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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday April 17 Beaumaris Sports Club

Speaker: Brenda McAuley-Hines Alzheimer's Australia

Topic: Dementia and its impact on the person with the disease, their family and friends.

10-Minute Talk: Grant Sabin How it Rains – an Introduction to Cloud Physics

Fact Check: there are approximately 425,416 Australians living with dementia

Rich River a Resounding Success

As can be seen from the happy faces below, the 2018 golf trip met with everyone's approval – but especially the winners:

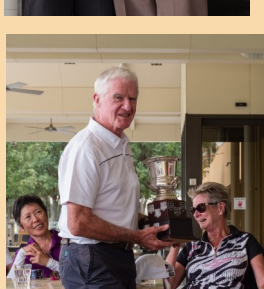
The Howlong Country Club Trophy was won by Geoff Carlson; the Warburton Heirloom Trophy was captured by Dick Kirby, and the Perpetual Aggregate Trophy was bagged by Kevin McDonnell.

It was a superb event again – thanks to the extraordinary organisation by John & Louise Pound. Congratulations. [Photos: Alan Stevens]



Above: Louise Pound presents the Bill Gillingham Putting Trophy to the 2018 winner, Robert Kerr

Below (from left): Margaret Kerr, Helen McGregor, Robyn Farmer and Louise Pound



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Roger Wilson

I am delighted to be your President for this coming year. I look forward to working with your Committee and the terrific array of Interest Groups who add great value to our wonderful Beaumaris Probud Club. Our Club is well set up for monthly meetings with a great line-up of Guest Speakers and our own 10-minute speakers.

Of course, our Club will be even more successful if we make a real effort to introduce new members – be proud to tell your non-member friends how good we are. I do this regularly by giving prospective members a copy of our newsletter outlining the many opportunities we have to get involved in our activities.

Your involvement in activities is also essential to make our Club successful. One highlight coming up on Thursday June 28 at 6.30 pm is our Candlelight Dinner at the Sandringham Yacht Club celebrating

the milestone of 100 years of our remarkable Ralph Butcher who never ceases to amaze us all with his vitality. Please book now (if you haven't already) and be part of this very special occasion.

On April 25, we come to another important Anzac Day celebrating 100 years of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux. From early 1918, Australian forces helped defend this French village from the ferocious onslaught of the Germans and at dawn on April 24, the Germans attacked and captured the town. Leading the British counter-attack, the Australian 13th and 15th Brigades bravely enveloped the town and successfully cleared it of Germans on April 25, 1918 – exactly three years after the Anzac landings at Gallipoli. Anzac Day is a revered day in Australia when we remember those who made sacrifices for our country and our allies.

Members left to right:

Ken Beadle hands over the presidency to Roger Wilson; Peter Harford, President Roger, Grant Sabin and Duncan Gibson; Howard Hoskins, Frank Collings and Kevin McDonnell; and Barry Amond and Ron Hunter

[Photos: Ian Maskiell]



NOTICEBOARD

★ Parking at the Beaumaris Sports Club

The Sports Club has advised that their new Oak Street car park is now open and is available for use close to the club.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At their meetings on April 10 and 13, the groups are discussing 'Happiness' as a means of getting away from all the serious topics of recent months. They will then move on to revisiting 'Volunteering in our community'.

The next meetings will be on Tuesday May 8 and Friday May 11 at the usual times.

Music Group

Barry Amond

The next Music Evening will be Wednesday May 30 at 7pm. This year's opera will be on August 29. Members are invited to say which opera they would like to see (if it's available and hasn't been played recently!)

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Next outing: 12 noon Friday May 4 at the Steak Bank, Ormond.

Bike Report

Duncan Gibson

Eight riders registered for our March riding event which took place in perfect Autumn weather. The day can fairly be described as 'eventful', as we encountered (and overcame) several odd navigational difficulties and mechanical issues. Veteran rider Noel Ineson frequently set the pace on his electrically-assisted machine which offered a gentle challenge to the rest of us. Nevertheless all returned home safe and well exercised, vowing to do it all over again next month. Such is the spirit of Probian cyclists!



Beaumaris Bike Group

Ken Beadle

Our April ride will be approximately 25 km on the Bayside West Trail. We will meet at Sandringham Station at 9.00 am to catch the 9.05am train to Flinders Street where we will transfer to the 9.47am Williamstown line train to Newport. From Newport, we will ride to Williamstown and then follow the coastline to Altona for coffee and muffins before continuing through Altona Meadows to Sanctuary Lakes, where we ride inland alongside Skeleton Creek to Aircraft train station for the return trip to Bayside. The route is flat through wetlands and mostly away from road traffic. All welcome. Please advise Ken Beadle by email if you intend to ride - and don't forget your MYKI card.

Staying in Touch

Geoff Wade

The committee of Beaumaris Probus Club wishes to update the list of wives and/or partners of past members of our club in the Member Register. If you are aware of someone who would be happy to be contacted but is not currently on our list, please provide details at geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au. Also, a suggestion has been made that some wives/partners may like to receive their own copy of our newsletter by email. If that is the case for you, please forward email addresses to me so that a list may be compiled and added to the distribution list.



Beaumaris Wins Annual Probus Bowls Competition

It is fitting that our own team of Ron Hunter, Lockie Mason and John Ragas (Skip) won the final 2-Bowl Triples competition at the Annual Probus Competition at Burden Park, Springvale, in March. The second Beaumaris

team of Ken Priestley, Margaret McGregor and Stan Bernard also did us proud. Sadly, this outstanding competition will cease after 37 years of socially-rewarding contests.

