



# NEWSLETTER

Probud Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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## 2018 President's Christmas Lunch at Kingston Heath GC

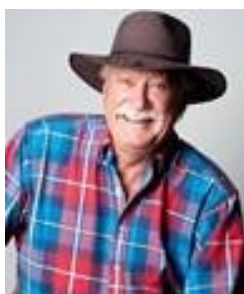
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**Next Meeting:** 10 am Tuesday January 15  
Beaumaris Sports Club

**Keynote Speaker:** Don McQueen - Balladeer and  
former Australian Poet of The Year (see p3)

**10-Minute Talk:** Graham Ball Inside the Rag Trade - Take 2





## **PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.**

### **\* Office Bearers 2018-19**

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### **\* Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: <b>Duncan Gibson</b>	9585 3547	Bowls: <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
<b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120	Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143	Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9589 1143
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982	Tastes: <b>Alan Stevens</b>	9597 0235
Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	0418395946	Bridge: <b>Alan Farmer</b>	9598 2791
Golf: <b>John Pound</b>	9521 8252	Theatre: <b>John Green</b>	9580 6820

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Roger Wilson**



As your President for the past 10 months, I was thrilled that we had 130 at our Christmas Lunch at my golf club, Kingston Heath. I have received many favourable comments about the lunch -- with excellent traditional Christmas fare, service by staff, atmosphere and outlook from The Elsternwick Room over the 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens. We also had a great talk by Club President, Jeffrey Knight, on the history of the club. Thanks to Andy Coogan for organising this annual event and also Geoff Carlson for co-ordinating the finances - and we made a small profit.

For more pictures of this great event, [CLICK HERE](#).

As we move into a new year, I think very positively of our great Probud Club with our many and varied club activities making it a very vibrant club. One thing I would ask: please members, get involved where you can in as many activities as possible and continue to enjoy the monthly meetings at the Beaumaris Sports Club. We hope to see you on January 15 at 10 am when our entertaining guest speaker will be Don Mc Queen, a great Australian balladeer and bush poet. See p3.

*L to R: Members at the November meeting to hear our Keynote Speaker golf architect, Mike Clayton; with Vice President, Keith Ross; talking to Graham Ball and being thanked by Dick Kirby*



# NOTICEBOARD

To access our website, [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTE: Website members' section has changed - If you don't know the new password, call Geoff on 0416 294452

See new profile: John Beaty [CLICK HERE](#).

## Discussion Groups

I hope that we can meet for the first time in my new home in March on the usual second Friday and Tuesday, 8th and 12th. It will be confirmed in the February newsletter. Barry Amond

## Music and Opera

It has not yet been decided where, or indeed if, the groups will meet in 2019. However, I hope that there will be music towards the end of March. Barry Amond

## Wine Appreciation

Our next meeting is at my place Thursday February 21 @ 2 pm – where we will raid my red wine cellar for some vintage reds. Roger Wilson

## Don McQueen

Don has been awarded Australian Bush Poet of the Year five years times between 2007 and 2015 which acknowledges his passion for Australian history and poetry recitals. A tall man, presents as a bushie with an Akubra hat, jeans, check shirt, Drizabone coat and boots and with an incredible memory for the poems of Lawson, C.J Dennis, Banjo Patterson, Bill Kearns and others.

## Bike Group

Our first ride for 2019 starts on Friday January 25 at the Tyabb Recreation Park car park (Melways 148H10) and follows the Westernport Trail south to reach the coast at Hastings.

For full details [CLICK HERE](#).

Meet at Black Rock beachside car park at 8.30 am. Please advise me if you will be on the ride - this is essential so we can ensure adequate bike carrying capacity on the day. Ken Beadle

## January Meeting Venue

Geoff Wade

Despite the difficulties experienced in November, we will continue to meet at the Beaumaris Sports Club in 2019. The club is in the advanced stages of arranging new caterers and we have been assured that arrangements will be in place for our January meeting. We look forward to seeing you all at the BSC to commence another great year for our Club.

