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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday September 18 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Graham 'Smokey' Dawson,
ABC Sports Broadcaster

Topic: Painting the Picture with Radio



10-Minute Talk: Lachlan McLean - A Life of Light Aircraft Flying

Graham 'Smokey' Dawson has been a radio and television commentator at five Olympics and six Commonwealth Games, covering over 150 test matches and 400 ODI cricket matches. He cut his cloth with ABC Radio Grandstand in cricket and football for two decades, alongside ABC staffers, Tim Lane, Peter 'Smooth' Booth, Clarke Hansen, Joe Brown, Greg Miles, Dick Mason, and Ian Cleland. At the end of this AFL/ VFL Football season, he will have broadcast a record (by any commentator) 1820 matches. An amazing achievement.

Smokey has been recognised in many ways: a 2016 Member of The Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the community through a range of charitable organisations; and to the broadcast media industry as a Life Member of the AFL Media Association (2013). In 2003, he was awarded the Centenary Medal for long and distinguished service to the development of sport in Victoria and Australia and was admitted to the MCG Media Hall of Fame in 1999. In 1988, he won the AFL Media Personality of the year award.

We look forward to hearing, amongst many other sports highlights, Smokey's thoughts on the current AFL finals and the likely prospects of the remaining teams.



Left: President Roger Wilson awards Ossie Obst his pin in recognition of 20 years of membership

Below: Recipients of 10-year pins at our August meeting



Left: President Roger presents John Howe with his 10-year pin

Bottom row (Left to right): Mike Read, Bruce Tomkins, Rod Kelly, Barry Donaldson and Duncan Gibson each receives his 10-year pin from President Roger Wilson



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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

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 Bridge: **Alan Farmer** 9598 2791
 Theatre: **John Green** 9580 6820

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roger Wilson



What a wonderful talk we had in August on the remarkable 90-year history of The Royal Flying Doctor Service from Victorian CEO, Scott Chapman. Congratulations, Scott.

For the past seven years, I have been Patron of The Royal Flying Doctor Service Rowathon through which we have raised over \$500,000 in the 22 years of the event. This October, we are targeting \$50,000 - mainly through the many participants in the 90 km rowing event (four stages in one day) on the iconic Australian rivers, the Murray and the Darling. I am the starter and time-keeper. The event starts from the Apex Caravan Park Mildura on Saturday October 6 at 7.30 am via Coomealla (NSW) on the Murray and then moves to Wentworth with the second and third legs rowed on the Darling, finishing about 5 pm. (90 km this year on a new course - normally 82 km - to celebrate the 90 years of the RFDS.)

Every Day Hero is the other great fundraiser for The RFDS Rowathon with proceeds going to dentistry and mental health in North Western Victoria

Below: Visitor David John from Bayside Probuss with Gerald Ettershank



Acting Almoner, Bill Cruthers



Grant Sabin signs the attendance roll

Keynote Speaker, Scott Chapman, with President Roger (left) and Ken Beadle and Philip Stewart (right)



Above: August 10-minute talk by Ian Henderson, 'About Me'

NOTICEBOARD

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

We have two more meetings for 2018 –
Tuesday October 23 at Kevin Mc Donnell's home
Tuesday December 11 - Lunch at the Lobster Cave

New Wine Group



Grant Sabin is proposing a Wine Discovery Group. The aim of the Group is to critique and taste specific groups of wines that in most cases the members of the Group would not normally try or buy; hence 'discovery'. Specific classifications or types of wine could be, for example - French rosé, Tasmanian sparkling, even a wine type from one winery.

Grant proposes an initial core membership of eight people with the opportunity to invite up to two guests to any of the sessions. It is proposed that once the Group determines the wines to be sampled at the next meeting, two members be allocated the task of procuring four representative wines, as well as obtaining information about the wines, winery, etc. There will be an agreed total price for the four wines which will be shared by the participants. Contact Grant (9598 4768) for more information – or if you wish to join this group.

Bridge

Currently, we have 26 players including members from both Beaumaris Probus and Victoria Golf Club. On Tuesday, November 8, we will celebrate our third anniversary with a formal lunch at the golf club. The next Mixed Pairs event is planned for 12 noon, Sunday October 28.

Alan Farmer

Tastes

Alan Stevens

Our next Tastes function is Thursday October 25; however, there remain some issues to be resolved with the local restaurant. All will be revealed at the September meeting. Watch this space. In the meantime, to register your interest [CLICK HERE](#).

