



NEWSLETTER

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2022 Beaumaris Probud Candlelight Dinner

Below: Barb Appel, Rhonda Reed, Kevin Reed and prize-winner, John Pound



Our annual Candlelight Dinner has been a feature of Beaumaris Probud activities since 2007



Above: Julie Armstrong Nee Jurkiv (left) and Gary Wasenko, both from the Ukrainian Association.



Margie Beadle presents flowers to Julie, one of our Ukrainian guest performers

Top: Julie, Paul Crompton and Julie's friend, Louise

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Photos: Alan Stevens

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday July 19 10 am

Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Michael Strong

Topic: 50+ Years of the Law

10-Minute Talk: Alan Nash Topic: You Dirty Rotten Rat

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Simon Appel



There's nothing as constant as change!

Jim Duggan has stepped down as President of the Club having being diagnosed with lymphoma. We all wish him well with his treatment and are looking forward to his return to our meetings. The last meeting was well attended with many members enjoying lunch together. How good it was to deliver birthday wishes to Ralph Butcher on reaching 104 years.

Many who attended our June meeting are suffering COVID infections. It has been suggested the 'spread' might have occurred at that meeting and I would recommend that ALL Members conduct a RAT prior to attending meetings. We must take precautions to avoid the spread of this insidious virus that is still in the community.

I note that Functions Coordinator, Geoff Bransbury, is having to deal with the increasing costs for our

functions. This will also impact our lunch costs. Geoff Wade, our Acting Meetings Coordinator, will advise us of this impact when confirming meeting details and lunch selections.

Members enjoyed our Guest Speaker, Clif Hardy, with his personal memories of the London Blitz in World War 2. We look forward to our future Guest Speakers continuing to entertain and educate us on a wide range of topics of interest.

Together with other Committee Members, I have begun contacting prospective Vice Presidents - to no avail so far. It is important that we consolidate the capacity of our Club to continue with leadership and the compliance with our aims and obligations. Again, I ask all members to speak with those who might be considered to fill this position and urge their careful consideration.

Over 100 people attended our annual Candlelight Dinner at Sandy on the Bay

Below: Janice Kirby, Maureen and Peter Flude



New President, Simon Appel, addresses attendees



Angela and Keith Naylor enjoying the occasion

Below: Margie Beadle, David and Gail Seedsman



NOTICEBOARD

Tastes at Clover

Wednesday August 24
20 Bluff Road Black Rock
A small friendly restaurant and favourite haunt
NOTE: Please bring your own wine this time.
Cost: \$45.00 inc corkage
Full details p5

Pub Lunch

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 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](#).

Roger Wilson

Beaumaris Probus Bikers



Same old crew but we welcomed the return of Julie and Richard Phillips (at left) on our 'long ride' from Jacana Rail Station to Flinders Street on July 1.

From left to right: Richard & Julie, Ken White, Ken Beadle and Geoff Carlson
Photo: Duncan Gibson

Probus Science Group

Since the Science Group was set up in September 2021, over 60 articles have been emailed to many of our members. The Group exchanges scientific information covering fields such as meteorology, engineering, geology and medical sourced from academic journals or respected magazines such as *National Geographic*. We do not get involved in politics, religion or sport. If you would like to join in, simply send me an e-mail and I will include you in the distribution list.

Grant Sabin

Wine Discovery Group

The Group will be holding its mid - winter luncheon at Fazio's on Wednesday July 13. As usual, Sam Fazio will decide the menu, usually consisting of three dishes, and select a variety of Sicilian wines for us to discover.

Grant Sabin

"Climate change will not be solved by making fossil energy unaffordable, but by innovating down the price of green technologies so everyone will be able to switch."

Bjorn Lomborg, visiting fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution

His latest book is *False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor and Fails to Fix the Planet*

Wine Appreciation

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.

Roger Wilson



Discussion

After our June discussions on entertainment and current topics such as working from home, we're going to take a serious look at Russia, its past and future, at the meetings on Friday 8 and Tuesday July 12 at the usual times.

