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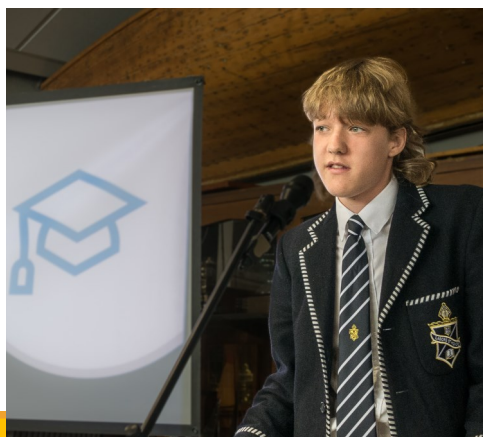
Above: Speaker Principal Mal Cater

Beaumaris Probus Goes Back to School

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Year 10 students, Mentone Grammar



Photos:
Alan Stevens

Next General Meeting:
Tuesday November 15 10 am
Black Rock YC
Keynote Speaker: David Brooks
Topic: 40 Years from Bury to Bayside
10-Minute Talk:
David Rushworth The Horror Hulks of Hobsons Bay

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Simon Appel OAM



Members expressed great enjoyment and offered their congratulations to the October Meeting Guest Speaker, Mal Cater, Principal, together with his four Year 10 students from Mentone Grammar School. Mal gave an overview of the research that goes into contemporary education with the students adding their comments to the presentation. The students joined us for lunch, each on a separate table with Members. This event delivered a most memorable reflection for Members. This presentation is now available to view on the Club website.

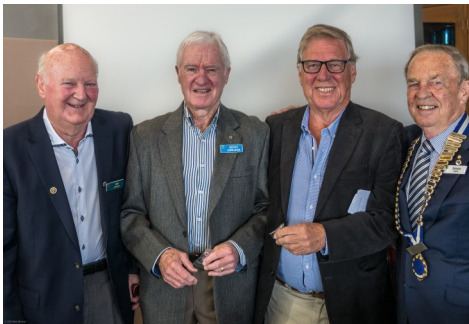
The lunch was attended by a great majority of Members following the Meeting. The caterers continue to impress although we do look forward to a faster service time.

The Committee Meeting again focused on absent Members. We have now made contact with absent Members and we will continue to interact. Some continue to be covid-averse; others have family caring to attend to and there are Members stricken with illness and instability. Ralph Butcher is in our minds as he recovers from covid, contracted while in hospital following a fall!

We now look forward to the November Meeting with, hopefully, an even greater number of Members attending.

Our Visit to the Johnson Collection

*10-year Pin Presentation
L to R: Ian Johnson, Geoff Carlson and
Keith Ross with President Simon*



*Above L to R: Dorothy Jenkins, Margie Beadle
and Margaret Amond*

*Below L to R: Dorothy Jenkins, Margie Beadle,
Ken Beadle, Margaret Amond and Michelle
Laragy*

*Below: New member,
Russ Vial is inducted
by President Simon*



*Errol Stubblety gives his 10-minute
talk at the October meeting
See report p6*



NOTICEBOARD

Member Register

The Register has been updated recently and is now on the website in the members' protected area. All members are invited to check the register and in particular their entry and advise of any corrections to geoffp.wade@bigpond.com

Geoff Wade

PRISMS

The next meeting will be 2pm Tues Dec 6 at the Nash residence, 112 Pellatt St Beaumaris. The contributors are Ken Beadle, Tim Harding, Rod Murrell and Derek Skues. This will be my last as Convenor and hosting meetings. This will give our new Convenor ample time to set the 2023 program for us.

Alan Nash

Discussion Group

On Tuesday November 8 at 2pm the discussion topics will be Leadership, the United Kingdom's 'diabolical trouble' and some happier ideas from the group!

Barry Amond

Golf

Our three-day golf trip to Murray Downs Golf and Country Club is fully booked at this stage, but as there is a possibility that some members who have indicated that they are coming may have to cancel nearer the time, we have decided to open a wait list to other interested members.

