



# NEWSLETTER

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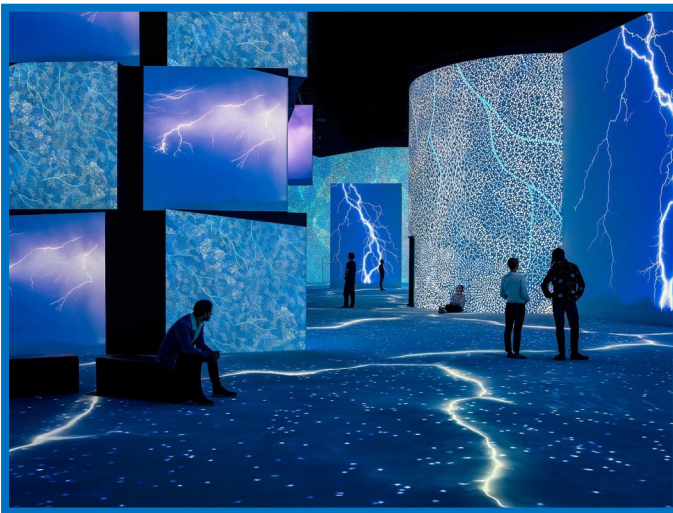
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**LAST CHANCE** to visit the  
Lume Connection-Virtual  
Musical Experience on  
Wednesday 9 August  
Booking form for LUME - Beaumaris  
Probud  
(full details on p4)



**Next General Meeting**  
Tuesday 15 August @ 10am Black Rock YC

**Keynote Speaker:** Peter Jones  
**Topic:** Special Events Under the Spotlight

**10-Minute Talk:** Geoff Tickner  
**Topic:** Travel & Family History

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



Don Jones at our last meeting filled every box we like to tick as a guest speaker - informative, entertaining and humorous and as a bonus a bit of magic. He went overtime but no-one wanted him to finish.

Our August guest speaker Peter Jones probably would not agree. He regularly hobnobs with the rich and famous, and as the Events King of Melbourne - some would say Australia - he has rubbed shoulders with a fair few of them. During more than 30 years of staging often spectacular public events ranging from AFL grand final entertainment to gala nights at some of our most iconic venues, Peter has inevitably stockpiled a lot of fascinating gossip. A fine speaker, who has also honed a skill for interviewing celebrities, Peter has "worked" with such people as the late Queen Elizabeth, Oprah Winfrey, John Travolta, Tasmania's Princess Mary of Denmark, golfing superstar Tiger Woods, former PM Kevin Rudd and last year's acclaimed AFL guest singer Robbie Williams. Oh, and he has his own account of the controversial Meatloaf saga at the 2011 Grand Final between Geelong and Collingwood. Who could ever forget that infamously croaky performance that earned the entertainer a whopping \$499,000. Peter is not on the speaking circuit, but he is our August guest speaker as a favour to me as a fellow Metropolitan Golf Club member.

I am still looking for a member to take on the role of "Tall Tales" - I stood in last month but would happily pass this over to an accomplished raconteur.

**Rod Hammond.**



*Left: Main Speaker Don Jones*

*Right: Ten Minute Speaker Graeme Keys*

*Below: New member John Schmoll providing a 2 minute self-biography.*



### Birthday Boys – August

BEADLE, Ken	3
WADE, Geoff	8
ABBOTT, Geoff	19
MARCHMENT, Ian	19
DUGGAN, Jim	24
HEWISON, John	25
CADMAN, Richard	29
WIGG, Bob	31

*(Summary of each presentation on p7 and more photos of meeting on p8)*

*(Photos by Alan Stevens)*



# of Interest

## Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition 2023

Leon Laragy

Join us for our AFL Grand Final Lunch!

Come and celebrate our Footy Tipping Competition at our AFL Grand Final lunch on **Wednesday 27 September**. We'll have a delicious meal, plenty of drinks, and some presentations, and perhaps, some balloons and streamers. Open to ALL members and partners, not just those in the Tipping Comp!



