



# NEWSLETTER

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Conductor Margie Beadle, President Simon Appel, Accompanist Gwen Rand



Gail and David Seedsman



Yolanta Cadman



Past President Jim Duggan

## President's Xmas Lunch



Margery Renwick and Patricia Tan-Stevens



Lloyd Jenkins & Errol Stubblety



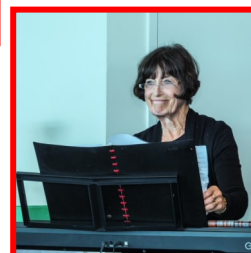
Bayside Notes Choir



Alan Stone & Rhonda Reed



Photos by Alan Stevens



Accompanist Gwen Rand

**Next General Meeting:**  
Tuesday January 17 10am  
Black Rock YC

**Keynote Speaker: Joy Meekings**  
**Topic: Ten Pound Pom plus Poems**

**10-Minute Talk:**  
**Duncan Gibson—My Love of Poetry**

Happy New Year To All



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Simon Appel OAM



Well! Here we are about to enter 2023 with lots of energy - and some recovery!

What a year we have endured. Our final event, the President's Christmas Lunch, was a great success, thanks to Geoff Bransbury and Kevin Reed. Highlights included Duncan Gibson presenting a work by our "resident" artist Derek Skues to Ken Beadle in recognition of his time with the bike riding group. Congratulations Ken!

Congratulations also to Derek Skues and the "Bayside Notes" choir. The choir sang a memorable song list, with accompanist Gwen Rand. Conductor Margie Beadle led the performance and added commentary along the way. The Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron venue was a success, combining excellent food, drinks and service. We now look forward to our January meeting, and to the coming social events in 2023.

On behalf of the Committee, I extend best wishes to Members and families for Christmas and the New Year. We hope it will be peaceful and Covid resistant.

**Simon Appel**  
President



Guest Speaker **David Brooks** tells us how he came to be living in Brighton, having been brought up in Lancashire (*More on p7*)

*Below:*  
**Geoff Bransbury and Geoff Cupples** in charge of the audio visuals in the absence of **Paul Crompton** at the meeting



10-minute speaker **David Rushworth** relates the history of the convict hulks at Hobson's Bay in the 19th century and their connection to one of his forefathers (*More on p7*)



*Above:*  
Treasurer **John Hewison**, President **Simon Appel** and Secretary **Garry Sebo**



*Above:*  
**John Pound** spruiking the features of the annual golf trip to Murray Downs



*Left*  
**David Rushworth** introduces new member **Geoff Abbott**, a Probus member from Main Ridge



*Above*  
Discussion Group co-ordinator **Barry Amond** extols the virtues of discussion and the program for 2023

# Activities

## Pub Lunch

Wednesday 25 January -12.30

Roger Wilson



We're not wasting any time with our happy social occasions and our very first pub lunch is on **Wednesday January 25** (Australia Day Eve – another reason to celebrate over a glass...or

two!). Cost \$35 payable to the Treasurer in advance. A pre-lunch drink and a coffee are all inclusive. So come along @ 12.30 to the Brighton Beach Hotel for an enjoyable get-together with members, wives and partners. Hope to see some new faces!

Click here to book

[A registration form for our Pub Lunch - Beaumaris Probus](#)

## Summer Tastes - Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Tuesday 28 February - 6.30 pm

Our most popular Tastes is now in its fifth year. Every year we've had great food in a lovely venue at a reasonable price. Over 80 attended last year! Delicious shared entrees and a choice of mains. Unique to this event is that a bottle of wine is INCLUDED per couple. If you have never been to Tastes, this is a MUST DO so please register. Cost \$65.00 pp (two course meal and a bottle of wine per two people).

Click here to book

[Booking form for Summer Tastes at Royal Brighton Yacht Club - Beaumaris Probus](#)



## Visit to Naked Racer, Moorabbin Air Museum and Lunch

Kevin Reed

Wednesday 15 February - 9.30

Meet at the Naked Racer, for coffee (included). This is a unique, quirky Café Restaurant with a huge and fascinating assembly of ancient modern motorcycles and is packed with an

eclectic mix of items. You will be amazed!



