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*Left: Merry Bransbury reads a description while others look on*

**Beaumaris Probud visits the Archibald Exhibition at Narre Warren**



[Photos by various members]

*Right: Geoff Stockdale, Tony Read and Lloyd Jenkins sit at the base of one of the supporting pillars at the amazing Bunjil Centre in Narre Warren.*



**Next General Meeting:**  
**Tuesday October 18 10 am**  
**Black Rock YC**  
**Keynote Speaker: Mal Cater**  
**Principal, Mentone Grammar**  
**Topic: Education in the 21st Century**  
**10-Minute Talk: Erroll Stublety Runaway Story**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Simon Appel OAM



The Committee recently performed a review of the Membership to contact Members who had not attended meetings for some months. This process, initiated by Membership Officer Roger Wilson, together with Welfare Officer Alan Stevens, gave an opportunity for contacts. The outcome resulted in a variety of reasons for non-attendance. While some Members are unwell, COVID fear was a significant reason. Some are also attending to family needs as a priority. Our contact was gratefully received by all and we will continue our contact as necessary. The Black Rock Yacht Club catering has been well received, and the facilities at that club (especially the microphone!) have also proved successful.

At our October meeting, I look forward to Mentone Grammar Principal, Mal Cater, enlightening us on Education in the 21st Century.



*Below:  
Lloyd Jenkins at his  
90th Birthday party*



*Probus group visits  
Tony Read's work-  
shop at Tyabb*

*Right: Ken Beadle  
and Tony discuss  
his achievement*



### Wanted: Functions Coordinator

Geoff Bransbury is stepping down from this role in March 2023 and we need a Member to take his place and to join the Functions Team. Geoff has performed this role three times over some 12 years and feels it's time for some new blood. Geoff will continue to assist and help out as needed. The role is overall coordination of visits, events and functions. He says the role enables one to get to know the members and is very satisfying. He says it is not as onerous as one might think. Please consider. Call Geoff to discuss. 0416 294 452



# NOTICEBOARD

## Wine Discovery



*Selection of red wines from around the world*

In September, we researched an interesting range of Malbec wines. One from France where the grape originated (that's the one on the right). Then there were two from Argentina that grows by far the most Malbec grapes. Interesting to note that one of the Argentinian wines is from the Fat Bastard Winery. Named after a small and rare Argentinian animal a Cetacean - also called a Bastard. Then there are the three very different Australian Malbecs and just to keep the animal theme going Little Giant is a wombat, the bottle in the middle with the red and white label. Grant Sabin.

## Digital Technology

The group met at Barry Amond's home on Tuesday October 4. A demonstration of voice typing into Google Docs was given by Leon Laragy who also led a discussion on the use of Google Lens which can be used for identifying objects or scenes on photos. The new iPhone 14 was also covered in some detail including the features of the various models and the fact they are quite expensive. The position of Kolkatta as the scam capital of the world was discussed and that at least 50% of the world's scam phone calls originate from one small sector of the city. Other items covered included an internet banking problem, why backing up data is important, the best fitness trackers and 3D printers.

NOTE: The next meeting of the group will be on the first Tuesday in February 2023 (February 7, 2023).

## Birthday Boys – October

GIBSON, Duncan 1/10	LARKIN, Garry 5/10
BRAVO, Gus 6/10	**BEATY, John 8/10
GLASS, Tom 11/10	LEEMING, Roger 11/10
STONE, Alan 14/10	HUNTER, Ron 16/10
JOHNSON, Ian 18/10	McGREGOR, Peter 21/10
KERMOND Alan 23/10	STUBBLETY, Errol 25/10
*RAND, David 26/10	(*80th **90th)

## Discussion Group

The new combined group will meet on Tuesday October 11 and discuss a number of current topics including the Voice, the Monarchy, the Economy and Energy.

The last meeting for the year will be on Tuesday November 8 at 2pm.

## Brighton Theatre Group

A cancelled tryst and a cat up a tree. *Round and Round the Garden* makes up one part of Alan Ayckbourn's comic masterpiece *The Norman Conquests* trilogy, from the perspective of the bramble-filled garden. "Superb comic trilogy. Mr. Ayckbourn is the most remarkable British dramatist to have emerged since Harold Pinter." *London Sunday Times* [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

## Pub Lunch

Our next get-together is on Thursday October 13 at the iconic and historic Elsternwick Hotel. 12.30 pm. (At Elsternwick Junction cnr Nepean Highway and Glenhuntly Road). Cost is \$30 payable in advance to the Treasurer. Selection from five main meals. Plenty of off-street parking, entrance off Glenhuntly Road. Always a great lunch and partners are most welcome. [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Roger Wilson

## Wine Appreciation

Our next meeting is lunch at The Steak Bank, Ormond, on Friday October 28 at 12 Noon. RW

## Tastes



November: Sazio's Bluff Road Black Rock  
When: Tuesday November 22 6.30 pm See p5

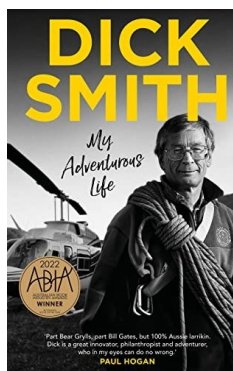


*Left: Paul and Hazel Crompton and others enjoying the August Tastes night at Clover in Black Rock*

*On behalf of Probus, Tim Harding accepts a cheque for \$5000 from Bayside's mayor, Cr Alex del Porto as part of the Annual Community Grants program*



# Review



*"Adventures many and varied.."*

## A Remarkable Man

Dick Smith is probably known to most Australians as a philanthropist but perhaps most as someone who has always been off somewhere on a great adventure.

