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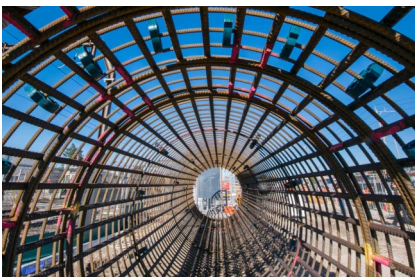
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“The Level Crossing Removal Project is a program of the Government of Victoria to remove 75 level crossings in Melbourne. The Government committed \$2.4 billion in the 2015-2016 budget to remove the first 20 crossings by 2018. The remaining 30 are to be completed by 2022 at an estimated cost of \$6 billion to be funded through the privatisation of the Port of Melbourne. Prior to the 2018 state election, the Andrews Government committed to removing a further 25 level crossings, using a new prioritisation framework. “



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday August 20 Beaumaris Sports Club

**Keynote Speaker: Nicola Holland and Vineeta Maruti,
Level Crossing Removal Authority**

Topic: Mentone/Cheltenham Project

10-Minute Talk: Ian Marchment Walking the Larapinta Trail

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 Theatre:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



It is now clearly noticeable that daylight hours are getting longer but this last month or two have, I believe, been much chillier than in past years - or could it be I am a little longer in the tooth? Nevertheless, like a lot of others, to alleviate the situation Carol and I are heading north to Noosa after the August meeting for a few weeks. In the past month, I have attended two Probud outings: one, the Wild Duck Creek wine tasting and, two, the Pub Lunch at the Half Moon Hotel. Both excellent, well-organised events. Make sure you book for Geoff Bransbury's French Tastes event at Six Keys on Tuesday 27th. [CLICK HERE](#).

At our last meeting, we had a technical challenge with the microphone and we are working with the Sports Club to address the issue; however, let me suggest that if you do have a bit of a hearing or sight issue, it does pay to take your seat early – and at the front of the room! Our speakers this month are from the Level Crossing Removal Authority and will address the Mentone and Cheltenham project. Please ensure you have your questions ready, short and sharp, so we can give everyone a go. I suspect it's now too late to put forward alternative options or opinions on the project itself.

A peep ahead to September: we have Nicole Livingstone, OAM, the AFL's Head of Women's Football, joining us to give her view from head office. (As a former Olympic swimmer, she may have an opinion on the current swimming furore as an aside.) As stated earlier, I will be away and will miss her presentation; however, you will be in good hands with Simon Appel in the chair.

Below: President Keith Ross congratulates Graham Wearne on his 20-year membership

Below right: Roger Wilson and Norm Griffiths receive their 10-year pins from the President



Above: John Fisher & David Seedsman; and above right, Garry Sebo & Paul Crompton

Photos: Ian Maskiell

Below: The induction of new member, Peter Sherman, with President Keith Ross and proposer, Roger Wilson



NOTICEBOARD

Club Account

For anyone having trouble finding our bank account details on p1, please note that they are also now located on the back page (p6).

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Next meetings: August 29 at Rod Kelly's; October 29 at Kevin McDonnell's home at 2 pm

Next Pub Lunch

We had a great Pub Lunch in our own modern room with 24 in attendance at The Half Moon Hotel Brighton in July. Our last Pub Lunch for 2019 will be on Friday October 11 at 12 noon at Doyle's Bridge Hotel Café, Mordialloc, where we will have our own area and a choice of five mains for \$20.



Please mark the date in your diary immediately.

NOTE: partners and friends are most welcome to join us. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Given the warmer weather, we would love to have 40 in attendance in October.

Roger Wilson

Wine Discovery Group

Grant Sabin

Our next session will be at Ian Maskiell's place on Wednesday August 21 at 2 pm. We will taste four different durif wines, a grape named after its developer, Professor Durif of France. We have places open for new members. If you are interested, please contact me asap.



August Tastes



- Where:
Six Keys, Beaumaris
- When:
Tuesday August 27
- Time: 6.30pm
- Cost: \$53 pp

A French-inspired evening full of 'joie de vivre' - good food and some great wines. Specially selected wines at \$15 including some excellent French wines and some Reserve French wines at \$25 (would cost \$75-\$100 in a restaurant normally).