We then drive the half km to the Moorabbin Air Museum for a guided tour. It is home to 25 civilian and military airplanes and helicopters especially Australian-built planes including a Wirraway and Beaufighter. Some cockpits are fully accessible to visitors. We have lunch at the Flight Deck where you can

watch the runway action. There are many choices.

<https://flightdeckbar.com.au/>

Meet at Naked Racer at 9.30. 1 Grange Road, Cheltenham. (not far from DFO). Cost is \$15.00. Includes coffee at Naked Racer, Air Museum entry and guided tour. Lunch is extra.



Click here to book

[A booking form for visit to Naked Racer, Air Museum, Lunch 15th Feb - Beaumaris Probus](#)

## Synchrotron Tour

Ken Beadle

On the 7th December a group of us visited the Australian Synchrotron, one of only two facilities in the Southern Hemisphere. The Synchrotron attracts scientists from around the world and consequently the facility has paid for itself several times over. Electrons are accelerated to 99.999995% of the speed of light and energy from these are used for experiments in medicine e.g. Covid vaccines. **For those who missed out, a second tour is arranged for Wednesday 1st February, details of which will be advised in a flyer to be emailed in the next few days.**

[Visit to Australian Synchrotron - Beaumaris Probus](#)



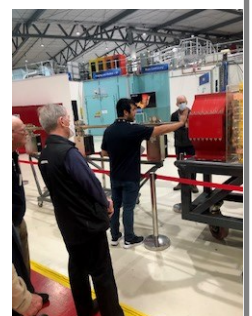
L to R: Tom Glass, Paul Crompton, Richard Wilson, Richard Phillips, David Rand, Tony Read, Rod Kelly, Geoff Tickner, Ken Beadle, Leon Laragy, Peter McGregor, Noel Ineson



A model of the Synchrotron which helps in understanding the works of the vast complex. L to R: Richard Wilson, David Rand, Tony Read,

Alan Stevens inspecting the elaborate insides of the Synchrotron as explained by the guide, Meysam "Sam" Firoozbah.

Photos: Alan Stevens





# of Interest

## Digital Technology

Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the Digital Technology group will be on **Tuesday 7 February at 2pm** and will be held at Barry Amond's house, 1 John St Beaumaris. Topics to be discussed will include Portable home energy storage units, Google's latest Pixel phones, How to know if your SIM card has been hacked, Ransomware attacks, Spam phone calls and Catphishing scams. If any member has an item they would like discussed please let me know on [geoffp.wade@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffp.wade@bigpond.com)

## PRISMS

Geoff Wade

The PRISMS whisky tasting group held its last meeting for 2022 on Tuesday 6 December when Alan Nash was a most convivial host. Four excellent whiskies were tasted followed by Alan's usual Christmas cheer of cheese and biscuits and an excellent Christmas cake. Alan advised that he could no longer continue as the convenor of the PRISMS group and the meeting appointed Geoff Wade to take over. He also announced that he would no longer be able to host the December gathering as he has done in the past.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4 April at 2pm** at the home of Roger Wilson.

## Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition - Season 2023

Leon Laragy

New Year's greetings fellow Probians. The AFL returns in March so it's time to focus on participating in our 2023 season's tipping competition! The competition is open to Members and wives/partners - playing individually or as a team.

The inaugural competition was a great success.

This year there will be a Footy Tipping Comp End of Season Grand Final Lunch! The Bridge Hotel has been booked for Wednesday in Grand Final week. The GF Lunch will be open to all Probians and their partners, however if numbers get tight, priority will be afforded to those who have participated in the season's travails!

Details on how the competition will run will be distributed via our website. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Cheers, Leon 0410 327 587 - [leonlaragy@gmail.com](mailto:leonlaragy@gmail.com)

## Birthday Boys – JANUARY

Marshall, Geoff	4
Harding, Tim	6
Knight, John	10
Sabin, Grant	11
McDonnell, Kevin	16
Sturrock, Jeff	16
Mason, Geoff	29



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## Discussion Group

Barry Amond

At our special meeting on **Friday 20 January at 2pm** we will discuss a range of topics with Martin Albrow, an old school friend who is in Melbourne for a week. He is an eminent UK professor of sociology with many references on the internet. He is well known for his views on globalisation, China and Integrity and has written a number of books.