## Digital Technology Group

The first meeting for 2019 of the Digital Technology Group will be held on Tuesday March 5 at a venue yet to be finally determined - you will be advised in the February newsletter. If you have any items you would like discussed/examined please let me know at [geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au](mailto:geoffmarg@bigfoot.com.au). Geoff Wade

## Pub Lunch

*Our two intrepid lunch guinea pigs – Peter McGregor and Geoff Bransbury – receive their pub lunch from a lovely young French lady, Clo*



Where: The Osborne Hotel, South Yarra (via Prahran station)

Cost: \$20

When: Wednesday, January 23

12.30 pm

You need to book now to be assured of a place at the table. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## Tastes 2019

Geoff Bransbury



Where:

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

When:

Tuesday February 26

6.30 pm

This is a special Summer Tastes at a superb new location. The food is excellent, will be served on the balcony (wind protected) with wonderful views of the Bay and maybe a sunset. Two course dinner, coffee and wine is included. Cost: \$50 pp Time: 6.30 pm A great way to kick off the year. If you have never been to Tastes before, please come! Ample parking at the Yacht Club or Brighton Baths. Please pay the treasurer. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## Travel Group

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 6. We will have an invited guest speaker from Intrepid Travel with an emphasis on options for Probus members. The venue is to be confirmed, depending on likely numbers.

Members will be requested to indicate attendance at the January General Meeting. Simon Appel

## Theatre

The Brighton Theatre Company will provide our first entertainment in 2019 on Wednesday February 27 at 8 pm. We have ordered 26 tickets and hopefully I will have them in time to distribute them at our next meeting (15/1). Full information will be on the club's website as soon as received. John Green

## Annual Probus Lawn Bowls Night

For Ted Montfort's full report on the Bowls Night, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Birthday Boys – January

[\* 80th, \*\* 90th]

Geoff Marshall 4/1

John Knight 10/1

Grant Sabin 11/1

Barry Donaldson 15/1

Kevin McDonnell 16/1

Jeff Sturrock 16/1

Allan Taylor 16/1 \*\*

Bill Green 26/1

Jim McGann 26/1 \*

Geoff Mason 29/1

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Andy Coogan & Ken Beadle

## January

### Visit to the Grainger Museum Wednesday January 30



Our first visit for the year will be to the Grainger Museum in the grounds of Melbourne University, Royal Parade, Parkville. Percy Grainger was a child prodigy who forged a brilliant career of musical innovation in the early 1900s. He conquered the world's great stages, enjoying both 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 on previous visits to the area. Cost: \$5 pp which covers entry and guided tour. Car parking in the area is very difficult - train and tram travel are recommended. Board tram No.19 at the terminal in Elizabeth Street opposite Flinders Street station and get off at stop number 11. To register, [CLICK HERE](#) and pay not later than January 23.

## March

### Annual Croquet Competition/Spit Roast Sandringham Croquet Club Friday March 15



*Come and join other members for a fun-filled afternoon*



Our annual croquet competition and BBQ at the Sandringham Croquet Club (on the foreshore) will take place from 4-8pm on Friday, March 15. As usual, Jennie and Tony Bowles and other SCC members will show us how to play - no special skills required. Last March, novice Robert Kerr was our winner and the trophy will again be up for grabs. We look forward to spit roast beef - a feast not to be missed. Maximum of 40 players - so register and pay early to ensure your place. Cost: \$40 per head (includes croquet and all food), \$25 dinner only. BYO drinks. To register, [CLICK HERE](#) and pay please by March 8.



*Wine Appreciation Crew  
From left: Robert, Garry,  
Paul, Barry, Rod, Roger,  
Ralph, Howard, Dick,  
Rod & Geoff [MORE](#)*

### MEMBERSHIP SUBS FOR 2019 NOW DUE

Annual Membership subscriptions are due and payable on January 1 each year. The subs for 2019 are \$70 pa discounted to \$65 if paid before January 31, 2019. Payment by direct transfer to our bank account is encouraged: BSB 063 144, Account No. 10121288.

You may prefer to send a cheque to me at:  
22 First Street, Black Rock 3193.

Also, payment may be made at our January meeting by cash or cheque.

Pay before the end of January and pay only \$65! Thank you to all those who have already paid.

Geoff Carlson, Treasurer



## Be Kind to Kids

*Mike Clayton was one of the designers of the Barnbogle course in Tasmania*



Our Keynote Speaker for November, Mike Clayton had a distinguished career as a golfer - Australian amateur champion in 1978, six PGA championships, a member of the Australian World Cup team between 1982 and 1994 and, today, is still playing on the European Seniors' Tour. A golf architect now, he is working on several golf courses around Australia. While visiting China three weeks ago, he discovered that no-one is allowed to build any more golf courses there; the government doesn't like golf. However, there are more than 300 000 golfers in China and one of Mike's acquaintances, Mr Jack Ma Yun, a Chinese business magnate, investor, and philanthropist - the co-founder and executive chairman of the Alibaba Group, a world-renowned multinational technology conglomerate - owns and develops courses around the world (such Pebble Beach in the US, New Zealand's Cape Kidnappers) and employs 1.8 million people.

