



# NEWSLETTER

Probud Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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## **Fine Dining at the Melbourne Club**

Wednesday 15 November 6.30 pm



Join us for this special event at the Melbourne Club. Those who attended in 2021 will remember what a memorable evening it was.

We will have drinks in the beautiful garden followed by a three course dinner in one of the exquisite rooms. We will have an after dinner speaker. Drinks are included. We will also arrange an optional "chauffeur driven Mercedes (bus)" to take us to and from the Club from three pick up spots. Drinks will be served on the bus to get us in the mood. The bus fare depends on numbers and will be advised later. The cost for this special fine dining event at the Melbourne Club is \$140.00pp Maximum 60 Members and partners.

We need to firm numbers as soon as possible as we have two rooms currently reserved! Please register ASAP. [A Registration form for our Dinner at the Melbourne Club - Beaumaris Probud](#)



## **Next General Meeting**

**Tuesday 19 September @ 10am Black Rock YC**

**Keynote Speaker: Richard Royle**

**Topic: Digital Health**

**10-Minute Talk: Allan Stone**

**Topic: Tennis –The Australian Open**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



Belinda Evans is the Probus Ambassador for the ten Bayside Probus clubs, and recently had a meeting of all the Presidents. It was a bit of a SWAT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) meeting. In terms of numbers, we are the second biggest club, but IMHO\* have the best website and newsletters and the widest range of activities. A big problem for many of these clubs is they lack enough members putting their hands up for becoming committee members and other involvement, which could lead to at least one club having to close or seek amalgamation. There is another meeting in September, with an ongoing possible benefit to us of learning of new functions/events. For example, I was alerted to a possible visit to this year's Archibald Prize finalists exhibition in Mornington, and good guest speaker recommendations.

Our guest speaker this month is Richard Royle, another friend of mine from Metropolitan Golf Club, and his topic is Digital Health. Richard has over 30 years of senior executive experience in the public, for profit and not for profit private hospital sectors in Australia, plus experience as a senior executive with one of the major Australian private health insurers. He also spent time as PwC's lead partner for digital health in Australia and SE Asia. Richard oversaw the successful implementation of Australia's first fully integrated digital hospital in Hervey Bay, as group CEO of Uniting Care Health in 2014. In 2016, he was asked to be the startup CEO of the newly established Australian Digital Health Agency - putting into practice one of his recommendations from a landmark review he was asked to lead in 2013 for the Federal Government on digital health in Australia. He currently chairs the CSIRO's eHealth Research Centre, which has a national footprint and has successfully commercialized several innovative digital health initiatives. Unlike the inimitable Peter Jones last month, he is happy for us to video his presentation!

Unfortunately, the Trivia night in August had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Our thanks to our Newsletter editor Vivienne Fry for all the time and effort she put into the preparation for this event.

\*In My Humble Opinion

Rod Hammond



*Left: 10-Minute Speaker Geoff Tickner*

*Right: Guest Speaker Peter Jones and Rod Hammond*

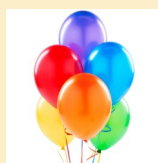
*(Photos by Alan Stevens - more photos p8)*



### Birthday Boys – September

SHERMAN, Peter	1
JENKINS, Lloyd	10
PETCH, Roy	13
MARTIN, Ian	21
WILMOT, David	23*
PHILLIPS, Tony	27
RENWICK, Chris	29

**\*80th Congratulations**



### Reminder

If you would like to participate in the 10 min speaker program with anything topical, informative, humorous or of general interest, contact David Rushworth [dmrushworth9@gmail.com](mailto:dmrushworth9@gmail.com) DON'T BE SHY!



# of Interest

## Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition 2023 Leon Laragy

Join in the fun at our AFL Grand Final Lunch on Wednesday 27 September.



Open to ALL members and partners - Just \$35pp - Book via the Events webpage or [A registration form for our Footy Tipping Lunch – Beaumaris Probus](#)

We'll have a delicious meal, plenty of drinks, and some presentations, and perhaps, some balloons and streamers. You can also show off your favourite team's colours! To see how our Tipsters went this season [click here](#) for the final results.