## Bayside Notes Choir

Derek Skues

Those present at the President's Christmas Lunch welcomed the debut of the Bayside Notes Choir, a partnership between 17 Beaumaris Probus members and Bayside U3A. Seven members of Bayside also sang with the Beaumaris Community Choir on Christmas Eve.



Photo: Roger Wilson

Bayside Notes recommences practice on **Tuesday 31 January at 4.15 pm** at the Beaumaris Centre and welcomes any new members who would like to sing.

## Wine Appreciation Group

Roger Wilson OAM

Eight of our 16 members enjoyed a superb lunch at Fazio's with an excellent selection of 8 red wines, including two international wines. Judged No 1 was a Penfolds 2013 Bin 28 Shiraz, followed by a D'Arenberg 2017 "Dead Arm" Shiraz, and third was a Portuguese 2020 Cab Sav Syrah.

Our next wine tasting will be at Roger Wilson's home 35 Church Street Beaumaris on **Thursday 16 February at 2pm**, where we will raid again Roger's wine cellar for a range of red wines.



L to R: Howard Hoskins, Dick Kirby, Barry Amond, Tim Harding, Robert Lander, Garry Sebo, Geoff Bransbury, Roger Wilson

## Wine Discovery Group

Grant Sabin



Despite numbers being reduced due to Covid, Sam at Fazio's put on an extra special lunch with Sicilian wines at our end of year function on Dec 6. The highlight was the standing rib roast.

**Alan Stevens**

*Sam carving the rib roast at Fazio's while Grant Sabin looks on.*

## Functions and Activities



### Our President's Christmas Lunch - an event to remember

Geoff Bransbury

Our two major Club events in December and June are always joyous occasions which are attended by most Club members and partners. This year was special because it was our Club's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, because Ralph Butcher 104 years old attended and because it was the first time our new Choir, the Bayside Notes had performed.

Our bike group members made a special presentation of a painting to leader **Ken Beadle**. The painting was of Ken riding his bike and was done by **Derek Skues** who is also Choir master. Our 17 Choir members sang lustily and received an encore. The conductor was Margie Beadle and the accompanist Gwen Rand. President Simon presented flowers in appreciation. Having so many of our members singing made the event inclusive.

Our free raffle was organised by Kevin and Rhonda Reed. Presents were beautifully presented. Allan Stone walked away with the main prize. Lucky Allan. It was held at Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron which is a beautiful venue. *(More photos on p1)*



*Derek Skues, Ken White and Ken Beadle*

### Visit to Beleura, Mornington Tuesday 28 March

Kevin Reed

Our visit to BELEURA on March 28 has something for the art, theatre and music lover, historian, and gardener. The state-listed property was home to successive generations of distinguished Australians over 160 years. It is exceptional for its fine Joseph Reed architecture and 12 acre garden and for revealing the life of its last owner. Its 25,000 piece collection reflects the taste of Sir George and Lady Tallis and their composer son, John. Their stewardship of the JC Williamson entertainment empire, afforded them the means to create a peaceful place to house their renowned collection.



Beleura dates from 1863. John Tallis spent his life preserving Beleura and left his estate to the people of Victoria for their education and enjoyment. The House remains as it was in his time, including his collection of artworks, books and automobiles. More recently Beleura built further collections - one of fine musical instruments and the other, a treasury of ceramic art by Klytie Pate.



