



NEWSLETTER

Probud Club of Beaumaris Inc.

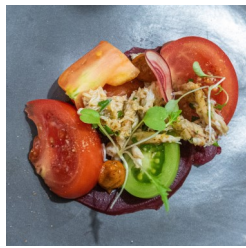
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Left: Crab and heirloom tomatoes, yoghurt granita and rassum dressing

Right: President Keith Ross thanks the staff at Elichi

Photos: Alan Stevens



Tastes at Elichi



Left: Organiser Geoff Bransbury thanks Elichi owner, Sanjay

Below: a happy band of Probud diners



Above: Some of the more than 60 appreciative Probudians

Below far left: Achari cauliflower

Below Right: Beef Kafiranna with coconut and Kafir lime



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday June 18 Beaumaris Sports Club

**Keynote Speaker: Graeme Shanks,
Ex-Melbourne University (More p3)**

Topic: Big Data/Big Brother

10-Minute Talk: Duncan Gibson Antique American Outboard Motors

PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

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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
 Travel: **Simon Appel** 9585 6956

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 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
 Theatre:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



The year is slipping by at a real pace - here we are at June already and winter has finally arrived.

This month we were promised a Tastes surprise and Geoff and Peter delivered to 60+ participants at Elich restaurant with what was termed 'modern Indian fare'. The weather may have been gloomy, but inside the atmosphere was anything but! Well done, guys. We look forward to the next Tastes event.

However, before that, we have our Candlelight Dinner at the Sandringham Yacht club on June 26; always a great event. I'm sure our Functions Co-ordinator, Ken Beadle, will not disappoint and I anticipate another strong attendance.

At last month's Committee Meeting we received and processed three new membership applications and I look forward to introducing each of them at our next General Meeting. I would like to remind everyone that it is our collective responsibility to introduce our club to prospective members. I have mentioned before that our website is the equal of any other club and presents a first-class overview of our club's activities to anyone who might be interested; which is good, but equally if not, more importantly, is its function as a medium of communication and record for members. Whether simply to review upcoming events, make a booking or indeed review a past newsletter as far back as 2008, it is certainly multifunctional. A key feature is also the ability to revisit our guest speaker presentations. How lucky we have been both in terms of variety and quality. I urge you all to spend some time browsing the site on a regular basis.

As always, I look forward to catching up at our next meeting and especially lunch on June 18.

Morning tea

Below left: Barry Amond and Ralph Butcher; Graeme Keys, John Opie and Bob Matthews; Frank Collings and Mike Read;

Below right: Kevin McDonnell, John Bushby and John Opie; Peter Sherman (new member), Alan Farmer and Bill Green.

Photos: Ian Maskiell



NOTICEBOARD

June Keynote Speaker: Graeme Shanks

Formerly in the Department of Computing and Information Systems in the School of Engineering at The University of Melbourne, Graeme Shanks is a retired Professor of Information Systems. Prior to academic life, he worked in information technology for several large organisations including Ford and Nylex. He will talk to us about the threats we face in our modern lives from large global enterprises that monitor our every move in sinister ways.

Discussion Groups

The next meetings will be in August.

Barry Amond

Wine Appreciation

Our next Tasting is at Rod Kelly's home Thursday August 29 at 2 pm.

Roger Wilson

Travel Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 19 at APT Headquarters, meeting at 1230 Nepean Highway, commencing at 2 pm. Register via the website, or [CLICK HERE](#).

Simon Appel

Wine Discovery Group

Our next meeting is at 2 pm Wednesday August 7 at Ian Maskiell's place.

Grant Sabin

Music Group

Ken Beadle



The first of our expanded repertoire meetings will be on July 3 in the Multifunction Room at Beaumaris Library commencing at 7 pm. The main feature will be the showing of the DVD *Mountain*, an Australian Chamber Orchestra collaboration with climbers and cinematographers to produce a unique musical and cinematic odyssey, including the music of Chopin, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Grieg and Peter Sculthorpe amongst others – the background to white-knuckle climbing, daredevil skiing and beautiful top-of-the-world sequences. This program will appeal to all lovers of outdoor adventure as well as music. Register on line so refreshments can be provided to all comers. To register [CLICK HERE](#).

