



NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday August 21 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Scott Chapman, CEO of The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Victoria
Topic: 90 years of Healthcare



10-Minute Talk: Ian Henderson About Me

The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia is one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world. It provides emergency and primary health care services for those living in rural, remote and regional areas of Australia. A non-profit organisation, the RFDS provides health care to people who cannot access a hospital or general practice due to distance.

Scott has been with the RFDS Victoria since 2010 and holds the position of Chief Executive. A Fellow of Leadership Victoria and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, he was previously Chairman of Destination Melbourne, People and Parks Foundation, the Outdoor Education Group and Outdoors Victoria. He is currently Chairman for Dootta Galla Aged Services and sits on the board of the Royal Agricultural Society Victoria and is a member of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roger Wilson



I am sure we all have a great admiration for the work and enthusiasm of volunteers in many aspects of our community. When there are disasters such as bushfires, road accidents and floods, the tragedy of homelessness, people in Op Shops and many other areas of our lives, there are always volunteers to get stuck into helping other people and causes.

In our own Probud Club over the 31 years we have been going, we have had many members who have volunteered in a variety of capacities over the years for several aspects of our wonderful club - for which I am sure our members have been grateful. I admire the many volunteers in our Probud Club for what they do, not only within the Club organising our many activities but also in their local communities. Volunteering is renowned for skill development in

people and the potential to promote general well-being in others and to improve human quality of life. It is an altruistic activity where there is no financial gain; volunteering is its own reward.

Many people in communities throughout Australia are recognised with awards such as an OAM and I would encourage members of our Probud Club to consider nominating volunteers who they think should be recognised with an OAM. It is easy to download the nomination form and submit details and referees on The Order of Australia website.

On a sad note, we mourn the loss of Past-President, Ken Reed, who passed away recently – a great contributor to our Probud Club. Our condolences to Ken's wife, Valerie, and family.

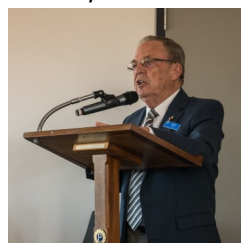
Below:

President Roger congratulates John Opie on his 20-year membership (left) and Geoff Mason on his 30 years (right)

Below: Frustrated Carlton supporter and Club Secretary, John Smyth, engages in animated discussion with David Parkin

Co-ordinator of the new Travel Group, Simon Appel, talks about his plans See p5

Left to right: John Fisher, Bill Cruthers, David Seedsman and Barry Donaldson take a leisurely cup of tea



NOTICEBOARD

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

For the first time, after 50 separate meetings, the two Probus discussion groups are to combine on Friday August 10 at 2 pm. The main topic will be 'Crime and Punishment'. After the break, current topics such as 'My Health' and 'Plastic Waste' will be debated. In July, discussing political correctness, many of us couldn't understand some of the jargon in the article that had been circulated. In addressing the state of Australia's international sporting teams, it was agreed that some were performing well while others are experiencing a cyclical downturn.

Opera & Music

Barry Amond

On Wednesday, August 29, at the earlier time of 6.30 pm the opera will be *The Barber of Seville*, a brilliant Spanish production (with English subtitles), starring the famous tenor Juan Diego Florez. For opera fans, this is a delightful production of one of the most enjoyable 'light' operas. For those who are daunted by the thought of opera, this is an excellent introduction, a good way to start a new adventure. Wives and partners are always welcome and we look forward to some new faces at this 37th opera evening since 2003. There will be the usual interval for tea/coffee, various 'nibbles' and plenty of talking. The opera will finish by 10 pm. The next Music evening will be Wednesday October 31 at 7pm.

Birthday Boys – August

John Green 1/8	Ken Beadle 3/8
Geoff Wade 8/8	George Montgomery 11/8
Jim Duggan 24/8	Bill Day 25/8
Norm Griffiths 29/8	Bob Wigg 31/8

1st Annual Pub Lunch

Join us for a unique event— a short train ride to have lunch together at a smart suburban hotel. Described in *The Age Good Food Guide* (2017) as 'a full-on fine-dining adventure', The Railway Hotel, Windsor, offers a wide range of quality pub meals in a congenial setting. We catch the train at Sandringham, a few stops and we are there.

When: Friday, September 21 12.30 pm

Cost: \$15 (minimum charge)



Waitress Josie; Geoff Bransbury and Peter McGregor check out The Railway Hotel, site of the 1st Annual Pub Lunch.

[Click Here](#) to register.

Tastes

Please note in your diary that the next Tastes will be Thursday October 25. Something special is planned so you wouldn't want to miss this one.

When: Thursday October 25 6.30 pm

Where: Mozambique Bar & Grill, Sandringham

Cost: To be advised Wine: \$15 per bottle

[Click Here](#) to register.

