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The AFLW is Australia's national Australian rules football league for female players. The first season of the league began in February 2017 with eight teams, expanded to 10 teams in the 2019 season, and will expand to 14 teams in the 2020 season. The league is run by the Australian Football League and is contested by a subset of clubs from that competition. The reigning premiers are the Adelaide Crows.



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday September 17 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Nicole Livingstone, OAM,
AFL Head of Women's Football

Topic: AFLW; a new hero arrives

10-Minute Talk: Alan Stevens Iceland Adventure

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



Just when I thought I could slip under the radar for a few weeks in the warmth of Noosa, I was reminded by our editor - who coincidentally was also up here - of my deadline for this newsletter. Whilst it is no news that rainfall this year is well below average, the drought conditions were certainly well and truly in evidence on our drive north. In fact, on the way up - and subsequent to leaving Sydney - we encountered three bushfire situations along the Pacific Highway. The rural communities in all states appear set for particularly tough times.

Once we arrived, it almost felt like home; not simply because of previous visits but walking down the street it is not unusual to run into people from down south. So much for getting away from it all! Of course, a man is forced to be social in respect to sharing such relaxing opportunities such as coffee, lunch and/or dare I say, an alcoholic beverage or two, despite my own best intentions.

The bush telegraph has informed me that the French themed Tastes was another success. Well done, Geoff! I am disappointed to be missing Nicole Livingstone's presentation at the next meeting but I look forward to reading the summary in October's newsletter. Speaking of next month, our speaker, John Hewison's topic addressing "hidden truths about the Financial Services Industry and the post-Hayne royal commission fallout" in conjunction with

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*Annual Golf Day
Alan Stevens was the winner with 37 points, on a countback from Keith Ross – Keith also took out the prize for nearest the pin.*



Our newest member, John Hewison, is welcomed by President Keith Ross

John will be our Keynote Speaker in October on the topic of the hidden truths about the Financial Services Industry.



President Keith offers his congratulations to 30-year members John Wallace, Ralph Butcher and Nick Caris (L to R)

[Photos: Ian Maskiell]

NOTICEBOARD

Barry Amond's New Phone Number

Please Note: The new number is 9515 0725



Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

The next lively topic for discussion is gender

At their September meetings on the 10th and 13th, the groups are discussing 'Gender', plus some current topics including the earnings of sports stars. The groups will meet next on November 8 and 12. NOTE: No meetings in October.

Music/Opera Groups

Barry Amond

This year's opera will be on Wednesday October 2 at 7 pm at the Beaumaris Library. This time, it will be a Metropolitan Opera production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, generally regarded as one of the 10 most popular operas.

Victoria Cup Golf

John Pound

The battle for the Victoria Cup will be held this year on Friday November 8 at Patterson River Golf Club. The competition for the day will be 4BBB stableford (a pairs event) and is open to all members who have a current handicap.



Here's your chance to get your name inscribed on this magnificent John Pound-made trophy

To register [CLICK HERE](#).

Registration can be made either by contacting me (jaypound@hotmail.com) or by the procedure on the club website. Cost: approximately \$60 per player. Please register early either as a pair or individually.

Wine Discovery Group

Grant Sabin

Our next two sessions are:

Session 5 will be at 2 pm on Tuesday October 22 hosted by John Smyth. The theme: rosé, two from Australia and two from France. Our rosé expert, Alan Stevens, will be advising on the selection.

Session 6 will be at 2 pm on Tuesday December 3 at a location yet to be determined. This time we'll be comparing four different Australian rieslings.

New Profile: George Montgomery

[CLICK HERE](#)

Mississauga Connection

For those people wanting to keep up with our sister Probus group in Canada, CONTACT magazine is accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Pub Lunch

Our next lunch will be at the iconic Doyle's Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc, Friday October 11 at 12 noon. We will have our own section in the cafe at the northern end of the pub. There is plenty of parking on the southern end and if you park there, you need to go through the bistro area. Cost: \$20 each for a main meal with five choices including a vegetarian option. Drinks at bar prices. To register [CLICK HERE](#). NOTE: Partners are most welcome. Please pay Geoff Carlson in advance.

