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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday July 17 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: David Parkin OAM AFL Player and Coach
Topic: Balance in Life

10-Minute Talk: Peter Morris Butter Makes Your Pants Fall Off



David Parkin attended Melbourne High School and during his time there was the school vice-captain and captain of football. A former Aussie Rules footballer and four-time premiership coach, he played 211 games with Hawthorn in a football career spanning 1961 to 1974 where he was captain from 1969 to 1973, including the premiership in 1971, and later coached the Hawks to a premiership in 1978. He coached three premiership teams for Carlton in 1981, 1982 and 1995. In 2013, David Parkin received a Medal of The Order of Australia for his contribution to Australian Football and is an Australia Day Ambassador.



Above L to R: Patricia Tan-Stevens, Chris & Margery Renwick Alan Stevens and Judith Carlson
Below: L to R: Jill Johnson, Brian Reynolds, Gwyn Williams, Ian Gallagher and Ian Johnson



Celebrating Ralph's 100th Birthday



Left: Ralph Butcher and family with President Roger Wilson – about to cut the cake. 100 years young.



Above L to R: Jenny Bowles, Bev Ettershank and Gilda Griffiths



Left: Joan & Eric Slater and John Green enjoying the entertainment

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Roger Wilson

What a privilege it was to be at our annual Candlelight Dinner on June 28 at the Sandringham Yacht Club. I am sure the other 114 members, partners and friends who were there will agree with me. Our centurion, Ralph Butcher, OAM, was in fine form, meeting and greeting all who attended - which was a great way to start a memorable evening. Ralph was amazing the way he chatted with me about his life and the very special times during his 100 years. He said he was nervous beforehand but he answered every question I posed him with aplomb! This was a first for our club in its 31-year history and let's hope there are many more centurion members in the future. It was great to have Ralph's two daughters, Sue and Jenny, with their husbands, Don and Robin, in attendance.

Special thanks to John Beaty - supported by his wife, Jenny - for organising a most memorable evening but it was sad that John had to go to Holmesglen Hospital on the morning of the dinner with bronchial pneumonia. Thanks also to Geoff Bransbury for being such an excellent stand-in MC, called on at the last minute. Also thanks to Philip Stewart, Andy Coogan and John Green for helping make this function a red-letter occasion for our wonderful club; but above all, to Ralph Butcher who said at the conclusion of the evening that he wants to be at many more such occasions. Go Ralph!



Above left: June Keynote Speaker, Mal Walden, talks about his many years reading the news



L to R: Alan Nash, Alan Cox, John Brimage, Allan Taylor



Above left: Bob Wigg and Bruce Tomkins line up for morning tea



Above right: cup of tea time for Brian Reynolds and Ian Johnson

Above right: President Roger inducts new member, Barrie Gibson

NOTICEBOARD

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

There will be two topics at the meetings on Tuesday July 10 at 2 pm and Friday July 13 at 9.30 am. The first will be the so-called revolution against political correctness. We will then discuss the parlous state of Australia's sporting teams on the international stage. In August, the two groups will combine on a date to be decided.

Opera Group

Barry Amond

At the next opera evening on Wednesday August 29, there will be an excellent production of Rossini's famous *The Barber of Seville*. The performance will commence at 6.30pm.

Travel Group

First Meeting: Wednesday August 15, 2-4 pm
Unit 1, 35 Alfred Street,
Beaumaris (front unit)
Tea/coffee provided



Facilitators: Barbara & Simon Appel

Main Agenda Item: Travel Insurance

The meeting will be addressed by a recommended travel insurance specialist for up to 15 minutes, followed by an opportunity for questions. Discussion will emphasise insurance for pre-existing conditions (e.g. heart, physical disabilities and dietary restrictions) for aged travellers. We will then discuss items of interest for future meetings. Attendance sheet at July Meeting or contact Simon at: sappel81@gmail.com (mob 0417 600 419).

Bridge Club

The group has resolved the accommodation issue with Victoria Golf Club: a commercial arrangement has been made whereby all members pay a small fee for a luncheon on the day of their meeting. A pleasant Sunday afternoon was held on July 1 when the Probus/Victoria men's group invited ladies - including their Bridge-playing wives - to have lunch together at Victoria and partner them in a Bridge Competition. A highly successful day, another is planned for October.

Alan Farmer

Theatre

John Green

Bookings have now been open for the past 10 weeks for a matinee performance of *Mamma Mia*, Wednesday, September, 19 at 1 pm at the Princess Theatre. Tickets are \$59.90 provided we have a minimum party of twelve (12). I would encourage interested members to advise me by email asap. Direct credit to the Probus Bank account (see p1) is the preferred method of payment. Any enquiries to johnfgreen17@gmail.com. To register [CLICK HERE](#).

STOP PRESS: Our August speaker will be Scott Chapman the CEO of The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Victoria. Tuesday August 21 - when hopefully the chilly weather will be receding. RW.