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

At our meeting in July, we had 13 members plus guest, Grant Sabin, who would like to start a second group – please contact Grant if interested (0419595757 or 95984768). After discussing the new stringent drink-driving laws, we decided to sample only eight reds brought by members, all less than \$20 a bottle. At our next meeting at Kevin McDonnell's home on October 23, we will sample wines from California and Chile.

Bridge Club



The bridge group has moved on from beginners to a higher level, benefiting from a lecture series from a Master Bridge Player, Ian Speed, who is introducing the group to some intricacies of the next level of difficulty. Interested members are always welcome.

Alan Farmer

From left: Ken Beadle and John Green deep in concentration while our Bridge mentor, Gill Tomkins, checks the bidding

Probus Bikies



Glad to be out in the sunshine: John Pound, Geoff Bransbury, Jim Duggan, Ken Beadle and Rod Kelly pictured enjoying a coffee at the iconic Collingwood Children's Farm café

We will meet for our bike ride on Friday August 24 at 9 am at Gardenvale train station on the Nepean Highway side. Route will follow the Elster canal bike path to the beach at Elwood, then north along the Bay Trail through St Kilda to Port Melbourne. Then inland from Station Pier and follow the tramway to join the Yarra Trail at Southbank for coffee. Flat track (approx 20 km) on good surfaces, great for new members to try us out - all welcome. Bring your MYKI card and email me to register.

Ken Beadle

New Profiles

Know more about members Peter Harford, Lloyd Jenkins and John Fisher. See their profiles on the website. [Click Here](#).

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Andy Coogan

August

Millionaire Hot Seat

Docklands Studio 476 Docklands Drive DOCKLANDS

Tuesday August 28 12.45 pm

We have a nice group booked to attend this interesting television recording at Docklands but thanks to Channel Nine we have more seats for anyone else who'd like to join us. Bring family and friends - all will be welcome. If transport is needed, advise Andrew Coogan who can arrange pickup and lifts. Remember: Car parking is free and on-site.

Confirm your attendance (plus names etc.) by emailing me on: esgeasiapacific@optusnet.com.au To register, [CLICK HERE](#)



September

NGV Winter Masterpieces Exhibition

Museum of Modern Art: 130 years of Modern/Contemporary Art

Wednesday September 12 9.45 am

20th century works by Van Gogh, Gauguin and Cezanne and later works by Picasso, Dali and Pollock. As previously, we will have a guided tour exclusive to our members. We will travel independently to the NGV, St Kilda Road, and meet at 9.40 am at the schools' entrance (closest to the Arts Centre) for a 1-hour tour. Opportunity to revisit the exhibition in your own time. A table will be reserved at an NGV restaurant for those who wish to have lunch together afterwards.

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

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

October

HMAS Cerberus Visit

Wednesday October 3 from 10.00 am

Members are invited to visit the base to enjoy a guided tour with the opportunity to ask questions. After morning tea and a welcoming film, the group will tour the Quarterdeck Art Gallery followed by lunch (\$12 per head) in the Vietnam Café. An afternoon matinee concert starts at 2 pm (to be seated by 1-45 pm) and finishes by 3-15 pm. We hope to arrange a quick windscreen tour around the depot, giving us an idea of what HMAS Cerberus consists of, including a visit to the wharf area, to Hann's Inlet and a view of Tortoise Head on French Island, across Western Port.

Cost: Approx \$20. Please sign up in the usual way ASAP.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

November

Annual Bowls Event and Dinner

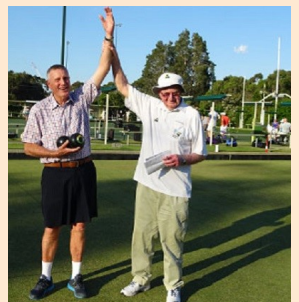
Wednesday November 14

Sandringham Bowls Club, Tulip Street 4.00 - 9.00

Come join the fun. All welcome, No need to know how to play.

Non-players welcome. Lots of parking. Always a great evening. Either play or just come along and enjoy the company, food and wine. If you play, there is a unique competition especially designed for us by Ted and Stan. The winner will be awarded our superb trophy made by Paul Crompton. Cost: TBA (but approx \$35.00) Drinks at special Club prices. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Right And the winner is..... Don Lobb





Andy Coogan explained why Carnoustie is widely regarded as one of the toughest courses in the world



Taming the Beast

Andy Coogan began by telling us that there were few subjects he liked talking about more than his beloved Carnoustie Golf Links. On the east coast of Scotland, a club with a long and proud history (perhaps going back to the 16th century), it was formally instituted in 1842, making it one of the ten oldest golf clubs in the world. Andy began with a picture of the house where he was born which overlooked the course where he was first introduced to some of the world's greatest golfers – and where he began his love of golf. “When I wasn’t playing, I was caddying,” he said. The Carnoustie course has been described by many people as ‘a true test of golf’ while others call it The Beast, infamously nicknamed ‘car-nasty’. Certainly it is regarded as one of the most difficult courses in the world where golf majors are played. Andy quoted Tiger Woods who said, “It is not a traditional golf course, more a case of survival. Ridiculous how hard it is.” Today, the 6th hole (of 54 in total) has been named Hogan’s Alley after Ben Hogan, the Open winner at Carnoustie in 1953. Andy noted that people say that when Ben Hogan hit a ball, it sounded unlike a shot by anyone else. With the British Open about to be played at Carnoustie, Andy’s ten minutes was both timely and engaging.

