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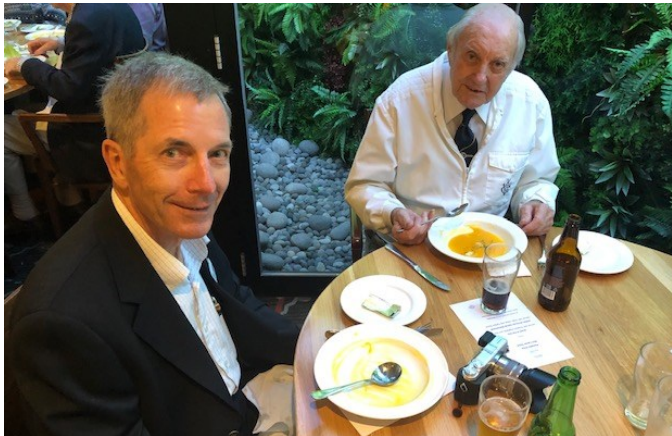
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*Far left: Alan Stevens and Aub Gamble*

*Left: Mike Green and President Chris Renwick at lunch*

## Face to Face Again



*Below: Garry Bradd and Keith Ross*



*Above (L to R): Geoff Bransbury, Tim Harding, Paul Stephens and Martyn Pickersgill  
Far left: Vice President Jim Duggan and members at lunch at Highett RSL*

## Next General Meeting:

**Tuesday April 20**

**Highett RSL @ 10 am**

**Speaker: Brigadier David Noble CSC** See p3

**Topic: An Army Career and Beyond**

**10-Minute Talk: Peter McGregor  
The Other Side of Gallipoli**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Chris Renwick**



I find myself writing these notes at Port Fairy, surrounded by the noises of grandchildren. It appears my iPad is too old and I have had to borrow my son's.

I am delighted to be your President for the forthcoming year and look forward to working with the Committee and our Interest Groups. We hope to provide activities and interests to you, our Members, that you welcome and value.

It's great to have been able to meet together, at last, at Highett RSL. The location is good, but is not perfect, for our needs - we still have to resolve the issue of a 'permanent home'. Still, it's good to have our activities in full swing and I look forward to attending the golfing trip to Swan Hill next week.

Michael Green's talk to us last meeting sets a good tone for the year, particularly with the start of the football season. I believe that we will have a good variety of speakers with topics that are both interesting and informative.

The health of any organisation is strengthened by the influx of new life - new members are very important to us. Tell your non-member friends about us, give them a copy of our excellent newsletter and invite them along to a meeting so that they may see us in action.

Two weeks ago I had my first jab of the Covid-19 vaccine (Astra Zeneca). I was able to walk into Jeff's Shed (without a booking). It was a quick and painless exercise. I trust that you will receive your inoculation as soon as possible.

Keep safe.



*Above: The paraphernalia of office are presented to Chris Renwick from Simon Appel*

*Left: Members - Graham Ball, George Montgomery, John Smyth and others - watch proceedings*



*Keynote Speaker for March, Michael Green, talks about his experiences with football and the law*

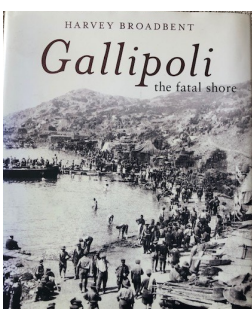
*Martyn Pickersgill is welcomed to the Club*

*Photos: Alan Stevens*



### Birthday Boys – April

PHILLIPS, Richard	2/4	ETTERSHANK, Gerald	6/4
STEPHENS, Paul	6/4	REYNOLDS, Brian	7/4
DAVIDSON, Merv	9/4	WILSON, Roger	10/4
OPIE, John	14/4	FISHER, John	15/4
STEVENS, Alan	17/4	TOOGOOD, Bob	19/4
ROSS, Keith	23/4	PHILLIPS, Stan	28/4



### The Fatal Shore: A Review

Harvey Broadbent is a producer of radio and TV documentaries on Gallipoli and is also the author of several books on the bloody campaign to capture the Ottoman capital, Constantinople (now Istanbul). In the process, 400 000 (mostly) men from Britain, Australia, France, India, New Zealand and some of the African colonies were killed or wounded, with no satisfactory outcome. He draws on over 200 graphic photos and places the story of the Dardanelles campaign within its multinational context with accounts and photographs from both sides of the battle lines. It provides rare insights into possibly the worst battlefield ever selected on which to fight. Ed.



