



# NEWSLETTER

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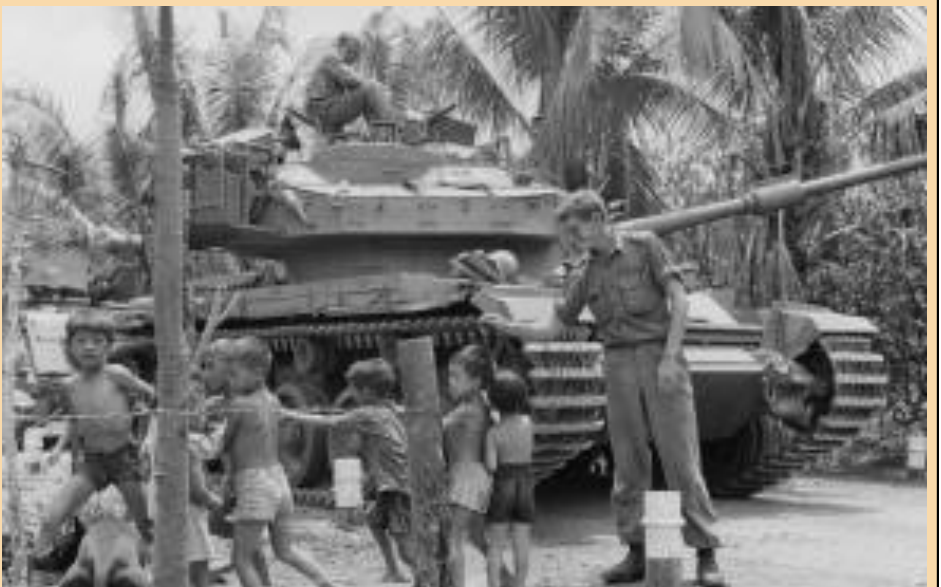
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“.. one of the most ferocious yet least-known campaigns of the Vietnam War... In 26 days of torrid fighting during major enemy assaults on their support bases, 25 young Australian soldiers from 1st and 3rd Battalions were killed and almost 100 wounded. More than 270 enemy were killed and dozens wounded and 11 prisoners taken. At the point of the enemy spear was 12 Platoon of Delta Company 3RAR under the command of National Serviceman, Lieutenant Norm Peatling....” *HeraldSun* 26/5/13



## **The Battle of Coral-Balmoral May-June 1968**



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday July 16 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Norm Peatling, Vietnam Veteran

Topic: An Infantryman's Tour of Duty (See p3)

10-Minute Talk: Geoff Stockdale - Water and Education in Remote Indonesia

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

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Theatre:	

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Keith Ross**



It seems no time at all since I penned a note for the newsletter but it has been a hectic period since last month. Once again, I am pleased to start with a congratulatory note, this time to Ken Beadle, Graham Ball and Philip Stewart for their outstanding work in delivering a most successful Candlelight Dinner at the Sandringham Yacht Club. Well over 90 members and partners attended on a somewhat chilly night but the room was filled with warmth and cheerfulness and I cannot go on without mentioning our resident raconteur, Noel Inerson, who left us all in stitches.

Of course, it's that time of year when a number of our members have either already set off or are planning to seek warmer climates, so I wish those people well on their planned travel. Those who are remaining home should check out the events calendar on our website which as always has several events of interest including the next Pub Lunch at the Half Moon in Brighton on July 24. Our Guest Speaker in July is Norman Peatling who will relate his experience as an infantry officer in Vietnam during 1968 including an insider's view of the Battle of Coral/Balmoral, one of the most significant conflicts in that war involving Australian troops. Also, in his 10-minute talk, Geoff Stockdale will take us to a remote Indonesian island to hear about something remarkable.

As always, I look forward both to seeing you at the July meeting and also lunch.

*Newly-inducted member, Roger Sanderson, is welcomed by his Proposer, Dick Kirby (right) and President Keith Ross*



*New member, John McArdle, with Proposer, Peter McGregor, and President Keith Ross*



*Proposer, Geoff Bransbury, and President Keith Ross welcome new member, Richard Wilson, to the club*



*Below (L to R): Kevin McDonnell, Frank Collings, Graham Symon, Gerald Ettershank, John Bushby and Alan Stevens – just to show that some members still prefer to wear ties to meetings!*





# NOTICEBOARD

## Bike Group

Duncan Gibson

In balmy weather, eight riders undertook the 20 km ride to Blackburn Lake, travelling via rail to Alamein Station before taking to (mostly) well-defined bike paths. We were pleased to welcome Kevin Reed to our ranks. Many of us appreciated for the first time the wealth of natural bush in this part of Melbourne. Thanks to John Pound for his (mostly) accurate navigation and for organising the lunch destination.



