



# NEWSLETTER

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## Out and About: Beaumaris Probud Goes to the NGV



*Left and right: Pics from the Pierre Bonnard exhibition at the NGV*

*Below left: Gail Seedsman and Muis van Ruyven, part of the Beaumaris group*

*Below: Michele and Leon Laragy admiring one of the many wallpapers based on Bonnard paintings*

*Below right: Margie Beadle takes a closer look*

*Right: Roger Wilson and one of the many amazing wallpapers*



*[Photos: Peter McGregor]  
For more photos, see Photo Gallery p8*

### Next General Meeting

Tuesday 18 July @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Don Jones

Topic: The Magic of Laughter

10-Minute Talk: Graeme Keys

King James' Ezekial 27: 8

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



As of the end of May, our club had eight recipients of Australian and UK honours: David Rand, Chris Renwick, Garry Sebo, Geoff Wade, Simon Appel, Roger Wilson, Roy Petch and John Beaty. What a delight it was to learn that three more OAMs were added in the King's Birthday awards.

Congratulations to Geoff Bransbury for service to the community of Beaumaris; Dick Kirby for service to golf, and John Knight for his service to the local community through a range of organisations

On a sadder note, Alan Farmer OAM, Mike Read, Merv Davidson, and Tony Bowles passed away recently.

Winston Marsh, as our June guest speaker, gave an account of lies your mother told you, and examples of the benefit of a positive attitude to life.

Our 10-minute speaker Tony Phillips spoke on his exciting and at times humorous life as a genuine Pommy Accountant - proving that his profession's reputation as boring is simply not true. See p7.

The Candlelight dinner was a great night - ninety-two of us were entertained by Jennifer Salisbury with songs from Gershwin and Porter plus some made famous by Edith Piaf, with Mark Morand accompanying her on guitar. Added to that was great service, food, wine and the special ambience of Victoria Golf Club, secret plate prizes, and the usual raffle. Our heartfelt thanks to the impeccable organisation of Geoff Bransbury and Kevin Reed.

Our guest speaker on July 18 is Don Jones whose topic is The Magic of Laughter. His talk is half stand-up comedy and half serious message. He will demonstrate that laughter is a remedy for stress and is a formula for a happier and healthier lifestyle. Prepare for a blend of clean comedy, fascinating magic, props, costumes, and audience involvement. Our ten-minute speaker is Graham Keys and his topic is King James' Ezekial 27:8.

*One of our most recent OAMs, Dick Kirby, addresses the June Meeting after being congratulated by President Rod; the other two OAM recipients, John Knight and Geoff Bransbury, were also acknowledged*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday Boys – July

MURRELL, Rod 1/7  
APPEL, Simon 21/7  
HOSKINS, Howard 21/7  
LANDER, Robert 20/7  
SMYTH, John 24/7



*Right: Guest Speaker, Winston Marsh, was congratulated by Secretary, Garry Sebo SEE p7*





# of Interest

## Wine Appreciation

Roger Wilson OAM

Ten of our members had a magnificent steak lunch at The Steak Bank, Ormond, accompanied by 10 great red wines. Our special guest was 104 year-old Ralph Butcher, who thoroughly enjoyed the lunch and chatter over the steak and red wines. Our next meeting is at Fazio's on Thursday August 3 @ 2pm. Everyone is asked to bring red wine to match the great lunch put on by Sam.

## The Science Group

Grant Sabin

After, one might say, a few dormant weeks - we had a flurry of articles on June 18 covering topics such as meteorology and nuclear power. Also pleased to say Geoff Cupples joined the group, bringing our membership numbers up to 15.

## Wine Discovery Group

At our last meeting on Wednesday June 7 hosted by Simon Appel we indulged in the discovery of nebbiolo. We tried three Aussie drops and two from Italy (where the grape originated). It may have been the first time any of us had permitted nebbiolo to pass through our lips. We found the wine to be light and rather thin on taste and other attributes we like with our wines. To cut a long story short, we reached a unanimous decision: We are in complete agreement that none of us will be going for nebbiolo again.

Our next get together will be our winter luncheon at Fazio's on Wednesday August 2. As far as the wines go, they'll be Sicilian, all selected by Sam Fazio.

Grant Sabin

## NOTE:

Our distinguished editor, Vivienne Fry, is away on holidays in July. Peter McGregor is helping out in her absence.

## Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition 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](#)

Please contact me with any queries. Leon

## Discussion

Barry Amond

The next meeting will be on July 11 giving members a rest before grappling again with current issues. Important current topics continue to emerge in our changing society but at the meeting we will review the impact of increasing interest rates before exploring issues posed by the transgender community. As usual, there will be time for general discussion.

In May we agreed that for many 'art is in the eyes of the beholder' although it remains important to be sure of Aboriginal art's authenticity. Although green hydrogen has the potential to become an important renewable energy source, it was agreed that there are significant technical hurdles to overcome and it may not be cheap.

## Sunday Music



It was nice to receive such positive feedback after the first two music afternoons. The next program will be on Sundays August 20 and 27 at 2.30pm and members will be contacted in early August with details.

Barry Amond

SEE PHOTOS P5

## Noel Ineson

Ken Beadle

Noel and Gwen have been planning for three months to move closer to their son Paul at St. Leonards. Gwen suffered a bad fall recently and was hospitalised for a few days. She is recovering but her children have decided that Noel needs help to look after her and have brought forward their move to respite care at Port Arlington. Noel, who turns 95 on March 1 joined our Probus Club 31 years ago and has been a very active member throughout. He was Secretary in 1998/9, President in 2008, Almoner in 2016/8 and the Club's 'Teller of Tall Tales' until recently. Noel is a keen bike rider and founded the Bike Group in 2011. He led the rides for six years. The group is now the most active in the club with weekly Friday morning rides, 45 total outings in 2022. The Club recognised Noel's contribution to our Club and elected Noel to Life Membership in 2018. We wish Gwen and Noel good health and happiness in their new location. Noel's smile and good humour will be missed.

# Functions and Activities

## 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, August 9.



*"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".*

### FACT-CHECK

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 using and pay no later than August 1.

TO register for LUME [CLICK HERE](#)

## Travel Group

Simon Appel

14 Members of the Travel Group met on May 5. We enjoyed two Member Speakers and lots of memories and 'intentions'.

**Lloyd Jenkins** provided an excellent summary of his many bookings and cancellations. Lloyd has made more bookings and cancellations than anyone! He described the best way to access refunds for cancelled tours is by demanding to be referred to the senior company representative, rather than be referred to their website for a refund. The tactic of demanding to speak to the representative's Manager worked. Lloyd has received all tour refunds applied for! Lloyd concluded with a wonderful experience in meeting with an American astronaut.

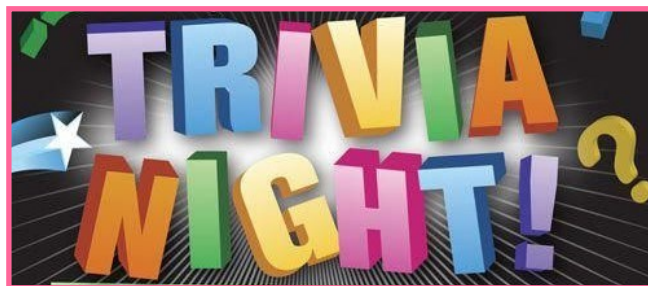
**Barry Amond** followed Lloyd with a summary of his extensive travels throughout the world. Barry is our most extensive tourist although he is now reluctant to pursue extensive experiences. We also heard of other Members' experiences with, again, a focus on Travel Insurance. **Alan Stevens** has extensively reviewed the options for Travel Insurance, with Probus Insurance being the preferred option.

Our next Meeting will be in **August** where we will hear from a local travel company on the impacts following apparent 'relief' from COVID.



# Activities

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



If you are up to a light-hearted fun night and a bit of friendly and competitive banter, then don't miss this Trivia Night. We hope to have groups of up to six players. There is also a prize for members of the winning team. **Cost: \$25pp which includes nibbles and pizza.**

The Bar will also be open. This is not a Masterclass session but an enjoyable night with a few laughs along the way. So start recruiting your team members!

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

## Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson OAM



After a very successful Pub Lunch at the Marine Hotel in May, our next Pub Lunch is at the Bridge Hotel Mordialloc on Thursday July 27 at 12 noon. Cost is only \$35pp for a pre lunch drink, choice of five mains and coffee to finish. A great fun day, so why not join us.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

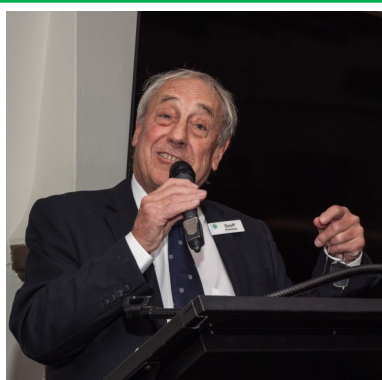
## Sunday Music



*L to R: Geoff Carlson, Ken Beadle, Guy Pianella, Tim Harding, Barry Amond, Leon Laragy, Don Lobb and Alan Nash*