And don't forget to review all 12 of Paul Crompton's superb water colours - [click here](#).

Questions? Please contact me: Leon 0410 327 587 [leonlaragy@gmail.com](mailto:leonlaragy@gmail.com)

### Science Group Grant Sabin

Nothing startling to report here, as it's been rather quiet for the last few weeks.

### Wine Discovery Group Grant Sabin



The selection of Aldi Red Wine Quaffers to be tasted on **Wednesday 13 September**

### Digital Technology Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the Digital Technology interest 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).

The Wine Discovery Group led by Grant Sabin had its annual mid-winter lunch at Fazio's on 2 August. Once again Sam provided our small group of 6 with a feast of excellent food including a rib roast. The outstanding wine was a Barbera from Alba, Italy. (see members' photo p6)



### Pub Lunch

### Roger Wilson OAM



Our next Pub Lunch is on **Thursday 26 October at 12noon** at the Historic Brighton Beach Hotel on Beach Road (near Brighton Beach Station). Plenty of parking available.

Choice of 5 mains, pre lunch drink and coffee afterwards. Cost \$35 prepaid. Bring your partners for a great lunch and chat. Please book and pay.

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

### Wine Appreciation

### Roger Wilson OAM

On August 3 we had nine participants for an excellent three course lunch, highlighted by a delicious rib eye steak, cooked to perfection by owner/chef, Sam. We welcomed 105yo Ralph Butcher and invited guest Guy Pianella.

Some fine red wines were sampled throughout the meal. Judged equal 1st were a 2021 Hentley Farm "The Marl" Shiraz and a 2021 Torbreck Barossa Valley Woodcutter's Shiraz. 3rd judged red wine tasting was Penfolds 2019 Koonunga Hill Cabernet Sauvignon. (see photo p6)

Our last one for the year is at Fazio's Hampton on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon** for lunch and BYO Red wine tasting.

### Discussion

### Barry Amond

On **12 September** the topic will be what we've all been waiting for. The Group will forensically discuss the VOICE referendum without emotion or bias!

### Sunday Music

### Barry Amond

On the two August afternoons 31 members and partners watched a diverse program starting with a Spanish flash mob performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture and followed by excerpts from Schumann's piano concerto and several other classical items before a parrot sang the Queen of the Night aria from the Magic Flute. In the second half there seven jazz pieces including Keith Jarrett, Oscar Peterson and Melbourne's Syncopators. (see photo p8)



# Activities

## Travel Group - Friday 4 August 2023

Simon Appel

A small number of Travel Group members were educated, and enthralled, with a presentation on Singapore from Alan Stevens. A number of members are currently overseas and some are suffering a variety of ailments. Many of the group were familiar with visiting Singapore over the years, often only for a brief stop-over. Alan delivered a power-point slide show with truly beautiful photographs of Singapore highlights. We learnt of the amazing economic, cultural and architectural progress of Singapore from the days of *Lee Kuan Yew* to the present. We witnessed the historical and modern developments of the island with background to underground rail routes, bus routes and spectacular gardens. Touring throughout Singapore is simple, and encouraged. Food stalls, and sophisticated dining options are common throughout the island. Singapore is a mecca for the tourist! Our next gathering will be in November - date to be confirmed.



*L to R: Barry and Margaret Amond, Lloyd Jenkins, Lachlan and Sue McLean and Alan Stevens.*



*Time for a break!*



*Feeding Time! L to R: Barbara Appel, Lloyd Jenkins (just), Barry Amond, Sue and Lachlan McLean and Alan Stevens- very patient.*

*(Photos by Simon Appel)*

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

### PROBUS MASKED WINE GROUP - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be aware that our Club currently has two Wine interest groups - Wine Appreciation and Wine Discovery. There are no vacancies in the groups at present. Ian Marchment is seeking expressions of interest to start a third group - a 'Masked Wine Group'. Ian proposes that this group will consist of 8-10 members. Each member of the group would host a meeting on a rotation basis and would supply the wine and nibbles for that meeting. A red wine and a white wine will be masked for a competition and helpful hints will be provided. Ian has in mind that the group would meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, with preference given to those not already in a Probus Wine Group. If you are interested, please contact Ian on [ian@marchment.com.au](mailto:ian@marchment.com.au) or 0411 863 875.