The relevant details are:-

Three nights' accommodation in self-contained apartments. In Wednesday April 19, out Saturday April 22, 2023. Breakfast delivered daily to your apartment. 3 X \$20 vouchers for all guests. BYO BBQ get-together and briefing on first night. Golf course available four days (includes departure day.) Two days of competition golf, plus a putting competition. Private evening dinner, presentation of prizes on final night.

For any other details including pricing, contact John Pound by email (jaypound@hotmail.com).

Birthday Boys – November & December

RATTRAY, Ken 8/11 FLUDE, Peter 10/11
RUSHWORTH, David 10/11 CARIS, Nick 14/11
GIBSON, Barrie 27/11
NEAVE, Colin 1/12 TAFFS, Geoff 2/12
ROWELL, Phil 3/12 STEWART, Philip 5/12
BERNHARD, Stan 6/12 TICKNER, Geoff 17/12
CARLSON, Geoff 18/12 GAMBLE, Aub 21/12
SOLOMON, John 22/12
BRANSBURY, Geoff 28/12
CLELAND, Bill 30/12 WALLACE, John 31/12

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.

Brighton Theatre Group

A cancelled tryst and a cat up a tree. *Round and Round the Garden* is 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.

Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson

At our wine tasting at the Steak Bank in October, nine great red wines complemented the magnificent steaks and we welcomed President Simon Appel. He liked it so much he has decided to join the group! A special tasting was a South African red wine featuring a pinotage grape variety brought back from a recent trip to RSA by Geoff Bransbury. NOTE: Our pre-Christmas meeting is at Fazio's restaurant in Hampton Wednesday December 8 at 12 noon for a three-course lunch.



L to R: Robert Lander, Rod Murrell, Garry Larkin, Dick Kirby, Roger Wilson, Tim Harding, Howard Hoskins, Geoff Bransbury, President Simon Appel

Pub Lunch

Our next Pub Lunch is at Brighton Beach Hotel on Wednesday January 25 at 12.30pm, choice of five mains. Cost: \$30. Please pay and book online. [CLICK HERE](#) to register

Roger Wilson



The only reason this photograph has been included is because this edition of the Probus Newsletter is the last one that Peter McGregor will edit. After 15 years in the job, he has decided to give someone else a turn. In future, Vivienne Fry will be in charge.

Photo: Alan Stevens

From the Treasurer

Recommendation to be put to November 2022 General Meeting

Members,

As per our Constitution, the joining fee and annual subscriptions for next year are to be determined by members at the November General Meeting. Accordingly, my recommendation, supported by your Committee members, is detailed below:

Joining Fee and Subscriptions 2023

Subscriptions for existing members to be: \$85

Subscriptions are due and payable on 1 January 2023.

New members in 2023

Joining Fee of \$60 – Subscriptions to be paid pro rata on a quarterly basis:

Where a person joins during quarter ending:

31 March 2022	\$85
30 June 2022 three quarter	\$65
30 September 2022 half	\$45
31 December 2022 quarter	\$25

A draft Budget for 2023 was based on the above recommendation, a small increase in monthly room rental costs, unchanged website, miscellaneous costs and PSPL capitation fees indicating a virtual 'breakeven' result for the year.

History:	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Joining Fee	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Subs	\$85	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
Discount	\$30*	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
NET SUBS	\$55	\$40	\$65	\$65	\$65

*Discount due to COVID impact

The above recommendations include the resultant amendments to the following Standing Resolutions:

Standing Resolution 2.1 Annual Subscriptions
Standing Resolution 2.2 Joining Fee

John Hewison, Treasurer October 2022

Right: Our very able Treasurer, John Hewison has talents we didn't know about. In his spare time, he paints— and he is no slouch, as you can see



Visits & Activities



Italian Tastes

Tuesday November 22 6.30 pm



Final Call

Sazio's Black Rock 418 Bluff Road Black Rock

Come along to this excellent family-owned restaurant. The owners only took over just before COVID. We supply especially selected wines for just \$15.00 per bottle. It will be a great evening.

