Sandringham Yacht Club

Left: Noel Ineson and Rod Kelly at the Croquet Competition

Below: John Beaty and members at morning tea; visitor, Greg Wilkinson, Alan Stevens and Chris Renwick

Far right: Jenny Bowles instructs Merry Bransbury on the finer points of croquet