By 9:45am we are asked to park in the Visitors Carpark of Mornington Golf Club, gather in the clubhouse foyer for a bus transfer and after morning tea, we can join either the house or garden guided tour which ends at 12:30. After we shall lunch at 'Kirk's on the Esplanade', Mornington. Cost of bus, entry, guided tour and morning tea is \$35 pp. Lunch to be paid separately. **Final numbers need to be in by Tuesday, March 14**



<https://www.beaumarisprobus.org.au/visit-to-beleura-mornington-and-lunch/>



# Identity



## Tastes at Sazio's



*Is Paul Crompton about to receive one of the Australian Open trophies at the Victoria Golf Club??*

*The Bike Group on their December Bayside ride. L to R: Rob Kerr, Ken Beadle, Geoff Carlson, Geoff Bransbury, Richard Phillips, Duncan Gibson*

The multit talented **Derek Skues** (Probus Choir convenor) is also an artist and a member of the Elgin Artists who, along with 14 fellow members, recently held an exhibition of 130 works in their new studio at 10 Elgin Place, Hawthorn.

Included in Derek's works are paintings based on his weekly ride with the Bike Group, half of which are along the cycle path from Black Rock to St Kilda. In his paintings, not only does Derek capture the joy of cycling, but also the familiar landmarks, cyclists, pedestrians and the variety of urban landscape encountered along the way.

To find out more about Derek's work and the Elgin Artists visit their homepage [www.elginartist.com](http://www.elginartist.com)



*L to R: Robert Kerr,  
Derek Skues, Ken Beadle  
and Geoff Bransbury at  
the Exhibition*



*Some of Derek's paintings*



*Bike Group L to R: Martyn Pickersgill, Rob Kerr, Geoff Bransbury, Duncan Gibson, John Pound, Ken Beadle, Geoff Carlson, Derek Skues*

It is not always possible to identify everybody in a photo. Be assured no favouritism intended. Ed.



# Guest Speakers

## David Brooks "Brooksy" - November 2022



"Australia is the best country in the world!". So said , our Guest Speaker for November. He delivered a humorous presentation with lots of reflections on early days in Great Britain, and amazing discoveries and exploits in Australia.

Born in Bury, Lancashire, in 1953, David travelled to Australia to expand his soccer ambitions with Ringwood Wilhelmina. His early days in Bury included playing soccer against the great Bobby Charlton. David compared Australia's lifestyle with that of Great Britain, calling Australia "the home of the holiday". He said "Where else would one enjoy a holiday for a horse race, and a holiday for a Grand Final football match both with added days making for a long weekend?". David compared a Blackpool crowded beach (and rain) with Australia's wide open, and sunny beaches. Adding to his exploits in Australia, and while a successful soccer player, David joined a singing group, featuring on Red Faces, produced a beer commercial and produced recordings featuring on pop music charts. He participated as an "iceberger" at Brighton beach (and froze).

David's Australian early arrival memories included his first steak dinner (almost an annual event in Bury), his first shower, and his first real bath! David then concluded with a brief reflection on the growth of Brighton, Black Rock and Beaumaris with reference to the Dendy and Were families, both with large landholdings. David believes Australia is "the Land of Opportunity".

Simon Appel

In his 10-minute talk in November, **David Rushworth** traced the history of his family - from the lawlessness associated with the gold rushes to respectability. In December 1851 there were only 29 people in prison in Victoria; two years later there were 955. Gold had lured to Victoria ex convicts and escapees from NSW and Van Diemen's land. Melbourne gaol was soon overwhelmed, and the overflow first went to Pentridge.

The government had been buying ships to house prisoners. Five hulks fitted out with cells were moored off Port Gellibrand at Williamstown. The hulks *Success* and *President* were punishment prisons. The first Pentridge boss, Samuel Barrow, declared he wanted the experience of the hulks to forge a "wholesome terror in the minds of prisoners".

Most of the hulks were broken up by 1885 apart from the *Success* which was sailed away by dodgy entrepreneurs who made big money by exhibiting her around the world tricked up with tall tales. The *Success* hoax went on until an arsonist burnt her to the waterline in Lake Erie Cove Ohio in 1946.

IN 1852 Henry Rushworth, my Great Grandfather, arrived in the colony, from London, on the good ship *Kent* with his wife Maria Rosa and in 1854 their daughter Florence Agnes was born. He was 21 and on her birth certificate his profession was listed as 3rd Officer HM Hulk *President*. He moved on from the hulks and eventually became Chief Clerk of the Courts in the colony of Victoria, admired and respected by all who knew him.



Peter McGregor

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