Book now and pay ASAP.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Geoff Bransbury

Right: A rare photo of our Club photographer Ian Maskiell at work during our July meeting



Change of Address

Jill & Bill Cruthers

5 Third Avenue Chelsea Heights 3196

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Graham Symon with Norm Peatling, our July Keynote Speaker

Bike Riding

Ken Beadle

Next outing: Friday August 23. Bike Ride on Capital City Trail. Meet at Sandringham station at 9 am to catch the 9.05 am train to Richmond. Please email your intention to ride - don't forget your MYKI card!

Digital Technology

Geoff Wade

The next meeting will be held Tuesday September 3 at 1 John Street Beaumaris, commencing at 2 pm. Topics will include the usual NBN update plus new pre-paid plans from Telstra, power meters, 4G vs 5G in Australia, Bluetooth turntable, changes to passwords, plus more. If you have a suggestion for a topic, please contact me. An attendance sheet will be available at the August General Meeting.

Music Group

Barry Amond

Our next evening will be Wednesday September 4 at 7 pm at the Beaumaris Library. After the very successful film in July, we will revert to excerpts from classical music concerts. However, the new program will also include something quite different. Details will be announced at the monthly meeting on August 20 - an attendance sheet will be available.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

Both groups will meet again in September at the usual times. In August, the main topic is 'Views which have no place in our society' but there will also be debate on Boris Johnson's chances with Brexit and the latest proposals on Aborigines.

Travel Group

Our next meeting is Wednesday September 18 at 2 pm until 4 pm. Presenter is Wendy Wu Travel. Location to be advised.

Simon Appel

New Profiles

Geoff Bransbury

Roger Sanderson

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Birthday Boys – August

Ken Beadle 8/3

George Montgomery 11/8

Richard Cadman 24/8

John Hewison 25/8

Bob Wigg 31/8

Geoff Wade 8/8

Jim Duggan 24/8

Bill Day 25/8

Norm Griffiths 29/8

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle

August

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



In a dual presentation of Chinese art and culture past and present, the Melbourne Winter Masterpieces series at the National Gallery of Victoria will present China's ancient Terracotta Warriors alongside a parallel display of new works by one of the world's most exciting contemporary artists, Cai Guo-Qiang,

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 9.40 am 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,



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

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. Cost is \$34 (covers admission and guided tour). Maximum for tour is 25, so register and pay early to secure your place. [CLICK HERE](#).

Latest date for payment: Friday August 9.



October

Archibald Prize Exhibition at Tarrawarra
Gallery visit and lunch in the Yarra Valley
Friday October 4



The 2019 Archibald Prize exhibition moves to the Yarra Valley this year. Enjoy an early springtime drive starting at 9 am from Beaumaris to Healesville and the spectacular Tarrawarra Estate Gallery (11 am entry to the exhibition). After viewing, we will have lunch at a venue to be decided.



Register now so we can choose a suitable lunch venue and organise the necessary car pooling. Full cost to be advised when lunch arrangements are finalised. (Estimate: Approximately \$75 for gallery admission and lunch.)
[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Wild Duck Creek Estate Tasting

A fortunate group of 18 members and wives were treated to a range of wines at the hands of winemaker, David Anderson. From his Mallard riesling and Ducks & Drakes cabernet sauvignon to the soft shiraz characteristic of the Heathcote area, he conducted an informative session identifying the unique features of his wines, but also highlighted some of the challenges that face winemakers in Australia today.

A Pathway from Poverty



In his 10-minute talk, new member Geoff Stockdale spoke enthusiastically about his work on a Rotary project in villages on a remote island of Indonesia, Sabu, 600 km off the coast of Western Australia.

Even in the best of times, most villagers live on one meal a day and chew betel nut to suppress their hunger.



With an annual rainfall of just three metres and an evaporation rate of four metres, life is precarious and usually at subsistence level, depending on crops for survival. No crops and widespread hunger is often the result. Even in the best of times, most villagers live on one meal a day and chew betel nut to suppress their hunger. On the wrong side of the Wallace line - a hypothetical line on the map that separates tropical from arid areas - mothers and children have to walk for one to two hours each day to get water from distant sink holes. Geoff showed photographs of wells 18 metres deep and lined with concrete rings (to prevent cave-ins), dug in places nominated by local water-diviners (usually an old lady from the village). Schools and hostels built with the active assistance of local people, he said, is an acknowledgment that the villagers see education as their pathway from poverty.



This year's Beaumaris Probus Annual Golf Day was held at Sandhurst Golf Club in early August and was won on a count-back by Alan Stevens from President Keith Ross. Congratulations to John Pound for a highly successful (and fun) day.

