



# NEWSLETTER

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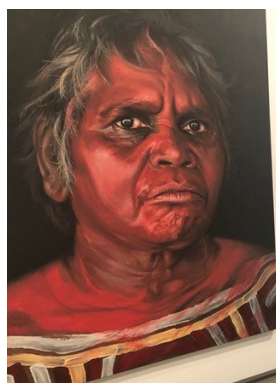
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## Tarrawarra Museum of Art



*Left: George Montgomery, our nonagenarian, has a close-up of actor David Wenham's portrait*

*Left: Margie Beadle and Muis van Ruyven at the Archibald Prize 2019 exhibition at Tarrawarra Museum of Art*

*Far left: Sixteen art enthusiasts, members and friends of Beaumaris Probud*

*Photos: Ken Beadle*



## Partnerships for Learning



**Next Meeting:** 10 am Tuesday November 19 Beaumaris Sports Club

**Keynote Speaker:** Debby Chaves, Executive Principal  
Beaumaris Secondary College (see p3)

**Topic:** Partnerships for Learning

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

### **\* Office Bearers 2019**

* President: <b>Keith Ross</b>	9589 3580
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* Treasurer: <b>Geoff Carlson</b>	9589 4884
* Functions: <b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120
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Assistant Meetings: <b>Graeme Keys</b>	9585 7297
* Membership: <b>Peter Flude</b>	9585 5550
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Recorder: <b>Alan Stevens</b>	0418 336 354
Projectionist: <b>Philip Stewart</b>	9589 3309
Photographer: <b>Ian Maskiell</b>	9592 3380

### **\* Interest Groups**

Bike Riding: <b>Duncan Gibson</b>	9585 3547
<b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120
Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9515 0725
PRISMS: <b>Bill Davis</b>	9592 5982
Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	0418395946
Golf: <b>John Pound</b>	9521 8252
Travel: <b>Simon Appel</b>	9585 6956

Bowls: <b>Ted Montfort</b>	9589 5949
Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593
Music/Opera: <b>Barry Amond</b>	9515 0725
Tastes: <b>Geoff Bransbury</b>	9589 1507
Bridge: <b>Alan Farmer</b>	9598 2791
Wine Discovery: <b>Grant Sabin</b>	9598 4768
Theatre:	

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Keith Ross**



Typing this little piece of wisdom is proving quite a chore this month, given that my normal method is to use two hands. Now my two-finger-typing has been reduced to a one-finger exercise.

It is good to be home, albeit the weather has not been that great, but catching up with family and friends has kept us on the hop. Looking at the calendar, Christmas is just days away. I trust that you all have locked into your calendar the Tastes event on November 21 and, dare I say, our annual Christmas Lunch, on December 6, this year at Victoria Golf Club. Ken Beadle has been hard at work preparing for it, and has arranged for the very popular Don McQueen to perform for us. Who can forget his visit at our January meeting? I am sure our partners will be equally impressed.

As mentioned at our last General Meeting, the management structure at the BSC is in the midst of change and whilst having no direct impact upon our arrangements, we see a much more robust and active entity evolving. One significant change is the appointment of new caterers to service both our requirements and the RSL. This is positive and their initial presentation at last month's meeting was most impressive. I hope to see you all at the November meeting and in particular hearing our guest speaker, Debby Chaves from the Beaumaris Secondary College and I urge all members to stay and join the group for lunch as I see it as an integral part of our club activities. Our increased participation will also encourage the new caterers and indeed the BSC management. Finally, while we continue to function with an effective membership in excess of 100, we must not be complacent. Each of us has a responsibility to assist in attracting new members to our club and I urge you to set yourself an objective to invite a friend and prospective member to one of our meetings over the next three months. Let's see what a group effort can do!





# NOTICEBOARD

## Bike Group

Duncan Gibson



*Bellarine Peninsula Excursion*  
*Seems it takes six bikers to fix*  
*one puncture*  
*From left: Duncan Gibson,*  
*John Pound, Garry Larkin,*  
*Geoff Bransbury,*  
*Geoff Carlson, Jim Duggan*  
*Photo: Ken Beadle*

For more photos and report [CLICK HERE](#).

## Digital Technology

Geoff Wade

A firm date for the next meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 4 at 2 pm.

Where: 1 John St Beaumaris.

The following date will be set at that meeting and members will be advised accordingly.

## PRISMS

November 26 at Alan Nash's place. 2 pm.

## Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

After their debate on capitalism this month, the groups will not meet again until the usual times in February

## Music Group

Barry Amond

The next music program will be on Wednesday March 4. Details will be in the January newsletter.

## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

In October, a smaller number than usual attended Kevin Mc Donnell's home to taste Victorian red wines. All agreed it was a high class tasting. Our next meeting is a seafood lunch at *The Lobster Cave* on Thursday December 12 at noon. Our first meeting for 2020 is at the Convenor's home in Beaumaris on Thursday February 27 at 2 pm where we will raid Roger's red wine cellar and taste some special aged red wines.



*Far left:*  
*Members of Wine*  
*Discovery mull*  
*over their range of*  
*selected wines*

*Near Left:*  
*Another of The*  
*Wine Discovery*  
*Group's interesting*  
*selections*

## Wine Discovery Group

Our next (and final) session for 2019 is at Vincent's Café in Beaumaris for lunch. BYO.

When: December 4.

## Archibald at Tarrawarra

For photos on website [CLICK HERE](#)

## November Keynote Speaker: Debby Chaves

Teacher for over 20 years, including experience in both independent and government primary and secondary schools. Completed her Masters in Washington DC, then moved to Australia where she completed a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education at Monash University.

## Travel Group

Simon Appel



Our next meeting will be in February (date to be confirmed). We will meet at the Appel home and the agenda will focus on rare experiences by one of our travellers: Ian Johnson has accepted an invitation to report on some of his amazing travel experiences.

## Know Your Fellow Members

Latest addition: Nick Caris [CLICK HERE](#)  
 52 member profiles. Please let us add your profile. Contact Geoff Bransbury or Peter McGregor.

## Next Tastes

Madoljai, Beaumaris  
 Concourse

Thursday November 21

6.30 pm \$45

Last chance - still a few places

[CLICK HERE](#) to book.



## Keynote Speaker Videos on Website

Did you miss these excellent talks:  
 Nicole Stevenson on AFLW or John Hewison on the Finance Industry?

These and more can be watched on our website

[CLICK HERE](#)

## From the Treasurer

As per our Constitution, the joining fee and annual subscriptions for the following year are determined by members at the November General Meeting. Accordingly, my recommendation, supported by our Committee Members, is detailed on the website.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full details.

Geoff Carlson

## Birthday Boys – November

Ken Rattray 8/11

Peter Flude 10/11

Nick Caris 14/11

Barrie Gibson 27/11

# FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

# Ken Beadle

# December

**President's Christmas Lunch at Victoria Golf Club,  
Friday December 6                      12 noon for 12.30 pm**

**Our last social event of 2019 and a major event of our Probus year, the venue returns after several years to the Victoria Golf Club.**

**Cost: \$70 per head (includes two main courses and two desserts served alternately plus tea/coffee and drinks to a generous limit).**



**Also the annual visit of Santa, our resident Tall Tales Teller and a return visit to the club of bush balladeer Don McQueen. Please make a big effort to attend - register now. Payment required by November 29. Please advise Ken Beadle of any dietary requirements or table seating requests no later than November 22.**

**CLICK HERE to book.**

## Probus Lunch at the Beaumaris Sports Club

**Lunch has always been an integral part of our Probus meeting activities giving us a chance to share a drink, food and camaraderie with fellow members. Since we have been at the Sports Club, lunch has been a varied experience but we are hopeful that, with the appointment of new caterers, Foodstyling, such experiences are behind us. In fact, if our lunch at the October meeting is anything to go by, we are confident that will be the case in future. Caterer, Sally Fenton, is very keen to please us and fit in with our normal arrangements. She will provide us with graphics of our meal choices which will be distributed by email during the week before every meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to maintain the price at \$25 — the likelihood of which is enhanced by increasing our numbers at lunch. So, please, come along, stay for lunch and enjoy the company of your fellow members.**

**Geoff Wade**



## Productivity, the Public Service and Me



*"In the 1950s, average life expectancy was 67 – which did not hold out much promise of a long retirement" (GS)*