★ Le Tastes

A special French evening at Six Keys, Keys Street

Tuesday August 27

Time: 6.30 pm

One of the best restaurants in Beaumaris awaits us.

Two-course French-inspired dinner - and something extra.

Cost \$53.00 Specially selected wine at \$15.00.

Hope you can come!

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.



Geoff Bransbury

★ Meet the Winemaker

Peter McGregor



Above: [Wild Duck Creek Estate](#) Owner and Chief Story-Teller, David 'Duck' Anderson, right, and friend

Heathcote winemaker, David Anderson, has agreed to conduct a wine-tasting *par excellence* in July for members of Beaumaris Probus. Members will be introduced to a range of rare and outstanding wines from the region and entertained by stories from inside the wine industry. Light lunch available.

Where: OMG Café When: 11 am Friday July 12

Cost: \$15 Sadly, very limited vacancies remaining.

Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson

Next Pub Lunch 12 noon July 24 at Half Moon Hotel in Church Street Brighton next to the railway line.

Parking in car park behind Woolworths.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register. Cost: \$20 pp.

Annual Golf Trip

John Pound



*April-May 2020
Murray Downs Golf and
Country Club at Swan Hill*

The annual three-day golf trip for 2020 has been booked at the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club at Swan Hill, commencing Tuesday April 28 and finishing Friday May 1. At this stage it is already fully booked. However, judging by the trend of previous years, there will be the inevitable few cancellations due to illness or conflicting arrangements. Therefore, we are running a wait list – early registrations have a very good chance of being included. Further details are on the club website.

Bike Group

Duncan Gibson

NOTE: We are planning (again) to ride to Blackburn Lake, the event that has been deferred several times due to train cancellations.

When: Friday June 28



Birthday Boys – June

Garry Bradd 2/6

Graham Ball* 14/6

Ralph Butcher 24/6

Alan Trumble 25/6

Robert Kerr 11/6

Bill Davis 22/6

Geoff Cupples 24/6

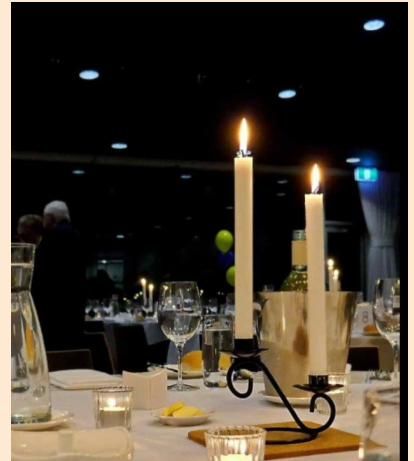
David Seedsman 30/6

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle

June

**Annual Candlelight Dinner
Wednesday June 26
6.30 for 7pm**



One of the major social events of our Probus year. Venue again by popular demand is the prestigious Sandringham Yacht Club's Port Phillip Room. A superb experience.

Cost: \$70 per head (includes a 2-course dinner plus coffee and drinks)

Please make a big effort to attend.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register now. Payment by June 17.

Any dietary requirements and table seating requests by June 12

Beaumaris Sports Club Probus Lunch

In response to comments and a recent survey of members staying for lunch at the Beaumaris Sports Club, your Committee agreed at its May meeting that the charge for lunch (as from this month) will increase to \$30 - an increase of \$1.50. This will make it more convenient for paying – no need to have change and easier for whoever collects the money. You will have noticed that at the May lunch there was more bread and butter on the tables and this will continue. Hopefully in future we will be able to give advance notice of the menu for each meeting. The committee views lunch as an integral part of the Probus day and wishes to encourage you all to stay for lunch whenever possible. The food is good, the venue is excellent and the company cannot be bettered.

Geoff Wade - Meeting Coordinator

A Home for All Seasons

In his Keynote Address, Dr Rick Potter detailed some of the design aspects of his award-winning low energy solar home. Starting with a north-facing block, he ensured the eaves of the house shielded the hot sun in summer but allowed plenty of warm sun in winter. In fact, he said, last summer he never turned on the air-conditioning! Creating a thermal mass inside the house (tiled floors, rendered brick walls) ensured a more stable temperature and minimised heating needs. Conventional bricks act as a thermal radiator long after the sun has gone so so he substituted Hebel (aerated concrete) outside which acts as an effective insulator.



