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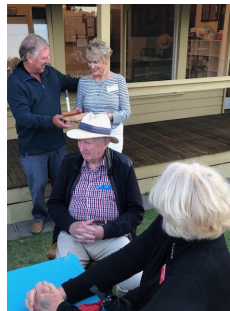
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Probud Croquet and Spit Roast—15 March 2019



Vice President, Keith Ross, congratulates 2019 croquet winner, Marlene Byass



The Vietnam War, which finished in December 1972 was almost like a national washing of your hands of the whole war—says the president of the Victorian Vietnam Veterans Association, Bob Elworthy AM, who had experienced his own difficult return on Christmas eve the year before. He remembers what they were told before returning to Melbourne. Any illusions of a hero's welcome akin to that afforded Veterans of earlier wars were swiftly dispatched—don't ask questions just get home as quick as you can! The attitude Bob says "let's forget about it. When you had 50,000 Vietnam Veterans from Australia, who had served their country well, who hadn't had a chance to be publicly acknowledged. As a nation Australia turned its back, peace eluded this generation of diggers.



I think it took a long time for that feeling of being dishonoured to heal. An official homecoming parade for the Vietnam troops was not held until 1985—some 13 years after the Vietnam war finished"

We are going to hear of some very interesting stories from Bob Elworthy AM at our April 16th Meeting, from someone who was at the front line in Vietnam.

Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday April 16 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Bob Elworthy AM

Topic: How I Got to Vietnam

10-Minute Talk: Lachlan McLean Boyhood ambition to be a pilot like my father

PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

* Office Bearers 2019

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President's Table: Garry Sebo	9583 2582
Recorder: Alan Stevens	0418 336 354
Projectionist: Philip Stewart	9589 3309
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Bike Riding: Duncan Gibson	9585 3547
Ken Beadle	9589 6120
Discussion: Barry Amond	9589 1143
PRISMS: Bill Davis	9592 5982
Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946
Golf: John Pound	9521 8252
Travel: Simon Appel	9585 6956

Bowls: Ted Montfort	9589 5949
Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	9588 2593
Music/Opera: Barry Amond	9589 1143
Tastes: Geoff Bransbury	9589 1507
Bridge: Alan Farmer	9598 2791
Wine Discovery: Grant Sabin	9598 4768

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



As always getting started is the hard part. Firstly, I must record my thanks and congratulations to Roger and the committee for guiding our club though a most successful year. Our speakers were informative, entertaining and relative. Well done also to the interest group coordinators who provided a full year of successful events. Having said that, what a benchmark they have set for myself and the incoming committee.

From a personal perspective I am most honoured to have been selected as president for the year ahead, with the support of Simon Appel and the committee we shall maintain the focus to have a club that is vibrant and flexible to facilitate all our interest groups and activities. I also trust the speakers invited will present a variety of subjects that are interesting and informative.

As an aside I type this piece on a recently purchased computer, after seeking advice from son, grandson and granddaughter and anyone else that would listen. Feeling confident, I ventured forward for my first solo purchasing venture.

Well, my linguistic skills and numeric comprehension were found well and truly wanting. I thought that whilst technology ignorant getting my grey matter around Terabytes, i5/i7 dual and quad processors, Game cards, SSDs let alone screen size and resolution was intimidating and overawing.

Having weathered that storm making the purchase, I unpacked the box and as instructed simply plugged in the machine, Eureka it worked! Only problem was that everything I wanted and needed was on the old clunker! I am not a dill so once bitten, I simply picked up the phone and called an expert to get this thing operational!

So why do I relate this story - simply to illustrate how good it is to talk and converse with real people, about real issues and interests face to face at our Probud club meetings, events and functions.

I urge your continued participation and indeed your proactive assistance in inviting your friends to join and enrich our group.

I very much look forward to the year ahead.

Below: Keith Naylor is welcomed to the club by President Roger Wilson and proposer Chris Renwick



Below: John Beaty and Peter Flude at morning tea



Below: President Roger Wilson welcomes Bob Too-good to the club with his proposer Geoff Bransbury



President Keith Ross thanks guest speaker Ian Armstrong AM



Above: Noel Ineson, Tony Bowles and Barry Amond at morning tea

NOTICEBOARD

April Keynote Speaker: Bob Elworthy, AM
Bob Elworthy AM
State President
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia
Victorian Branch

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

The next meetings are in May on the usual days, Friday May 10 at 10am and Tuesday May 14 at 2pm.

Note the new Friday time. In view of the continuing debate over immigration the topic is likely to be "The History of World Migration" but I will confirm it before the meetings..

Please contact me if you would like to join one of the groups as there is room for one or two more members.

Music Group

Barry Amond



The first evening in the new venue at Beaumaris Library will be at 7pm on Wednesday April 17. Please enter by the main entrance in Reserve Road and go to the left beyond the library doors. Some

regulars did not put their names on the sheet at the March meeting so please let me know if you would like to attend. Failing that the sheet will also be at the April meeting on the 16th. It would be great if some new members came along to enjoy the music and fellowship.