Royal Thai Tastes

Geoff Bransbury

Madoljai, Beaumaris Concourse
Thursday November 21, 6.30 pm.
Cost: \$45 plus wine \$15.

Modoljai is a unique experience in modern Thai food.

This is no ordinary Thai place. It's special. Join us and find out why!

To register [CLICK HERE](#).

For pictures of the French night [CLICK HERE](#).



Travel

Next meeting is Wednesday September 18 at Da Giacomo Caffé,
44 East Concourse, Beaumaris. 2 pm through 4 pm.
Sponsored by the Wendy Wu Travel Director.
Contact: Simon Appel 0417 600 419

Bike Group

When: Friday September 27

Where: Meet at Sandringham station at 9.00 am to board the 9.05 am train to South Yarra. Ride along the main Yarra trail, a well-earned break at the Collingwood Children's Farm café followed by the main Yarra trail to South Yarra station for the train back to Bayside. MYKI card essential and please advise me if you are riding.

Ken Beadle

Wine Appreciation

Our next meeting will be at Kevin McDonnell's home on October 29 where we will taste a wide selection of Victorian reds. Our last meeting of 2019 is at The Lobster Cave on December 12.

Roger Wilson

Birthday Boys – September

Noel Ineson 1/9	Peter Sherman 1/9
Andrew Mann 2/9	Mike Read 6/9
Roy Petch 13/9	Phil Maddox 14/9
Lloyd Jenkins 16/9	Ian Martin 21/9
Stan Ryding 24/9	Graham Wearne 24/9
Warren Parker 25/9	Chris Renwick 29/9

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle

Archibald Prize Exhibition Tarrawarra Estate Gallery and lunch in the Yarra Valley

Friday October 4

The 2019 Archibald Prize portrait exhibition moves to the Yarra Valley this year. Enjoy an early springtime drive starting at 9 am from Beaumaris to Healesville and see the spectacular Tarrawarra Estate Gallery for an 11 am entry to the exhibition. After viewing the exhibition, we will have a traditional Italian lunch at the nearby Zonzo Estate restaurant with home vineyard drinks at \$11 per glass. Cost is \$67 for gallery admission and lunch with drinks at your expense.

Please register and pay by September 26 so that car pooling can be arranged and numbers confirmed with the restaurant.
To register [CLICK HERE](#).



Annual Bowls Evening and Dinner at Sandringham Bowls Club, Tulip Street

Wednesday November 13
4.30 to 9.00 pm

Come and join in the fun - always a great evening. All welcome including non-players - coaching will be provided. Either play or just come along and enjoy the company, food and wine. If you play, there is a unique competition which will be run by John Ragas, Stan Bernhard and Ron Hunter.
To register [CLICK HERE](#).

Cost: \$35 - with drinks at club bar prices. Please register early for catering purposes and pay no later than November 6.

Right: Alan Farmer shows the rest of us how it is done



Left: Members of Beaumaris Probus on their private tour of this year's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces: Terracotta Warriors and the art of Cai Guo-Qiang

[Photos: Alan Stevens]



Intrepid bush walkers, including our own Ian Marchment, make their way to the top

Not Everyone's Cup of Tea

Our 10-minute speaker, Ian Marchment, detailed (with photographs) his personal experience of the iconic Larapinta Trail, a 16-day walk covering 223 km from Alice Springs to Mt Sonder, west along the McDonald Ranges. The group of seven - all in their seventies - started at the Telegraph Station five km out of Alice Springs and employed two guides to cook meals and carry the overnight gear. Each member of the group drank a minimum three litres of water on the walk each day and another 1.5 litres at camp (with glycoside, to stay hydrated) with the group deciding at the outset not to take alcohol. The terrain they picked their way through included deep sheltered gorges, dry river beds, high escarpments, exposed saddles, steep climbs, ridges of quartzite and dolomite, the group often walking across shallow water holes which were freezing. "For the first 10 days, we slept on the ground in a canvas swag," Ian said, with the overnight temperature at one degree and rising to 27 during the day. "Staying up in the cold until 8pm was a challenge but getting up at 1 am for a leak inevitable." To top it off, at Mt Sonder on the last day, the group started walking at 1 am with headlamps to climb to the peak for the sunrise just after 6 am. Not everyone's cup of tea, but obviously an exhilarating experience for bush walk aficionados.

