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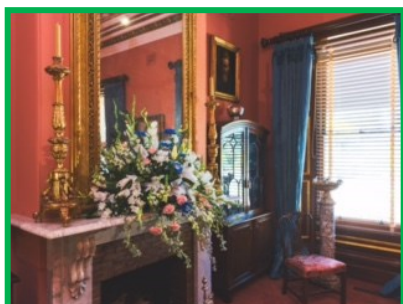
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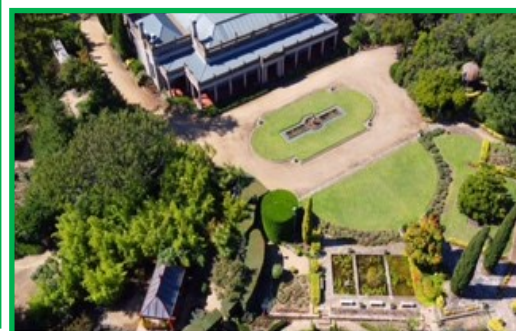
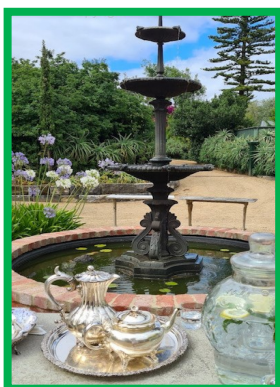
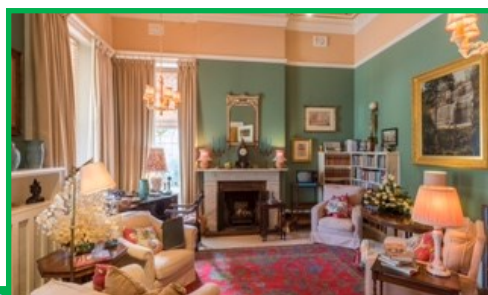
February 2023



Beleura

Tuesday 28 March

(details on p5)



Next General Meeting

Tuesday 21 February @ 10am
Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Tim Costello
Topic: The Impact of Gambling on Communities

10-Minute Talk: Tim Harding: Geoff Taylor:
WW2 Bomber Pilot, POW and Author



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Simon Appel OAM



A hot beginning to our 2023 year for our January meeting. It was pleasing to see many members, and guests, attending. Many also stayed for the lunch. We have registered our disappointment at the late serving of lunch and hope that will improve.

I announced the elevation of Rod Hammond to the Committee as newly "installed" Vice President. Rod has a fast-learning curve before his installation as our President at the March AGM. I urge Members to say "hello" to Rod whenever possible.

We greatly enjoyed our two "poetic" speakers in January. Duncan Gibson excelled with his renditions, references and experiences with poetry. We then received a presentation from Joy Meekings as "The ten-pound Pom and Poems". Reflecting on her airline journey from England to Australia, to her first accommodation at Kings Cross then Double Bay, Joy detailed the confrontations experienced by such a young (20 years old) Pom. (*see speaker summaries p7*)

The Club activities have begun in earnest and I encourage members to view our web page for upcoming events. I look forward to welcoming all at our next meeting on **February 21**.

Simon Appel
President.

CONGRATULATIONS

ALAN FARMER OAM

Our own Alan Farmer has been honoured with an OAM for service to Community Health. Alan has been a member of Beaumaris Probus since 2004. He was a very active Functions Co-ordinator in 2008-9 and President in 2011. During those years, he initiated the Candlelight Dinner which is now a signature part of the Club each year and is attended by a large number of members. After a 10-minute talk by Barry Amond and a demonstration by Alan in which he introduced members to something called an i-pad, he suggested the Club initiate a Digital Technology Interest Group - which began under Geoff Wade's stewardship in 2011. Alan was instrumental in broadening the Club's golf program post-Howlong: an annual trip for members and partners, an annual Golf Day at a metropolitan club and the annual challenge (he likes to call the Victoria Cup - even though it isn't a cup.) He was also the instigator of the Bridge group at Victoria Golf Club which boasts about 30 players and includes many members of the Club (and others). During the period when Beaumaris Probus' traditional home at the RSL was deemed unsuitable, Alan took a leading role in establishing the Club at the Sandringham Club. Both Alan and wife Robyn have been consistent participants in regular Club functions such as the Music Group and Tastes (since its inception in 2008) as well as a frequent participant in the Discussion Groups. A tireless advocate for Probus for 15 years, Alan has also been active in recruiting new members for the Club, introducing more members to the Club than anyone else in its history.