Barry Amond

STOP PRESS: Trevor Barker Oval

Council has responded to our complaints and has fixed the foreshore carpark near Sandy Bay. They have even agreed to put in extra lighting! Well done to all those who complained to Council. When safety is threatened Council will, and have, responded promptly. Council letter [CLICK HERE](#)

Geoff Bransbury

Candlelight Dinner

Report and pictures [CLICK HERE](#)



Birthday Boys – July

MURRELL, Rod 1/7	BOWLES, Tony 3/7
LANDER, Robert 20/7	APPEL, Simon 21/7
HOSKINS, Howard 21/7	SMYTH, John 24/7 *
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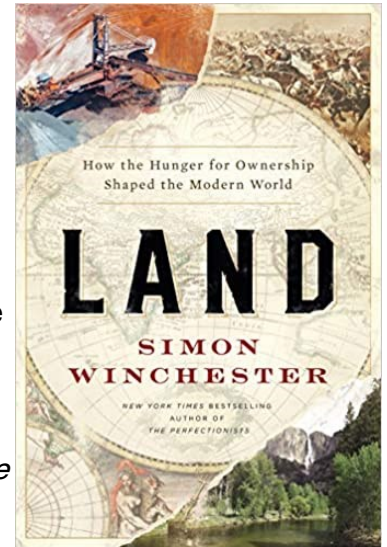
Book Reviews

How the hunger for ownership shaped the modern world.

Simon Winchester is a British geographer, geologist and historian who explores the history of land ownership and conflict from the formation of the earth through to today, in a most entertaining and interesting way. Who mapped it, owned it, stole it, cared for it, fought for it, and gave it back! The ownership of land has always been complicated, opaque and more than a little anarchic. Winchester explores the stewardship of land, the ways it is delineated, the great disputes, and the way it changes hands, particularly the question of restoration.

A global study, this book explores what the ownership of land might really mean for the people who live on it, especially at this time of climate change and reparation. His many books include *Pacific*, *The Map That Changed the World*, *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* and several others.

Ken White



The Right Time

I am currently reading a book which may interest our members. It is a memoir entitled *Born at the Right Time* written by someone I knew in the late 1960s, Professor Ron McCallum.

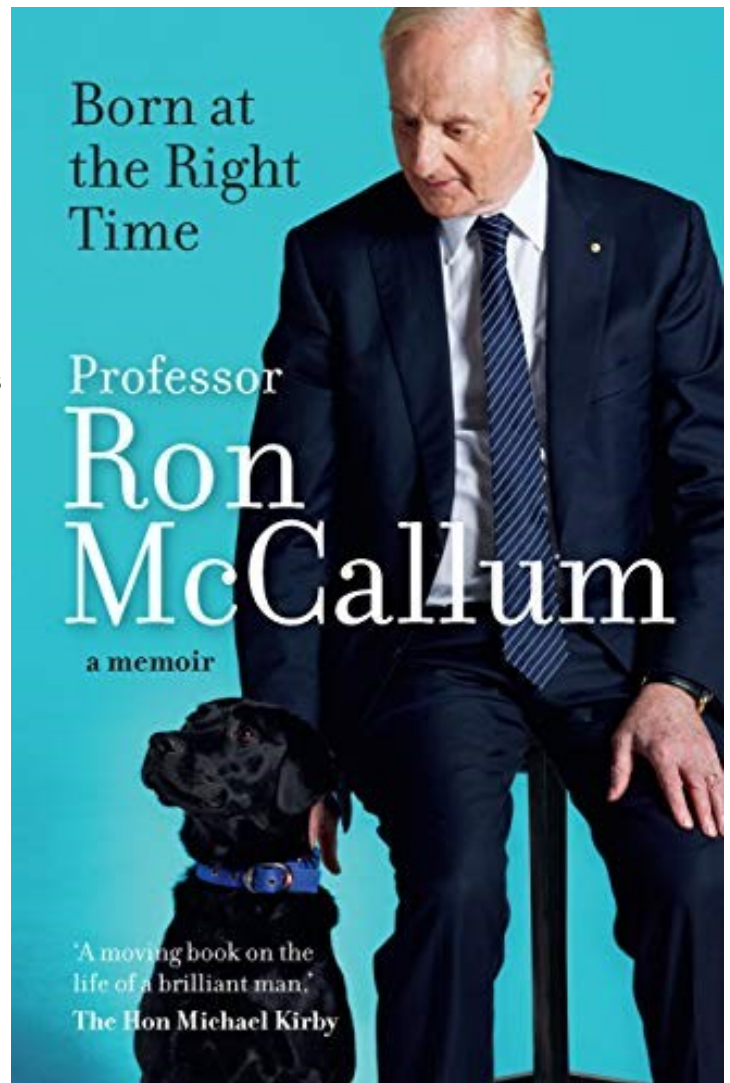
Ron has been blind since birth. When he was a child, many blind people spent their lives making baskets in sheltered workshops but Ron's mother had other ideas for her son. From the start of his life, she insisted on treating him as normally as possible. Born in 1948, he lived with his mother and brothers in a Housing Commission home in Hampton.

