



NEWSLETTER

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Far right: Patricia Tan-Stevens and Chris Renwick
Below: Hanife Bushby with Louise & John Pound



Photos: Alan Stevens

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB



Above Left: Jeff Sturrock, Graham Symon and Maureen Flude

Above Right: Pat Sebo with Graeme & Jill Keys

Right: Margaret & John Howe and friends



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday January 21 Beaumaris Sports Club

Keynote Speaker: Gabe Denemark NBN Co
Topic: The NBN and What It Means

10-Minute Talk: Geoff Taffs Reaching the Top



PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

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PRISMS: Bill Davis	9592 5982
Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418395946
Golf: John Pound	9521 8252
Travel: Simon Appel	9585 6956

Bowls: Ted Montfort	9589 5949
Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	9588 2593
Music/Opera: Barry Amond	9515 0725
Tastes: Geoff Bransbury	9589 1507
Bridge: Jim Duggan	0432 150 675
Wine Discovery: Grant Sabin	9598 4768
Theatre:	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



I trust all members had a good Christmas and New Year period. How quickly did 2019 slip by? It seems only a blink of an eye since most of us were at the Christmas Luncheon at Victoria Golf Club. My thanks to Ken Beadle and Graeme Ball for their effort, for what I thought, truly maintained the high standards we have set for this annual event.

On another matter, a group of members have put forward the idea to establish a register for trades and services based upon the personal experience of fellow members. It is not intended as an endorsement service but simply a 'Go To' contact when looking for a tradesman or service. I believe the idea has merit and will speak briefly about it at the next meeting. However, the very first step in the process must be the co-operation of Members to submit the details of the services they have engaged and equally importantly, their agreement for the coordinator to pass on the Member details to any enquirer. If we proceed, it is simply a contact facilitation service and not one where the club is either recommending or endorsing the service provider. The initial facilitator will be John Fisher (john.fisher42@bigpond.com).

This month's Keynote Speaker is Gabe Denmark, Community Ambassador for the NBN Co. As NBN is a wholesaler, Gabe will address issues in respect to connections, scams and general concerns. If you have an issue or question, Gabe will endeavour to assist; however, please bear in mind he does not represent any supplier. Looking forward to 2020, our collective resolution must be to identify and introduce potential new members. As previously, I remind all members that we are always looking for volunteers to assist the committee as well as the interest groups. I look forward to our January meeting.



Left: President Keith with John Wallace who turned 90 on New Year's Eve
Below: Graham Symon and Roger Sanderson



Above: The Treasurer explaining why the subs are staying the same in 2020



Right: Lively discussion at the President's Christmas Lunch

NOTICEBOARD

Pub Lunch

Where: Milano's

When: Friday January 31 12–2.30 pm

Cost: \$20 [Click Here](#) to register

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

We will not meet in February but in March at the usual times. Subsequent meetings are likely to be in May, July, August, October and November. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our frank and stimulating discussions on a range of topics.

Music and Opera Groups

Barry Amond

At the year's first evening on March 4, there will be a program of classical music by several of the most famous composers and one or two surprises. The new venue at the Beaumaris Library has proved to be very successful with excellent facilities. During the year we intend to provide a variety of programs to suit all tastes. Feel free to come and join us.

Wine Discovery 2020

Grant Sabin

Session 1 - Wednesday February 5.

Theme: Australian rieslings. Host: Alan Stevens

Probus Riders

Duncan Gibson

Next: Friday January 24 @ 8.30 am

Given the risks of heat, dust and flies (it's summer), an easy ride is planned to Moto Cafe at Patterson River, departing the Black Rock car park. As usual, good hydration and sun screen essential! A chance to work off some Christmas indulgence, perhaps, while enjoying the scenery - subject always to the weather. All welcome.

Travel Group

Next meeting will be at my home on Wednesday February 12 from 2 pm.

Simon Appel

Digital Technology Group

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 4 at the Amond home, 1 John St Beaumaris at 2 pm. A list of topics will be advised at the next General Meeting on the attendance sheet. Future topics suggestions to me welcomed (at geoffp.wade@bigpond.com or 0416 257 683.)