## Wine Discovery

Grant Sabin

The next session of the group will be at 2 pm on Wednesday August 7 at Ian Maskiell's place. We'll be tasting four different durif wines. Venturer 2017 durif from the Riverina; De Bortoli Vat 1 2017 durif from the Riverina; Three Bridges 2016 durif from the Riverina and also Warrabilla Reserve 2014 durif (almost from the Riverina, just the other side of the Murray). It appears that durif is the grape for the Riverina, developed by Professor Durif of France.

## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Our next meeting is at Rod Kelly's place at 2 pm on Thursday August 29.

## Travel Group

Simon Appel

Our next meeting is Wednesday September 18. We will be hosted by the Wendy Wu Travel company at a location to be confirmed.

*Co-ordinator, Simon Appel, and the Travel Group attend an APT presentation*



## Bridge Players

On the last Sunday of July (28th), the Bridge Group plan another Pleasant Sunday Afternoon playing mixed pairs Bridge. Arrangements will be much the same as previous occasions. Meet at 12 noon in VGC lounge for 12:30 lunch in dining room. Cost: \$21 per pair. Drinks at own expense. Play for approximately two hours. Most stay for drinks and post-mortem afterwards.

Alan Farmer

## Next Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson

You are invited! 12 noon Wednesday 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.



*An iconic watering hole, set on busy Church Street*

## Annual Golf Day

The Beaumaris Probus annual golf day this year will be at the Sandhurst Club. The competition will be Stableford and we will play the Northern Course. Date: Wednesday August 7 with first tee time 9.32 am. Cost: \$68 per player which includes green fees and prizes. If you wish to play, please pay this amount to the Probus bank account (p1), specifying it as 'Sandhurst Golf'.

If you wish to use a cart, please go to the Probus website and follow the instructions. I will book the carts and arrange the groups to pair up those in carts – each pair to pay for the cart directly to the Pro Shop on the day of play. Cost (per cart): \$50. The Sandhurst Club restaurant will be open for food and drinks after the game and we will make the awards at that time.

John Pound



For all the photos taken at the very successful Candlelight Dinner, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

As previously announced, the next meetings will be held in the second week of August. The topic will probably be 'Views which have no place in our society'. There could also be some discussion on UK's newly-elected prime minister.

## Music Group

Barry Amond

The next evening will be at Beaumaris Library on Wednesday evening September 4.

## Profiles

Recently added to our collection of member profiles on the website:

Ian Marchment [CLICK HERE](#)

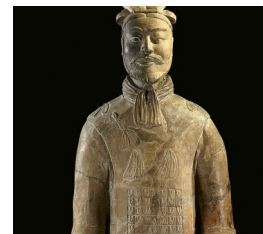
John McArdle [CLICK HERE](#)

Richard Wilson [CLICK HERE](#)

## At the NGV

We visit the Terracotta Warriors And Transient Landscape  
Friday August 16  
Full details p4

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



## Birthday Boys – July

Rod Murrell 1/7

Colin Meade 14/7

Frank Collings 20/7

Simon Appel 21/7

Eric Slater 24/7

Tony Bowles 3/7

Peter Loncraine 15/7

Robert Lander 20/7

Howard Hoskins 21/7

John Smyth 24/7

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle

## August

**[CLICK HERE](#)** to register

### **Winter Masterpieces Exhibition - Terracotta Warriors And Transient landscape**      **NGV    Friday August 16**

**This year's blockbuster exhibition includes key items from the unique underground necropolis surrounding the tomb of the first Emperor of China. It was uncovered by farmers digging a well in Shaanxi Province in 1974.**



**The Guardians of Immortality exhibition includes eight life-sized warrior figures, two life-size horses and two half-size chariots created in the third century BC.**

**Additionally, 150 works of art and design (200BC to 220AD) supplement the tomb figures. The accompanying Transient landscape exhibition by contemporary Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang features a flock of 10,000 porcelain starlings; a large porcelain sculpture featuring peonies; and a gunpowder drawing.**

**As on previous gallery visits, we will have a guided tour exclusive to our members.**

**Travel independently to the NGV, St Kilda Road and meet at 9.40am at the schools' entrance (the side of the gallery closest to the Arts Centre) for the one-hour tour. There will be the opportunity to revisit the exhibition in your own time after the guided tour. At the conclusion of viewing, a table has been reserved at an NGV restaurant for members who wish to have lunch - at your own expense.**