Keep an eye on our Upcoming Events web page for details and book a spot.

How are our Tipsters travelling? [Click here](#) for the latest results.

And don't forget to see Paul Crompton's superb water colours - [click here](#).

Please contact me with any queries. Leon  
0410 327 587 - [leonlaragy@gmail.com](mailto:leonlaragy@gmail.com)

## The Science Group

Grant Sabin

We've been relatively active with a wide range of Articles, some of which have generated some interesting feedback. We've also grown to 18 members.

## Wine Discovery Group

Grant Sabin

The Wine Discovery Group will be enjoying our mid-winter luncheon at Fazio's on **Wednesday 2 August**. As far as the wines go, they'll be Sicilian, all selected by Sam Fazio.

## Travel Group

Simon Appel



The travel group will be meeting on **Friday 4 August** at Simon Appel's home 1/35 Alfred Street, Beaumaris.

## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson OAM

Our next meeting is at Fazio's on **Thursday 3 August @ 2pm**. Everyone is asked to bring red wine to match the great lunch put on by Sam.

## PRISMs

Geoff Wade AM

The next meeting of the whisky tasting group, PRISMs, will be held on **Tuesday 5 September** commencing at 2 pm at the home of John Howe, 44 Ardoyne St Black Rock. Those members delegated to bring a bottle have been advised.

## Digital Technology

Geoff Wade AM

The next meeting of the Digital Technology group will be held on **Tuesday 3 October** commencing at 2 pm at the home of Barry Amond 1 John St Beaumaris. Suggestions of topics for discussion would be most welcome and should be advised to Geoff Wade at [geoffp.wade@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffp.wade@bigpond.com).

## Member Register

Geoff Wade AM

The latest issue of the Member Register is now on the website and can be accessed through the protected section of the website. All members are requested to check their individual entries to ensure accuracy and any corrections/amendments should be advised to Geoff Wade at [geoffp.wade@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffp.wade@bigpond.com).

## Discussion

Barry Amond

At the meeting on **8 August** three current topics are being discussed: the trend towards social conformity and rewriting history; the impact on human interaction of closing banks, ticket offices etc and; businesses dealing only with like-minded customers and supporting causes.

In July there was concern about the impact of higher inflation and interest rates but acceptance that similar problems exist in many other countries. There was consensus that children should be protected from transgender pressures and continuing alarm at the way our energy supply and costs are being handled by federal and state governments.

## Sunday Music

Barry Amond

Another program of short 'classical' and 'jazz' extracts is being prepared for the two parallel meetings on **20 and 27 August**. It is possible that there will be room for one or two new members. Contact me if you are interested.



## Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson OAM

A date for your diary. The next pub lunch is on **Thursday 26 October** at 12noon at the **Brighton Beach Hotel**. (More details in the September newsletter).

## Functions and Activities

### ***LAST CHANCE* to Visit To The LUME Connection - Virtual Musical Experience**

The LUME is viewing art like never before. This is the third LUME experience. The previous two were simply brilliant. **Wednesday 9 August.**



*"Connection brings together First Peoples' art, music and culture in an immersive new experience fusing the world's oldest culture with cutting-edge technology. It features over 550 digital and original artworks from more than 110 visual and musical artists, representing the largest collection of First Peoples' art ever assembled.*

*Developed in collaboration with the National Museum of Australia and curatorial experts, Connection is a ground-breaking showcase for both the magnitude of its 3000m<sup>2</sup> gallery space and the number of works it includes".*

