



NEWSLETTER

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"Welcome to the exhilarating, spectacular yet serene flying experience of gliding. Gliders take to the air like birds with wings outstretched, soaring on rising air currents, immersed in three-dimensional space, flying silently with an eagle's view of the world. Gliding is for everyone - men and women of all ages fly gliders. In Australia, you can fly solo from the age of 15 and some pilots continue gliding into their eighties."

Next Meeting: 10 am Tuesday March 17 Highett RSL

Keynote Speaker: David Cleland, Glider Pilot

Topic: Gliding: The Sport of Soaring

No 10-Minute Talk: AGM

PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

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 Discussion: **Barry Amond** 9515 0725
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 Tastes: **Geoff Bransbury** 9589 1507
 Bridge: **Alan Farmer** 9598 2791
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 Theatre:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Keith Ross



My last piece as President! While our meeting at the Highett RSL went well, there will be some minor changes in the layout for March. As usual, Geoff Wade did a fantastic job in arranging the outside caterer for a salad buffet as the kitchen was under renovation; now fully functional, we look forward to enjoying the full features of this facility at the March meeting.

The highlight of the month was the Tastes at Brighton Yacht Club with 73 attendees, our largest Tastes attendance ever. While the weather turned on us in the afternoon, the BYC crew relocated us inside to the spacious dining area and the menu was extensive with all choices well received. Well done, GB!

Another reminder that a few have yet to pay their subs for the year. Please do so ASAP. In summary, our past year has been very busy with all the interest group activities, the various functions organised by Ken Beadle, plus Tastes and the Pub Lunches - complemented by the major events of the Candlelight Dinner at Sandringham Yacht Club and the Christmas Luncheon at the Victoria Golf Club.

Whilst I will save most of my comments for the end-of-year report, my term as President has been most enjoyable, although challenging in some minor aspects (such as three venue changes and four - or is that five? - different caterers. Nevertheless, with the strong Committee structure that we have, our club simply got on with the job. A special mention to our Vice President, Simon Appel, and Geoff Wade for doing the spade work in respect to the facility issues. In conclusion, I want to thank all members for their support, advice and encouragement throughout my term. It has truly been a most enjoyable experience. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM where it will be my honour to pass the Chain of Office to Simon Appel who will take us forward into the coming year.



Photos: Alan Stevens



Above: Peter Loncraine thanks Carley Scott at the Highett RSL



Above: Incoming President, Simon Appel AM, with Keith Ross, current President, at Tastes



Below: Judith and Geoff Carlson

NOTICEBOARD

★ Car Pooling

Given the tight parking arrangements at the Highett RSL, it is suggested (indeed, recommended) that sharing of cars would make parking easier for everyone. Please consider this possibility in making decisions about getting to the March General Meeting. For further information about lunch at this month's meeting, see Geoff Wade's notice on p5.

Spit Roast Dinner and Jazz on the Lawn



Friday March 27 at the
Sandringham Croquet Club

4.30 pm – 8 pm

BYO glasses and drinks

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

At the March meetings, recent events are likely to overwhelm the main topic of Education.
NOTE: The next meetings will be in May.

Bike Group

Ken Beadle



*Left: On the boardwalk through the Westernport wetlands south of Hastings (February 2020)
Left to Right: Ian Marchment, Ken Beadle, Geoff Carlson, Rod Kelly and John Pound*

Our March ride is along the Darebin Creek Trail on Friday March 20. NOTE: a week earlier than usual to avoid conflict with the BBQ and Jazz event. Meet at Sandringham Station at 9 am to catch the 9.05 am train to Richmond where we will pedal across the MCG precinct to Jolimont station to take the 9.51 am Hurstbridge line train to Alphington. After a coffee break, we return via Reservoir station. Mostly flat paths in bushland, approximately 25 km. Please advise Ken if you are riding and remember to bring your MYKI card.



Left: Brilliant cycling mural on a residential fence Beach Road, Black Rock (opposite the Black Rock clock tower). A small section of it only.

Below left: Sandy McKenzie, Robert Lander, Gilda Griffiths and others enjoying the recent Tastes at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club. More pictures p6.



Travel Group

The Travel Group will meet in May at the Appel house.
Date: TBA. Guest Presenter: Alan Stevens. Simon Appel

PRISMS

Next meeting: Tuesday April 7 2 pm

Where: Bill Davis' Residence

[PRISMS: Probians Responsibly Investigating Single Malt Scotch]

Music Group

Ken Beadle

The second repertoire Music Group event will be held on Wednesday April 1 at Beaumaris Library commencing at 7 pm. *The Reef*, an Australian Chamber Orchestra collaboration with surfers and cinematographers, is a unique musical/cinematic odyssey. It includes music by Rachmaninoff, Bach, Beethoven, Shostakovich, amongst others – the background to breath-taking surfing at Ningaloo Reef, a world heritage area on the northern coast of Western Australia, where desert meets the ocean. Please register on line, or at the registration desk, so refreshments can be provided for all comers. Bring your own wine (and glasses) if you wish.

SEA Electric Workshop, Wednesday April 22

SEA is a local Australian technology company that develops and assembles 100% electric-powered vans, commuter buses and trucks using its own SEA-Drive power systems. We will make our own way to 13 Advantage Drive, South Dandenong (Melways ref 95G4) and meet at the above address at 10.30 am. Allow 45 mins drive from Bayside. There will be no charge for this visit; however, registrations are required via the website or the functions desk sheet so we can advise SEA of the numbers. For more information, please contact Ken Beadle (or see website when Geoff returns).

