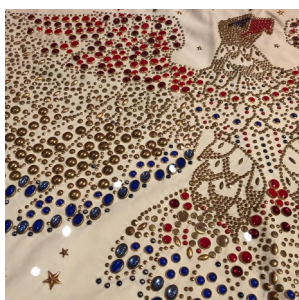




Issue No. 367

June 2022



Our Excursion to Bendigo to see the Elvis Exhibition



Photos: Geoff Bransbury
Captions see p2

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday June 21 10 am
Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Cliff Hardy
Topic: The London Blitz

10-Minute Talk: Tony Read - Building an Aircraft

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Duggan



One of the two major events on our calendar is the Candlelight Dinner. It is to be held on the fifteenth of this month and as usual it has been organised by our long-term events manager Geoff Bransbury. Being the great organiser he is, Geoff always tries to arrange entertainment that is appropriate and, if possible, has current relevance. This year he has outdone himself.

The war in Ukraine has been, I believe, the major international event of the year, perhaps of many years. To my mind, the unhappy spectacle of a large country armed with a huge well-equipped military force attacking a small, relatively defenceless, neighbour has been unique in international affairs. The motives seem to be that it wishes to expand its territory and that it doesn't accept the smaller country's right to exist. Pretty well all of the rest of the world is angry and outraged. There is, I believe, an almost universal feeling of sympathy and support for the victim of such a blatant abuse of power.

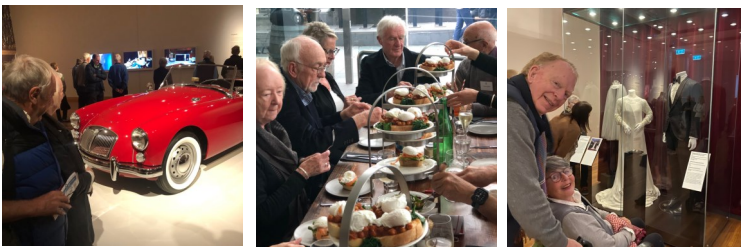
This led Geoff to think that Probus members would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate their support. So he set out to see if there were any

Ukrainian entertainers who might be interested to display their culture to a community group like ours at our next event, the Candlelight Dinner.

It proved to be very difficult; but he was persistent and resourceful and eventually, successful. He made contact with a Ukrainian singer who wishes to demonstrate her culture to us. She is charging a modest fee but, of course, she wants to help her homeland as much as she can.

Our constitution does not permit us to be a fund-raising body, so the club will not be raising money for Ukraine officially. However, the featured singer will appeal to the audience to show its support for her homeland any way they can. If she encourages your contributions individually - which would be used to assist in the defence of her country - it would be an opportunity to show your personal support for Ukraine and its beleaguered people.

I congratulate Geoff on his imaginative thinking and persistent efforts to bring his idea into effect. I look forward to making the Ukrainian singer feel appreciated and supported.



Captions from p1:

Left to right—The Beaumaris Probus group outside the Bendigo Gallery; Judith Carlson and friends; Geoff Bransbury, Gail Seedsman and Ken Beadle. Above: Helen McGregor begins tour of exhibition.

Above: Snapshots from Bendigo

Left to right: one of Elvis' cars; Gail Seedsman, David Rand, Judith & Geoff Carlson at lunch; Richard & Julie Phillips inspect Elvis' extraordinary wardrobe

Tastes at Little Vietnam

51 members and partners enjoyed an excellent banquet at this award-winning Vietnamese restaurant. It was good to see Hazel Crompton again. This was her first outing since being hospitalised. Also good to see Garry Larkin back enjoying a good red!



*L to R:
1 Howard Hoskins, Vivienne Fry and Diana Green
2 Simon Appel, Patricia Tan-Stevens and Barb Appel
3 Jim & Anne Duggan et al*

Photos: Geoff Bransbury

NOTICEBOARD

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT

Fellow members of Beaumaris Probus, It is with regret that I write to advise you of the resignation of our President Jim Duggan on health grounds.

