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Meeting: 10 am Tuesday November 20
Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Mike Clayton Golf Architect
Topic: Golf Clubs and the Future of Golf

10-Minute Talk: Graham Ball - The Rigours of the Retail Rag Trade



“Though thriving in parts of Asia, golf is struggling in America and much of Europe, and is trying to reinvent itself for a generation brought up on the quick hits of video games”

The Economist



The Last of Days

The Music Group at its final Black Rock session

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roger Wilson



Our November meeting is just before a big golf tournament, The World Cup at Metropolitan Golf Club, with 28 teams to compete in this prestigious golf event. Australia has won the World Cup five times, with Adam Scott and Jason Day the most recent winners at Royal Melbourne in 2013. At the last World Cup in Australia at Kingston Heath in 2016 - which was won by the Danish team of Thorbjorn Olsen and Soren Kjeldsen by a margin of five strokes, who are at Metro this week - the Australian team of Adam Scott and Marc Leishman tied for ninth. Our team this year is Marc Leishman and Cameron Smith, who are both in great recent form and are ranked top team ahead of England's combination of Ian Poulter and Tyrrell Hatton, then USA with Matt Kuchar and Kyle Stanley ranked third. It's the 59th staging of The World Cup of Golf with \$US7 million on offer.

Accordingly, this month's meeting has a golfing flavour with our Guest Speaker, Mike Clayton, well-known golf course designer, writer and golf professional. I will be missing at the November meeting as Margaret and I travel in Jordan, Israel and Egypt with a group of 24 including Tony and Jennie Bowles. If you haven't booked into the President's Christmas Lunch at Kingston Heath Golf Club, I would urge you to do so immediately. If you can attend, I am sure you will have a great time.

*Below: Lloyd Jenkins and Barry Amond;
 Right: Lloyd giving his 10-minute talk*



*Below: Vice President, Keith Ross, President Roger and guest speaker Michael Heffernan;
 the President welcomes Garry Bradd*



NOTICEBOARD

Next Pub Lunch



Where: Osborne Hotel, Commercial Rd Sth Yarra
When: Wednesday January 23 12.30 pm
Cost: \$20 pp Drinks extra
 Travel by train to Prahran Station followed by a shortish walk (350 m). More details at next meeting.
 To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Theatre

Bookings for the 2019 season of the Brighton Theatre Company close Friday November 23 and payment is required by that date. Further information can be found on the website. [CLICK HERE](#). Tickets will be available at our January meeting. John Green

Discussion Groups

I hope that it will be possible to continue the two groups in February in our new home in Beaumaris, or elsewhere. I shall contact members with details in the new year. Barry Amond

Music

Sadly, the 18th anniversary of the Music Group was also the last to be held at 25 Third Street. A large audience of 39 were present to enjoy a selection of some of the most popular items of classical music. Lloyd Jenkins, who has worked with me on music and opera programs since the outset, spoke about the history of the groups and was supported in his kind words by others. Margaret and I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to host about 120 evenings and hope it may be possible to continue in the new year in some place in some way. Barry Amond

Speaker 2019

Our January 15th Guest Speaker is Bush Poet Don McQueen who has been Australian Bush Poet of the Year on five occasions in a row from 2007 to 2015 and is a top bush balladeer. Roger Wilson



Beaumaris Bikies

On our last ride, we welcomed back both Noel Ineson and Garry Larkin. Left: picture taken at the Aberfeldie bike/pedestrian bridge, the turn-for-home point on the river bank. KB

Last Ride for 2018

Ken Beadle

This is one to suit all levels of fitness; a return trip along the Bay Trail, then inland to Waterways and back. Meet at the Black Rock clifftop carpark at 9 am. Ride first through Beaumaris and Mentone to Mordialloc. We will follow the creek inland to Waterways where we will enjoy coffee and muffins before the return ride to Bayside. No MYKI card needed but please email me to register for the ride.