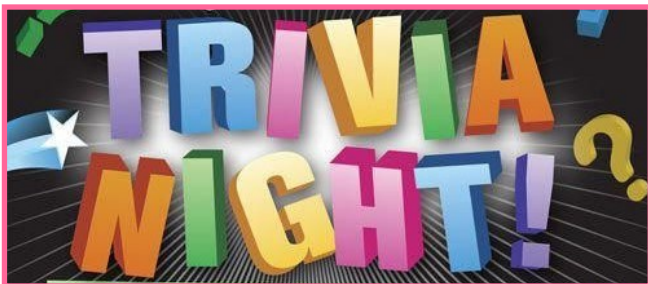
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The evidence from anthropologists suggests that the San/Saan/Bushmen of Southern Africa trace their origins back 150 000 years, many times longer than Australian indigenous people. [ *Wikipedia* ]

The Lume is located at 5 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, opposite the DFO store. Underground parking is available. Meet in the foyer at 10.20am for admission at 10.30am. We will have a light lunch at the Convention Centre Goldfields Bar and Cafe close to the Lume entrance/exit at approximately 12.15pm.

Group cost of admission to Connection (excluding lunch) is \$39 per person. Please register and pay no later than August 4.

[Booking form for LUME – Beaumaris Probus](#)



**Tuesday August 22**  
**Sandringham Bowling Club**  
**5.30pm**

***LAST CHANCE*** for your dose of a fun and enjoyable evening of friendly competition with other members and friends. You don't need to register for 6 people—you can register for 1, 2, 3 or whatever and it's up to you if you wish to join a group or play on your own. We will organise tables on the evening. This may also be an opportunity to get to know other members that you haven't previously met. So we hope to see as many of you as possible. There is a prize for members of the winning team.

**Cost: \$25pp** which includes nibbles and pizza. The Bar will also be available. No reason for staying at home!

[A registration form for Trivia Night – Beaumaris Probus](#)

# Activities

**Tastes** - Wednesday 6 September - 6.30pm

Thai Rani, 177 Bluff Rd Black Rock



This cosy little Thai restaurant offers ambiance and good food. We will have four shared entrees and four main courses. Wine as always at just \$15.00 per bottle especially selected by Geoff B. (Please bring cash for wine) Cost is only \$43.00pp. Maximum limit 40 so book and pay early.

[Booking form for Tastes at Thai Rani, Black Rock – Beaumaris Probus](#)

## Pub Lunch on 27 July at the Bridge Hotel



*Left: L to R: Rod Hammond, Tim Harding, Peter Flude, Margaret Pianella, Guy Pianella, Margaret Wilson and Thorolf Thoresen (new member)*

*Right: L to R: Janice Kirby, Geoff Bransbury, Dorothy and Lloyd Jenkins, Leon and Michele Laragy, Merri Bransbury and Dick Kirby. (Photos by Roger Wilson)*





# Vale



Mike Read 6 Sep 1933 – 27 May 2023, aged 89. Mike had been a member for 15 years and only retired in March this year due to ill health. Well regarded for his enthusiastic membership and joining in different activities e.g. The Digital Group.



Alan Farmer 27 Mar 1934 – 2 Jun 2023, aged 89. A member for 19 years and an article of his contribution to the club was featured in the February Newsletter this year. Club President in 2011, initiator of the Candlelight Dinner and the Bridge group, keen supporter of the Golf activities etc. He was recently awarded an OAM for services to Community Health.

Merv Davidson 9 April 1928 – 10 Jun 2023, aged 95. Merv was the last of our “Foundation Members” from 1987. Active in many sports (life Member Squash Racquets Association, Hampton Rovers FC) and a keen organiser of the Howlong golf trips with Alan Nash prior to Geoff Wade running this activity. He was awarded The Australian Sports Medal for service to sport.



Tony Bowles 3 Jul 1935 – 26 Jun 2023, aged 87. A member for 20 years, and an active supporter of many activities e.g. Music Group, Gallery visits, Tastes, Theatre to name a few. Born in NZ but lived in Melbourne since 1983 so adopted St Kilda in AFL and a foundation member of Melbourne Rebels in rugby. Known to his 10 grandchildren as “The Big T”.