*Seated L to R: Barb Lobb, Judith Carlson, Jo Taffs, Margaret Amond  
 Standing: Margaret Nash, Michele Laragy, Margaret Wilson and Margie Beadle*



*Left: Master of Ceremonies, Geoff Bransbury OAM, in full flight at the Candlelight Dinner*

*SEE MORE PHOTOS p6*



# Identities

## Who's Who at the 2023 Candlelight Dinner



*Our brilliant musicians Jen Salisbury (vocal) and remarkably talented guitarist Mark Morand. The entertainment they provided was of the highest quality*

*Below: President Rod Hammond and Pam*



*Above: Elizabeth & Peter Harford with Rhonda Reed*



*Above: Marlene Byass and Pam Hammond*



*Jen Salisbury's repertoire covered music from Ella Fitzgerald to Edith Piaf*



*John Beaty OBE*



*Above right: Versatile and talented Mark Morand on guitar*

*At work (right): Our tireless photographer, Alan Stevens, who is responsible for most of the photos in our newsletters*



*[Photo: Kevin Reed]*

# Guest Speakers

## The Fantastic Mr Marsh

Winston Marsh, well-known on the speakers' circuit as an entertaining performer, lived up to his reputation at our June Meeting. He started his presentation with one of his very favourite axioms: "Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude," he declared.

For the next 40 minutes he berated members with some of the lies our parents told us, such as we must eat our brussels sprouts because there are thousands of children starving in China and we shouldn't go swimming for at least two hours after lunch. He then engaged in several personal anecdotes, starting with problem son, Jeremy, who was drifting and on the dole. Winston took him aside and, using only the local paper, showed him one way forward – which happened to be an apprenticeship (that he applied for successfully and started on his way to a fulfilling career). Winston said the secret was to offer a problem child a challenge; which is what he accomplished in his own life. At 40 he stopped smoking, lost weight and began running marathons. Rather than, 'I never thought I could do it,' his attitude was, 'I never thought I couldn't do it.' As a result, he set out on a long career, including very happily working for Alan Bond. He was always impressed, he said, that no matter what suggestions people made, Bondie always responded, 'Good idea. Make it happen!' Winston finished by commanding us individually to always make a difference.

Peter McGregor



*Tony thought he was made once he acquired his first bowler hat*

## Me and My Bowler Hat

As Tony Phillips pointed out in his entertaining 10-minute talk, the title - Exciting Life and Times of a Pommy Accountant - is an oxymoron because 'exciting' and 'accountant' have never been used before in the same sentence. Nevertheless, he said, his career in London with Price Waterhouse started well: he had a bowler hat (which he displayed), an umbrella and a sports car; although being 6'4" meant he couldn't stand up wearing his hat in the tube train on the way to work. But after some years of slave labour - which included garden parties, visits to the Dorchester, and a variety of miscellaneous adventures - he decided to take advantage of PwC's generous encouragement to its employees to travel; only problem: their generosity didn't include Australia, which is essentially why he became another '10 pound Pom' migrating to Australia. This led to him eventually coming into contact with the infamous Painters & Dockers, living in Fiji, Colac and Bondi Beach; and much more - all of which were part of this accountant's exciting life in Australia.

Peter McGregor

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# PHOTO GALLERY



*The Pierre Bonnard Exhibition*

*Left to Right: Michele Laragy, Ken Beadle, Richard Phillips, Margie Beadle, Roger Wilson, Margaret Amond, Alan Kermond, Gail Seedsman, Bev Kermond, Muis van Ruyven, Peter McGregor, Leon Laragy and Barry Amond*

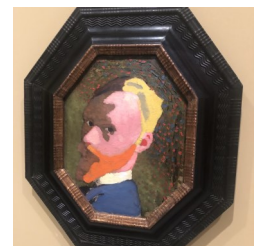
## IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder that to enlarge a picture or a page in this newsletter, simply hold 'Ctrl' button while scrolling the wheel on your mouse. That way you can blow anything up to the size you need. You may not even need your glasses! Ed.

*Right:  
Richard Phillips takes  
a closer look at one of  
Bonnard's sketches*



*Middle Right:  
Supposedly, the most  
famous cat in art  
history*



*Scenes from the  
NGV's Bonnard  
exhibition*

