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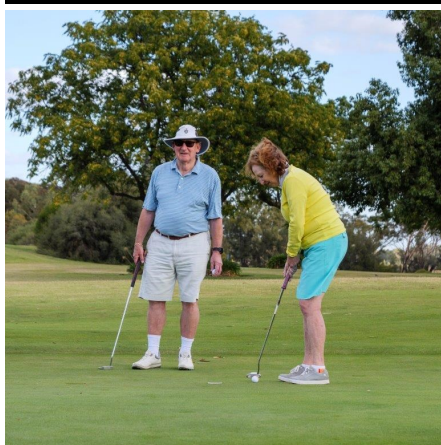
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## Messing About at Murray Downs

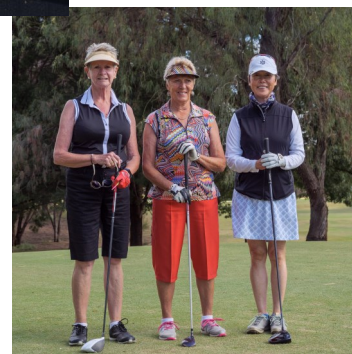
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*On the bridge: Jim Duggan and Phil Rowell*

*Upper left: Garry Sebo and Corrine Maddox (putting)  
Left: Pat Sebo putts while Rod Hammond watches closely*

*Right: Judith Carlson, Louise Pound and Patricia Tan-Stevens  
Left: Dinner at Spoons Riverside, Swan Hill*



## Next General Meeting:

**Tuesday 10 am May 18**

**Speaker: Geoff Cosgriff & Craig Peachey**

**Topic: RACV Leisure Business**

**10-Minute Talk: Alan Kermond – Recent Advances in Cancer Treatment**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Chris Renwick**



We are now well down the path of resuming our normal Probus program. I for one, am extremely pleased that we are back to physical meetings and I do not have to wrestle with Zoom and other technologies. I hope and trust that we will not have the need to go into any further lockdowns or restrictions.

I am settling in as President and trying to arrange a series of Speakers who are both interesting and informative. A bit later in the year we will have Prof Allen Cheng, Deputy Chief Health Officer, to talk about COVID and the issues to controlling it; also, Rowan Callick, OBE, the respected former China correspondent in Beijing for *The Australian* talking about China. Both these speakers will cover topics which are critical both nationally and locally. Next month, our Speakers are Geoff Cosgriff and Craig Peachey. Geoff is President and Chairman of RACV and Craig is the Executive General Manager responsible for RACV's Leisure Business - they will talk about RACV and its very extensive leisure business.

A number of Committee members are in new roles. Not only do we have a new President, we have a new Secretary, a new Treasurer and a new Vice-President - quite a new team and we are on a learning path. In addition, the Projectionist role has changed. The baton has been passed to Geoff Cupples after many years of steadfast and faithful service by Philip Stewart. Our thanks go to Philip for his significant but generally unacknowledged efforts.

The Committee continues to actively pursue our desire for a permanent home. This is unlikely to be resolved for some time and Highett RSL is likely to be our home for the foreseeable future.

I encourage all to participate in our Club activities, especially the upcoming Candlelight Dinner. This is an important part of our culinary journey and, as usual, promises to be an excellent evening.

I would also ask you to be on the lookout for any potential new members. We must keep refreshing the membership with new blood as inevitably we will lose friends. If you feel you would like to be more involved in supporting the Club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Right: President Chris and Secretary, Garry Sebo, confer over minutes of meeting*



*Right: April Keynote Speaker, David Noble, in discussion with Alan Stevens while Bruce Tomkins listens in*



*Left: Golfers Pam Hammond, Sandy McKenzie and Corrine Maddox*



*Below: President Chris thanks Louise and John Pound for organising the Swan Hill golf trip*



*Below: Some of the photos of silo painting on the way to Swan Hill (Geoff and Judith Carlson)*



# NOTICEBOARD



Next month: Our 10-minute Speaker will be Ken White

Topic: Anybody Can Fly a Jumbo

*Right: New Puppy  
How our Immediate Past President,  
Simon Appel, fills in his time*



## Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson  
Pub Lunch at McKinnon Hotel Tuesday July 13 at 1pm .Cost \$30 pp Please book and pay.  
[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson  
Our Group meets next on Tuesday May 25 at 2pm at Barry Amond's place.

## Wine Discovery

Grant Sabin  
The sticky session on Wednesday 28 April was a real discovery. Thanks, Paul Stephens. Gave us some very different beverages - a challenge to rate the different wines. Important: Our next session - featuring some Warrabilla Reds - we'll now meet on Wednesday June 23.

