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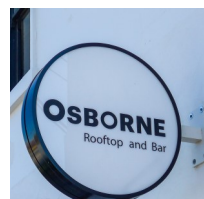
Below: Out and About

Members enjoying themselves at the January Pub Lunch in South Yarra



Photos: Alan Stevens

Right (clockwise): Paul & Hazel Crompton, Helen McGregor, Tony Bowles, Louise Pound and Geoff Bransbury



*Below (from left):
Bev & Gerald
Ettershank, Jenny
Bowles and John
Pound*

*More pictures
[CLICK HERE](#)*



"The bicycle craze gripped Australia in the 1880s, the 1890s and the early 1900s. Bicycle clubs proliferated and bicycle racing caught the public's attention as young men sought fellowship, camaraderie, glory and even riches in amateur and professional competition..." [More](#)



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday February 19 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Manfred Lobert, Bike Enthusiast

Topic: The History of the Bicycle See p3

10-Minute Talk: Jim Duggan Juries - should we trust them?

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roger Wilson



Summer in Melbourne is a great time for holidays and outdoor activities.

We as a family have always left home in Beaumaris in January and have had up to four weeks' holiday, camping - in the early years at Pambula, Sorrento and the last 16 years at our Rye holiday home. Many of our members would have a similar January. Also, it's a great time for summer sports: Test Cricket and The Big Bash Cricket, the iconic Australian Open Tennis - which draws huge crowds over two weeks - some still brave the heat for golf, rowing regattas and, of course, many of us are drawn to the beach on suitable days (but maybe not 40+ days!)

This January, our Club has had a very successful Pub Lunch in Prahran and also a visit to The Percy Grainger Museum. As I have said before in my column, our Probud Club has a variety of activities to get involved in which further the bonds of comradeship amongst our membership. I would encourage all members to participate in as many events and activities as possible (and including partners) so as to gain the maximum benefit and enrich our lives.

Below: Evidence of our hard-working Secretary



*Left: Our Welcome Committee doing some welcoming
Below: Ian Johnson and Alan Trumble in deep conversation
Right: Our Keynote Speaker being swamped by interested members*



NOTICEBOARD

★ Annual Subscriptions Due ★

Subs are due and payable on January 1 each year. It is now February and there are still some subscriptions outstanding. Payment, \$70 for the year, may be paid at the next meeting, or direct to our bank account, or by cheque to Geoff Carlson, Treasurer, 22 First Street, Black Rock 3193.

Discussion Groups

The groups are meeting at my new home, 1 John St, Beaumaris, on Friday and Tuesday March 8 and 12 at the usual times. As well as the topic (which will be advised nearer the time), we can discuss the future of the groups. In the meantime, please let me know whether you wish to attend regularly as a group member.

Barry Amond

Music and Opera

No dates have yet been fixed for future evenings.

Barry Amond

Wine Appreciation

Thursday February 21 at my place.

Roger Wilson

Bike Group

Duncan Gibson

Given the season and likelihood of heat, the ride for February 22 is planned to be a cruise. We will start from the Black Rock beach side car park just south of the clock-tower at 8.30 am and proceeding via Mordialloc to the Nest Cafe in Waterways. While some members rode this way last month it is always a delightful ride on level, off-road paths - and if we're lucky there will be a sea breeze. It is hoped all of our stalwarts will participate. Note the starting time and register your attendance with Duncan or Ken (advisable for Probus insurance protection of riders). Don't forget water and sun screen.

Summer Tastes

When: Tuesday February 26

6.30pm

Where: Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Come along to this special Tastes on the Terrace of the Brighton Yacht Club - with superb views. Maybe we'll even have a sunset. Shared entrées, selection of mains PLUS a bottle of excellent wine per couple (all for \$50 pp.) Click [HERE](#) to register.

Geoff Bransbury

Keynote Speaker: February

Our February guest speaker, Manfred Lobert, is a prominent architect with an interest in designing and building a full-sized folding bike with a unique folding geometry. Manfred's interest in such a bike - that could be taken to work in a small case - was sparked by a huge flood in Melbourne in 1989, when he had to walk miles to Toorak Road to catch a tram to get home, as all city public transport was out of commission. We will all learn a lot from Manfred about the history of bikes.

Probus Lunch at Beaumaris



Above: Lunch at Beaumaris Sports Club

39 members and guests stayed for lunch after the January meeting to sample the excellent fare provided by the new caterers (left), Happy as Larry.

[Photos: Alan Stevens]

It is pleasing to note that all reports were that the food was excellent, resolving many of the problems of 2018. Members are encouraged to stay for lunch and experience the friendship and camaraderie associated with that time together. Lunch is seen as an integral part of our Probus Club and can help foster friendships among members.

Geoff Wade

Digital Technology

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday March 5 commencing at 2 pm. Venue and possible topics will be advised at the next General Meeting when an attendance sheet will be available.

Geoff Wade

Bridge Players

Alan Farmer

Members who may be considering joining our group but are beginners and unsure about taking the plunge could consider enrolling in a beginners' class run by local Beaumaris Bridge Master Teacher, Mrs Jan Clyne (Ph 9592 9273 or 0418 556 382).

Travel Group

Simon Appel

The group meets next on Wednesday March 6 at 1/35 Alfred Street Beaumaris – unless the numbers require an alternative venue. Please confirm your attendance on or before February 17.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).



Birthday Boys – February

Graham Symon 6/2

Ingo Rehder 7/2

Dick Kirby 9/2

Paul Crompton 18/2

Gary Sebo 21/2

Lachlan McLean 25/2

Hugh Stevens 26/2

Allan Cox 27/2

Peter Harford 27/2

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle

March

Annual Croquet Competition/Spit Roast

Sandringham Croquet Club Friday March 15

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. We look forward to spit roast beef — a feast not to be missed. There is a 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.



