



NEWSLETTER

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President's Christmas Lunch

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Next General Meeting:
Tuesday January 18 10 am by Zoom

Keynote Speaker: Ray Lewis OAM
Topic: History of Port Phillip Bay

10-Minute Talk:
Kevin Reed – Australia Felix

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chris Renwick



2021 was a difficult and disruptive year for our Club. We had to navigate around lockdowns and then encountered all kinds of restrictions. We did, however, finish the year in a flourish with a rush of activities in November, capped off with a great lunch at Woodlands Golf Club with a record attendance.

We can now look forward to 2022, hopefully less disrupted, although Omicron is already having a major impact. Given escalating COVID cases, we have decided, that the next meeting, in January, will be by ZOOM. In any event our Club will soon have something of a new look, as we will be moving from Highett RSL. From our February meeting, we will be meeting at Black Rock Yacht Club. In the last months of 2021, your Committee has been investigating the possibility of a new location. 14 venues in our area were considered. No venue was perfect but, in the Committee's view, Black Rock YC best met each of our requirements. The view is terrific!

The bay cruise down to Geelong and the visit to the Geelong Gallery and lunch are still planned to go ahead - it should be a great day. Should there be any change, Ken Beadle will be in touch with you.

On Thursday 27 we have the regular Pub Lunch - always well organized by Roger.

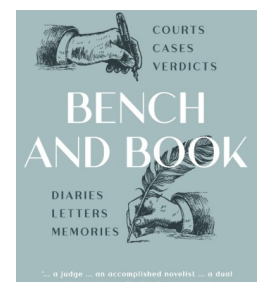
Our guest Speaker for January will be Ray Lewis OAM, who will speak on Horacio McWilliam (of Black Rock clock tower fame) and on the history of Port Phillip Bay.

Let's all look forward to another interesting and active Probus year. The President

The Myth of the 'Stolen Generation'

Distinguished WA Supreme Court judge, Nicholas Hasluck - barrister, poet, novelist and memoirist - has produced an illuminating two-year diary of his experiences on the bench which includes his angry challenge to Sir Ronald Wilson's report, *Bringing Them Home*, source of the 'stolen generations' claims and the allegation of government genocide. In an exchange of letters, Hasluck excoriates Ronald Wilson for implying that Nicholas' father, Paul - Federal Minister for Territories in charge of running Aboriginal policy in the Northern Territory at the time, and later a distinguished Governor General of Australia - was behind the child-stealing racket. If true, Sir Paul Hasluck was a genocidal monster. Nicholas would have none of it. He has chastised Wilson, calling his lack of due process as reprehensible and described the characterisation of Sir Paul as offensive. He took particular offence at the numbers of literati who have since used (and continue to use) Wilson's report to tarnish the names of patrol officers, teachers, missionaries, nurses, and administrators who worked in good faith with limited resources in the best interests of all indigenous communities, defaming them with comparisons to the iniquitous gas chambers of Nazi Germany. Significantly, Hasluck's maiden speech in the federal parliament calling for the rights of Aborigines to be respected, was described by Gough Whitlam as 'the most thorough speech ever to have been delivered in the parliament'. It is a travesty that false charges of genocide and a 'stolen generation' still infect much public debate and discussion of indigenous affairs more than 20 years later.

Peter McGregor



NOTICEBOARD

★ Major Change

You will all be surprised to learn that the password for the Register and Profiles has changed. Need to remember *that* if you are using the website as from NOW. Ring Geoff Bransbury if help required.

Bridge

The group has been very active during lockdown, continuing to play several days per week (on-line) when not able to attend Victoria Golf Club. Co-ordinator Jim Duggan is stepping aside in the new year to take up his duties as our new Probus Vice-President. In his place, Peter McGregor will be in charge of organising the usual activities. Anyone interested in playing or learning Bridge would be very welcome and should contact him immediately.

Discussion Groups

Barry Amond

Originally, our two groups met in person at separate times in November. The main discussion on the issue of Federation left us feeling rather helpless as desirable changes are unlikely to happen. Once again, we talked about the continuing saga of Covid-19 and, in particular, the need for booster jabs. We will meet again in February and, hopefully, in person again on the usual days, Tuesday 8th at 2pm and Friday 11th at 10am. If necessary, a combined Zoom meeting will be held instead on the Tuesday. The topic will be advised well before the meetings.