Two course dinner only \$50 pp inc. corkage. Please pay Treasurer [CLICK HERE](#) to register



President's Christmas Lunch

Thursday December 15 12.00noon

Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron,
Beach Road Beaumaris

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 and 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. Seating will be allocated. Dress code is jackets for men, ties optional.

Cost (same as last year): \$80 pp

Please register and pay the treasurer early. Many thanks. Geoff Bransbury

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Visit to Australian Synchrotron

Wednesday December 7

Ken Beadle



*Australia's Nuclear Science
and Technology
Organisation,
Monash University*

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

The Australian Synchrotron produces powerful beams of light that are used at individual experimental facilities to examine the molecular and atomic details of a wide range of materials. Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, (ANSTO) is the home of Australia's most significant infrastructure for research. Thousands of scientists from industry and academia benefit from gaining access to state-of-the-art instruments every year.

The facility is located at Clayton adjacent to the Monash University campus (Melways Ref 70H11). We will travel by car - when registering please indicate if you are willing to car pool or if you would like a ride.

We will meet on-site from the Blackburn Road entrance by 10.15 am to sign in at the NCSS building for a 90-minute tour commencing at 10.30am. At the conclusion, we will have lunch at the onsite cafe.

Cost: \$17 pp for the tour - lunch at your own expense.

Register here and pay now to secure your place on this visit. The tour maximum is 15 and places will be allocated in order of payment received. A 2023 visit will be organised if there is demand.

The Last Word

Improving Educational Outcomes

With enthusiasm and passion aplenty, Mal Cater, Principal of Mentone Grammar, spelt out some of the unique features of his school which caters for 3-year-old boys and girls to Year 12. He has adopted a together-apart-together structure, which means students are educated together for the early years, separated during the middle years (Year 5 to 9) and brought together for the last three years. He spoke about offering a broad-based learning experience - definitely not one size fits all - with the ultimate goal of helping young people grow in confidence.

He described processes and structures in education today with which few, if any of us, were familiar - all the time asking key questions such as 'What does research tell us about improving educational outcomes?' and 'Is it going to make a difference?' Data from researchers at Melbourne University guide the school's program and teachers are expected to look always for visible signs of learning and use on-going formative assessment to measure progress. One feature of Mr Cater's approach is that he wants his students to be in touch with their feelings and has developed ways of testing them for emotional intelligence, hoping that they are usually in a happy place because no-one can work effectively when angry. One measure of this was illustrated by the teacher who placed a colour-coded quadrant in the classroom and asked students to place a marker in the appropriate space to show how they were feeling. As a result, teachers could see immediately if a student was not happy and attempt to address the issue.

Mal Cater was accompanied by four year 10 students who contributed throughout the address. He made a strong case that today's young people are an empowered generation from an early age. They may have shorter attention spans than their peers in the past but they are digitally connected and have superior IT skills than most of us, can be behaviourally demanding but are keen to learn real skills and are much more connected to learning than previous generations. It was an informative, wide-ranging address which engaged all members and used the technology available through our phones to show how learning is made more effective.

Peter McGregor

[CLICK HERE](#) for video of Mal Cater presentation

A New Career?

Errol Stubblety spoke of his time in Biloela Qld after deciding he needed to get away from Melbourne after an indifferent first year studying architecture at RMIT and to avoid his father's wrath over his study results. He described his experiences as a labourer digging ditches in very trying weather conditions. Pay was £1 per day of which 10 shillings accounted for board. Rather than call it quits, as did a mate, he persisted and eventually ended up driving heavy-duty earth-moving trucks thus graduating in this highly skilled area. With the current shortage of available truck drivers, maybe a career for Errol building the Metro Rail Link will follow.

Howard Hoskins

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