



NEWSLETTER

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Robert Kerr arriving for 1st changeover



The "Beauy Bikers" Team L to R Duncan Gibson, Geoff Bransbury, Robert Kerr, Geoff Carlson, Jim Duggan, Martyn Pickersgill, Ken Beadle, Derek Skues

1st changeover: Robert Kerr to Jim Duggan



2nd handover: Jim Duggan to Ken Beadle



3rd handover: Ken Beadle to Geoff Bransbury



6th handover: Martyn Pickersgill to Duncan Gibson



5th handover: Derek Skues to Martin Pickersgill

Photos by Geoff Bransbury and Robert Kerr. Report on p3 and more photos on the Website

Next General Meeting
Tuesday 16 May @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Bruce Green

Topic: My Time at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club

10-Minute Talk: Geoff Abbott on Nuclear Powered Submarines

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



With April being the month we remember those who served in our armed forces, I sought military themes for speakers at our meeting. Ten-minute speaker John Beaty OBE gave us a fascinating account of his time in Cyprus in the army and indicated he felt more under threat of ambush there than anywhere else he had been, including during the "troubles" in Northern Ireland. Our very own Chris Renwick delivered a short history of World War One, including many little-known facts and statistics. It was well researched and just as worthy as anything written by Geoffrey Blainey - well worth a view on our website.

Black Rock Yacht Club has a less than satisfactory sound system, especially as speakers move around - we are investigating the purchase of a lapel microphone which will be compatible with the existing system, the advantage being it never leaves the speaker as they move around.

Despite the huge amount of time and effort that Derek Skues put into our choir, due to a number of factors, it has not been the success hoped for and has had to be disbanded.

The committee has commenced research into the level of attendance at functions and events. Whilst the Candlelight dinner, President's Lunch and Tastes are all well supported, other events vary, and we are seeking any themes to help with future planning.

Our guest speaker for May will be Bruce Green who was Head Professional at Royal Melbourne Golf Club for forty years and has rubbed shoulders with many world-famous golfers over that time. No doubt he will have some interesting inside stories for our enlightenment.

Rod Hammond



Induction of new member Guy Pianella. Photos by Alan Stevens



John Beaty OBE delivering his 10min Talk



Chris Renwick delivering the main Presentation

Birthday Boys – MAY

KELLY, Rod	1
AMOND, Barry	4
LOBB, Don	5
REED, Kevin	7
DAVEY, Brian	10
CARSON, John	12
SKUES, Derek	14
PICKERSGILL, Martyn	24
HAMMOND, Roderick	27



****80** Congratulations Don!!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The new Committee: L to R John Hewison, Simon Appel OAM, Rod Hammond, David Rushworth, Garry Sebo AM, Roger Wilson OAM, Leon Laragy. Absent Kevin Reed, Geoff Carlson, Keith Ross.

of Interest

TEAM CHALLENGE RELAY23

Carry the baton for disadvantaged kids.

25th MARCH - 2nd APRIL 2023



Scan to register



Team Challenge Relay23 raises funds to help disadvantaged kids be involved in team and other sports. The **Bike Group** recently participated in this under the guise of the "**Beauy Bikers**". We added this relay to our regular Friday morning ride, this time to Carrum. Merri and Geoff Bransbury provided a 'quirky' baton which was passed from one rider to the other during the ride. These change-overs took place at locations when we stop to cross roads etc. The whole event raised \$75,000 and we were pleased to have made our contribution to a fun event.

Robert Kerr

PRISMs

Geoff Wade

The PRISMs group met at Roger Wilson's on **Tuesday 4 April** and sampled four quite different single malt whiskys although two were from the island of Islay.

During the meeting there was significant discussion regarding the "restriction" to investigating only single malt whiskys from Scotland as the name of the group includes "scotch" which is synonymous with scottish whisky. Single malt whiskys are produced all over the world and sometimes they actually are awarded the prize as the best single malt for a particular year. In fact, a whisky from Tasmania achieved that distinction a few years ago. Thus it was agreed that we would broaden our investigations to allow one international single malt per meeting. That may not occur each meeting depending on the wishes of the bottle bringers.