Jim has been recently diagnosed with lymphoma, and as part of his treatment he will soon commence a course of chemotherapy. The good news is that Jim has been advised that surgical intervention is not necessary. Nevertheless, he feels that he must now devote all his energies to his treatment program and has reluctantly concluded that this requires him to stand down from his role as our President. Jim intends to remain an active member of the Club and to attend meetings and activities whenever possible. I am sure all members join with me in wishing Jim a speedy recovery and a complete return to good health at the conclusion of his treatment program.

Garry Sebo, Secretary

Discussion

Barry Amond

We had to cancel the May meetings through illness so on June 10 and 14 at the usual times the carried-forward topic will be Entertainment with members sharing their preferences and special experiences. We'll also consider what we might expect in the next few years from rising inflation and interest rates as well as further social changes.

Wine Discovery

Grant Sabin

The Group is meeting at Grant Sabin's place on Wednesday June 8 to discover a range of Shoalhaven wines. Grant bought the wines earlier this year when in the Shoalhaven area of the NSW East Coast, around Nowra and Berry. The Shoalhaven wines never seem to reach wine shops in Melbourne; in fact they don't seem to leave the Shoalhaven area. As the man in the Berry wine shop said, 'You might find out why, when you try them'. I think they'll be even better than that.

The Science Group continues to distribute articles covering a wide range of topics, sourced from many different publications. Have now distributed just over 60 different pieces of information.

Birthday Boys – June

BRADD, Garry 2/6 KERR, Robert 11/6
BALL, Graham 14/6 DAVIS, Bill 22/6
BUTCHER, Ralph 24/6 CUPPLES, Geoff 24/6
TRUMBLE, Alan 25/6* SEEDSMAN, David 30/6
[* 90th]

Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson

The next Pub Lunch is again at the newly renovated Mordialloc Bridge Hotel on Thursday July 21. Cost: \$30 payable in advance to the Treasurer. There will be a selection of five excellent main meals, plus a pre-lunch drink and a coffee – all inclusive! Hope you can join us for a very happy occasion in mixed company—partners are most welcome! To register [CLICK HERE](#).

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

Our next meeting is at Barry Amond's home on Tuesday August 30 at 2pm. On this occasion we will taste red wine with a difference – NOT Shiraz, Pinot Noir or Cabernet Sauvignon. But many of the 40 + other red wine varieties such as zinfandel, merlot, malbec, sangiovese, barolo, grenache, durif and chianti – a tasting with a real difference!

June Keynote Speaker

Cliff Hardy lived in London throughout the blitz and rocket attacks in 1940. He migrated to Melbourne in 1967.

Digital Technology

The group met on Tuesday May 31 and discussed a wide range of items including the need for, and what to look for, in anti-virus software, how phones are increasingly being used for a wide range of tasks, how personal assistants have expanded, and other topics.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 4. In the meantime, interesting items will be distributed as they come to hand including the new iPhones and their operating system.

Geoff Wade

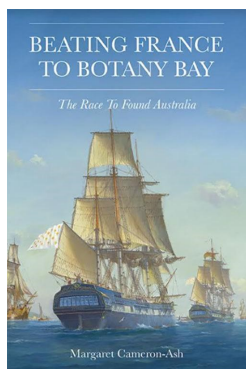
VALE

It is with regret that we announce that Colin Meade passed away on the 15th of May aged 97. He had been a member of our club for 33 years. His funeral service was held on May 26 and the live streamed service is still available for viewing on the Tobin Brothers Cheltenham website.

Also, sadly, we record the death of our good friend, Bob Matthews, a few days short of his 91st birthday. A regular, Bob was a Probus Beaumaris Foundation Member in 1987. An excellent golfer, he had been a member at Victoria Golf Club for 45 years. We await details regarding his funeral service.