## Annual Candlelight Dinner

Geoff Bransbury  
Featuring the Stiletto Sisters  
★ Where: Sandy By the Bay (Sandringham Football Club) - Beach Road  
When: Wednesday June 16 at 6.30 pm

## Digital Technology

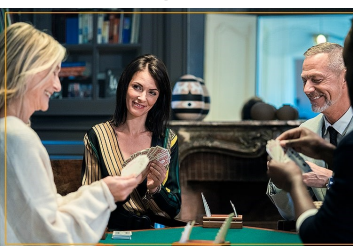
Geoff Wade  
The group will finally get back together on Tuesday June 1 at Barry Amond's residence 1 John Street, Beaumaris. A variety of topics will be discussed as we have 12 months to catch up. If anyone has a topic they would like discussed, please contact me at [geoffp.wade@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffp.wade@bigpond.com).

## White Australia Policy

Who, during the Second World War, said:  
"This country shall remain forever the home of the descendants of those people who came here in peace in order to establish in the South Seas an outpost of the British race."  
A: Bob Menzies? B: John Curtin? C: Arthur Caldwell?

Answer: p5

## Mixed Bridge



Where: Victoria Golf Club

When: Sunday May 30  
12.00 pm

Members of the Bridge Club will be joining with wives and partners to play an afternoon of duplicate Bridge at Victoria Golf Club on the last Sunday in May after a light lunch.  
Jim Duggan

## Discussion Group

With no meetings in May the groups are discussing again on June 8 and 11 at the usual times. During our two months, 17 of us brought along about 30 'guests' from the past and present. It was an enjoyable change from the usual format.



*Left: some members of the Friday group at their April meeting.  
Ralph Butcher, Alan Nash, Rod Murrell and John Opie*

## PRISMS

Our next meeting is at Barry Amond's place: Tuesday August 3 at 2 pm.



## Welcome to Country

The 'welcome to country' first occurred in 1976, when entertainers Ernie Dingo and Richard Walley developed a ceremony to give a welcome to a group of Pacific Islander artists participating in the Perth International Arts Festival. This 'welcome', while incorporating some elements of Aboriginal culture, was extended on behalf of the Noongar people and was intended to mirror the visitors' own traditions. It was never an indigenous custom.

## Birthday Boys – May

KELLY, Rod 1/5	JONES, Neil 3/5
AMOND, Barry 4/5	LOBB, Don 5/5
REED, Kevin 7/5	DAVEY, Brian 10/5
OBST, Ossie 15/5	PICKERSGILL Martyn 24/5
MATTHEWS, Bob 24/5	HAMMOND Rod 27/5



## Probus Activities



### Candlelight Dinner with the Stiletto Sisters

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

When: Wednesday June 16 at 6.30 pm

Great location, excellent chef, special entertainment with the fabulous Stiletto Sisters - and more!

This is one of our two major Club functions so please come. Parking at football ground or in car park free (if you have Bayside sticker.)

Dress: Jackets for men. Seating arranged: \$75.00 (two- course dinner and wine/beer).

[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

### She-Oak and Sunlight: Australian Impressionism Exhibition

Wednesday June 9. (Note revised date).

Ken Beadle

Meet in the entrance foyer for admission at 11 am.

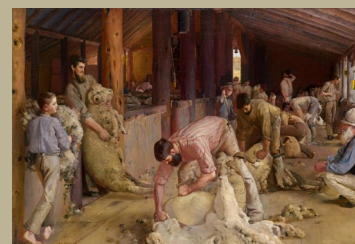
Contact details for tracing purposes will be required.

Cost: \$25 (entrance to exhibition and booking charge).

NOTE: After viewing the exhibition, a table is reserved at the adjacent *In a Rush Cafe* at 12.15 pm for a light lunch.

Please advise if you will not be staying for lunch so the cafe can be advised. Early registration is requested to secure entry tickets.

Payment is required no later than May 26. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration.



### Probus Golf

John Pound

Since the last newsletter, we have had two major golf events. First was the golf day for the Elson Trophy at Sandhurst Golf Club on March 24. With a good field of 16 players, we had a great day of golf despite the water hazards reaping a good number of balls. Garry Bradd won the day with a fine score of 36 points and Tony Phillips runner -up.

Second was our 3-day trip to Murray Downs golf resort at Swan Hill during April. There were 31 members and wives on the trip including 25 competitors. The first day we competed for the Howlong Perpetual trophy. Peter Loncraine was runner up, and the trophy was won in a runaway by Alan Stevens with 38 points. The competition on the second day for the Warburton Trophy was a triumph for the ladies. The runner up was the President's wife Margery Renwick and the winner was Robert Lander's wife, Sandra McKenzie (right). The last event was the putting competition for the Bill Gillingham trophy, for which everybody competed. The runner up was Garry Bradd, and the winner was Robert Lander. There is also a Perpetual Aggregate Trophy for the best total points for the two games. Again, Alan Stevens was the winner by a good margin. We believe that everybody had a great time at a great resort, and I have already booked the same venue for next year.