To achieve this change in our procedures, we are considering changing the name of the group to **Probian's Responsibly Investigating Single Malts**, hence the small "s" at the end of the acronym **PRISMs**.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1 August** at the home of John Howe.

Discussion

Barry Amond

At the May meeting on **Tuesday 9 at 2pm** there will be several current topics including Aboriginal Art, Green Hydrogen and the Coronation. We'll also leave time to pay tribute to Barry Humphries.

In April we could only begin to touch on the future world of AI chatbots but discussed ChatGPT's suggestions for discussion topics and activities for retirees. It was agreed that the Club's retirement records checklist should be updated.

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](#)

Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition Season 2023

Leon Laragy

We have 28 participants this season - to see how we are travelling [click here](#)



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](#)

The Science Group became a bit more active with articles regarding the eclipse and research breakthrough regarding green hydrogen. Also an amazing article about men working in stupid and dangerous situations.

Grant Sabin

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 geoffp.wade@bigpond.com.

The Wine Discovery Group held our second discovery session for the year on **Wednesday 26 April** hosted by **Bob and Tina Wigg**.

We tasted 6 different red wines from South Africa - wines we'd never tasted or heard of, with the exception of Bob who spent 2 months travelling in South Africa. So we were lucky to have him as our adviser.

Grant Sabin

Sunday Music

Barry Amond

35 members and partners have signed up for the music afternoons and will be allocated to the first program's dates of **21 May** and **4 June**.

Functions and Activities



Candlelight Dinner at Victoria Golf Club

Tuesday 27th June – 6.30 for 7.00

We always try to make our Candlelight Dinner special and this year is no exception.

We have arranged a wonderful singer who will entertain us with gems by Edith Piaf, Cole Porter and other vintage classics of the 40's, 50's and 60's. Jennifer Salisbury's website describes her as the enchanting songstress who weaves her smoky jazz vocals and lively swing stylings with class, glamour and sophistication. Featuring Mark Morand on guitar who has been described as a "truly authentic jazz guitarist".



Arrive for drinks followed by a two course dinner. Wine beer and soft drinks included. Seating will be arranged. Dress code is jackets for men, ties optional. It will be a great evening at an excellent venue. 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](#)



Tastes at Fazio's 462 Hampton Street *LAST CALL*****

Tuesday 9 May at 6.30pm

This is a terrific Sicilian restaurant, well known to the wine groups. We will have a THREE course dinner with wines especially selected and purchased when on special and sold at a price of \$15.00 per bottle which is mostly below their value! Cost is just \$55.00 pp. Please pay the Treasurer.



Click here to book

[Booking form for Tastes Fazio's Hampton Street - Beaumaris Probus](#)

Activities



Summer of the Seventeenth Doll, by Ray Lawler

Mordialloc Theatre 64 Parkers Road, Parkdale

Opening Night Friday 16 June at 8pm

The most famous Australian play and one of the best loved, *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* is a tragicomic story. A beautifully observed, humorous, and poignant play. Ray Lawler's much loved tale of two Queensland cane cutters who for 16 years have worked up north in the brutal cane fields and travelled back to Melbourne to meet up for five months of partying and romance with their barmaid girlfriends.

Tickets have been reserved. **Just \$22 pp which includes tea/coffee at interval and supper after the show. Please book early so we have some idea of numbers.**

Click here to book

[Booking form for Summer of the Seventeenth Doll - Beaumaris Probus](#)

Visit on Thursday 22 June to the NGV Winter Masterpieces Exhibition 2023 - Pierre Bonnard

Pierre Bonnard is one of the most loved painters of the 20th century, celebrated for his use of colour to convey an exquisite sense of emotion. His close friend Henri Matisse declared that Bonnard was "a great painter, for today and definitely for the future". The exhibition features more than 100 works by Bonnard presented within a contemporary scenography by India Madavi.