Peter McGregor

[From the President continued from p2] his views on "Recession and how to survive" is one not to be missed. Don't forget to visit our website for the latest schedule of Probus events and ensure your bookings.

Best wishes from sunny Noosa KR

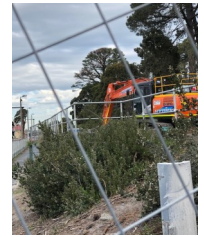


A glimpse of the tasty fare served at the Beaumaris Sports Club each month after our meeting

*Left: Roast Pumpkin Soup
Below left: Peter Harford about to enjoy his lunch
Below right: The ever-popular fish and chips*



Crossing the 'T's and Dotting the 'I's



It is expected that travel times on the Frankston line will be improved by up to 40%

First, the facts: on the Frankston line there will be 18 crossings removed and 12 new stations. 60% of the signalling will change with travel times improved by up to 40%. But what many of us hadn't realised was that there is an enormous amount of planning and consultation prior to what the public sees during the construction stage and when we experience the disruptions. Members were fortunate to hear from three able and enterprising representatives from the Southern Program Alliance which is a consortium comprising Lend Lease, Acciona, Coleman Rail, Metro Trains and WSP who bid for the work we know as 'level crossing removals'.

But, they made it clear that the bids encompass a far wider brief than might seem including seizing every opportunity to completely redevelop an area with open spaces, parks, walking tracks, re-routing of vehicle and pedestrian traffic and other ideas.

The Mentone/Cheltenham work is uniquely complex and difficult with a 1km rail trench. Piling rigs will start soon to create the trench walls which will take us to mid-2020 so the excavation of the trench can start. Buses will be needed by mid-next year as the removal of soil occurs 24/7 (over approximately 6-8 weeks as it was for Bentleigh/Ormond). Mentone will have heritage sections of the station preserved in re-landscaped Mentone gardens.

To keep up to date with what is happening in our area, click on <https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au> and scour the site for more information. Alan Stevens

Below: Wine Appreciation Group tasting 10 wines from seven different countries - including Spain, Argentina, Chile, France, Portugal, Italy and Uruguay.



"The pressure to conform in regard to indigenous issues, to yield to any demand that could lead to accusations of racism if refused, is now pervasive in Australia."

Nicholas Hasluck, former judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia

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2019 Events Calendar

Tuesday September 10	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
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	2 pm	Travel Group: Wendy Wu Travel	Da Giacomo Caffè
Tuesday September 24	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday September 27		Bike Ride 	
Tuesday October 1	9.30 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday October 2	7 pm	Opera Group	Beaumaris Library
Friday October 4		Archibald Exhibition	Tarrawarra Gallery
Friday October 11	12 Noon	Pub Lunch	Doyle's Bridge Hotel
Tuesday October 15	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday October 22	2 pm	Wine Discovery	John Smyth's Place
Tuesday October 29	2 pm	Wine Appreciation	Kevin McDonnell's Place
Friday November 8		Victoria Cup Golf	Patterson River GC
Friday November 8	10 am	Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday November 12	2 pm	Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Wednesday November 13	4.30 pm - 9 pm	Annual Bowls Evening	Sandringham Bowls
Tuesday November 19	10 am	GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Wednesday November 20	8 pm	Brighton Theatre Group	<i>Dinner With Friends</i>
Thursday November 21	6.30 pm	Tastes	Madoljai, Concourse, Beaumaris

Reminder

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