### TRANSPORT TO MEETINGS

Your Committee has become aware that the percentage of our members attending our meetings is lower than that of other Probus Clubs in our vicinity, and we are concerned that transport difficulties may be causing this. If any members would like to attend meetings but cannot do so because of problems with transport, please let me know ([patgar@bigpond.com](mailto:patgar@bigpond.com) or 0419 340 565) and we will use our best endeavours to arrange transport for you. Also, if it would be of assistance to you if a shuttle service from Beach Road to the Yacht Club and return is provided, we would be pleased to explore that option. Again, please let me know if this would be of benefit to you.



# Functions & Activities

## Visit to the Archibald Prize Exhibition

*Wednesday 20 September at 10.45*



Judged by the trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW, the Archibald Prize is an annual prize awarded to the best portrait painting and is the country's favourite art award. The venue for the exhibition this year is the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Dunns Rd, Mornington (Melways 145G3).

We will drive to the gallery, car pooling will be arranged on request. Free car parking is available in the gallery precinct. Meet at the exhibition entrance at 10.40am for a 10.45am

entry. After viewing the paintings we will have lunch at "Kirks on the Esplanade", Mornington (Melways 104B11) 10 minutes drive from the gallery.

Cost is \$18 per person for gallery entry. Lunch is at your expense. Please register using the link below and pay no later than Friday 15th September. **When registering please indicate if you are willing to carpool or if you would like a ride; also if you will NOT be joining us for lunch.**



[A Booking form for Archibald Prize 2023 - Beaumaris Probus](#)

## Brighton Theatre

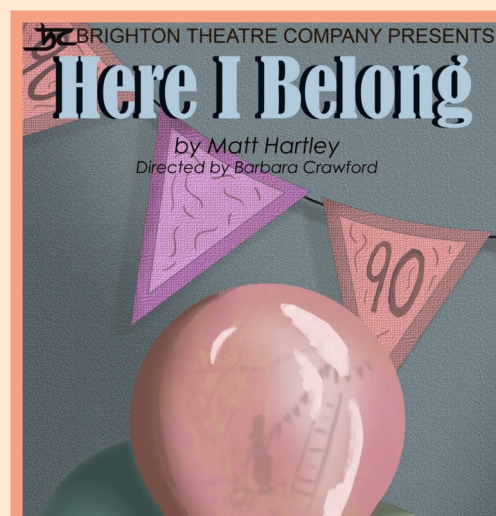
*Thursday 23 November at 8.00pm*

**HERE I BELONG** - funny and moving. This play takes one woman's journey through 60 years of life in a small village in 1953-2013. It reflects the changing community through her ups and downs, culminating with her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and desire to finish life where she has lived it.

*"A tour de force, thought provoking and powerful - glad we didn't miss this star performance" - Glusburn Institute Community, North Yorkshire.*

Concession cost \$25.00 but please register and pay ASAP so we know numbers

[Booking form for Brighton Theatre – Beaumaris Probus](#)



President's Christmas Lunch: Reserve the date on **Wednesday 13 December** at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron. We are close to finalising some unique entertainment. Full details in the October newsletter and soon on our Website.