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

The Wine Appreciation Group's final meeting for 2021 was at The Steak Bank Grill in Ormond with 11 members in attendance plus President Chris Renwick and one of our original members, 103year old Ralph Butcher. We enjoyed magnificent steaks and 12 excellent red wines of members. The first three placings on the judging of all 12 in attendance (and drinking) were: First, Penfolds 2018 Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz. Second, Best's 2018 Western Victoria Shiraz; Third, 2016 Grant Burge Barossa Valley Fisell Old Vine Shiraz.

NOTE: Our first meeting for 2022 is on Tuesday March 1st at 2 pm at Roger Wilson's home.
Theme: International Wines.

Restaurant Watch

New in Parkdale: Buono in Como Pde. Authentic Italian fare. Excellent service and atmosphere. Ed.

Birthday Boys – January

MARSHALL Geoff	4/1	HARDING, Tim	6/1
KNIGHT, John	10/1	SABIN, Grant	11/1
DONALDSON, Barry	15/1	STURROCK, Jeff	16/1
MCDONNELL, Kevin	16/1	GREEN, Bill	26/1*
MASON, Geoff	29/1		[* 90th]

Climate Fears

"[All the available data suggests that]...climate-related deaths will probably total about 6600 by the end of [2021]. That's almost 99 per cent less than the death toll a century ago. [But], the global population has quadrupled since then..."

Bjorn Lomborg, Copenhagen Consensus
Weekend Australian, November 6-7, 2021

Digital Technology

It was our intention to conduct the next meeting on Tuesday February 1 in person. However, with the increasing spread of COVID-19 cases, we will make a firm decision nearer to the date. As it is difficult to have appropriate social distancing at our meetings, will need to be very cautious. In the meantime, I will continue to provide appropriate articles of interest to members of the group.

Geoff Wade

Mississauga

Those interested in staying in touch with our Probus counterparts in Mississauga Canada, should [CLICK HERE](#).

Pub Lunch

Our first lunch for 2022 is at the historic Brighton Beach Hotel on Thursday January 27 at noon. Cos: \$30 pp with a choice of five main courses plus drinks at bar prices. Plenty of parking available on site at 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach. Originally established in the 1840s as The Royal Terminus Hotel, it's had a number of names in recent times – Marios, Milanos and now The Brighton Beach Hotel. Beautiful panoramic views of Port Philip Bay provide a great vista to diners. Partners and wives are most welcome to join us. Please pay the \$30 to the Club Bank Account to register. .

Hope to see you at our first outing for 2022
To register, [CLICK HERE](#)

Probus Golf Trip 2022

See the website for registration and more information.
For full details [CLICK HERE](#)



Murray Downs Golf Resort, Swan Hill
Tuesday April 5 - Friday April 8

There are a limited number of vacancies available. The on-course accommodation is in comfortable one-bedroom apartments, and the package price covers unlimited golf on all 4 days for golfers.

John Pound

Members' Page



Above (L to R): The cake you get when you turn 100; Lloyd Jenkins delivering his poetic eulogy to Aub; the Guest of Honour and (right) Aub and his family



Right: One of the rarely-seen people at all our functions – Alan Stevens, photographer extraordinaire



The Three Amigos (Above)
From left to right: Ralph Butcher (103)
Rod Murrell (late 80s)
and Aub Gamble (100)



Right: Snapshots from our night at The Melbourne Club
Above Right: Peter Flude and Geoff Stockdale
Garry & Kaye Brad with Patricia Tan-Stevens
Far Right: President Chris Renwick

Pictures on p1:

Roger Wilson interviews Aub Gamble
Master of Ceremonies, Geoff Bransbury
The Stiletto Sisters in full cry