*“Gone, but not forgotten...”*

*Compiled by Alan Stevens*

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# Guest Speakers

## Don Jones - 'The Magic of Laughter'

Our July gathering was well and truly entertained by semi-retired professional comedian/magician Don Jones. Don briefly described his early days in the English Theatre circuit - experiences of Pantomime and Butlin's seaside resorts in the United Kingdom. Don with his family immigrated to Australia in 1967, where he started his long involvement in theatre restaurants. Never sit in the front row at a live performance... In a good natured and engaging way Don made a number of very amusing gags at members' expense - and those concerned took them very well.

We learned which hand is traditionally used for the 'Punch' puppet and, through a very humorous story, all about Punch's 'swozzle'! Don talked of comedy in terms of 'Surprise and Picture' - one of his excellent jokes was about working in a Zoo which clearly illustrated why he has had and still has a successful career in comedy. (If you missed the meeting, ask an attendee to tell you that joke!). Don also performed two highly entertaining and visually appealing magic tricks, one involving cards and the other ropes of different lengths - I don't know how he did them!

Don's message was: 'The Magic of Laughter' keeps our minds off the negative things in our lives - an important message, and one he ably shared!

Leon Laragy

## Graeme Keys – 'Masters' Orders and Pilots' Advice'

We should not be surprised that, in his 10-minute talk to members in July, Graeme Keys used this quote from Ezekiel in the Old Testament: "The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners; thy wise men, O Tyros, that were in thee were thy pilots"; words first uttered in 570 BC, showing that piloting goes back a long way. Given Graeme's professional background as a sea pilot, his topic was not too surprising.

The main point of his talk was that for those of us who have made sea voyages, such as on cruises to various parts of the world - Europe, the scenic waters of Canada, the US, or the Baltic, or locally, Adelaide, Hobart and Sydney - while we were sleeping, eating or enjoying the entertainment aboard, a pilot would have boarded or disembarked at each port, or prior to entering major seaways such as the Suez Canal, Panama Canal, Strait of Magellan, Great Barrier Reef or Port Phillip Bay. Although a pilot while embarked is usually expected to give all the orders and instructions regarding the manoeuvring of the ship, he or she always does so under the authority of the Master. Just another example of the many unseen people who support the life we lead.

Peter McGregor

## PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc

### \* Office Bearers 2023 –2024 \* Committee Members

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Photographer:	<i>Alan Stevens</i>	0418 336 354			

### \* Interest Groups

Bike Riding:	<i>Ken Beadle</i>	0412 286 617	Golf:	<i>Garry Bradd</i>	0418 107 800
Digital Technology:	<i>Geoff Wade</i>	0416 257 683	PRISMs:	<i>Geoff Wade</i>	0416 257 683
Discussion:	<i>Barry Amond</i>	0407 877 539	Wine Appreciation:	<i>Roger Wilson</i>	0418 395 946
Tastes:	<i>Geoff Bransbury</i>	0416 294 452	Travel:	<i>Simon Appel</i>	0417 600 419
Wine Discovery:	<i>Grant Sabin</i>	0419 595 757	Tipping:	<i>Leon Laragy</i>	0410 327 587
Pub Lunch:	<i>Roger Wilson</i>	0418 395 946	Sunday Music:	<i>Barry Amond</i>	0407 877 539



# PHOTO GALLERY

*Below left: Induction of John Schmoll. L to R Proposer Jim Duggan, John Schmoll, President Rod Hammond.*



*Above right: Leon Laragy thanks guest speaker Don Jones*



*Above: Lunch with sea views: From the left going around the table: Tim Harding, Leon Laragy, John Howe, Barry Amond, Chris Renwick, Guy Pianella.*



*Left: Members at lunch. Front table L to R: Geoff Stockdale, Ian Marchment, David Rushworth, Tony Read.*

*(Photos by Alan Stevens)*