# NOTICEBOARD

## Digital Technology

It was hoped to hold a meeting in May but events have transpired against that. However, we are now planning on a meeting at Barry Amond's house in early June. Full details will be in the May newsletter.

## Register

The member register has been updated to include all the new office bearers and activity group leaders. It can be accessed through the members' section of the Beaumaris Probus website.

## Wine Discovery

The next meeting of the Wine Discovery Group will be hosted by Ian Maskiell on Wednesday April 28. The session will be all about sticky wines: three Aussie, one from Italy and one from Hungary, as per photo above.

Grant Sabin



## Next Pub lunch

Tuesday July 13, 1pm at McKinnon Hotel - so any of the Bridge players at Victoria GC can join us with their partners if they wish.

Roger Wilson

## PRISMS 2021

There were 12 at Roger Wilson's for a pleasant meeting to taste and assess four Single Malt Scotch whiskeys on April 6 with new Convenor Alan Nash taking over from the retiring Bill Davis. Welcome to new members Ken Beadle, Bob Wigg and John Beaty. The four Whiskeys from all over Scotland were Bowmore 12 years, Highland Park 12 Years, Raasay - from a new distillery off the Islay Coast on Raasay Island - and a 13-year-old Craigellache which is 46% proof (cf the normal 40%). Our next meeting is at John Howe's, Tuesday August 3.

*Below left: Bike Group – Ken Beadle, Robert Kerr and Duncan Gibson. Photo taken at the Frankston cafe with flags on the jetty as background.*

*Below right: Tuesday Discussion Group – Roger Wilson, Roy Petch, Barry Amond, Lloyd Jenkins, Geoff Bransbury and Phillip Stewart*



## April Keynote Speaker

Our Speaker this month is David Noble. David is a retired Regular Army Brigadier (once the youngest Brigadier in the Australian Army). He is a Vietnam veteran, an engineer and in later years has studied theology. With the approach of ANZAC Day, his talk will have particular relevance.

## Annual Candlelight Dinner

**Wednesday June 16 6.30pm**

**Location - Sandy By the Bay (Sandy Football club, Sandringham). See p5 for more.**



## Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

After successful meetings in March discussing the guests members would like to invite to dinner, we're doing the same in April on Friday the 9th at 10am and Tuesday 13th at 2pm. The highlight in March was Roy Petch's conversation between the dying Lord Nelson at Trafalgar and Flag Captain Thomas Hardy during which Nelson is reported to have said, 'Kiss me, Hardy'. Other guests included Malcolm Fraser, Banjo Patterson, Bob Ansett, Giuseppe Verdi, President Erdogan and Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the compound steam turbine.

## Golf Day

John Pound

Despite the occasional shower, golf on the north course at the Sandhurst Golf Club was enjoyed by a good field of 16 players. In addition to the beautiful Elson trophy, a dozen golf balls were handed out, which probably nearly equalled the number of golf balls consigned to a watery grave in the lakes on the course. The winner - with a fine 36 points - was Garry Bradd with Tony Phillips runner-up on 33 points and John Smyth third with 32 points. Geoff Carlson took the prize for nearest -the-pin. Next week, a group of 33 golfers and wives travel to Swan Hill for the three-day event at Murray Downs which promises to be the highlight of our golf year.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder that to enlarge a picture or a page in this newsletter, simply hold 'Ctrl' button while scrolling the wheel on your mouse. That way you can blow anything up to the size you need. You may not even need your glasses! Ed.

# New Members



*Above: President Chris Renwick, new member Tim Harding receives his name tag from Past President, Simon Appel*

## Tim Harding

He grew up in Point Avenue Beaumaris and went to Beaumaris Primary then Haileybury and Monash, graduating in 1971 with a B.Sc. He worked at the EPA, then at the Premier's Department as a natural resources policy advisor. Back in the Conservation Department, he managed legislation and Cabinet business, and later flora, fauna and fisheries. He was a foundation member of the Royal Botanic Gardens Board. In 1998 he became a regulatory consultant, specialising in responsible gambling, agriculture and animal welfare. He recently returned to Monash and graduated as B.A majoring in philosophy and history. Along the way, he has been a part-time jazz musician, and now presents jazz radio shows.