Rick Potter being thanked for his presentation by Paul Crompton, watched over by President Keith Ross

He emphasised the need to choose quality brand names for installations that last 30-40 years

Solar panels have come down in price so he now uses these instead of the older glycol-filled systems. All his windows are double-glazed; ceilings and walls (especially around windows) are insulated; the sealed nature of the house requiring a ventilation system to ensure adequate airflow. His house is so efficient that his solar power array is a 3KW system which produces 1.5 times his needs in summer and about half his needs in winter. He emphasised the need to choose quality brand names for installations that last 30-40 years and, of course, require good maintenance practices. His talk had so many other relevant points that I would urge all members to look at Paul Crompton's video when it is uploaded to the website.

Alan Stevens



Above: Ian Johnson tells the story of Faberge

The Fortunes of Faberge

The subject of Ian Johnson's 10-minute talk was Eggs. Not your garden or fowl-yard variety but eggs that were first commissioned from the House of Faberge by Tsar Alexander III of Russia for his wife, Empress Maria, as an Easter gift. To be made of gold, his stipulation was that the egg must contain a surprise - which delighted his wife so much that he ordered a new Easter egg from Faberge every year forthwith. The first egg was made of gold, covered in a white enamelled shell and inside was a golden yolk, within which was a golden hen surrounding a golden crown. Sadly, the violence and destruction associated with the Russian Revolution in 1917 by Lenin and his Bolsheviks meant that many were lost and the House of Faberge destroyed. The good news, however, is that Faberge eggs are today a highly-valued collector's item and many are housed in a spectacular Faberge Museum in St Petersburg.

Peter McGregor

Special Report: Travel Insurance

After years of scepticism, earlier this year I travelled overseas covered only by the promises associated with my VISA card. As fate would have it, my wife and I caught colds on our cruise to Japan, visited the ship's doctor, underwent a series of exhaustive tests and consequently received a bill for \$2500. *Quel horreur!* So, on return, we submitted all the documents to Allianz and subsequently found the full amount (less \$250 excess) deposited promptly in our account. Despite advice from friends and some others over the years warning of the dangers of relying solely on a credit card for one's travel insurance, our experience was overwhelmingly positive.

Peter McGregor

Member Profile

Know your fellow members - Aub Gamble

[CLICK HERE](#)

SIGNS OF THE FUTURE

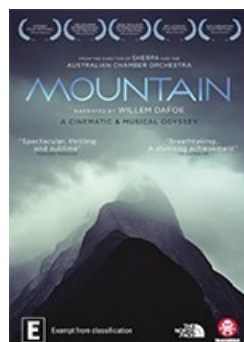
June 2019

- ▶ Global demand for cars will decline 3% in 2019, analysts predict.
- ▶ There have been 38,000 job losses among automakers in the last six months.
- ▶ The decline of cars has already wiped 0.2% off global GDP.
- ▶ The world may have already passed 'peak car'.

Business Insider Australia

Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday June 11	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday June 12	Tudors to Windsors	Bendigo Art Gallery
Tuesday June 18	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday June 19	2 pm Travel Group	APT Headquarters
Tuesday June 25	9.30 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday June 26	6.30 for 7 pm Candlelight Dinner	Sandringham Yacht Club
Friday June 28	Bike Ride	Blackburn Lake
Wednesday July 3	7 pm Music Group	Beaumaris Library
Friday July 12	11 am Meet the Winemaker	OMG Café, Malvern East
Tuesday July 16	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday July 24	12 Noon Pub Lunch	Half Moon, Brighton
Tuesday August 6	2 pm PRISMS	TBA
Wednesday August 7	2 pm Wine Discovery	Ian Maskiell's Place
Friday August 9	9.30 am Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday August 13	2 pm Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday August 20	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday August 27	6.30 pm Tastes	Six Keys
Wednesday August 28	8 pm Brighton Theatre	<i>Stargazers: A Comedy</i>
Thursday August 29	2 pm Wine Appreciation	Rod Kelly's Place



Music Group
Wednesday July 3

Beaumaris Library
7 pm