BOOK REVIEW

The Race to Found Australia



The least they wanted was to plant the French flag on Australia's east coast in the name of the king

If Margaret Cameron-Ash is to be believed - and her impeccable research and documentation make a compelling case - most of our history books concerned with the First (European) Settlement in Australia will have to be rewritten.

We know that the British were not alone in their search for the Great South Land and were not the only ones seeking to claim Terra Australis for the motherland. Cameron-Ash's comprehensive book, *Beating France to Botany Bay: The Race to Found Australia*, acknowledges the interest of at least the Spanish, the Portuguese and the Dutch in what lay

beyond the Spice Islands (or the Dutch East Indies); but it was the British and the French - especially after the loss of the American colonies - who had the strongest motivation to claim new lands. Both countries were frequently at war with each other and did not want to be outdone by their rival. The evidence suggests that while London was planning to follow up Cook's astonishing maritime exploits and Joseph Banks' urgings - and at the same time solve the problems arising from a swelling convict population at home - Paris was planning to do something similar under the auspices of Laperouse; or at least plant the French flag on Australia's east coast in the name of the king. In the end, both the expeditions arrived in the same place on the other side of the world within a day or two of each other.

What also seems clear is that Arthur Philip never had any intention but for the settlement to be at Port Jackson. Despite Banks' recommendation, Philip saw quickly (or was instructed) that Botany Bay was totally unsuitable; or it may have been an Admiralty ruse to deceive the French. In any case, Philip and his fleet sailed out of Botany Bay the same day Laperouse sailed in. Tragically, Laperouse left Botany Bay a few days later and was never seen again.

Peter McGregor



Mystery Man

Taken on the road from Calais to Paris, in the summer of 1952. The passenger is a casual Scots hiker, but who is the driver (on a three week bike tour of France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland with an Australian friend)? [ANSWER: see p6.] The bike is a BSA 350 cc, the main despatch bike used in the 1940- 45 war, bought in England in 1950.

ALERT: Post-Colonial Theory

PCT is a form of postmodernism arguing that forms of knowledge deemed 'Western' - such as science, mathematics, literature and history - are oppressive and are deployed by the West in ways intended to perpetuate its ongoing exercise of 'colonial' forms of power...

... today's generation of contemporary Australians continues to bear the guilt over, and always bears a moral responsibility for, deeds perpetuated in an earlier age of our history. This burden of guilt, which is transmitted from one generation to another in perpetuity, can never be discharged.

Peter Kurti, *Raging Against the Past*

Visits & Activities

Candlelight Dinner Wednesday
Sandy by the Bay on Beach Road.

June 15 at 6.30 pm

There is parking in the foreshore reserve. There is an elevator.



We have organised a Ukrainian singer accompanied by an accordionist to sing some Ukrainian songs. We approached the Ukrainian Association and they put us in touch.

Please note, donations are not expected or requested.

A two-course dinner, wine beer and soft drinks is included. Seating is arranged or please contact Geoff Bransbury if there is someone you wish to be on your table. He'll do his best!

We hope you enjoy the evening.

Geoff Bransbury

The Picasso Century at NGV **Wednesday July 6**

This exhibition charts the extraordinary career of Pablo Picasso in dialogue with artists, poets and intellectuals throughout the 20th century. Exclusively developed for the NGV by the Centre Pompidou and the Musee National Picasso-Paris, the exhibition features 70 works by Picasso alongside 100 works by 50 of his contemporaries including Braque, Dali and Matisse.

We will start our visit with a 30 minute illustrated talk by a gallery guide covering the key themes of the exhibition. We will enter the exhibition on completion of the presentation.

Meet at the north entrance of the St Kilda Road gallery (next to the Arts Centre) at 10.20 am for entry to the lecture theatre for the 10.30 am talk.

After viewing the exhibition, those wishing to have lunch (at own expense) will meet at 12.30 pm in the first floor Tearoom, the venue for previous lunches on our visits to NGV.