"Golf is a hard game to play," Mike said and is played in some amazing places, giving golfers a unique opportunity for world travel. Fortunately, there are some really great public courses available to everyone near Melbourne, he cited Barnbogle (which he designed), The Dunes and St Andrews. Melbourne, he says, is a tough market; you have to be good to survive. Kingswood - perhaps the 12th best in the area after Royal Melbourne - didn't. He is in favour of courses that permit people with a limited amount of time to play the game (53% of games played are nine holes) but 'dumbing down' the game is a stupid idea. To survive, clubs need great design and they need to be friendly. In reference to the future of golf, his motto is: Be kind to kids.

Peter McGregor

## Probus Bridge



*Master of Ceremonies, Alan Farmer, cuts the anniversary cake at Victoria Golf Club marking three years of Beaumaris Probus Bridge*

The 2019 formal program begins the last Tuesday of January. However, member enthusiasm has been so great that some have continued to meet on Tuesdays throughout the holiday season. We have now reached a critical mass whereby the group is self-perpetuating. Any Probus members interested in joining us this year would be warmly welcomed.

Alan Farmer

## Mississauga South CONTACT

For those interested in reading the newsletter of our sister Probus club in Toronto, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Inside the Rag Trade

*Melbourne was still recovering from World War 2*

Graham Ball gave us a quick run-down on the retail trade - from the 50s and 60s to today. Like the rest of Australia, Melbourne then was still recovering from the war.

"Retail has changed," he said. "In those days, ethics just didn't happen." He joined the family business at age 15 to work with his father and grandfather - both very hard task-masters - who had established the business (M. Ball & Co) many years before and had shops in Richmond, South Melbourne and Malvern. Before long, he had learnt a few favourite tricks of buying low and selling high. In those days, there were no computers, not even calculators; everything was down to mental arithmetic.

Conscious of the time constraints at our meeting, Graham skipped across the subject in the shortest time but offered to return at a later date and explore the subject more fully. He promised that in his next session he would reveal deeper insights into the lurks and perks of the retail trade at that time.

Peter McGregor

## Probus Golf News

The annual contest for the Victoria Cup took place at the Keysborough Golf Club in November with 16 players. The criteria for teams has been changed to enable more challengers by making the competition 4BBB (i.e. two-man teams) and three clubs were represented. The team of Andy Coogan and Gus Bravo blitzed the field with a score of plus 8 and Alan Stevens and Phillip Rowell, all representing the Victoria Golf Club, were runners-up with plus 5. Geoff Carlson from Southern Golf Club hit the pin but sadly missed a hole-in-one; however, he easily took out the NTP prize. It is anticipated that next year the criteria will be further modified to enable even more participation in the event.


John Pound



*Above: John Pound's newly-refurbished Victoria Cup without the previous beer can adornments*

★ For Lloyd Jenkins' Ode to Roger [CLICK HERE](#)

# Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday	January 15	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday	January 23	12.30	Pub Lunch	Osborne Hotel
Friday	January 25		Bike Ride	
Tuesday	January 29	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday	January 30	12 Noon	Grainger Museum	Melbourne University
Tuesday	February 19	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Thursday	February 21	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Place
Tuesday	February 26	6.30 pm	Tastes	Brighton Yacht Club
Wednesday	February 27	8 pm	<i>After Miss Julie</i>	Brighton Theatre Group
Tuesday	March 5	2 pm	Digital Technology Group	Venue to be confirmed
Wednesday	March 6	2-4 pm	Travel Group	Venue to be confirmed
Friday	March 8	9.30 am	Discussion Group	Barry Amond's Place (to be confirmed)
Tuesday	March 12	2 pm	Discussion Group	
Friday	March 15	4-8 pm	Annual Croquet/Spit Roast	Sandringham Croquet Club
Tuesday	March 19	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club

*Ladies at lunch*

*L to R: Wendy Kelly  
and Merry Bransbury  
with Rod in the middle*



*L to R: Pat Matthews and Dorothy Jenkins with Poet Laureate, Lloyd; Judith  
and Bill Davis with Iris Hickey; Bob and Pat Matthews*