Golf Trip to Rich River Resort

Our major 3 night golf trip, which this year was to the Rich River Resort at Echuca/ Moama, was attended by 26 members. Unfortunately, at the last minute, 4 of our members succumbed to medical or urgent house purchase/sale requirements. The remainder enjoyed 2 days of golf, a putting competition, a welcome BBQ, and a beautiful meal in the Corporate Dining room of the Resort.

The winners were:-

Howlong Country Club Trophy
 Warburton Heirloom Trophy
 Bill Gillingham Putting Trophy
 Perpetual Aggregate Trophy

Garry Sebo
 Geoff Carlson
 John Pound
 Geoff Carlson

There were various other winners of Nearest the Pin, and Longest Drive.

Altogether, a most enjoyable number of days with good golf and socialisation. More photos page 6 and [CLICK HERE](#)

VALE

It is with sadness that we record the passing of John Green on March 29. John had been a member since 2011. He was always willing to do those extra jobs required and had a great sense of humour and a chuckle when telling a tale.

Bike Group

Duncan Gibson



Our riders overcame adversity when trains were cancelled and the planned outing was



frustrated, opting instead for the Bayside bike path to St. Kilda and return. Ten of us managed to dominate the foreshore and delight the cafe operator with our coffee orders.

Digital Technology

Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the Digital Technology Group will be on Tuesday 28 May commencing at 2:00 pm at 1 John St Beaumaris. A varied list of topics will be discussed and an attendance sheet will be available at the May General Meeting.

Pub Lunch

The next Pub lunch is at Hotel Brighton, North Brighton on Wed 17 April at 12 noon - cost \$20. To register [CLICK HERE](#).

Tastes

Geoff Bransbury

Where: Elichi*, 6 - 8 Bluff Road, Black Rock

A very special gourmet evening awaits us. This is a unique restaurant with a 90+ positive rating on Trip Adviser. It serves modern Indian cuisine with flair. The food is delicate, surprisingly light with wonderful flavours. NOTE: Don't expect heavy or hot curries here – expect some delightful surprises. Sanjay, our host, will describe the dishes and make the evening memorable for everyone. To register [CLICK HERE](#).

Cost: \$45 pp. Selected wines: \$15/bottle

When: Tuesday May 28 @ 6.30 pm

[*means cardamom in Punjabi]

Travel Group

Simon Appel

The next meeting of the Travel Group is being planned for Wednesday 19 June.

It is planned to visit APT headquarters for that meeting. Summary of the 6 March meeting is on the website together with summaries of previous meetings and comments from Members.

Member Register

The updated member register including the new Office Bearers and activities co-ordinators is now on the website. [Click here](#)

FACT CHECK

Q: Apart from Greece, what is the only other country to participate in all of the modern Olympic Games? [Answer p6]



Garry Sebo receives the Howlong Country Club Trophy



Geoff Carlson receives the Perpetual Aggregate Trophy

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle

April

Visit to Steamrail Victoria Newport Workshops Tuesday 30th April

Bob Wigg will give us a tour of the workshops at Newport. We will make our own way by car to the workshops in Shea Street, Melways map 55J6, at 11am for morning tea or coffee.

The tour will take about 45 minutes, after which those who wish to have lunch together at own cost will drive to nearby Williamstown. The visit cost is \$10 per head which includes the guided tour and tea/coffee; lunch is not included. Please register and pay before 23rd April. Car pooling will be arranged for those who request it. More detailed instructions for driving to the meeting point at the workshops will be advised to participants nearer to the visit date. [Click here](#)

Tudors to Windsors - British Royals Portraits at Bendigo Art Gallery Wednesday 12th June



From the London National Portrait Gallery, the exhibition explores five royal dynasties shedding light on key figures and important historical moments. We will travel on the 9.14 am train from Southern Cross arriving Bendigo at 11.16 am and walk or ride to the Art Gallery stopping at the nearby Basement Cafe for lunch. Our tickets for the exhibition are for a 1pm entry. Return journey departs Bendigo at 4.02 pm. Seniors Card and Pension Card holders can use their free VR vouchers to obtain tickets from Sandringham or any other staffed railway station. Cost is \$25 and includes entry ticket - all other costs at your expense. We have

purchased 20 tickets and cannot guarantee more - first come, first served. So please register and pay now to secure your place. [Click here](#)

April bike ride Friday 26th



The April bike ride will be approximately 25 km on the Bayside West Trail. We will meet at Sandringham Station at 9.00 am to catch the 9.05 am train to Flinders Street where we will transfer to the 9.47 am Williamstown line train to Newport. From Newport, we will ride to Williamstown and then follow the coastline to Altona for coffee and muffins before continuing through Altona Meadows to Sanctuary Lakes, where we ride inland alongside Skeleton Creek to Aircraft train station for the return trip to Bayside. The route is flat through wetlands and

mostly away from road traffic. All welcome.