Next PRISMS

Tuesday, November 27 @ 2 pm
Alan Nash's residence



[CLICK HERE](#)

Our Pub Lunch

Come and join our hungry and thirsty group of 20+ at the charming Railway Hotel in Windsor. Wives, partners and friends very welcome.
Lunch: \$15 plus drinks
Friday Sept 21 @ 12.30
Train @ 11.50 am

Travel Group

Simon Appel

At our first meeting in August, discussion began on international Travel Insurance experiences and was followed by suggestions on airlines, rail, mobile phones and best money access. We discussed access to airports (around the world and local) with many experiences covering delays (personal and luggage). Many of us are now much wiser! We hope to have a Travel Insurance expert address our next meeting on: Tuesday November 13 (2 - 4 pm).
At Unit 1, 35 Alfred Street, Beaumaris.

Simon Appel sappel81@gmail.com

0417 600 419

Theatre 2019

John Green

It is anticipated that next year the Brighton Theatre Company will perform four plays at the Brighton Town Hall located in Wilson Street. Bookings are now open and a sheet is available at the functions desk. All details are available on the website. Any enquiries can be directed to me by email at - johnfgreen17@gmail.com or telephone 95806820.

Digital Technology

Geoff Wade

The final meeting this year will be @ 2 pm Tuesday October 9, at 25 Third St Black Rock. Discussion topics will include cryptocurrency in Australia, the usual NBN update, Samsung Galaxy Note 9 and any items suggested by members. Please let me know if you have anything you would like discussed. An attendance sheet will be available at the general meeting to indicate your intention to attend.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

There will be no discussions in September and the October meetings will be on the first Tuesday and Friday, October 2 and 5 at the usual times.
At the meeting in August, 'Crime and Punishment' centred on recent events in Melbourne and the weak approach shown by the authorities.

Music and Opera Groups

Barry Amond

The next Music Evening is at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 31. At the Opera Evening on August 29, the unusual Spanish production of *The Barber of Seville* was judged a huge success with wonderful singing and a comic approach to the classic story - so good that it might be repeated in the new year for those who were unable to attend.

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Birthday Boys – September

Noel Ineson 1/9 *	Andrew Mann 2/9
Peter Morris 5/9	Mike Read 6/9
Roy Petch 13/9	Phil Maddox 14/9
Lloyd Jenkins 16/9	Ian Martin 21/9
Stan Ryding 24/9 *	Graham Wearne 24/9
Warren Parker 25/9	Chris Renwick 29/9
	[* 90th birthday]

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Andy Coogan

FINAL NOTICE: September

NGV Winter Masterpieces Exhibition

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

Wednesday September 12 9.45 am

Cost: \$34 pp (covers admission and guided tour.) Maximum: 25. More information: Ken Beadle.

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

UPDATE:

HMAS Cerberus (The Cradle of the Navy) visit:

Wednesday October 3 9.00 am sharp at West Gate, off South Beach Road, Bittern

Cost: \$20 pp car share ID Required - driver's licence or other proof of identity.

Delighted to advise that we have had a great response to date and more are welcome including wives and friends. If you need a lift, contact fellow members or:

Andy Coogan. Ph. 9589 5742 or esgeasiapacific@optusnet.com.au

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to book.

November

Annual Bowls Event and Dinner

Wednesday November 14

Sandringham Bowls Club, Tulip Street 4.00 - 9.00 pm

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.

December

President's Christmas Lunch

Kingston Heath Golf Club

Friday December 14 12 Noon

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



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Bike Group

Our next ride, on trails south of the Yarra, is Friday September 28. Meet Cheltenham station at 8.50 am to catch the train north to Ormond station. Join the former Rosstown Railway route and pedal east to Oakleigh to join the Scotchmans Creek Trail and then head east towards the city. Join the Gardiners Creek Trail at East Malvern and continue to Burnley to join the Main Yarra Trail. Ken Beadle



We cross the river at the MacRobertson Bridge for coffee at *Kanteen* followed by a short ride to South Yarra station for the train ride home to Bayside. About 25 km on good surfaces. Don't forget your MYKI card and email me to register for the ride.

Member Profiles

Added this month: our very own Tiger - Bill Green. Read all about Bill, our Sommelier: [CLICK HERE](#).



Apart from John Flynn himself, how many RFDS artefacts can you find on a \$20 note?