Photos: Alan Stevens

One of Us - the Essential Worker



This is a photo of me in the rose garden at Fairway Aged Care where I volunteer in the garden for two full days each week. It keeps me both busy and fit as each 7-day shift requires a full day of recovery time. I started this in 2018 while my wife Ros was here in High Care; I would sit her in the garden while I tended the gardens. It grew from there after Ros died so that I am now the principal gardener in the establishment. I have little interaction with the residents but this activity has helped greatly to keep me sane during the extensive lockdowns that we experienced during 2021 and I was accepted as an essential worker. Rod Murrell

CALL TO ACTION

Our Club requires members to become involved and take over some of the tasks that have been performed by the same people for a long time. It doesn't matter if you are a new member - it's a great way to enjoy the club and get to know your fellow members. We need help with the following:-
-Newsletter
-Website
-Functions and Visits.



Visits & Activities

Tastes at Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Tuesday 22nd February 6.30pm

A great way to kick off the year



This, our most popular Tastes evening, is now in its fourth year. Every year we have had a superb two - course meal with lots of choices. Last year 82 people came, a Tastes record. Let's beat the record this year!

It's a lovely venue and we have the whole place to ourselves. It's a fun, casual evening with good food and, of course, the best company.

Dress code: smart casual. Seating not allocated so get there early if you want to grab a table!

RBYC has kept the price the same as 2020 at \$55 pp. (This includes a free bottle of house wine per couple or two singles.) Fantastic value for high quality food

To register [CLICK HERE](#).

More activities will be announced in the February newsletter when the COVID situation becomes clearer.

From the Treasurer

Annual subscriptions are now due and payable January 1 each year. The subs for 2022 are \$55 pa (\$85 discounted by \$30 due to COVID refund from 2021 subs).

Payment via transfer to Probus bank account is encouraged and preferred:
BSB 063 144
Account No: 10121288

NOTE: Cheques may be sent to me at 28 Arnold Road Brighton East 3187 or payment may be made at our February meeting.

Thank you to all who have already paid.

John Hewison

The Last Word

FROM TANKS TO TRACTORS

After 23 years in the army, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, November Keynote Speaker, Garry Spencer OAM, has devoted time to a number of community projects. Garry described his recent innovative role introducing retired ADF personnel to grain harvesting across Australia. "If you can drive a tank, you can probably drive a tractor!" he said. With the usual backpackers not available, tank operators quickly assumed the role as accomplished grain harvesters. Commencing in Queensland and extending to Western Australia, Australia's harvest from east to west is the biggest on record, some 55 million tonnes.

With travel compensation for operators provided by the Federal Government, a Facebook page was established which attracted over 2,000 'hits' from active and retired army, aviation, firemen and police personnel. A web page is now established at www.opgha.org.au.

Together with Grain Producers Australia, and the Rural Employment for Veterans (REV), Garry has formalised the involvement of experienced veterans who greatly enjoy the opportunity to contribute, in the company of like-minded and experienced mates in a new reunion template. Garry's talk provided a wonderful example of community contribution to an urgent need, with benefits to industry and to people who might otherwise be disconnected and alone.

Simon Appel

A Passion for Community Development

In his 10-minute talk, Derek explained that the Lord Somers Camp was established in 1931 by the then Governor of Victoria. Passionate about community development particularly amongst youth, Somers' aim was to create a more inclusive society where all people had the opportunity to be happy. To do this he started Lord Somers Camp, which introduced youth to their peers from diverse backgrounds.

"The camp runs programs with the original goal of a more inclusive and friendly society"

These successful camps have been running at the campsite ever since, providing for personal and community development opportunities for young people. The camp runs programs with the original goal of a more inclusive and friendly society. The campsite on the Victorian coast offers activities in the natural surroundings – everything from the beach to the bush including programs to keep the mind and body active such as arts & crafts, bush walks, basketball, kayaking, dancing, painting, stand up paddleboards, surfing, swimming, volley ball and more.

Simon Appel



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Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	9588 2593	Visits: Ken Beadle	9589 6120
Discussion: Barry Amond	9515 0725	PRISMS: Alan Nash	9589 2934
Tastes: Geoff Bransbury	0416 294 452	Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418 395 946
Bridge: Peter McGregor	0418 322 987	Theatre: Graham Ball	9598 4125
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