Wine Discovery

First meeting a great success

From left: Grant Sabin, John Smyth, Alan Stevens, Richard Phillips, Roger Wilson, David Seedsman and Barrie Gibson

NOTE: Our next session will be at Alan Stevens' place in February at a date/time to be decided. GS

★ From the Treasurer

As per our Constitution, the joining fee and annual subscriptions for next year are to be determined by members at the November General Meeting. Accordingly, my full recommendation for No Change in 2019, supported by your Committee Members, is attached and can be viewed on the website. [CLICK HERE](#). Geoff Carlson

Travel Group

Next meeting: Tuesday November 13
Where: Unit 1, 35 Alfred Street, Beaumaris. 2 pm
Speakers: Stuart Ingram, Managing Director of Destination HQ and Kate James, State Manager for Sure Save Travel.
 Contact: Simon Appel email - sappel81@gmail.com or Mobile : 0417 600 419

Wine Appreciation

Nine of our 15 members had an enjoyable afternoon at Kevin Mc Donnell's home in October, sampling four Californian and three Chilean red wines (for a change). Our last get-together for 2018 is Christmas lunch at *The Lobster Cave* on Thursday December 20 at 12 noon, where many and varied varieties of wines will be sampled. Roger Wilson

Birthday Boys – November, December

Ian Gallagher 6/11	Ken Rattray 8/11
Peter Flude 10/11	Nick Caris 14/11
Barrie Gibson 27/11	
Geoff Taffs 2/12	Philip Stewart 5/12
Stan Bernhard 6/12	Geoff Carlson 18/12
Warwick Andrews 21/12	Aub Gamble 21/12
John Solomon 22/12	John O'Connor 27/12
Geoff Bransbury 28/12	Bill Cleland 30/12

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Andy Coogan

November

Bowls & Dinner

Wednesday November 14 from 4.30 pm

Sandringham Bowls Club **\$30 pp**

We would be delighted to see more members and their friends support this evening especially as the weather is improving. Come along to Sandringham Bowls Club even if you don't play, enjoy dinner and refreshments and some good fun. Please book quickly in the normal way through the website so catering requirements can be updated.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

December

President's Christmas Lunch

Kingston Heath Golf Club

Friday December 14 12.00 noon **\$70 pp**



There has been an excellent response to date; however, if you haven't booked please do so now through the website. There is room for quite a few more for what will prove to be a very prestigious lunch in this beautiful clubhouse. Please advise of any special dietary requirements but be assured of a lovely meal with a very special guest speaker. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).



Update

MSO Rehearsal Project

While we haven't got an exact date yet, it still could happen soon. We have 33 interested in going - even at short notice. If at all interested, kindly add your name to the function list at our next meeting.



January

Grainger Museum

Wednesday January 30

Where: in the grounds of Melbourne University, Royal Parade, Parkville. Percy Grainger was a child prodigy who forged a career of pianistic brilliance and musical innovation in the early 1900s. He conquered the world's great stages, enjoyed royal approbation and public fascination. We will meet outside the museum at gate 13 on Royal Parade (ref Melways 571 G4) at 11.55 am and enter the museum at noon for a guided tour lasting 45 minutes. After a further 30 minutes to look at specific items, those who wish to have lunch will walk across to the other side of Royal Parade to McNaughton's (a favourite hostelry in the area).

Cost: \$5 per person, which covers entry and guided tour - lunch is not included. Car parking in the area is very difficult - train and tram travel recommended. Board tram No.19 at the terminal in Elizabeth Street opposite Flinders Street station and get off at stop number 11. Please register and pay not later than January 23.

Ken Beadle

Register

Geoff Wade

Just a reminder that the latest version of the Register is on the website and available for downloading. [CLICK HERE](#).

Number of millionaires (in millions)

- In Australia 1.3
- In China 3.5
- In the US 17.4

Credit Suisse, *Global Wealth Report 2018*

No Need To Panic

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Financial adviser, Michael Heffernan, commenced his talk by stating that the Australian economy was doing quite well despite the recent slide in some share prices. He made the point that Australian banks are strong and are a key part of our economy with 18 000 staff and 15 million customers. Given their ability to make remedial payments following the recent Bank Royal Commission, their shares still remain excellent value for investors. For those investors in search of reasonable dividends, Michael recommended BHP, Macquarie Bank, ASX and Wesfarmers.