He started his remarkable business career installing car radios in 1960. He became so adept at it he was told by his boss that he was working too quickly and instead of taking only two hours to install a radio he should be taking three hours. He then started his own business in a small shed on a busy road and that quickly blossomed. He moved to bigger and better premises and was well on the way to making his first of many millions.

Along the way, he moved into selling spare parts and then into electronic parts and he became known as Electronic Dick and then Dick Smith Electronics was born. His business was so successful that he soon found that he had enough money to go off and do the adventures he had dreamed of doing.

Dick was very good at listening to others' advice and selecting those who worked for him. This allowed him to leave the running of his expanding business to others while he was concentrating on things that were of more interest to him. Dick Smith Electronics eventually expanded to 350 stores Australia-wide.

His adventures were many and varied and involved his whole family, of which his wife Pip was probably his greatest supporter. Some of his adventures were not always well-thought out and he nearly lost his life and that of two friends when they continued a trek along the Colo River when the weather turned against them. His first attempt to climb Ball's Pyramid near Lord Howe Island failed and it took another two attempts to achieve success - and he was the first to do so.

Dick is probably most famous for the many solo flights in his helicopter and fixed-wing plane to various parts of the world. He has flown around the world solo three times including from pole to pole. He crossed Australia by balloon and then from New Zealand to Australia against the prevailing winds. The book goes into considerable detail regarding each of his exploits and the reader never ceases to be amazed by them. This is a most interesting read and inspires emotions in the reader at the achievements of this most remarkable man. He had donated much of his fortune to various projects in Australia as well as founding the Australian Geographic Society which publishes *Australian Geographic*.

Geoff Wade

## VALE

It is with regret that we announce the passing of George Montgomery, aged 99. George was an active member of Beaumaris Probus participating regularly in many of the Club's functions and activities - including the annual croquet afternoon, Tastes and other events. He had been a member since 2000.



George Montgomery

# Visits & Activities

Geoff Bransbury



## Italian Tastes

**Tuesday November 22 6.30 pm**

**Sazio's Black Rock 3/41B Bluff Road Black Rock**

Last Tastes for 2022 and it's an Italian dinner. The family owners of this friendly, excellent little restaurant only took over just before COVID and are delighted to host us.

They are fully licensed but they have agreed for us to bring our specially-selected wines for just \$15 per bottle. It will be a great evening. Cost \$50 pp inc. corkage

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

## President's Christmas Lunch

**Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron, Beach Road,  
Beaumaris**

**Thursday December 15 12.00 noon**



President Simon invites all Members and partners to join him for lunch at this beautiful venue. We will have canapés and a two-course Christmas lunch with drinks to start. Wine, beer and soft drink included.

We hope our new Choir will sing for us plus all the usual Probus raffles etc. This is our Club's number one event so we hope you will come. Let's have a new record crowd!

Seating will be allocated. Dress code for men: jacket, ties optional.

(Cost the same as last year at \$80.)

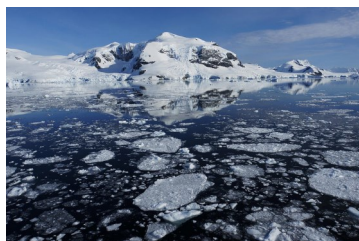
Please register and pay the treasurer early. Many thanks

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.





# The Last Word



Since he was very young, Rick Kelly has had an ambition to go to Antarctica, however, it was some decades before he had the opportunity to fulfil his dream. He grabbed it with both hands and found himself on an excursion aboard a Russian ship with 100-plus others to visit the famous Mawson's Hut from December 2005 to January 2006. Leaving from Hobart, their first stop was Macquarie Island where Rick was able to engage in his passion for photography because he found himself surrounded by ice and snow and penguins and elephant seals. Rick entertained us with dozens of photographs of the icy wastes and local wildlife. What amazed him most was how inquisitive penguins are; but, in turn, visitors are discouraged from making contact with them.

Next stop: Commonwealth Bay and Mawson's Hut (90 years old but still standing amidst the snow and ice). Built by a group of 18 scientists with few trade skills, the hut is a slap-dash construction with few amenities and showing all the signs of a need for repairs as the elements work their way inside

through cracks and the damages of time. Yet a collection of *National Geographic* from 100 years ago remained intact. Rick discovered that this was probably the windiest place on Earth (blowing at upwards of 150 km most of the time) and was surrounded by icebergs and was also the home of hundreds of penguins of many different types: from Gentoo, Adele to Royal Penguins. He also found that penguins only enter the water in groups, largely because of the dangers that may lurk beneath the surface. "They know there is safety in numbers," he said.

While the South Pole was too far away, by walking across the icefloe, the group managed to reach the Magnetic South Pole marking a quite significant achievement for this recent expedition.

Peter McGregor

Right: Barry and Margaret Amond are especially proud of this clematis, one of their recent accomplishments



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