# Members' Page

## New Member: Tom Glass

Tom was born in Beaumaris and attended Black Rock Primary then Beaumaris North in its inaugural year, followed by Haileybury and RMIT, graduating in Civil Engineering in 1975. He subsequently enjoyed a long professional career working on the design and construction of a wide range of large steel structures including power stations, petro-chem plants, gantry cranes, radio and TV towers, telecommunication structures, industrial buildings and warehousing. A highlight was an engineering excellence award for the design and construction of the fully enclosed 131m national broadcasting tower in the hostile environment on Mt Wellington, Hobart. A life-long passion for outdoor pursuits including sailing led him ultimately to ocean racing in Bass Strait and down the west coast of Tasmania. He still sails regularly out of St Kilda and he and his wife, Gill, continue to enjoy snow-skiing, both in Victoria and internationally when conditions are favourable!

*Below: President Chris welcomes Tom Glass*



## Steamrail

As most of us know, Bob Wigg is an active member of Steamrail Victoria. On Sunday March 28, the group ran a shuttle service between Flinders St and Sandringham Station. A number of photographers were out to capture the action. Without a turntable at Sandringham, the train had a loco at each end and this train was moving! It is a great experience for grandparents and grandchildren. For future events [CLICK HERE](#).

Alan Stevens

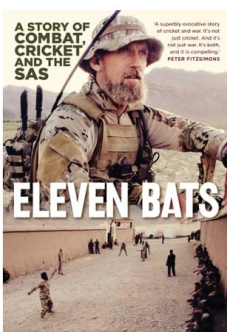
*Steamrail Victoria is a volunteer not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the restoration and operation of a variety of historic railway vehicles - including steam, diesel and electric locomotives and carriages.*



*Far Left: Organiser, John Pound, congratulates Garry Bradd, winner of the Elson Trophy at Sandhurst Golf Club*

*A bevy of Swan Hill golfers (L to R): Peter Loncraigne, Paul Crompton, Garry Sebo and John Smyth*

Answer to question on p3: B John Curtin Source: *Wikipedia*



## Eleven Bats: Combat, Cricket and the SAS

This covers the life of SAS Sgt 'Harry' Moffitt, his love of cricket and how he weaved that game into his overseas missions. An improvised game of cricket was often the circuit-breaker Harry and his team needed after the tension of operations. He began a tradition of organising matches wherever he was sent. His story is gritty and graphically shows the risks the military undertake in their operations. It also raises questions of how we use (over-use) our elite troops and what we really require of them in future missions. How he has tried to balance his role as husband and father and remained married is a miracle in itself. Easy to read, running at #2 in popularity recently at one bookshop.

Alan Stevens



# The Back Page

## Life, Love and a Higher Being

David Noble, retired Regular Army Brigadier - after 33 years in service, once the youngest Brigadier in the Australian Army - is a Vietnam veteran, engineer and in later years has studied theology. His colourful life included time in Northern Ireland with the British Army and on the Rhine facing the Russians during the Cold War; also attached to the French Army. His extensive training included Duntroon, engineering at Adelaide University and economics.

At age 24, he was appointed a Captain and headed to Vietnam at a time when the Domino Theory was in vogue. It may have been dismissed by some, he said, but people he knew in some Asian countries were not as blasé and feared for the future in the face of communist expansion from the north from Mao and Ho Chi Minh. David acknowledges that the reason Australia went to Vietnam - and also Iraq and Afghanistan - was solely because the US had saved our country, on the point of invasion, from the Japanese during the Second World War. To those who declared that going into Vietnam was stupid, he replies, "What war isn't stupid?"



His interest in philosophy, ethics and Christianity took David to undertake a Masters in theology and a study of the life of Jesus - driven, he said, by his pursuit of life, love and faith in a higher being.

Peter McGregor

## The Other Side of Gallipoli

Most Australians have a limited perspective of the infamous Gallipoli campaign. What many don't realise is that this was, in fact, the second part of a failed assault by the British to capture Constantinople a month earlier.

Winston Churchill, the arrogant and despised First Lord of the Admiralty, persisted against the advice of everyone else in the War Cabinet, to conduct the disaster - but used the defeat as an excuse for a combined land and sea attack elsewhere, a nearby Peninsula the Greeks called Gallipoli. March 18 was immediately declared a national holiday in Turkey while the British called on Australian, French and New Zealand troops to help them turn the tide and command the heights of Gallipoli, a first step towards the capture of Constantinople. But it wasn't to be, as Peter McGregor told in his 10-minute talk. "The rest is history," he said

## 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.

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