Annual Golf Day 2108

John Pound

This year our golf day is at the Patterson River Golf Club, Bonbeach, on Wednesday August 8, with first hit off at 8.59 am. It is open to all members of our Beaumaris Probus Club who hold a current Golf Link Handicap. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

The cost is \$60 which covers green fees and prizes. Please transfer the fee to the Probus bank account marked Patterson River Golf. Payment is required no later than Friday July 20.

To use a motorised golf cart, please contact the Pro Shop on 9772 1855, and pay direct. Also send me an e-mail, so that the appropriate groupings can be made. Any questions 0414251292 or e-mail jaypound@hotmail.com

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Members are meeting on Tuesday July 24 at Barry Amond's home with the theme of Red Wines Under \$20 a Bottle.

Bike Group

Ken Beadle

With cold winter weather now established, our bike ride on Friday July 27 will be inland away from the probable strong winds on the coastal bike paths. Meet at Sandringham Station at 9 am to catch the 9.05 am train to Flinders Street. We will ride south along the Merri Creek trail to join the Yarra trail at Dight's Falls and back towards the city for coffee and muffins at Collingwood Children's Farm; then to South Yarra station for the return to Sandringham. The track is mostly flat with very good surfaces and only one set of steps. As always, new members are very welcome. Please remember to bring your MYKI card and email me to register for the ride.

Digital Technology Group

Geoff Wade

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 14 commencing at 2 pm. Agenda items include the normal update on NBN, Firefox browser, Amazon Echo, taking photos with a camera (not a phone) and other interesting topics. Let me know if you have a topic to discuss at geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au. Attendance sheet at the July General Meeting.

New Profiles

36 member profiles are now recorded on our website. They make interesting reading. No doubt, we have impressive members!

Added this month: Geoff Wade, Simon Appel, John Green, Philip Stewart, and Alan Trumble.

[CLICK HERE](#) and add the password.

Birthday Boys – July

Rod Murrell 1/7	Tony Bowles 3/7
Colin Meade 14/7	Peter Loncraigne 15/7
Frank Collings 20/7	Robert Lander 20/7
Simon Appel 21/7	Howard Hoskins 21/7
Eric Slater 24/7	John Smyth 24/7

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Andy Coogan

AUGUST OUTING

MILLIONAIRE HOT SEAT

TUESDAY AUGUST 28

As you know, Eddie McGuire and Channel Nine have kindly invited us to be their guests at the recording of the *Millionaire Hot Seat TV* show on the above date. We've been allocated a large number of seats so please feel free to bring loved ones plus friends on this outing. It's sure to be fun. Food and drink will be provided. Free parking is provided on-site and if you require a lift, do not hesitate to advise us.

Cash prizes and Footy show tickets are on offer - so all you need is an interest in general knowledge to enjoy a stimulating experience. There is no cost involved.

The station has been most generous in this offer, so it's important that we know of your attendance soon so we can liaise with Channel Nine regarding our interest.

Kindly confirm your attendance (plus names etc.) by emailing me on: esgensiapacific@optusnet.com.au To register, **CLICK HERE**



September

NGV Winter Masterpieces Exhibition

Museum of Modern Art at NGV: 130 years of Modern and Contemporary Art
Wednesday September 12 9.45 am

This year's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces features more than 200 key works from the New York Museum of Modern Art Collection. The exhibition traces the development of art and design from late 19th century to the digital and global present. Early 20th century 'new art' works by Van Gogh, Gauguin and Cezanne and later works by Picasso, Dali and Pollock are featured.

As in previous years, we will have a guided tour exclusive to our members. Travel independently to the NGV, St Kilda Road, and meet at 9.40 am at the schools' entrance (the side of the gallery closest to the Arts Centre) for a 1-hour tour. There will be the opportunity to revisit the exhibition in your own time after the guided tour. At the conclusion of viewing, a table will be reserved at an NGV restaurant for members who wish to have lunch - at your own expense.

Cost: \$34 pp (covers admission and guided tour.) Maximum: 25, so book and pay early to secure your place. Latest date for payment Tuesday September 4. More information: Ken Beadle

To register, please **CLICK HERE**.

Girt: The Unauthorised History of Australia by David Hunt

Not everyone enjoys reading history; in fact, amongst young people it seems to be a most unpopular activity. But I do and I found this quirky retelling of Australian history highly entertaining. It contains all the usual characters and events from early exploration and discovery by Europeans to the turbulent days of Sydney Cove. However, it has a unique and surprising perspective.

For example: "Many First Fleet convicts had stolen food to ward off starvation. William Edmunds was transported for stealing a cow, while Thomas Eccles was exiled for filching bacon and two loaves of bread. If Elizabeth Beckford had joined forces with these criminal masterminds, the cheese and bacon burger would have been invented 140 years earlier." It's a lot of fun and a very good read for anyone with even a smattering of interest in Australian history.