Peter McGregor

Register

The Member Register has recently been updated and is now on the club website. If anyone without access to the website would like a copy, please contact me on 9588 2593 and I will print a copy.

Geoff Wade

VALE: Ken Reed

It is with sadness that we record the passing of Ken Reed who had been a member of Beaumaris Probus Club since 1999. During his time with the Club, he was a regular and enthusiastic attendee. Meeting Co-ordinator in 2002 and President in 2004, he was a key member for many years of the Investment Group. He and his wife Val attended many Probus functions and trips. Our thoughts are with Val and Ken's family at this time.



Travel Group – Reminder
2 pm Wednesday August 15
1/35 Alfred St Beaumaris
Convenor: Simon Appel

Something Else in Life



Peter McGregor
Photos: Alan Stevens

Prior to his address, David Parkin warned us that he wouldn’t be following a script. In fact, what we got was a *tour de force* from a man who is passionate, not just about football, but about life and all the complications of playing such an intense game such as Aussie Rules, keeping fit, getting older, facing health challenges, giving something back and, above all, maintaining a sense of balance in life.

David Parkin says he is the last coach who refused to go full-time - because, he says, he was the only coach who had something else in his life - and he carried this philosophy into coaching (after having played for and captained Hawthorn, which included winning a premiership). For example, as a coach, he refused to pick players who didn’t have something else in their life, whether an education, work or an apprenticeship. Sadly, most players today don’t have anything else in their life. “They are going a million miles an hour in the wrong direction”, he said. Another of his unique eccentricities was to ask his players to pick the team (Carlton, 1995) without his input; the year they won the premiership. He is also convinced of the benefits - not just for players but for the performance of the team - of appointing welfare managers.

After a brief experience with prostate cancer a few years ago, David decided to tackle the problem his way. He established The Male Bag Foundation to raise funds to enable the purchase of Transperineal Biopsy Machines (at a cost of \$265 000 each) for public rural and regional hospitals because these machines greatly improve the lives of men dealing with prostate-related issues. To raise money, David and his volunteers have ridden postie bikes from Perth to Melbourne and up and down the Murray.

David concluded his passionate presentation by observing that, based on the research he conducts, Aussie Rules football is getting worse not better. There are more stoppages than ever before and the ball changes hands more often per second - though he is pleased that head injuries and concussion are being taken more seriously now. What he wants to see, however, is greater effort being put into making the game more fun to play, from AFL level to Auskick. He takes satisfaction from the fact that through his life in football he has made a difference.

You are all invited (with wives and/or partners) to the 1st Annual Pub Lunch at the splendid Railway Hotel in Windsor. Please form an orderly queue behind Geoff Bransbury (left).
[CLICK HERE](#) to register now. Friday September 21 12.30 pm

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Friday August 10	2 pm	Combined 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	2–4 pm	Travel Group	1/35 Alfred Street Beaumaris
Tuesday August 21	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday August 22		<i>Other Desert Cities</i>	Brighton Theatre Company
Friday August 24		Bike Ride	
Tuesday August 28	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday August 28	12.45 pm	Millionaire Hot Seat	Channel
Wednesday August 29	★ 6.30 pm	<u>Opera Group</u>	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday September 12		Museum of Modern Art (MOA)	NGV
Tuesday September 18	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
★ Friday September 21	12.30	1st Annual Pub Lunch	Railway Hotel, Windsor
Wednesday September 26	1 pm	<i>Mamma Mia</i>	Princess Theatre
Wednesday October 3	10 am	HMAS Cerberus	
Tuesday October 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday October 23		Wine Appreciation	Kevin McDonnell's home
Thursday October 25	6.30 pm	Tastes	Station Street, Sandringham
Wednesday October 31	7 pm	Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday November 14	4–9 pm	Annual Bowls Event	Sandringham Bowls Club

Right: Lachlan McLean and Vice President Keith Ross at morning tea

Left to right: Members Ian Johnston, Eric Slater, Ken Beadle, Ted Montfort and Gerald Ettershank enjoying a cuppa

Our own John Green welcomes prospective new member from Brighton Beach Probus, Doug Sanderson



Above: Deep in conversation – Geoff Taffs, Treasurer Geoff Carlson and Paul Stephens