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Above: Members at morning tea at the new venue, the Buckingham Motel

Right: Mike Read, Ian Henderson and George Montgomery review the activity sheets for the coming weeks



Change of Venue a Success

*Left: Duncan Gibson holds forth
Below right: Brian Simpson and Ken White*

Photos: Alan Stevens



Equatorial Launch Australia will build and operate Australia's first commercial spaceport, located near Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory. The complex will serve as a backbone to Australia's burgeoning aerospace industry. In 2018, ELA announced the appointment of Carley Scott as CEO. Carley is an award-winning CEO with wide experience building complex businesses in diverse settings. Her

unique passion for space, enterprise and economic development are enhanced by a focus on driving broad community benefit - resulting in sustainable enterprises that benefit both the community and ELA shareholders.



Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday February 18 Highett RSL Station Street

Keynote Speaker: Carley Scott, CEO
Equatorial Launch Australia

Topic: Australia's First Commercial Spaceport

10 Minute Talk: Geoff Taffs Reaching the Top

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



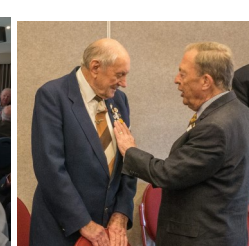
This past month has been busy resolving the problem of a location for our meetings into the foreseeable future. I felt that the Buckingham International stepped up and responded well to all our requests. In fact, in reviewing the situation with them, they put forward suggested changes they would institute in respect to room layout and parking that would make us more comfortable. The meal was well accepted and was good value for money. However, as advised, we continue to seek a comparable option. Discussions with the Highbett RSL has put in place arrangements to conduct our February meeting at that location. Geoff Wade will shortly be issuing details of the specific location and the menu options for that day. Parking is restricted at the front of the club but there is a public park available at the rear. It is our intention to resolve the matter for the ongoing period as soon as possible after the February meeting. Again, I thank Simon Appel and Geoff Wade for their efforts in addressing and resolving the issue.

By way of follow up Gentlemen: have you advised John Fisher (john.fisher@bigpond.com) of a Trades person or Service Company who you have recently utilised and were satisfied with? Again, we are looking simply to establish a 'go to' referral service for member to member verification. This month's speaker is Carley Scott, CEO of Equatorial Launch Australia, which in the past year has won an agreement with NASA to launch rockets from its operational centre in Arnhem Land. Her journey and that of the company which she leads I believe you will find most impressive.



Left: Our congratulations to Ralph Butcher being named 'Bayside City Council Senior Citizen of The Year'. An honour well and truly deserved.

Below left: President Keith; members at lunch; Aug Gamble's medals being admired by Vice President, Simon Appel



NOTICEBOARD

Ride Sharing

Gentlemen, regardless of what new locations we settle upon for our meetings parking will almost certainly be a challenge; therefore, I am urging all members to consider ride sharing to all future general meetings to minimise inconvenience. Keith Ross

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At both meetings on March 10 at 2 pm and March 13 at 10 am, each group will discuss Education - with particular regard to the address by Debby Chavers at our November meeting on the new Beaumaris Secondary College. There will also be time to catch up on some current affairs: such as the bushfires and coronavirus. Please contact me if you are interested in joining one of the groups.

Music Group

Barry Amond

The program on Wednesday March 4 at 7 pm at Beaumaris Library should appeal to anyone with an interest in orchestral music of any sort. Major items include extracts from movie scores by our own John Williams, and Grieg's piano concerto played by a pianist with a unique characteristic. At the next Probus meeting, an attendance sheet will be made available and we look forward to welcoming further new members and their partners.

Bike Group

Ken Beadle

The next ride is Friday February 28, our popular summer ride on the Westernport Trail. The start is at Tyabb Recreation Park car park (Melways 148H10) from which we pedal south to reach the coast at Hastings. Our return is along the same route, stopping for coffee at Pelican Point Café in Hastings. Total distance approximately 28 km along a flat track, mostly away from traffic. . Meet at Black Rock beachside car park at 8.30 am. Please advise Ken Beadle if you will be on the ride - this is essential so adequate bike carrying capacity is arranged for the day.

Wine Discovery Group

Next session: Wednesday April 22. Theme :Tassie sparkling and oysters natural. Host: Grant Sabin

Brighton Theatre Group

8 pm Wednesday April 8 *Flipside*

Bridge

Every Tuesday (except day of Probus meeting).
9 am. @ Victoria Golf Club

Highett RSL

NOTE: Our February meeting will be held at the Highett RSL, Station Street Highett (off Highett Road).



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2020

Our annual subscriptions are due and payable on January 1 each year. It is now February and there are several subscriptions outstanding.

Payment of outstanding subscriptions at \$70 for the year may be paid at our next general meeting, or direct to our bank account; or by cheque to Geoff Carlson, Treasurer, 22 First Street, Black Rock 3193.

Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson

Our next Pub Lunch will be at the McKinnon Hotel on Friday 24th April at 12 noon . Cost \$24 for a two - course lunch with five main meal choices.
To register for the next Pub Lunch [CLICK HERE](#).

Travel

Simon Appel

The Group meets Wednesday February 12 at the Appel house, Unit 1/ 35 Alfred Street Beaumaris from 2 pm through 4 pm.