Please advise Ken Beadle by email of your intention to ride - and don't forget your MYKI card.

Annual Candlelight Dinner

Wednesday June 26th, 6.30 for 7pm



One of the major social events of our Probus year. Venue again by popular choice is the prestigious Sandringham Yacht Club's Port Phillip Room. Cost is \$70 per head which includes a 2-course dinner plus coffee and drinks to a generous limit. Please make a big effort to attend - register now. Payment required by June 17th latest. Please advise any dietary requirements and table seating requests by June 12th.

[Click here](#)

World's Second Largest Collection: Ian Armstrong OAM

Ian provided an incredible account of his ever increasing collection with numerous samples on show. He was Victorian of the Year in 1988, a Past President of the Antique Dealers Guild and in 1990 was awarded his OAM for his significant contribution to Australian culture and heritage. Whilst growing up and successfully managing his father's shoe business (Armstrong Shoe Mart) he also developed an insatiable knack of collecting a range of unusual and unique objects. Whilst we've all heard of the old cigarette cards, Ian amassed 486,000 of them, sold them, but couldn't help starting to collect them again soon afterwards.

One of his most valuable pieces was the Copper Charlotte Medal made by a convict on 20 Jan 1788. He has sold this for a very large sum to the National Museum, however, an encased replica was shown at the meeting. Other objects were over 300 silver shoe buckles (~1780) but recently has acquired the largest collection of over 2000!

Other notables covered a Gutenberg bible (1453), prayer book (1490) and the Nuremburg Chronicle with Albrecht Dürer artwork (1493). His father obtained 2 rocking horses in lieu of rent in an Abbotsford store and now Ian has 65 of them. Somewhat of a contrast to antiquarian books.

Luck also has played a part and a \$10 item bought at Camberwell market was actually a 1751 William Hogart print worth approx \$2000. The hour went too quickly and there were many more items shown including some mystery items which had us all stumped. An interesting person with a very interesting collection.

Alan Stevens



Ian Armstrong OAM displaying one of his many valuable items

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19 MARCH 2019

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Beaumaris Probus Club was held at the Beaumaris Sports Club on Tuesday 19 March.

The President's Report and Treasurer's Report were presented and accepted.

The President Roger Wilson highlighted events of the past 12 months and stated that we had experienced a very successful year with many and varied experiences and some excellent guest speakers.

Treasurer Geoff Carlson presented the Financial Report which showed that we had a successful year financially with a break even result.

Roger Wilson handed over to incoming President Keith Ross who presented Roger with a Meritorious Service Award for his term as President.

New President Keith Ross advised members of the office bearers for the coming year as follows:

President	Keith Ross
Past President	Roger Wilson
Vice President	Simon Appel
Secretary	John Smyth
Treasurer	Geoff Carlson
Functions Coordinator	Ken Beadle
Meeting Coordinator	Geoff Wade
Welfare Coordinator	Alan Stevens
Newsletter	Peter McGregor
Web Master	Geoff Bransbury
Auditor	Don Lobb



Outgoing President, Roger Wilson, installs new President, Keith Ross, with his Chain of Office

Volunteer wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to investigate and coordinate for specific major Stage / Musical events. If interested please contact Keith Ross or Simon Appel to discuss.

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday April 9	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday April 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday April 17	12 noon	Pub Lunch	Brighton Hotel
Wednesday April 17	7 pm	Music Group	Beaumaris Library
Tuesday April 23	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday April 26	Bike Ride	Meet Sandringham Station 9:00 am	
Tuesday April 30	11 am	Steamrail Victoria	Newport Workshops
Tuesday April 30	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Thursday May 3	12 noon	Wine Appreciation	Steak Bank, Ormond
Friday May 10	10 am	Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday May 14	2 pm	Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday May 21	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday May 28	2:00 pm	Digital Technology	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday May 28	6.30 pm	Tastes	Elichi, Black Rock
Wednesday May 29	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Group	<i>Hate Hamlet</i>
Wednesday June 12		Tudors to Windsors	Bendigo Art Gallery
Wednesday June 19		Travel Group	Visit to APT Headquarters
Wednesday June 26	6:30 for 7:00 pm	Candlelight Dinner	Sandringham Yacht Club



Geoff Carlson receives the prestigious Warburton Heirloom Trophy



Putting competition winner John Pound shows his skills



Ready to hit-off on Day 1

Member Profiles

New profiles for the following members have been added to the website.

Bob Toogood [Click here](#)

Geoff Stockdale [Click here](#)

From p3 Answer: Australia

Birthday Boys – April

Gerald Ettershank 6/4

Brian Reynolds 7/4

Roger Wilson 10/4

John Fisher 15/4

Bob Toogood 19/4

Richard Phillips 24/4

Stan Phillips 28/4

Paul Stephens 6/4

Merv Davidson 9/4

John Opie 14/4

Alan Stevens 17/4

Keith Ross 23/4

John Ragas 27/4