Birthday Boys – March

Alan Nash 6/3
Graeme Keys 8/3
Brian Simpson 10/3
John Howe 13/3
Bill Cruthers 17/3
Ian Henderson 25/3
Ian Maskiell 27/3

John Pound 6/3
Tony Avery 10/3
Mev Connell 11/3
Bruce Tomkins 16/3
John Bushby 20/3
Alan Farmer 27/3
Ken White 29/3

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

COME FROM AWAY THE REMARKABLE TRUE STORY

Somebody should have told the writers of this play that to write it and perform it was an impossible dream. Just as somebody should have told Beethoven that his mighty *Missa Solemnis* could not be written or performed. *Come From Away* tells the story of what happened in Newfoundland, Canada, at the town of Gander, when passenger jets were diverted there in the 9/11 emergency at New York. Take a dozen actors and eight musicians, place them upon an open stage, have them deliver one hundred minutes of non-stop rapid dialogue and myriad changes of mood with no changes of stage scenery, demand that each actor adopt multiple roles and have an ability to sing in tune and dance the Irish Jig, have the musicians mingling with the actors - all of this in split-second timing - and you are asking the impossible. We sum up this stage musical in three words - brilliant, brilliant, brilliant.

Lloyd Jenkins

Tapping the Global Space Economy



Our Keynote Speaker for February, Carley Scott, is the CEO of Equatorial Launch Australia which is developing a commercial space port in northern Australia. CEO since 2018 with a passion for space, Carley says there are sound reasons for launching rockets from this remote location in the southern hemisphere: largely related to its close proximity to the equator and its rapid rotation. There are also the lesser risk facts of a sparser population and few oil and gas facilities, as well as the availability of a deep water port and fibre optic cabling thanks to large mining companies nearby. It is estimated that currently there are some 200 satellites orbiting the Earth to scan the globe and spot fires, weather events and natural disasters and provide essential perspectives for people in agriculture and mining. It is not generally known that many of our everyday transactions, such as ATMs, use satellite technology. There is even the potential for medical applications and the future possibility of mining asteroids.

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With the global space economy representing about \$360b, the privately-funded ELA - staffed by leaders in the space industry both within Australia and the United States with wide experience in the development of space launch facilities - says it has achieved more milestones than similar ventures in other states, with a 40-year lease secured and a range of customers such as NASA and Richard Branson and Virgin formalising their interest in launching from the site. Carley says the Northern Territory Government and indigenous corporations in East Arnhem Land are backing the proposal to be the first commercial space centre in Australia. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with these organisations as we move [towards] our first launch," she said. Ed.

"A [NZ] government-commissioned report found that aiming for net zero emissions by 2050 would cost more than the entire current national budget."

The Australian 21/22 September 2019

VALE: Ted Montfort

Ted would have been 88 this month. He had been a member of our club since 1993 and was particularly active in fostering members' interest in bowls within the Club.

How Not To Go Shopping



Right: Geoff Taffs

Left: The warning signs Geoff didn't see until he went A over T.



Geoff Taffs had us all guessing with the topic for his 10-minute talk, 'Reaching the Top'. Turns out it was a full recounting of the major tragi-comedy he found himself starring in at Southlands last year. Perhaps you could say it was all his wife Jo's fault for arranging a shopping trip and expecting Geoff to look after his daughter in a wheelchair and meet her on the next level at midday. Without going into fine detail, at the top of the escalator Geoff chose, the wheels on the wheelchair turned inwards and were jammed under the prongs into which it slid; Geoff fell down, completely at the mercy of the many fast-approaching passengers. Somehow, out of the mire of Geoff's blood, assorted shoppers spread-eagled at the top and the mangled wheelchair, a giant of a man stepped forward and lifted his daughter and her wheelchair out of danger. To cut a long story short, Geoff was finally attended by several paramedics, taken by ambulance to Sandringham Hospital and then Holmesglen where he received 100 stitches in his leg and faced two weeks of rehabilitation and a series of hefty medical bills. Naturally, he was asked why he didn't take the lift, to which he didn't provide a wholly satisfactory answer. Ed.

Lunch at the March Meeting

Our meeting will again be held at the Highbett RSL and lunch will be in the Club bistro with soup and two mains (served alternately). You will be advised of the menu by email before the meeting.

Expected cost: \$22.50 pp.

Four-hour parking is available at the rear. Enter from Highbett Road alongside the Library or Station Street - turn in immediately before the Pre-school. Alternatively, unrestricted parking is available along Station Street past the RSL Club.

Geoff Wade




Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson



In late February, nine of our 14 members took part in 'raiding Roger's Wine Cellar' with several wines sampled (see above). Plenty of chatter on all types of subjects as usual! Our next get-together is at The Steak Bank Restaurant, Ormond, on Friday May 22 at 12 Noon.

Probus Club of Beaumaris 2020 Events Calendar

Tuesday March 10	9 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
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	Highett RSL
Friday March 20	Bike Ride	
Tuesday March 24	9 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Friday March 27	Spit Roast & Jazz on the Lawn	Sandringham CC
Tuesday March 31	9 am Bridge	Victoria Golf Club
Wednesday April 1	Music Group	Beaumaris Library
Tuesday April 7	2 pm PRISMS	Bill Davis' Residence
Wednesday April 8	8 pm Brighton Theatre Group <i>Flipside</i>	
Easter		
Tuesday April 21	10 am GENERAL MEETING	Highett RSL
Wednesday April 22	SEA Electric	South Dandenong
Friday April 24	Pub Lunch	McKinnon Hotel
Tuesday April 28—	Annual Golf Trip	Murray Downs GC
Wednesday April 29	2 pm Wine Discovery	Grant Sabin's Place

Photos: Alan Stevens
Peter McGregor



Summer Tastes 2020