After scoring a paltry 29% in a school chemistry exam, Garry Sebo put aside his initial ambition to be a pharmaceutical chemist - and even the notion of matriculating and going on to university - deciding instead to leave school after Year 11, but with no idea of what he wanted to do. Having experienced the Depression, his father urged him to join the Public Service because of the job security - which is how he found himself trudging up Bourke Street to commence employment that would occupy his life for the next 14 years. Garry said that the Land Tax Office was a bit of a shock - especially as he saw himself as a WASP in a service that at the time was dominated by Catholics, often New Australians from Southern Europe. Inefficiency was rife and the many lurks and perks astonishing, not to mention the impact of a number of pubs close at hand where business lunches became the norm. Naturally, productivity disappeared each afternoon and in the evening (overtime was rampant) almost non-existent. Garry spoke about a Dickensian workplace with promotion based on seniority not merit and the hopeless inefficiency of its processes and systems - which usually meant that revenue was often not collected and half the population who should have been paying land tax were not even listed. In a pre-computer era, he found himself in a classic garbage in, garbage out regime. However, after graduating in Accountancy and Law, he managed to rise above it all to become Commissioner for State Taxation - and in the process met a lovely lady (a Catholic what's more) who became his wife 60 years ago.

Peter McGregor

**Summer Tastes at Royal Brighton Yacht Club**  
Brilliant last year – so we are repeating it.  
Put Tuesday February 25 in your diary.  
Book on website soon.



## Financial Services Exposed

Our own John Hewison delivered a frank talk on the state of financial services in Australia, often cited as one of the best regulatory systems in the world. "But, it's no good if the regulator doesn't regulate," John said. With 25 years in the financial industry, he made comparisons with large corporations which have grown through the acquisition of good smaller companies. In financial services, however, this often meant new systems which generated money for the company - but at the expense of clients' interests. John was adamant that professional advice cannot be corporatised and recent commissions (including a Royal one) have highlighted the stark difference between corporate drivers, such as ROI, and private advisors who provide the best advice for their client.



*One of the best regulatory systems in the world?*

In John's view, education standards still need to be improved because anyone can do a 4-unit Diploma of Financial Planning in six weeks which meets the current legal requirements for a financial planner. He compared this with the standards of his own business which employs graduates who then go on to do their Certified Financial Planning studies at Masters level. Good advice for anyone checking on the bona fides of a financial planning company! However, so-called 'vertical integration' is still a problem - that is, where a company (eg. a bank) makes, controls and distributes a financial product and charges the client 4%; often under the guise of 'wrap accounts'. Other, more ethical companies separate the product and the advice and usually charge less than 1%.

**"... more ethical companies separate the product and the advice and usually charge less than 1%"**

While some legislation has been enacted, there is still much to be done. John predicted that up to 30-40% of financial advisors will disappear by 2024, there will be an end to vertical integration but the reformed financial planning profession will grow. There was considerably more to digest from John's talk which members can see when the video is uploaded. Thanks also to our guest, John Thomson, for videoing the talk.

Alan Stevens

### VALE: Frank Collings


With sadness we advise that Frank passed away peacefully 5/11/19. He had been a member since 2009.

## Greatest Fact in Human History?

Harvard University psychology professor Steven Pinker says people worldwide are not only healthier and wealthier nowadays, but happier and safer as well. These combined gains are 'the greatest fact in human history.' "But," he says, "people do not tend to appreciate the progress."

The Age 20/9/19

# Probus Club of Beaumaris 2019 Events Calendar

Friday November 8	10 am	Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday November 12	2 pm	Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Friday November 8	Beaumaris Probus Victoria Cup		Patterson Lakes GC
Tuesday November 12	9 am	Bridge and Annual Lunch	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday November 13	4.30 pm– 9 pm	Annual Bowls	Sandringham Bowls Club
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
Tuesday November 26	9 am	Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday November 26	2 pm	PRISMS	Alan Nash's Place
Friday November 29		Bike Ride	
Wednesday December 4	12 noon	Wine Discovery Group	Vincent's, Beaumaris
❖ Friday December 6	12 Noon	President's Christmas Lunch	Victoria GC
Thursday December 12	12 Noon	Wine Appreciation Lunch	<i>Lobster Cave</i>

*Below (L to R):*

*1 Wine Appreciation Group – Geoff Bransbury, Robert Lander, Howard Hoskins, host Kevin McDonnell and Barry Amond*

*2 Members at morning tea*

*3 Bike riders return to Docklands*

*4 The President introduces Keynote Speaker, John Hewison*



*Above: The 19th anniversary of the Music Group - 26 members of the Group in their new venue at the Beaumaris Library.*

**REMEMBER:** If you want larger pictures (or print), hold CTRL key while scrolling the wheel on your mouse. One way: smaller; the other way: larger. Ed.