Alan Farmer and his wife Robyn

Peter McGregor

Birthday Boys – FEBRUARY

HARDY, Tony	2
SYMON, Graham *	6 (90th)
REHDER, Ingo	7
KIRBY, Dick	9
NAYLOR, Keith	15
CROMPTON, Paul	18
VIAL, Russ	19
SEBO, Garry	21
McLEAN, Lachlan *	25 (80th)
HARFORD, Peter	27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

And apologies to:
LARAGY, Leon 28
GREEN, John 31

Who missed out on their birthday mention in January. So here's a special cheer for you both.

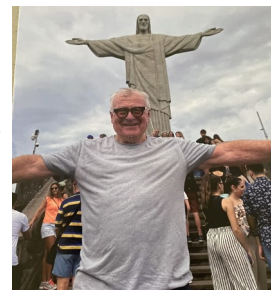


Vale

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Garry Larkin on January 17, aged 78. Garry became a



member of Beaumaris Probus in 2017 and participated regularly in various club activities and functions. Garry was also a 50 year member at Kingston Heath and a long time member of Brighton and Sorrento Icebergers. RIP Garry



of Interest

Wine Discovery Group

Grant Sabin

Grant Sabin will be hosting the next Wine Discovery Group on **Wednesday February 22 at 2pm** and will feature this exciting selection of Tasmanian Sparklings.

1. Devil's Corner NV Premium Cuvee
2. Distant South - Chardonnay Pino Noir
3. Janz NV Premium Cuvee
4. Josef Chromy - Pepik NV Premium Cuvee
5. Pirie NV Premium Cuvee



The following Wine Discovery Group tasting is on **Wednesday 26 April**, hosted by Bob and Tina Wigg and featuring South African reds. For more 2023 Wine Discovery Group sessions refer to the Activities Planner on the Probus website.

Science Group

Grant Sabin

Ninety articles have been dispatched to members of the Science Group, since the first e-mail on 19 September 2021. Most articles are of a scientific nature with a leaning towards meteorology, climate, etc. Well that's because Grant's a meteorologist. However we do mix things up like Article 88, which was on the life of Elvis Presley. If anyone wants to be on the receiving end, just send an e-mail to Grant Sabin and he'll add you in.

Wine Appreciation Group

Roger Wilson OAM

Wine Appreciation members are going to "raid" Roger Wilson's wine cellar, tasting red wines up to 20 years old at 35 Church Street Beaumaris on **Thursday 16 February at 2pm**. Should be a lot of fun!

Choir

Derek Skues

Following previous advice that the Bayside Notes Choir was to recommence rehearsals next Tuesday 31 January I write to advise that this is now not possible as I have not been able to find an accompanist who is available at the time that suited our prospective conductor, Jill Page. We now have the opportunity to join another existing choir that rehearses at 7.30 pm each Tuesday evening at the nearby Beaumaris Community Centre Hall attached to the Library. They are the Vocally Wild Choir who welcomes our group with open arms, particularly as they are short of male voices. They describe themselves as follows:

Vocally Wild is a successful, long-standing, independent mixed community choir where the love and joy of music is experienced by a friendly, cohesive group of singers who create delightful harmony in a supportive environment. We are privileged to be led by Music Director, Bill Miles and accompanied by pianist, Emma Lippa. The choir sings in three, four and five part harmony, Soprano (first and second), Alto, Tenor and Bass. Newcomers to the choir usually find it easy to find the part to suit their voices.