In this endearing memoir, Ron recounts his social awkwardness and physical mishaps and shares his early fears that he might never manage to have a proper career, find love or become a parent. We now know he has achieved all this and more, becoming a professor of law at the University of Sydney, the first fully blind person to be appointed to a full professorship at any university in Australia and chairing a committee at the United Nations.

Ron's glass was always half full. He has taken advantage of every new assistive technology and is in awe of what is now available to allow him and other blind people to reach their potential. His is a life richly lived, by a man who remains open to all people from all walks of life.

Ron spoke to one hundred 17-year-old boys at Lord Somers Camp when I was President and Camp Chief about 15 years ago and had them all spellbound.

Derek Skues



Visits & Activities

In Construction at Tyabb

A high-performance Glasair III

Tony Read invites you to inspect his major, long-term project - the near-complete construction of a home-built, Glasair III, 2-seater, high performance, low-wing monoplane with retractable landing gear and a 300 hp engine. It is designed to cruise at 500 km/hr with jaw-dropping capabilities in aerobatics, cruise and vertical penetration.

To visit the project, register by September 9 and assemble at Peninsula Aero Club rooms carpark, Stuart Road, Tyabb (Melway 148 G11) on Wednesday September 14th. Be there no later than 10:30 AM. When registering please indicate if you are willing to carpool or if you would like a ride.

After inspecting Tony's project we will have lunch on the side of Western Port Bay in Pelikan Societe Restaurant, 2 Marine Parade, Hastings (Melway 154, K11) - a favourite haunt of the Bike Group.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register now

Tastes

Wednesday August 24 At Clover- 20 Bluff Road Black Rock



This small friendly restaurant is a favourite haunt in Black Rock. It's quite unique with delicious Thai/Japanese food. Good value and consistent. (Tong, the chef, says he will cook more at no cost if you're still hungry... but we doubt that will be necessary.) Space is limited in the front area so we must limit numbers to 35. If more register, we will set up a wait list. First to pay secure a spot. Please bring your own wine this time. Cost: \$43 including corkage
[CLICK HERE](#) to book

Thursday October 6

Visit to Johnston Collection and Lunch at Geppetto's

The Johnston Collection is a multi-award-winning museum with over 1500 items - Georgian, Regency, and Louis XV fine and decorative arts and objets d'art

All displayed in William Johnston's former residence, Fairhall, an historic East Melbourne townhouse.



Additionally, we will see the special exhibition called Splendid which includes a fabulous silverware bequest. We then have lunch at Geppetto's which is close by. Meet at the Pullman Hotel - 192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne NO LATER than 9.40am. We are taken by bus to the house and back again. Limited to 22 visitors so hurry and book. Cost: \$22 plus lunch. [CLICK HERE](#) to book.



The Last Word

Building An Aircraft at Home

In his 10-minute talk, Tony Read told us how he came to build an aircraft at home, a Glasair. The plan was to finish it in three years - which his wife, Angela, thought was ok, he says - but it didn't quite work out that way. But 11 years later she is still with him! Whenever people asked him when he would finish, he always told them 'by Christmas', though he never specified which one.

"The wing and fuselage just fitted in my workshop," he said. "I have a large workshop, originally to work and house classic cars. Some had to go," Tony said. The workshop is well equipped with lathe and mill which enabled him to make many of the special tools he would need to finish the job. Access to much of the work was mostly by ducking or crawling under things. He believes he could quite happily work in a submarine, except for the depth. He hit his head more times than he can remember and comments, "Perhaps that's why I can't remember anything".

Firstly he had to build jigs for the wing and fuselage. He built these like large rotisseries so they could be rotated laterally for the wing and longitudinally for the fuselage. All this meant that virtually all of the aircraft had to be built and fabricated by hand which was a huge job. Most components including the wing, control surfaces and engine were installed and removed a number of times to get everything right. "The instrument panel is my own design and features the most advanced avionics available for



[CLICK HERE](#)
For video

this sort of aircraft," Tony says. "It has a huge amount of wiring". Although he has worked alone most of the time, Angela helped when he needed more than two hands, and on occasions a few friends have also helped. Periodically, his work was inspected by an authorised person in preparation for its certificate of airworthiness. Peter McGregor

London Under Attack

Born in England in 1936, Clif Hardy lived in London during the German *blitzkrieg* and rocket attacks. Clif described the situation when, as a five-year-old, he and his family endured the constant bombing, from the air and British cannon fire from the ground!

A total of 348 Bombers and 617 fighter planes dropped 200 tons of direct bombs and incendiary bombs which continued for 67 days and nights.

Clif's many photographs including the impacts of these raids, including a bomb landing on his school. This presentation can now be viewed on our website.

Simon Appel



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