## Rod Hammond

Born in Launceston in 1945, Rod's family moved and he grew up in Burwood. After a pharmacy degree in 1966, he bought a Croydon pharmacy in 1971 and after 20 years' sole proprietorship, amalgamated with his opposition in 1991. When the pharmacy was sold, he and wife Pam moved to Black Rock where he worked part-time until retirement in 2012. As a member of The Metropolitan Golf Club for nearly 40 years, he served on the Board and is still on three committees. Rod has been Captain and President of the Victorian and Australian Chemists Golf Clubs, organising tours to play some of the links courses of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Married to wife, Pam, for 52 years, they have two happily-married sons and four grandchildren.



*Left: Tony Phillips scores his name tag*

## Martyn Pickersgill

Martyn had a career in Finance and management, which included 14 years as Managing Director of IOOF. After leaving IOOF, his company managed three organisations that owned 15 Pharmacies across Greater Melbourne. Since retirement, Martyn has served on a number of Boards, including as Chairman for extended periods of time.

Of late Martyn has directed his energies to assisting charity groups such as Neighbourhood Watch 3193. Martyn's interests are fishing, bike riding, reading, golf and the Collingwood Football Club. He has been a member of Southern Golf Club since 1987 and is a long-term member of Collingwood.



*Left: David Rushworth proudly accepts his name tag  
Right: Past President, Simon, welcomes Rod Hammond*



## Murray River Cruise



We are pleased to offer a three night cruise on the Murray on the beautiful *Emmylou*.

We will travel by coach to and from Echuca. Meals are included and so is wine and beer over dinner. There is also a winery visit on an eco tour!

Cost: \$2200 - \$2450 (dependant on the cabin)

There are only 8 cabins and we want to grab them all! We need to know if you're interested ASAP as they will go fast!

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer and to fill in the interest form.

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# Probus Activities

## Tastes

When: Tuesday May 11 - 6.30pm

Where: Mid Valleys Malaysian Restaurant  
259-261 Bay Rd Cheltenham (opposite Aldi).

Only a few places left to join us at this great Malaysian restaurant. If you've already booked but haven't paid yet...please pay ASAP.

Cost just \$40.00 plus specially selected wine at \$15.00 per bottle. First-come-first-in basis.



[CLICK HERE](#) to register

## SEA Electric Workshop, Wednesday May 5

SEA Electric is a Beaumaris family-owned vehicle company that develops and assembles electric-powered vans, commuter buses and trucks using its own SEA-Drive power systems. The business is expanding rapidly and recently opened a subsidiary company in California. We will make our own way to 13 Advantage Drive, South Dandenong (Melways ref 95G4) and meet at the above address at 10.15 am. Allow 45 mins to drive from Bayside. No charge for this visit, however, registrations are mandatory via the website or below so we can advise of attendees' contact details to meet Covid-19 safe requirements. After an introductory talk, we will tour the assembly area. Those wishing to have lunch on the return journey to Bayside will meet at The Nest Cafe at Waterways (Melways ref93E3). Limit:14 people. [CLICK HERE](#) to register now to secure your place.

## Priscilla: Queen of the Desert

CLOC, our local leading musical theatre company, returns to the stage with this rip-roaring comedy . Priscilla: 2pm on Sunday May 9 at The National Theatre, Barkly Street, St Kilda.

Cost: \$56 per person. Please book on-line below before April 25 – preferably NOW.

Payment method will be determined dependent on numbers responding. All queries: Ken Beadle.



[CLICK HERE](#) for registration.

## Annual Candlelight Dinner



When: Wednesday June 16 6.30pm

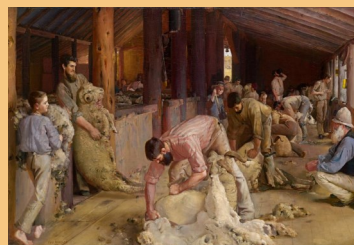
Where: Sandy By the Bay (Sandy Football Club)  
Beach Road, Sandringham.