SummerTastes

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Tuesday February 25 6.30 pm

Hurry - last chance to book. Great food, company and location. Watch the sunset from the huge and protected balcony. Just \$50 pp.
NOTE: a free bottle of wine per couple! Bring a hat! If you want to make up a table of 6 or 8, email gbransbury@gmail.com
To register [CLICK HERE](#).



Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Thursday February 27 2 pm
A raid on my vintage reds. To be held at my place.
Next meeting: The Steak Bank, Ormond.

Birthday Boys – February

Graham Symon 6/2	Ingo Rehder 7/2
Dick Kirby 9/2	Keith Naylor 15/2
Roger Sanderson 17/2	Paul Crompton 18/2
Gary Sebo 21/2	Lachlan McLean 25/2
Allan Cox 27/2	Peter Harford 27/2

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 to our festivities this year 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. 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](#)

Natural Disasters

"During the past century, there has been a 99 per cent decline in the death toll from natural disasters, during the same period that the global population quadrupled."

Judith Curry, climate scientist and US National Research Council

Eight Million Connections



Gabe Denmark with the full story of NBN

Our Keynote speaker for January, Gabe Denmark, spokesperson for NBN, gave a very thorough and informative address that had members jumping out of their seats to ask a myriad of questions. NBN, he told us, is a Government Business Enterprise with over 30,000 people working on access to the network every day with the task of connecting 8 million homes and businesses by 2020. NBN is not just for internet access - it is for both our home phone and the internet and he made the point that we don't need to have a landline phone to run the internet. His considered advice is to check how we use the internet between 7pm and 11pm, including how many devices are in use and how they are being used; and then to select the right plan with the help of a phone and internet provider (eg Telstra, Optus and the like). Ed.

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The most important questions to ask the phone and internet provider include:

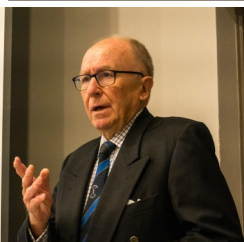
What plan would you suggest for me?

Do you charge any additional installation fees?
(NBN do not charge for a standard installation)

Can I keep my current home phone number and email address? (You can, but remind the provider.)

Gabe concluded with a warning that scammers are increasingly using trusted brands like NBN to trick unsuspecting consumers into parting with their money or personal information, losing more than \$330,000 this year so far. He urged us to be vigilant with callers claiming to be from NBN Co requesting personal or financial information. Ed.

For more information about NBN and a complete summary of Gabe Denmark's talk, [CLICK HERE](#).



Graham Ball spruiking our visit to the Come From Away matinee at the Comedy Theatre

Bushfires, the Butlers and Blazeaid

Blazeaid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Founded by Kevin and Rhonda Butler, hundreds of volunteers work alongside rural families to help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. In lieu of the usual 10-minute talk, Paul Crompton's video of his personal experience with Blazeaid was an inspiring glimpse of work done in one small pocket of rural Gippsland in recent weeks and its healing effect on recipients who were variously in a state of shock unable to decide how to begin again. It followed the activities of volunteer tradies arriving for breakfast at dawn, being briefed, collecting tools and heading into the blackened landscape to start work on tasks such as mending fences and erecting sheds.



Blazeaid volunteers help lift the spirits of people who face devastating losses through bushfires, drought and floods.

Paul Crompton tells the story of an elderly resident who had received burns to her hands and legs while releasing her horses during the grass fire. The 92-year-old had previously given up hope, but when she learned her horses were found by a neighbor safe and well and Blazeaid had put in a new fence, she immediately discharged herself from hospital and returned home to her animals. Ed.

Blazeaid

For more information about Blazeaid and how to make a donation [CLICK HERE](#).

Vale: Hugh Stevens

Hugh was an outstanding member of our club: editor of the newsletter (87-98), Club Secretary (88-97) and a Life Member from 1998. Ever an Englishman, he spoke and taught four languages at Melbourne High and his magnificent use of the English language is on record throughout the club archives. He was a golf nut and for many years led a group from our Club on Friday morning golf at Sandringham and was a member at Victoria GC. The most knowledgeable person I have ever known with a mind like a computer, he could quote Shakespeare, the Bible, music or any other major collection of knowledge. A smiling person, he loved conversation and kept up his membership to the end despite failing health.

Lloyd Jenkins

Probus Club of Beaumaris 2020 Events Calendar

Tuesday February 11	9 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday February 12	8 pm Brighton Theatre Group	<i>Interesting Times</i>
Wednesday February 12	2 pm Travel Group	1/35 Alfred Place Beaumaris
Tuesday February 18	10 am GENERAL MEETING	 Highett RSL
Wednesday February 19	1 pm <i>Come From Away</i>	Comedy Theatre
Tuesday February 25	9 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Tuesday February 25	6.30 pm Summer Tastes	Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Thursday February 27	2 pm Wine Appreciation	Roger Wilson's Place
Friday February 28	Bike Ride 	
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	TBA
Friday March 27	4 pm - 8 pm Spit Roast and Jazz on the Lawn	Sandringham CC
Wednesday April 8	8 pm Brighton Theatre Group	<i>Flipside</i>
Tuesday April 21	10 am GENERAL MEETING	TBA
Wednesday April 22	2 pm Wine Discovery	Grant Sabin's Place
Friday April 24	Pub Lunch	McKinnon Hotel
Tuesday April 28	Annual Golf Trip	Murray Downs GC



Above: Our happy group of Probians enjoying the January Pub Lunch

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