However, Vocally Wild charges a fee to cover the cost of the Musical Director, Accompanist and administration of the choir, which is \$240 for the half year semester. In order to make the transition more affordable we are able to initially offer a 50% subsidy for this fee as a result of our Bayside Council Community Grant. The first rehearsal for 2023 is to take place from **7.30 to 9.30 pm on Tuesday 7 February** at which prospective choir members can "try before they buy". I encourage you to at least come to this rehearsal. We are requested to bring our own mug for a tea and coffee break.

I should be grateful if you would return your sheet music folders to me on that night or to the Beaumaris Seniors Centre.

Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson OAM

After a very successful Pub Lunch at Brighton Beach Hotel on 25th January, our next Pub Lunch is at the **Bridge Hotel Mordialloc on Thursday 9 March at 12 noon**. Cost is only \$30 pp for a pre lunch drink, choice of five mains and coffee to finish. A great fun day, so why not join us.

Click here for booking

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

Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition - Season 2023

Leon Laragy

March heralds the return of the AFL - It's time to get moving! The competition is open to Members and wives/partners - playing individually or as a team - fee is \$30 This year a special End of Season/Grand Final Lunch will be held at the Bridge Hotel in Grand Final week - a 'blockbuster' celebration of the AFL's big day and, more importantly, an event to royally recognise participants' tipping achievements!! If you did not play last year and want to join in, copy the following link into your Internet Browser and follow the instructions on the ESPNfootytips website:

https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/BP_AFL_Tipping_Comp?p=Probus1965

Also, if you know someone who might join our club, please invite them to participate in our tipping comp - please send them the above link. The more the merrier! (BTW, pls let me know).

Cheers, Leon 0410 327 587 - leonlaragy@gmail.com

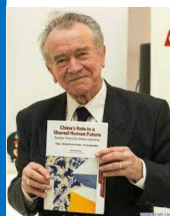
Member Register

The member register which can be accessed from the members' section of the website, is undergoing its annual major review. All members are requested to check their respective entries and advise of any amendments they would like done. Notification should be to geoffp.wade@bigpond.com

Geoff Wade

Discussion Group

Barry Amond



Words can hardly describe the meeting we had in January. Prof Martin Albrow, who had earlier attended the monthly meeting, provided us with a wealth of knowledge and opinion on the topics covered. He first described his career as an eminent sociologist and explained that, quite simply, it's a study of society. Moving on to Globalisation he explained that he was one of the first to talk about it and had written 'The Global Age' in 1996. He felt that we are now moving into the Digital Age. He is an expert on China with two books published. He understood our concern about China's influence but is not convinced that we need worry too much. Martin answered questions thoughtfully and impressed us with his grasp of history and how society has evolved. At 85 he's writing yet another book on Integrity and beyond that has another in mind! At our meeting on **February 14 at 2pm** we are going to recap the discussion with Martin and will then explore New Zealand's future. Time will be set aside for other current issues.

Activities

Visit to Naked Racer, Moorabbin Air Museum and Lunch
Wednesday 15 February - 9.30

Kevin Reed



You don't have to be a motorcycle enthusiast (or naked!) to enjoy this unique, impressive and 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!

Meet at the Naked Racer, for coffee (included). 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

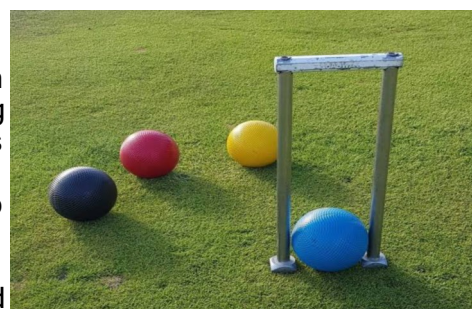
[A booking form for visit to Naked Racer, Air Museum, Lunch 15th Feb - Beaumaris Probus](#)

Annual Croquet Event and BBQ

Friday March 17 at Sandringham Croquet Club, opposite the Sandringham Club
4.30—9.00pm

Come along to one of the best events of the year. Set in a lovely location, the event offers lots of fun, great food and company.