Great venue with an excellent chef!

This is one of the two major club functions of the year so we hope you will come. As we missed out last year, we will do our best to make it special! There is parking at the ground or in the adjoining car park (free for Bayside residents) and a lift. Cost: \$75 pp. Includes two course dinner and drinks (wine beer and soft drinks) - and more! Let's have a record crowd! [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

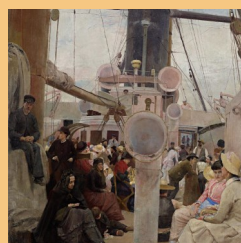
## She-Oak and Sunlight:

Australian Impressionism Wednesday June 2



Over 250 iconic works of Australian Impressionism drawn from major public and private collections around Australia including Roberts, McCubbin, Streeton, Conder are on display at the Ian Potter Centre, NGV Australia, Federation Square. Meet in the entrance foyer for admission at 11 am. Contact details will be required.

Cost: \$25 - covers entrance to exhibition and fees. After viewing the exhibition, we will go for a light lunch. Early registration is requested to ensure we all secure 11 am entry tickets. Payment is required no later than May 19.



[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Ken Beadle  
Geoff Bransbury

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## Footy and Law

Peter McGregor

Our March keynote speaker, Michael Green has had a remarkable life and a successful career. A four-time premierships player with Richmond in the 60s and 70s, he played with and was coached by some of the truly outstanding people associated with Australian Rules Football. As a young man with an interest in footy, he always kept his future career in mind; not surprisingly, perhaps, because there was little money in just playing footy in those days. Kevin Sheedy was a plumber and Kevin Bartlett an instrument maker and Michael saw the need to have something substantial behind him when his playing career finished. Unlike most footballers, he was careful to develop his professional career in parallel with his sporting ability. He is not sure why he chose Law because there was no precedent anywhere in his family. It meant that he used each of the twin aspects of his life as relief, 'mental space', from the other, integrating training with Richmond and studying at Melbourne University. (In contrast, his grandson, Tom, made the list at GWS last year with a starting salary of \$100, 000.)

But eventually, the demands of Law made his life difficult - doing his articles meant he was sometimes late for training. When he started a family, football dropped down his list of priorities somewhat. He felt he was short-changing his work commitments on the one hand, and footy on the other. He retired at 23. During his time in football, the one person that impressed him most was Tommy Hafey, describing him as an extraordinary coach who gave, expected and commanded loyalty from his players. No-one

wanted to let Tommy down, and didn't. Michael said Tommy was "a don't do as I say kind of person; do as I do." An inspiration. The player he admired most was Royce Hart, followed by Kevin Bartlett and Ian Stewart. The greatest? Probably Gary Ablett senior, he says, although he was always full of admiration for North's Wayne Carey, Michael Voss of Brisbane and Carlton's John Nichols.

As for practising Law, Michael preferred to be a generalist, never specialising, but his last 22 years were spent as a Barrister's Clerk - similar to a sports or showbiz manager or agent. He was responsible for the back office (administration) and marketing which often meant running seminars on interesting developments in the law and acting as mentor to young barristers. He also wrote for *The Sporting Globe* and served on the AFL Tribunal.

By any account, an impressive life.

*Michael said that Tommy Hafey was by far the most inspirational person he met in his playing days*



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

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Archive: <b>John Howe</b>	9598 2429	* Photographer: <b>Alan Stevens</b>	0418 336 354

### **\* Activity Group Leaders**

Bike Riding: <b>Ken Beadle</b>	9589 6120	Golf: <b>John Pound</b>	9521 8252
Digital Technology: <b>Geoff Wade</b>	9588 2593	Discussion: <b>Barry Amond</b>	0407 877 539
PRISMS: <b>Alan Nash</b>	9589 2934	Tastes: <b>Geoff Bransbury</b>	9589 1507
Pub Lunch: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	041 8395 946		
Wine Appreciation: <b>Roger Wilson</b>	0418 395 946	Bridge: <b>Jim Duggan</b>	0432 150 675
Wine Discovery: <b>Grant Sabin</b>	9598 4768	Travel: <b>Simon Appel</b>	95856956