Geoff Wade

Summer Tastes at Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Tuesday February 25 at 6.30 pm

Come and enjoy a sumptuous meal on the huge deck at RBYC. It overlooks the Bay and we can watch the sunset. If it's windy, there are blinds. Last year was one of the best Tastes events ever and 72 attended. Excellent value at \$50 pp but this includes a bottle of wine per couple. Register and pay ASAP. To register [Click Here](#)

Geoff Bransbury

Golf Challenge

Last year's annual golf challenge (known as the Victoria Cup) was entered by members from golf clubs far and wide and was won handsomely by Don Lobb (Yarra Yarra) and Phil Maddox (Woodlands) with a score of 44 points in cold and gale force winds.



Above left: Don Lobb & Phil Maddox
Centre: Organiser John Pound scrutinises the results
Right: Alan Stevens, Robert Kerr & Norm Griffiths relax in the clubhouse after a hard day's work

Brighton Theatre Company

Program for 2020:

Wednesday February 12 *Interesting Times*

Wednesday April 8 *Flipside*

Wednesday June 24 *Bakersfield Mist*

Wednesday September 9 *Chancers*

Wednesday November 25 *The Architect*

Group Concession: 5 x \$21 All sessions: 8 pm

Wine Appreciation

First meeting: Thursday February 27 @ 2 pm

Where: 35 Church Street Beaumaris where we will raid the red wine cellar.

Roger Wilson

Bridge Club

Back to normal starting 9 am Tuesday January 14.



Annual Bridge Lunch at Victoria GC

Left to right: Alan Farmer, Ken White, David Grodski and Peter Sherman

Bushfire Appeal

I know Probus is not allowed to support charities but I just thought I'd let you know that I have donated to the victims of the bushfires personally. Anyone who wants to join me can do so by clicking [HERE](#). This is a secure avenue organised by Bendigo Bank.

Peter McGregor

For more Notices see p5

Birthday Boys – January

[*90th]

Geoff Marshall 4/1

John Knight 10/1

Grant Sabin 11/1

*Barry Donaldson 15/1

Kevin McDonnell 16/1

Jeff Sturrock 16/1

Bill Green 26/1

*Geoff Mason 29/1

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Ken Beadle



Spit Roast Dinner and Jazz on the Lawn Friday March 27 at Sandringham Croquet Club

Our late summer social event at the Sandringham Croquet Club (opposite the Sandringham Club on Beach Road) will take place from 4.30 pm to 8 pm on Friday March 27.

An addition this year to our festivities is a Jazz band, The Front Porch, who will play from 4.30 pm



Dinner will be served at approximately 6 pm

A round of croquet will be optional this year from 4.30 pm but there will not be a knockout competition as in previous years. SCC members will again assist with instruction.

We look forward with anticipation to another spit roast beef, a specialty of Chef de BBQ, Geoff Bransbury.

BYO drinks and glasses. Cost is \$30 per head (includes all food) plus a green fee of \$10 per player for optional croquet. Please register early and pay no later than March 20.

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Next month's Keynote Speaker: Carley Scott



World Wine Production (2019)

- 1 Italy 46.6 MHL [million hectolitres]
- 2 France 41.9
- 3 Spain 34.3
- 4 US 23.6
- 5 Argentina 13
- 6 Australia 12.5
- 7 Chile 11.9
- 8 South Africa 9.5
- 9 China [estimate only]
- 10 Germany 9

International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)

All the Tea in China



Stan Phillips' cruise followed in the wake of Vasco da Gama

Of course, many of us knew that Ceylon (Sri Lanka) wasn't the first place to grow tea - but we may not have realised that, in fact, it was first grown in China about 3000 BC, a variant of the camelia plant. From there it gradually found its way as far afield as India along a sea-route which rivalled the Silk Road. Not surprisingly, during the 15th and 16th centuries, a few European adventurers (especially Portuguese maritime explorers including Dias and Da Gama) were excited by what they found when they sailed around the Cape of Good Hope and beyond to India and Ceylon, bringing home novel commodities such as tea and exotic spices. Many centuries later, Stan Phillips, followed their path aboard a modern cruise liner: via the Maldives, Seychelles, Reunion Island (famous for the vanilla plant), Mauritius, ports in South Africa, Angola, Cape Verde, Tangiers and Malaga, Spain. By Stan's colourful account (with pictures), it was a rewarding experience worthy of its historic significance. Ed.