Our visit will start with a 30minute illustrated talk by a gallery guide covering the key themes of the exhibition after which we will enter the exhibition. Meet at the north entrance of the St Kilda Road gallery (next to the Theatres building) at **10.20am for entry to the lecture theatre for the talk at 10.30am**. After viewing the exhibition, those wishing to have lunch will meet at 12noon in the first floor Tearoom, our usual venue for lunches at NGV.

The cost for the visit is **\$39 per person which covers the talk and exhibition entry. Please register now and pay no later than June 12 to meet the deadline for tickets purchase.** When registering online, please advise if you will be staying for lunch. Any queries to **Ken Beadle 0412 286 617**

[A booking for NGV Winter Masterpieces Exhibition 2023 - Beaumaris Probus](#)

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. If 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 below. Please indicate if a cart is required. Nominate a partner if this has been arranged. Anticipated cost per player is \$85 which covers green fees, prizes and engraving of the trophy. Any queries contact **Garry Bradd 0418 107 800**

[Register for Victoria Cup Golf Day - Beaumaris Probus](#)

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Ralph Butcher who turns 105 years on 24th June 2023 travelling in a Yellow Rolls Royce in The Beaumaris RSL Anzac Day March on 23rd April 2023



PRISMs April 4 L to R: Ken Beadle, Tim Harding, John Opie, Geoff Wade AM (Convenor). Photo by Roger Wilson



L to R: Rod Murrell, Barry Amond, Geoff Carlson (studying the Jackson's Single Malt Whiskey "Bible") Photo by Roger Wilson
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The three-day golf trip to Murray Downs

was attended by 26 Beaumaris Probians, who enjoyed fine weather, a meet and greet BBQ on the first night, two rounds of competitive golf, a putting competition, and a special meal with the presentation of prizes in the private Balcony Room. **Tony Read** showed the way with wins on both days, thus winning the Howlong Country Club Trophy, the Warburton Heirloom Trophy, and the Perpetual Aggregate Trophy. **Garry Bradd**, with consistent golf, was the Runner Up in all three. The Bill Gillingham Trophy for Putting was won by **Tony Phillips**, with **Angela Read** runner up. Noteworthy was **Geoff Carlson's** Nearest the Pin wins on both days. **Angela Read** and **Sandy McKenzie** each had a win for Ladies Nearest the Pin.



John Pound



L to R: Louise Pound, Sandy McKenzie, Judith Carlson at Murray Downs



L to R: Robert Lander, Tony Phillips, Geoff Carlson, John Pound
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L to R: Kevin McDonnell, Tony Read, Garry Bradd, Paul Stephens
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L to R: Suzi Stephens, Paul Stephens, Judith Carlson



L to R: Kaye Bradd, Angela Read, Margery Renwick
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Guest Speakers

Chris Renwick – Keynote Speaker Tuesday 16 May

Chris Renwick gave a speech on The Great War. He focused particularly on the social and political impacts of the war on the nation and the character and qualities of the Australian soldier.

Chris detailed the statistics that approximately 40% of all males in the age range of 18-44 volunteered, some 420,000 of whom, 330,000 served overseas. 62,000 were killed in action or died of wounds. Total Australian casualties were 65% of the 330,000, considerably higher than the casualty percentage in the UK, NZ and Canadian forces.

The problem of insufficient reinforcements, leading to the failed Conscription referenda of 1916 and 1917 were covered, as was the subsequent impact to the Australian armies of WW2.

Chris discussed the impact of the loss of manpower on the Western District and the town of Geelong as an example of what happened all around the country.



The topic of the “discipline” of the Australian soldier was canvassed, as was his considerable fighting qualities.

Chris Renwick

*Chris Renwick being thanked by John Beaty OBE
Photos by Alan Stevens*

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