John Ragas

Digital Technology

We intend to meet next at 2 pm on Tuesday May 1 at 25 Third St, Black Rock. A number of interesting topics will be discussed including the hacking of personal details from Facebook, update on NBN, fixed wireless internet and many more. As usual, an attendance sheet will be available for you to enrol at the April General Meeting.

Geoff Wade

Cinema

Moviegoers are advised that because there is a movie festival at the Palace Cinema in Bay Street in the month of April, there are no package deals for Seniors. It is hoped that they will resume in May and it is suggested that those interested refer regularly to the theatre website in order to view the shorts.

John Green

Birthday Boys – April

Noel Williams 5/4
Paul Stephens 6/4
Merv Davidson 9/4
John Opie 14/4
Morris Gordon 15/4
Keith Ross 23/4
John Ragas 27/4

Gerald Ettershank 6/4
Brian Reynolds 7/4
Roger Wilson 10/4
John Fisher 15/4
Alan Stevens 17/4
Richard Phillips 24/4

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

John Beaty & Andy Coogan



In June I officially take over Probus Activities and acknowledge the fine work John Beaty has done in looking after this important function over recent times. I look forward to working with John Green and welcome your suggestions – especially interesting events and visits you'd like us to consider.

John has organised the outings until July so, as you are already aware, we look forward to visiting the **Immigration Museum on Tuesday, April 10**. As a country made up largely of migrants, I'm sure there will be particular points of interests for everyone.

RAAF Museum, Point Cook Thursday May 3. This will be interesting so please contact John Beaty re: car-pooling arrangements. Travel arrangements can be easily handled so kindly let us know if you need a lift. Come and join us.

Andy Coogan

May

**RAAF Museum Point Cook
Thursday May 3**



We plan to travel to the museum by car - car-pooling will be organised for everyone. The museum displays the history of the Royal Australian Airforce from its beginnings in 1913 when the Central Flying School was first 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](#).



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

Holiday Tour to Sri Lanka

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

To register [click here](#).

Taking the Lid Off North America



Rod Kelly thanks Geoff Bransbury while newly-minted President, Roger Wilson, looks on

John Bushby
Only a great storyteller could address such a title but our adventurous Geoff Bransbury did so in an eloquent and interesting fashion. A little bit of everything was promised and delivered, commencing in picturesque Nova Scotia with its capital city, Halifax, and the ferry ride across to Saint John, New Brunswick, particular highlights. Then on to Quebec City with its dominant French language and culture ("more French than French," Geoff said) created a major difficulty – all the road signs were in French (despite Canada's bilingual status). Undeterred, our man battled on to Toronto without mishap where the Niagara Falls beckoned but it was disappointing to find that the surrounds were somewhat dilapidated; however, the falls themselves were magnificent. Geoff's next stop, Ottawa, had the distinction of leaving the indelible memory of the enthusiasm of the local police for collecting revenue first-hand (or bribes).

A little bit of everything was promised and delivered

Crossing into the United States on his faithful motorbike, Azulo, Geoff travelled first through the colourful Amish area of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, featuring the reality of all its inhabitants observing their strict religious and social rules within a picturesque panorama; and next, discovering historical Gettysburg and its unique association with John Brown, The Gettysburg Address and various civil war battles.

Eventually moving into The Deep South (including famous places such as Nashville, Memphis and Tupelo), Geoff embraced the remaining memories of the music of Elvis Presley and BB King. (Sadly, he found Nashville disappointing.) Nevertheless the descriptions of Sun Records and *Graceland* were of great interest to the old rockers amongst our members.

The cities of Austin, Galveston and San Antonio were also impressive with their size and obvious wealth and power



During peak daytime tourist hours, more than six million cubic feet (168,000 m³) of water goes over the crest of the falls every minute.

Vicksburg, Mississippi – where the Siege of Vicksburg was the final major military action in the American Civil War – resonated with the slavery issue and the fate of the Union warship *USS Cairo* which on December 12, 1862, became the first ship ever to be sunk by a mine remotely detonated by hand. Geoff found nearby Natchez on the Mississippi River to be a beautiful city with its array of gracious mansions built on fortunes amassed in the days of the cotton trade and slavery. But it was his arrival in Texas adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and the famous NASA facility at Houston that held the greatest interest. The cities of Austin, Galveston and San Antonio were also impressive with their size and obvious wealth and power.

However, Geoff's fascinating presentation left us with only one question: What's next? Terrific stuff, Geoff.



Quebec City was one of the most impressive cities

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See also Photo Gallery:
<http://www.beaumarisprobus.org.au/interest-groups/golf/>

Riding Facts

Researchers at King's College, London, in a study that compared more than 2400 identical and fraternal twins, found those who cycled three times a week, at 45 minutes a pop, were nine years biologically younger than their more sedentary counterparts. This was even after discounting other influences such as smoking and body mass index. You might well ask what would happen if it was six times a week!

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Events Calendar

Tuesday April 10	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday April 10		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 April 24	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday April 27		Bike Ride	
Tuesday April 31	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday May 1	2 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Thursday May 3		RAAF Museum, Point Cook	
Friday May 4	12 Noon	Wine Group	Steak Bank, Ormond
Tuesday May 8	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday May 11	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday May 15	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday May 23	CLOC	Strictly Ballroom	National Theatre
Wednesday May 23	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Company	
Friday May 25		Bike Ride	
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