The cost for the visit is \$38 per person which covers the illustrated talk and exhibition entry.

Please register now and pay no later than June 27 to meet the deadline for purchasing of tickets.

When registering on-line, please advise if you will or will not be staying for lunch.

Ken Beadle



To book [CLICK HERE](#)

The Last Word



An amazing couple who really demonstrate a remarkable spirit of philanthropy.

[Photos: Alan Stevens]

Remarkable Spirit of Philanthropy

For many years, Peter and Margie Card travelled as simple backpackers throughout the Middle East. (See our website.) At our May meeting, however, they provided members with a fascinating update on their journeys into Myanmar, originally, Burma. They have been the fund raisers for building some 20 schools since their first journey in 2005. They always stay in 'small places', away from major cities and big hotels (which usually house the military) and use local buses, trains and taxis. They eat local food in homes and restaurants, taking advantage of the very warm hospitality of the local people. They have funded an average of two schools each year, costing around \$30K each.

Peter and Margie described the different ethnic groups in the region, all having access to mobile phones and solar electricity and travelling on motor bikes. They detailed the recent history following a coup staged in 2021 when the junta detained and charged the de facto civilian leader, Aung San Suu Kyi with corruption. The instability of Myanmar continues despite efforts by the United Nations.

Simon Appel

Right: 93 players and 63 courses throughout the UK and Ireland



Chemists on Tour

Rod Hammond, retired pharmacist, gave us an entertaining overview, first of his involvement as Chair of the Amcal Chemist group and then his extensive golf tours in the UK and Ireland.

Rod recalled humorous anecdotes of 'happenings' while on tour with plenty of examples of Irish humour flowing throughout

In 1970, Rod joined the Australian Chemists Golf Association. After reducing his pharmacy activities, together with his wife Pam, he conducted an 'inspection tour' of golf options in the UK and Ireland in 1994. Thereafter, he organised the first Chemists' tour in 1995 and recalled humorous anecdotes of 'happenings' while on tour with plenty of examples of Irish humour flowing throughout. Rod conducted the tours with up to 93 players, playing some 63 courses including Gleneagles and St Andrews.

Simon Appel



ANSWER from p4:
Noel Ineson

PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc.

* Office Bearers 2022 * Committee Members

* President: Jim Duggan	0432 150 675	* Vice-President: Simon Appel	0417 600 419
* Past President: Chris Renwick	0419 927 536	* Secretary: Garry Sebo	0419 340 565
* Treasurer: John Hewison	0419 357 203	* Assistant Treasurer: Geoff Carlson	0408 568 971
* Functions: Geoff Bransbury	0416 294 452	Visits: Ken Beadle	0412 185 029
* Webmaster: Geoff Bransbury	0416 294 452	* Meetings: Keith Ross	0418 584 401
Assistant Meetings:		* Membership: Roger Wilson	0418 395 946
* Newsletter: Peter McGregor	0418 322 987	* Welfare: Alan Stevens	0418 336 354
Archive: John Howe	9598 2429	Auditor: Robert Lander	0435 930 082
Recorder: Simon Appel	0417 600 419	Projectionist: Geoff Cupples	0411 251 406
Audio Visual: Paul Crompton	0491 147 389	Photographer: Alan Stevens	0418 336 354
* Assist Secretary: Leon Laragy	0410 327 587		

* Interest Groups

Bike Riding: Ken Beadle	0412 185 029	Golf: John Pound	0414 251 292
Digital Technology: Geoff Wade	0416 257 683	Visits: Ken Beadle	0412 185 029
Discussion: Barry Amond	0407 877 539	PRISMS: Alan Nash	9589 2934
Tastes: Geoff Bransbury	0416 294 452	Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson	0418 395 946
Wine Discovery: Grant Sabin	0419 595 757	Travel: Simon Appel	0417 600 419
Pub Lunch: Roger Wilson	0418 395 946		