## **Les Tastes**

**Let's have a record crowd!**

**Tuesday, August 27. French-inspired dinner.**

**Where: Six Keys, Keys St Beaumaris. 6.30 pm**

**Come enjoy another great evening. Great food, wine and company plus a little something special...**

**Cost: \$53 (wine as usual \$15 on the night). This time, we will also have some premium French wines at \$20/bottle. To register **[CLICK HERE](#)**.**



## A Passion for Motors

Duncan Gibson opened his 10-minute talk with the historical backdrop of the European exploration of the USA and the use of its lakes and river systems. This meant a huge amount of people and goods moved by boat. While steam propelled some, the world changed forever in 1876 with Otto's internal combustion engine, followed soon after by outboard motors. The first designs were not pretty but Ole Evinrude made an elegant design with a marketing catch-cry of 'Don't Row'. In a world of paddles and oars, a new industry was born. The Evinrude brand still survives whereas hundreds of others haven't.



*A Johnson Model 'A' made in 1926, revolutionary in its extensive use of aluminium which halved the weight and with exceptional engineering*

Duncan got his first (cast-iron) engine as a boy and he was hooked from that time on. Fortunately, he is not a collector like some who have them on show in their lounge rooms! When Henry Ford produced the Model T, it was priced down to a level at which the Johnson brothers sold their motorbikes. As a result, they switched to making outboards and developed lightweight designs in aluminium, an example of which Duncan brought to show us. He has attended swap meets in the USA and refined his collection to reflect the artisan style of pre-1980 designs. A most interesting talk – especially for all those members with any understanding at all of the finer points of motors.

Alan Stevens



*Left: Functions Convenor, Ken Beadle, inspecting one of the exhibits, a portrait of Thomas Wolsey, powerful adviser and Cardinal to Henry VIII, at the Bendigo Art Gallery's From Tudors to Windsors*

*Below: Graeme & Jill Keys take a closer look at one of the feature portraits at the exhibition*



*In the novel 1984, every citizen is under constant surveillance by the authorities, mainly by telescreens... people are constantly reminded that "Big Brother is watching you"*

## Be Afraid. Very Afraid.

Peter McGregor

Most members went into the address on Big Data/ Big Brother by our June Keynote Speaker, Graeme Shanks, with a reasonable degree of confidence and a feeling of general well-being about the world we live in. By the time he had finished his *tour de force*, many were not feeling quite so smug. The switched-on, high-tech, digitised world we take for granted is not all it seems. While we are enjoying all the benefits of the latest technologies - from smart phones to iPads, from Google to Instagram and Twitter - *Someone* is out there collecting, storing, analysing, re-structuring the data from our devices to influence the way we think and behave. Graeme is certain that the data Google holds on us dwarfs the data governments hold on us and he believes there are serious consequences from not knowing exactly how our data is being used. He said that the world is awash with data that is being harvested, shared and often on-sold for someone else's benefit through algorithms (artificial intelligence formulae) that are used to profile, predict, influence and change the way we think and act; all made worse by the widespread adoption of 'social media' about which he is deeply sceptical (especially Facebook). Graeme says we are in a period of what is termed 'surveillance capitalism', a clear parallel to George Orwell's classic novel, *1984* – written 70 years ago, foreshadowing the very society we live in today.

## *There are serious consequences from not knowing exactly how our data is being used*

Are you sure your data is secure and cannot be used against your interests? To ensure that we are really worried about all this, Graeme highlighted the 1.4 billion people in China where citizens are watched at every turn and rewarded or punished according to the behaviour they exhibit as they go about their everyday lives. Scary stuff.



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## Solar and Wind?

*The Australian June 2019*

"The reality is, today, solar and wind energy together deliver only about 1 per cent of global energy. The International Energy Agency estimates that even by 2040 these will cover a little more than 4 per cent of global energy."

Bjorn Lomborg

# Probus Club of Beaumaris Events Calendar

Tuesday July 9	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday July 12	11 am	Meet the Winemaker	OMG Cafe
Tuesday July 16	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday July 23	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday July 24	12 Noon	Pub Lunch	Half Moon, Brighton
Friday July 26		Bike Ride	
Sunday July 28	12 noon	Mixed Pairs Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday July 30	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
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
Friday August 16	11 am	Terracotta Warriors and Transient Landscape	NGV
Tuesday August 20	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday August 27	6.30 pm	Tastes	Six Keys, Beaumaris
Wednesday August 28	8 pm	Brighton Theatre	<i>Stargazers: A Comedy</i>
Thursday August 29	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Rod Kelly's Place

*Below: Geoff Cupples and Garry Brad with visitor, Geoff Cosgriff*



*Left to right: Jim Duggan, Gerald Ettersank, Duncan Gibson and Ian Johnson*



*Below: Geoff Stockdale and Graham Ball*