DID YOU KNOW?

That New Zealand's Ninety-Mile Beach is only 56 miles (90 km) long?

Young Australians at War

Our Keynote Speaker for July, Vietnam veteran Norm Peatling, told his story of how a gallant 20-year-old lad from Highett High who previously had never travelled further north than Lake Eildon found himself in command of an army platoon fighting a determined enemy in the jungles of Vietnam. It was a war the Vietnamese called 'the American war', yet for every American killed, 40 Vietnamese died.

Young and fit when he began National Service, Norm was chosen to undergo a 21-week crash course of practical and theoretical training at Officer Training Unit (OTU Scheyville) where he found himself subjected to the stress of constant and extreme physical and mental pressure in preparation for whatever lay ahead; although, as he observed, that training had left them ill-equipped for jungle warfare. What weighed heaviest with him was the knowledge that he was responsible for the lives of 32 others.




By March 1967, he was a second lieutenant and on his way to Phuoc Tuy province, Vietnam, and faced soon after with the consequences of the lethal Tet Offensive by the Viet Cong in early 1968. They were a highly motivated army and engaged in hit-and-run tactics as their forces infiltrated villages and the outskirts of Saigon. Given their primary task of clearing villages of VC, Norm said the constant threat was from snipers and land mines, experiences for which he and his men realised they were untrained. With the setting up of fire-bases Coral and Balmoral in cleared areas such as a dried swamp, Norm's men - surrounded by as much barbed wire as possible - were subjected to rocket and mortar fire and regular assaults by the North Vietnamese Army. Despite the extensive carnage (and military incompetence) that surrounded them, the Australian defence was such that the NVA failed to dislodge them and were no longer a viable force after Balmoral.

Norm Peatling concluded by pleading for his men to be acknowledged for their exceptional courage and bravery in the face of great odds in an unpopular war, even criticising the RSL for its lack of support for Vietnam vets at that time.

President's Urgent Request

Gentlemen, as always the committee is looking for volunteers to either initiate or assist with functions or even general duties within the club operation. Please come forward and offer your services in some way. Remember: we offer a guaranteed tax-free salary package and are open to ideas or any propositions you care to make to assist. KR

Probus Club of Beaumaris 2019 Events Calendar

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|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---|
| Friday August 9 | 10 am | Discussion Group | 1 John Street Beaumaris |
| Tuesday August 13 | 2. pm | Discussion Group | 1 John Street Beaumaris |
| Tuesday August 13 | 9.30 am | Bridge | Victoria Golf Club |
| Tuesday August 20 | 10 am | GENERAL MEETING | Beaumaris Sports Club |
| Wednesday August 21 | 2 pm | Wine Discovery Group | Ian Maskiell's Place |
| Friday August 23 | | Bike Ride |  |
| Tuesday August 27 | 9.30 am | Bridge | Victoria Golf Club |
| Tuesday August 27 | 6.30 pm | Tastes | Six Keys, Beaumaris |
| Wednesday August 28 | 8 pm | Brighton Theatre Group | <i>Stargazers: A Comedy</i> |
| Tuesday August 29 | 2 pm | Wine Appreciation | Rod Kelly's Place |
| Tuesday September 3 | 2 pm | Digital Technology | 1 John Street Beaumaris |
| Wednesday September 4 | 7 pm | Music Group | Beaumaris Library |
| Tuesday September 10 | 2 pm | Discussion Group | 1 John Street Beaumaris |
| Friday September 13 | 10 am | Discussion Group | 1 John Street Beaumaris |
| Tuesday September 17 | 10 am | GENERAL MEETING | Beaumaris Sports Club |
| Wednesday September 18 | | Travel Group: Wendy Wu Travel | Where: TBA |
| Friday October 4 | | Archibald Exhibition | Tarrawarra Gallery |
| Friday October 11 | 12 noon | Pub Lunch | Doyles Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc |
| Tuesday October 15 | 10 am | GENERAL MEETING | Beaumaris Sports Club |
| Tuesday October 29 | 2 pm | Wine Appreciation | Kevin McDonnell's Place |

Below: Ingo Rehder and Peter Loncraine enjoying a cup of tea



Below: John Brimage and Graham Wearne



Photos: Ian Maskiell

Below: A menagerie of members make a dive for the tea and biscuits at the July General Meeting