2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBS NOW DUE

Subscriptions are due and payable on January 1 each year. The subs for 2020 are \$70 pa (discounted to \$65 if paid before January 31). Payment by direct transfer to the Probus account is encouraged: BSB: 063 144 Account No. 10121288. Or by cheque: 22 First Street, Black Rock 3193. Thank you to all those who have already paid! For full details [CLICK HERE](#)

Geoff Carlson, Treasurer

Probus Lunch

Geoff Wade

The lunches being provided by our new caterer are proving popular but the importance of the sign-in sheet showing who is staying for lunch cannot be over-emphasised. At our last meeting, for example, five more members stayed for lunch than advised - a result of members signing the sheet during morning tea but not advising me - which did not become apparent until everyone had been seated, causing some concern for the caterers. However, to their credit, they were able to adjust for the extras. This may not always be the case. It is very pleasing that more members are staying for lunch but it is very important to indicate this when signing in.

NOTE: As a result of recent discussions with our caterer, in order to maintain the high standard of meals we have received in the past few months, the cost of lunch will revert to \$30 per head as from our January meeting.

New Kind of Learning

Our November Keynote Speaker, Debby Chavers, Principal of Beaumaris Secondary College, painted an optimistic scenario of a modern brand-new school with amazing learning spaces and grounds that will service the local community in the years ahead and share its facilities with others as much as possible. She spoke about her school as having a highly-engaged parent community with all staff and students committed to the core values of curiosity, optimism, respect and excellence; a school like no other, she said. Above all, students have to learn that the way you treat others is the way you get treated yourself.



A school like no other; committed to curiosity, optimism, respect and excellence

"I think schools are mini-worlds," Debby said, "a place of high expectations, learning to contribute to the world they will enter." Also, a place where key words 'investigate', 'generate', 'plan and manage', 'produce', 'evaluate' and 'communicate' become the touchstone to success. But the cohort of 60 per cent boys and 40 per cent girls has some other special features of which she is proud: their engagement with the natural environment in the local area - and the fact that more than 200 ride their bike to and from school, harking back to the days when everybody went to their local school, she says. Also, Beaumaris has students on the School Council and students engaged in constructing the curriculum, innovations that reflect a new kind of learning and a new approach to schooling in a modern world. Ed. [To access the video of Ms Chavers, [CLICK HERE](#)]

"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
Copenhagen Consensus Centre

Tastes at Madolji

1 Wendy Kelly
2 Helen
McGregor and
Carol Ross

[Click here](#) for more photos and report



Probus Club of Beaumaris 2020 Events Calendar

Tuesday January 14	9 am Bridge	Victoria GC
Tuesday January 21	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Friday January 24	8.30 am Bike Ride	
Tuesday January 28	9 am Bridge	Victoria GC
Friday January 31	12–2.30 pm Pub Lunch	Milano's
Tuesday February 4	2 pm Digital Technology	1 John Street Beaumaris
Wednesday February 5	2 pm Wine Discovery	Host: Alan Stevens
Wednesday February 12	2 pm Travel Group	1/35 Alfred St Beaumaris
Wednesday February 12	8 pm <i>Interesting Times</i>	Brighton Theatre Company
Tuesday February 18	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Tuesday February 25	6.30 pm Tastes	Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Thursday February 27	2 pm Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Place
Wednesday March 4	7 pm Music Group	Beaumaris Library
Tuesday March 10	2 pm Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Friday March 13	10 am Discussion Group	1 John Street Beaumaris
Tuesday March 17	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Beaumaris Sports Club
Friday March 27	4.30 pm – 8 pm Jazz on the Lawn	Beaumaris Croquet Club

*Right: Maureen Flude, Jeni Beaty
and Marion Toogood enjoy the President's Christmas Lunch*



For report and more pictures of the President's Christmas Lunch 2109 at Victoria Golf Club,
[CLICK HERE](#).