John Bushby

Australia's Flying Doctors

CEO of the RFDS in Victoria, Scott Chapman, gave a presentation that was of great interest to our members. All Australians are presumed to be proud of the RFDS but Scott was able to add to our knowledge. Taking us behind their services, Scott touched upon the extraordinary history of the RFDS; in particular, the efforts of the Reverend John Flynn and Victorian pilot Lt. Clifford Peel in creating and nurturing the beginnings of the service. In the first year of operation (1928), the embryonic service flew approximately 2000 miles in 50 flights – in response to the tough years of the First World War and, later, overcoming the effects of the Great Depression.



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Its charter is to provide emergency and primary health services for those people living in remote and regional areas of Australia. Fixed-wing aircraft (helicopters are limited by distance and operating costs) are fully equipped with qualified critical care nurses and specialised doctors. They also provide for many patients in remote areas requiring non-emergency clinical monitoring and assistance. Over 6, 000 patients are transported each month.

“Injury and death rate is 1.8 times higher in rural areas compared to urban areas”

Scott Chapman, CEO, RFDS Victoria

In the past year, the RFDS has undertaken 88, 541 health consultations, conducted 163, 359 dental clinics, 142, 900 transfers in rural and remote areas for indigenous Australians and 24, 396 mental health consultancies through a mobile psychiatric service. Scott said that in recent years, there have been an increasing number of presentations due to the drought and an increasing prevalence of ‘grey nomads’ (just another reason for members to have travel insurance before travelling).

Keynote Speaker

Our Keynote Speaker at the October meeting is Michael Heffernan, Senior Wealth Advisor and Economist with Philip Capital. He has a wealth of finance knowledge and will talk on The Economy and the Future. Michael has been a Councillor for the last six years, his second stint with the Bayside Council.

RW

The Art of Keeping Busy

Ian Henderson has had an interesting and diverse history. He commenced employment as a technical assistant with the CSIRO but quickly rose to Sales Manager at Ovaltine and later in 1980 to Senior Sales manager at Albright & Wilson, market leader in the supply of phosphate in the Australian market. Its products also included industrial, construction and household care products. When A&W became heavily involved in the Asian market, Ian was thrust into an era of frequent travel to China. He travelled to China more than 30 times in order to purchase product. Retiring in 1997, Ian has been kept busy whether it was living in China while his wife worked as a teacher or with his CAE studies in personal computer maintenance. He currently maintains computers for a range of friends. He is very proud of his three children who all have been high achievers.

John Bushby

Annual Probus Golf Day

Our third annual golf day, open to all Beaumaris Probus members, was held at the Patterson River Golf Club, Carrum, in August. Hotshot Rod Kelly blitzed the field with an outstanding run of scores in the second nine. John Howe was a gutsy runner-up. Everybody enjoyed the excellent course and welcoming staff, despite a good number of balls being consigned to a watery grave.

John Pound

Mississauga Contact

For those who like to read about the activities of our sister Probus Club in Mississauga, Canada, please [CLICK HERE](#).

STOP PRESS:SCAM

Please note that a scam email has been received— from something calling itself TransferBigFiles— saying it's from Beaumaris Probus (and naming Geoff Bransbury) which it's not. Please do not click on any link associated with that email. Ed.

**Everything is funny, as long
as it's happening to
somebody else.**

Will Rogers

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

September: No Discussion Group

Tuesday September 11	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday September 12	10 am Museum of Modern Art	NGV
Tuesday September 18	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Friday September 21	12.30 Pub Lunch	Railway Hotel, Windsor
Tuesday September 25	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday September 26	1 pm <i>Mamma Mia</i>	Princess Theatre
Friday September 28	Bike Ride	
Tuesday October 2	2 pm Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Friday October 5	9.30 am Discussion Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Wednesday October 3	10 am HMAS Cerberus	
Tuesday October 9	2 pm Digital Technology	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday October 16	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday October 23	Wine Appreciation	Kevin McDonnell's Place
Thursday October 25	6.30 pm Tastes	TBA
Sunday October 28	12 noon Bridge: Mixed Pairs Event	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday October 31	7 pm Music Group	25 Third Street Black Rock
Tuesday November 13	2–4 pm Travel Group	Unit 1, 35 Alfred Street, Beaumaris
Wednesday November 14	4–9 pm Annual Bowls Event	Sandringham Bowls Club
Tuesday November 20	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday November 27	2 pm PRISMS	Residence of Alan Nash
Tuesday December 11	Wine Appreciation Lunch	Lobster Cave
Friday December 15	12 noon President's Christmas Lunch	Kingston Heath GC