Above: There's even scope for the spectators to enjoy the day



Below: Hordes of Probus Club members enjoy the sun and the food of the Annual Croquet Competition



Left: Croquet Club member, Jennie Bowles, instructs beginner Merry Bransbury in the fine art of croquet, as eventual winner, Robert Kerr, watches on



Visit to the Percy Grainger Museum

Right to left: Ken Beadle, Hazel Crompton, Tony Bowles, Jennie Bowles, Val Slattery & Nina Richwol (Beadle friends), Roger Wilson, Gail Seedsman, Muis van Ruyven, Graham Ball, Nova Ball, Paul Crompton, Tour Guide and Margie Beadle.

Excellent tour of an absolute gem in the heart of Melbourne - free admission. Strongly recommended to all members interested in music.



Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.

— Winston Churchill —

AZ QUOTES



Gus Bravo, centre, accepts the newly-refurbished Victoria Cup (crafted by John Pound, right) from founder of the competition, Alan Farmer, left. Gus's partner on the day was Andy Coogan

February 2019



The Bush Comes to Beaumaris

*He lifted up his hairy paw, with one tremendous clout
He landed on the barber's jaw, and knocked the barber out.
He set to work with nail and tooth, he made the place a wreck;
He grabbed the nearest gilded youth, and tried to break his neck.
And all the while his throat he held to save his vital spark,
And "Murder! Bloody murder!" yelled the man from Ironbark.*

Keynote Speaker for January, Don McQueen, has received awards from the Australian Bush Poets' Association five times. His eagerly awaited visit did not disappoint. Don commenced by advising us that he would focus on two of Australia's greatest story tellers and examples of their works: Andrew 'Banjo' Patterson (1864-1941) who wrote many poems and ballads about Australian life including 'Clancy of the Overflow', 'The Man From Snowy River' and our unofficial anthem 'Waltzing Matilda'; and the justly more famous Henry Lawson (1867 -1922), who is remembered as Australia's greatest writer of short stories. Lawson's ability to see and describe country life at the time can be seen in 'The Drovers Wife', 'The Loaded Dog', 'The Bastard From The Bush' and 'The Fire At Ross' Farm', a poem about conflict between squatters and selectors, a forbidden love and ultimate reconciliation. Following renditions of these works, Don performed Bill Kearns' 'Senior Citizens' Meat Raffle'. Such was the humour and skill of Don's presentations that our members did themselves proud by giving him a standing ovation.

John Bushby

Grant Sabin – Report



I've now completed 27 days of my sentence of 42 non load-bearing days on the right foot. Don't want to mess up the titanium plate and seven screws! Each day feels like a week. So nothing to report. GS

Clothes Maketh the Man

Once Graham Ball had his Leaving Certificate, it was off to work in the family's clothing store in Richmond. Fitted out in his new Stafford Ellinson suit, he had to learn the trade from scratch and the first six months was a steep learning curve. He advanced his knowledge by attending Textile School and had two great mentors in his time, Lou Abrahams, CEO Colourtex, and Angus McLean, the biggest importer of materials. He learnt a lot from them that enabled him to weather the storms from the 50s through to the 80s.



Graham saw many changes in his time including the move to metric currency in 1966 and then later to a credit card economy with the introduction of Bankcard requiring a complete rejig of the counters in their four stores. There was plenty more to hear but you'll need to grab Graham at morning tea or lunch to hear the rest.

Alan Stevens

Amazing (but useless) Facts

- There are more chickens on Earth than people
- India has more post offices than any other country in the world
- China has more English speakers than the US
- On average, Australians eat 15 kg of bananas a year and more ice-cream per capita than any other country
- More people are killed each year by bees than snakes
- Sheep eat 4 kgs of grass a day
- The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses

Keynote Speaker: March

Our Speaker for March will be Ian Armstrong OAM, acknowledged as Australia's Greatest Collector. His personal collection is said to be the second largest in the world and includes penny farthings, Georgian shoe buckles, candle snuffers, shoe horns, Toby jugs and old portraits. Ian's fascinating presentation will include some exquisite antique examples. I do urge you to come to our March meeting.

Roger Wilson

Watch Speaker Videos on our website

Relive Don McQueen's fabulous talk or show it to family and friends. A reminder that talks given by all recent speakers can be viewed on the website, thanks to Paul Crompton (or Geoff Cupples when Paul is away)

CLICK [HERE](#) to view Don McQueen.

Probus Club of Beaumaris

Events Calendar

Tuesday February 12	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 19	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Thursday February 21	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Place
Friday February 22		Bike Ride	
Tuesday February 26	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 26	6.30 pm	Summer Tastes	Brighton Yacht Club
Wednesday February 27	8 pm	<i>After Miss Julie</i>	Brighton Theatre Group
Tuesday March 5	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday March 5	2 pm	Digital Technology	Where: TBA
Wednesday March 6	2pm	Travel Group	1/35 Alfred Street Beaumaris
Tuesday March 12	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday March 8	9.30 am	Discussion Group	<u>1 John St Beaumaris</u>
Tuesday March 12	2 pm	Discussion Group	<u>1 John St Beaumaris</u>
Friday March 15	4-8 pm	Croquet & Spit Roast	Sandringham CC
Tuesday March 19	10 am	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday March 26 -29		Annual Golf Trip	Rich River, Echuca
Tuesday March 26	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday April 2	2 pm	PRISMS	Bill Davis' Place
Tuesday April 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club

Mississauga South Probus Club

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