This year it falls on **St Patrick's Day** so dig out any of your green attire and join in the fun. You can either play or just come along and enjoy what's on offer. If you play, a unique competition has been especially designed just for us. Don't be put off if you haven't played croquet. Helpers will be there to show you what to do, and even how to correctly hold the mallet.



We have a delicious BBQ cooked by Chef de BBQ Howard Hoskins, plus salads and delicious desserts. Arrive at or before

4.30 for a practice. Bring an Eskey with ice for your drinks and an umbrella if it's hot. Only \$35.00. This covers the Croquet and food. BYO drinks. Maximum 40 persons.



To register click here

[A Registration form for Croquet Social Event and BBQ Dinner - Beaumaris Probus](#)

Functions and Activities

Summer Tastes - Royal Brighton Yacht Club Tuesday 28 February - 6.30 pm

Geoff Bransbury

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 Beleura, Mornington Tuesday 28 March

Kevin Reed



Relive the past gracious living in our visit to BELEURA on **March 28** which offers 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.

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

Click here to book

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



Identity

**Pub Lunch
Wednesday 25 January**



L to R John Knight, Russel Vial, Bob Toogood and Howard Hoskins (front right)



Roger Wilson and James Long



Maureen Flude and Helene Knight



*Monthly winner Colin Neave accepting trophy from Peter Morgan at Kingston Heath GC on **January 20** after winning the 9 hole event twice in a row with 18 pts . Runner up was Roger Wilson with 17pts*



Vivienne Fry and Tina Wigg



Bob Toogood and James Long



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Howard Hoskins



Above: L to R Barry Amond, Simon Appel, Tony Bowles, Dick Kirby, Bob Wigg, Tim Harding and John Beaty.



***January Discussion Group.** L to R: Roger Wilson,, John Opie, Rod Murrell, Martin Albrow, John Fisher, Ken Beadle (standing), Philip Stewart, Bill Cruthers, Leon Laragy. Photo by Barry Amond*

Guest Speakers

Joy Meekings—Keynote Speaker Tuesday 17 January, 2023

A Ten Pound Pom

Joy Meekings has been in Australia for more than 50 years but how she got here made for an interesting presentation. It all started in the UK when she was just 20 and she read about the opportunity to migrate to Australia for just 10 pounds. After ringing Australia House to get more information and telling her shocked parents what she was going to do on her own, she left Heathrow on a 727 bound for Sydney.

But first there was the 16-hour leg to Paris, Rome, Dubai, and Bombay (the latter two bristling with military), then on to Singapore and then to the tin shed that was Darwin. Eventually she reached Brisbane and Sydney. Australia House had very kindly booked her accommodation which, when she arrived in Kings' Cross, was hardly to her liking.

Fortunately she had made the acquaintance of a young Aussie woman on the flight who had shared her phone number - which she promptly rang to get her out of there and moved to Rose Bay. From those days in the 1970s, she has never looked back.



Peter McGregor

Duncan Gibson—10 Minute Talk Tuesday 17 January, 2023

Passion for Poetry

Duncan Gibson's brief 10-minute talk on his love of poetry (subtitled 'How I got to be addicted') covered a wide range of British poets from Masfield, Milton, Burns and Yeats to Australia's Banjo Paterson and the legendary American Emily Dickinson. Duncan said he got interested in poetry because of its wisdom and guidance, always curious about what the poet was actually trying to say.

Some of the Scots in his audience were fired up by his inclusion of Burns' poetry with his apparent contempt for pomposity, but especially his strong dislike of the aristocrats who owned much of the land in his native Scotland. Paterson on the other hand, writing from his 'dingy' desk longed to 'be with Clancy', driving along the Cooper, where he 'sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended'. It was obvious that Duncan enjoyed his passion for poetry.



Peter McGregor

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