Michael suggested the Australian dollar is on a downward trend but this should benefit the local market and Australian interest rates are likely to remain static for some time. Despite some media warnings to the contrary, he said, there is no need to panic over a potential GFC. He believes there is no comparison to be made with the conditions that produced the last such crisis.

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To the delight of members, Michael addressed some of the current Trump policies. He concluded that many policies have a fundamental flaw in that they favour the wealthy minority over the rest and ignore the reality that countries should concentrate on what they do well. America's failure to do so will inevitably lead to trade disputes between competing economies. He also noted that it is interesting that President Trump has attacked his Reserve Bank for its policies. How all this will play out in the US mid-term elections remains to be seen.

In Australia, he said, the drought will eventually break and government funding will see the farmers through the current hard times.

John Bushby

VALE

It is with sadness that we record the passing of Bill Baker on October 26. Bill had been a member of Beaumaris Probus Club since 2013.

The Infamy of Scapa Flow

In the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, Lloyd Jenkins told us of an experience pertinent to the end of the First World War when the German Navy infamously scuttled its own fleet at Scapa Flow, in the Orkney Islands, northern Scotland. On a bus tour in Norway, a sweet little old lady - Mrs Croft - confided to Lloyd that when she was a young girl, her father had told the family that as a British Commander he had been watching the captured German fleet through his binoculars when one of the ships disappeared mysteriously from view and slowly sank into the water, followed by another; and then another. As she was now getting old, Mrs Croft was concerned, she admitted to Lloyd, that her father's memorabilia, uniform and documents (at home in her cupboard), and his testimony as a first-hand witness to an important historical event might be lost. She was speaking to the right person. Lloyd was able to inform her of the right procedure for making contact with British naval historians who, he assured her, would welcome her with open arms.



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News from the Bridge

Alan Farmer

The Probus/Victoria men's Bridge Group held its fourth Mixed Bridge Pairs competition on Sunday October 28. Thirty-two people lunched and played sixteen hands of closely-contested Bridge. Bruce Tomkins and his partner Elizabeth Montgomery won the day with a withering score of just less than four thousand points. A pleasant Sunday afternoon. On November 13, the Bridge Group held its third birthday anniversary luncheon. The observation was made that the group has grown from 10 to 28 during those three years together with an increase in camaraderie. Members wishing to join the group would be made very welcome.



Bridge Club


Left: John Fisher, Alan Kermond; Gary Sebo and Jim Duggan take advice from mentor Gill Tomkins

Top 10 Wheat Production by Country (2018 est.) /'000 MT

EU 137	Canada 38
China 128	Pakistan 26
India 97	Ukraine 25
Russia 68	<u>Australia 22</u>
US 51	Argentina 19

[Source: indexmundi.com]

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Friday November 9	Victoria Trophy Golf Day	Keysborough GC
Tuesday November 13	12 Noon Annual Bridge Lunch	Victoria GC
Tuesday November 13	2-4 pm Travel Group	Unit 1, 35 Alfred Street Beaumaris
Wednesday November 14	Annual Bowls Event	Sandringham Bowls Club
Tuesday November 20	10 am GENERAL MEETING *	Beaumaris Sports Club
Friday November 23	Bike Ride 	
Tuesday November 27	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria GC
Tuesday November 27	2 pm PRISMS	Alan Nash's Place
Friday December 14	President's Christmas Lunch	Kingston Heath GC
Thursday December 20	Wine Appreciation Christmas Lunch	Lobster Cave
Wednesday January 23	12.30 pm Next Pub Lunch	Osborne Hotel
Wednesday January 30	Grainger Museum	University of Melbourne

* Keynote Speaker

Mike Clayton is our keynote speaker for November. Mike is a former professional golfer, a golf writer, course designer and advisor. He is well-known for his golf course architecture, partnering with 2006 US Open Champion, Geoff Ogilvy, in OCCM which has been involved in many golf course works and design including the current refurbishment of Victoria Golf Club's greens and the re-design of the Sandringham Public course.



Bridge: Behind Closed Doors