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Next General Meeting
Tuesday 18 April @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Chris Renwick AM Topic: The Great War 1914-1918

10-Minute Talk: John Beaty OBE - My Time in Cyprus with the Army

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



Greetings Probians from your new President.

I am sorry to have missed my induction in person, but pleased to hear of the recognition of our committee retirees. They have made major contributions to our Club and I am pleased to know Alan Stevens and Geoff Bransbury will continue with their portfolios, while retiring from Committee workings. Special mention has been made of Peter McGregor's work over many years, especially his editing and production of our Newsletter. I am confident Vivienne Fry will maintain the high standard of future Newsletter editions.

I now look forward to working with the Committee and all Members as we traverse the 2023-2024 year, which includes a revamp and extension of the website with greater security for payments and passwords - this will take about six months.

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Photo courtesy of Geoff Cupples' video recording

I have a number of interesting speakers in line with the first being Chris Renwick. Your Guest Speaker for March Terry Earle, delivered a most interesting presentation on his background in Aboriginal communities, his further experience in corporate banking and his current involvement in the promotion of Indigenous art. Since a gallery owner, Terry now portrays his collection online. (See full report p7)

And special thanks to Geoff, Ken, Howard and other helpers for making the recent Croquet Day such a success, aided by perfect weather.

#### Rod Hammond

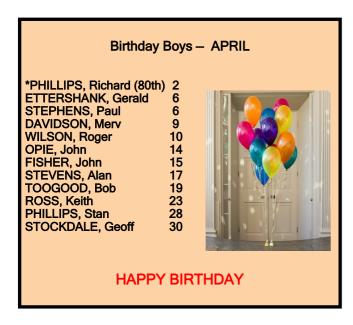




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Masthead photo of Rod Hammond by Garry Sebo

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# of Interest

#### **PRISMS**

#### **Geoff Wade**

The next meeting of PRISMS (Probians Responsibly Investigating Single Malt Scotch) will be held on Tuesday 4 April at 2 pm at Roger Wilson's residence, 35 Church St Beaumaris. Those delegated to provide bottles are Barry Amond, John Opie, Alan Nash and Geoff Wade.

#### **Discussion Group**

#### **Barry Amond**

On **Tuesday 11 April** at **2pm** some topics have been suggested by ChatGPT. It has also given its opinion on how we retirees should live our lives. Yes, the next digital phase has arrived and I'll send details to members before the meeting!

In March we enjoyed sharing stories about cars we had owned and then debated the pros and cons of electric vehicles before agreeing that their spread is unstoppable whatever the merits.

#### Wine Discovery Group

#### **Grant Sabin**

The Wine Discovery Group plans to hold its next session at **2pm** on **26 April** at Bob Wigg's place. It was a challenge finding 5 South African red wines. Obviously South Africa is not big on exporting their wine to Australia. They've been making wine ever since the Dutch first settled there, about 500 years ago I believe. The famous South African Grape is the Pinotage. The Pinotage PIN-ə-tahzh is a red wine grape that is South Africa's signature variety. It was cultivated there in 1925 as a cross between Pinot noir and Cinsaut.

#### Wine Appreciation

#### Roger Wilson OAM

Our next Wine Appreciation Group Lunch is at **The Steak Bank Ormond** on **Friday 28 April at 12 noon**. Members are to bring their own bottle of red wine to savour with a juicy steak lunch!

#### **Digital Technology**

#### **Geoff Wade**

The Digital Technology group will meet at the home of Barry Amond, 1 John Street, Beaumaris at **2 pm** on **Tuesday 2 May.** 

A feature of that meeting will be a discussion of Artificial Intelligence and its ramifications. If members have other topics they would like discussed, please advise Geoff Wade at <a href="mailto:qeoffp.wade@bigpond.com">qeoffp.wade@bigpond.com</a>.

#### **Science Group**

#### **Grant Sabin**

The Science Group has almost been dormant over the last month, as a result of the lack of applicable articles. However there was a fun one - 'Confucius did not say that'.

#### ADVICE FROM THE SECRETARY: CORRESPONDENCE FROM PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC LIMITED (PSPL)

#### **Greetings Beaumaris Probians**

Each month I receive a number of items of correspondence from PSPL. These items fall into two main categories - PSPL publications such as 'Active Retirees' and 'Staying Connected', and offers from PSPL partners such as travel companies, wine distributors and providers of hearing tests and hearing aids. The correspondence in the first category is distributed to our members by email by Geoff Wade. The correspondence in the second category is no longer distributed as a number of members complained about receiving it.

Nevertheless, some members may find some of the second category correspondence to be of interest. Rather than bombard all of our members with numerous emails enclosing all of this correspondence, your Committee has decided that it should all be loaded on to the Club website where interested members can view it at their leisure.

The correspondence in the first category will continue to be distributed to our members by email from Geoff Wade. I hope this new system will satisfy the needs of all members. If it doesn't, please let me know.

#### Garry Sebo AM Secretary

#### New Sunday Music Groups

**Barry Amond** 

From 2000 to 2020 the Club's music, opera and jazz groups met on over 100 evenings with an average attendance of about 30.



There is a long description under Interest Groups on the website. It is now proposed to re-establish it with smaller groups of members and partners meeting for about two hours on Sunday afternoons during the cooler months. They will view video excerpts of music ranging from classical to jazz played by some of YouTube's best artists and in the interval there will be a light afternoon tea.