Peter McGregor

GM and the March of Science



The use of GM cotton in Australia has increased farm revenue by \$1.27B

Kevin Reed's 10-minute talk began with a critique of generic opposition to genetic manipulation (GM). Fear of GM is reminiscent of the protests that the Vaccination Act of 1853 evoked in Britain. In fact, development of genetic engineering began about 40 years ago and products entered commerce in 1982 (human insulin). GM technology has made further changes to medicine by the production from GM microbes such as vaccines and interferons.



181.5 million hectares of GM crops were grown in 28 different countries in 2014.

The imposition of extreme protocols for GM plants have impeded progress with tragic consequences for countries where, for example, GM crops could improve vitamin nutrition. Crops in the Americas that rely on GM include maize, soybean, sugar beet, canola and cotton. A GM microbe-produced enzyme is widely used in cheese-making. GM crops have raised yield and profits and lowered pesticide use. In Australia, use of GM cotton has increased farm revenue by \$1.27B. Kevin urged members to study the facts and insist on credible evidence.

Bike Group

For our June bike ride, we travelled in Rod Kelly's 'ute' to Carrum and rode in perfect weather to Frankston. Our route was almost entirely on bike paths through Patterson Lakes and down the east side of the Seaford wetlands to Seaford and on to Frankston for coffee on the foreshore. The return trip was via the west side of the Seaford wetlands back to Carrum – about 30 km of easy riding. The weather, the route and the company made for a great morning.

John Pound

Member Register

The register is regularly updated and placed on the website in the Member section (most recent update June 29). Please check your entry and advise any changes necessary on the form provided on the website.

Geoff Wade

Ron Casey, Cyclone Tracy & Me

Peter McGregor

As a teenager starting work in radio at 3YB Warrnambool, Keynote Speaker Mal Walden could never have imagined the many illustrious years of reporting and reading the news that lay ahead of him; almost six decades, in fact. When he is asked how he managed to survive so long in such a fickle and competitive industry, he replies: being in the right place at the right time (that is, lucky) and being aware that it is not *what* you know but *who* you know that counts most.

With a job at 3DB, Mal had the good fortune to make the acquaintance of Ron Casey who, as his News boss, encouraged him to train as a journalist. After a stint backpacking and working in a kibbutz in Israel, Mal returned to Australia and approached Casey seeking a job (who, in turn, approached the News Director at Channel 7). As a result, he was offered a lowly position as a booth announcer, only to have the night's news reader call in sick and be offered the opportunity to read the news - on his first night. That led him to World of Sport - a mixture of chaos and confusion, he says - where he met Lou Richards, Jack Dyer, Bob Davis and the rest of the motley crew. "It showed me how easy it was to stuff up," he says; but perhaps the most fun was hearing Jack Dyer's malapropisms, such as "At Kardinia Park on Saturday, Geelong finally copulated" (instead of 'capitulated'). Mal remembers that his earliest assignment as a journalist for Channel 7 was to interview the very first Tattsлото winner and, soon after, to report from Darwin on the devastation caused by Cyclone Tracy - and was the first to send back to the studio in Melbourne graphic eyewitness accounts of the devastation, firmly establishing his reputation as a journalist of note.



The aftermath of Cyclone Tracy

But Mal also saw at first hand the devastation caused, initially at Channel 7, after it was bought by Sydney-based Fairfax (which led to his sacking) and later at Channel Ten following the appointment by James Packer of his good friend Lachlan Murdoch. The News Department employed 57 people when he first joined them; there were only six when he left in 2013 (today, eight). Sadly, Mal said, News everywhere is only a shadow of its former self and most follow the dictum, "If it bleeds, it leads" - a reference to television's propensity to put the sensational first. In retirement, he has had time to smell the roses. "Retirement gives you time to connect the dots," Mal says, "after more than 50 years." The result is two books published and another on the way.

Golf News: Kingston Heath GC and Victoria GC are to host the 2020 and 2022 Australian Opens.

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday July 10	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday July 10	2 pm	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday July 13	9.30 am	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday July 17	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday July 24	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday July 24	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday July 27		Bike Ride 	
Tuesday July 31	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 7	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 7	2 pm	PRISMS	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday August 8		Annual Beaumaris Probus Golf Day	Patterson River GC
August	tba	Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday August 14	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 14	2 pm	Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday August 15	2 pm	Travel Group	1/35 Alfred St, Beaumaris
Tuesday August 21	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday August 22	8pm	<i>Other Desert Cities</i>	Brighton Theatre Company
Tuesday August 28		Millionaire Hot Seat	Channel Nine
Tuesday August 28	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday August 29	1 pm	Mamma Mia	Princess Theatre
Wednesday August 29	6.30 pm	Opera Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday August 31		Bike Ride	
Wednesday September 12	9.45 am	★ Winter Masterpieces Exhibition	NGV

“Nothing has done so much to transform the world in the past 400 years as Western civilisation...”

Geoffrey Blainey
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