If you are interested please let me know and I'll provide more details when I know the numbers.

#### Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition Season 2023 Leon Laragy

We have 28 participants this season - to see how we are travelling <u>click here</u>

Each fortnight during the season, one of Paul Crompton's superb water colours of the twelve original clubs will be published on our website. To see the latest painting and all previously published paintings click here

### Functions and Activities

#### Tastes at Fazio's 462 Hampton Street

Tuesday 9 May at 6.30

This is a terrific Sicilian restaurant, well known to the wine groups. We will have a THREE course dinner with wines especially selected by Geoff and sold at our Tastes price of \$15.00 per bottle. Cost is just \$55.00 pp. .

Click here to book

Booking form for Tastes Fazio's Hampton Street - Beaumaris Probus



#### **Pub Lunch at the Marine Hotel Brighton**

Roger Wilson OAM



This recently renovated iconic hotel at 215 New Street Brighton, established in 1856, offers a classy ambience in the lovely dining room for our Pub Lunch on **Thursday 25 May** at **12 noon**. On-site and off street parking is available. There is a choice of 5 mains. Come and join us with your wives/partners. Cost is \$35 pp. Please pay the Treasurer.

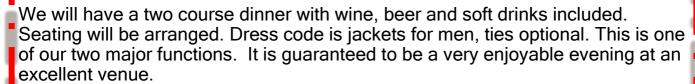
Click here to book

A registration form for our Pub Lunch - Beaumaris Probus

## CANDLELIGHT DINNER AT VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 27 June - 6.30 for 7.00

President Rod Hammond invites all members and wives or partners to join him at our mid-year when we return to Victoria Golf Club.





The cost this year is \$90.00 pp. Please pay the Treasurer.

Click here to book

A Registration form for our Annual Candlelight Dinner - Beaumaris Probus



## **Activities**

#### Murray Downs 3 Day Golf Event

Wednesday 19 – Saturday 22 April

## \*\*\*A Vacancy for one couple for our golf trip to Murray Downs has become available\*\*\*

The event comprises two Stableford competitions, a putting competition, a first night meet and greet BBQ, and a final night dinner with presentation of prizes. The Resort offers good accommodation, a great golf course, a good restaurant, and the ability to use the golf course on all days including departure day. Cost varies from \$1106 to \$1034, dependent upon whether both partners, or only one play golf.

If interested, please contact John Pound on 0414 251 292 or jaypound@hotmail.com

#### Victoria Cup - Golf "Pairs" Event Friday 12 May Patterson River Golf Club

The contest for the Victoria Cup will be held at the Patterson River Golf Club, the Fairway, Bonbeach on **Friday 12 May**, with first hit off at **12 noon**.



It is open to all Beaumaris Probus members who hold a current Golf Australia handicap.

It is a pairs event (4 ball better ball Stableford), and most pairs will be from the same club, but if needed we will form pairs of players from different clubs, so that everybody who wishes to, can join in the event. It there is an uneven number of entrants, we will have one group of 3 with the lowest handicap player teaming with both of the other players.

Register by using the entry form on this site. Please indicate if a cart is required. Nominate a partner if this has been arranged. To register <u>click here</u>

Anticipated cost per player is \$85 which covers green fees, prizes and engraving of the trophy.

Any queries contact Garry Bradd 0418 107 800

#### Croquet event a great success



It was our seventh Croquet Event and perhaps the best ever. 36 players played for the Trophy but only one "pair" could win. Congratulations to Vivienne Fry and Ian Marchment.

The weather was perfect and the food superb. Our Chef was Howard Hoskins. We had a BBQ with lamb chops, salads and delicious desserts. If you didn't come, maybe join us next year.

Thanks to Leon and Michele Laragy, Ken and Margie Beadle and Derek and Deb Skues for your help.

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# Identity









Croquet March 17



















## **Guest Speakers**

#### **Terry Earle March 2023**

#### Simon Appel

Terry delivered a most interesting history and art presentation to our March Meeting. Born in the Upper Eyre Peninsula he grew up on an Aboriginal Reserve, Point Pearce on York Peninsula in South Australia. His father was a farming manager, and coached the Aboriginal football team. Terry was educated at a boarding school in Adelaide. He joined the ANZ bank at Maitland and continued a long career at ANZ, coming to Melbourne in 1975. Terry established "Without Pier" gallery in Sandringham in 1975, specialising in Aboriginal art and craft including Indigenous art. He transformed the gallery to a Pop-up model when COVID broke.

Terry's presentation educated Members on the importance of story-telling, evident in Indigenous art. Unable to <u>write</u> their history, Indigenous artists portrayed their history in paintings and carvings. Terry will move back to South Australia mid this year after 53 years in Melbourne.

#### JOURNEY of the BROLGA i BRP0522 30 x 30cm Acrylic on canvas

The story begins at the Mutitjulu waterhole and ends at Gardangarl, an island in the Top End Sea.

Purrula travelled from the desert to the sea to be with her one true love and the Brolga led her through the harsh terrains of the desert

Bronwyn Raven Purrula Liddle Arunda - Northern Territory





Courtesy of Terry Earle Without Pier Gallery

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