# Identities



*Wine Discovery Group on August 2: L to R: David Seedsman, Garry Bradd, John Smyth, Barrie Gibson, Grant Sabin. (Photo by Alan Stevens)*



*Wine Appreciation Group on August 3: L to R: Ralph Butcher, Barry Amond, Tim Harding, Dick Kirby, Geoff Bransbury, Rod Hammond, Howard Hoskins and Guy Pianella. (Photo by convenor Roger Wilson).*

***Below: Connection at the Lume: Members enjoying an "immersive experience"***



*L to R: Ken Beadle, Nina Rochwol, Gail Seedsman, Barry and Margaret Amond*



*Ken and Margie Beadle*



*Ken Beadle making himself comfortable at the Lume*



*At lunch after the Lume: L to R: Merry Bransbury, Ken and Margie Beadle, Margaret and Barry Amond, Geoff Bransbury, Gail Seedsman, Vivienne Fry, Geoff Stockdale*



# Guest Speakers

## Peter Jones - 'Special Events under the Spotlight'



It was a pleasure to have Peter Jones as our guest speaker at our August General Meeting. Peter shared some of his perceptions and experiences gained through organising significant events for more than 33 years. Through his company, Peter Jones Special Events, he has been involved in hundreds and hundreds of Australia's major events.

Peter candidly spoke about many of the celebrities and politicians he has encountered; he gave us his personal assessment of many of them - in so doing he invoked the 'Chatham House Rule' and consequently his discourse was not filmed for our Guest Speaker archive. Peter said most of those he met were 'really nice' - of politicians he said he was not biased and 'bags both sides', but that is not to say he didn't have anything positive to say of some of them!

In all I counted more than 20 celebrities/politicians/royalty mentioned. Peter talked about the following folks to varying degrees (listed in no particular order or regard for protocol): Meat Loaf (Michael Lee Aday) AFL GF controversy, Tiger Woods affair, Neale Daniher, John Travolta Qantas, Oprah Winfrey, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Mary Crown Princess of Denmark, Shane Warne Memorial, Kevin Rudd, Julie Bishop, Malcolm Turnbull, John Brumby, Ted Baillieu, Julia Gillard, Robbie Williams, Lionel Richie, John Farnham, Eddie McGuire, Ed Sheeran, Diana Ross, The Beach Boys, Luciano Pavarotti and Cadel Evans.

Peter spoke movingly of Neale Daniher and his amazing efforts to raise funds for overcoming Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Peter told us Neale's endeavours have raised more than \$74 million. Neale wanted an inspirational event at the MCG - he rejected the iced water bucket tipped over a celebrity idea as not big enough. Neale's initial concept was spectacular, but not practical - Peter explained it was, however, the catalyst for a collaboration culminating in the institution that is the Big Freeze. Paying homage to Neale's drive and vision, Peter told us Neale has realised his goal of creating an enduring legacy.

Peter engaged us with many interesting insights into large event management - facts and observations derived from his stimulating and challenging career. It is no wonder Peter is a go to option when a large event needs execution with the utmost professionalism.

Leon Laragy

## PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc

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

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

### \* Interest Groups

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

# PHOTO GALLERY

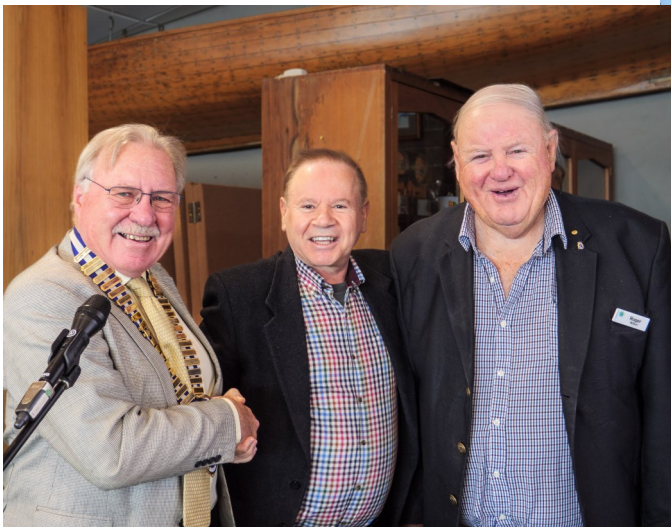


*LEFT: Our three Beaumaris Probus OAM recipients, Dick Kirby, John Knight and Geoff Bransbury, receiving their local branch award at the Sandringham Yacht Club on August 24. Bayside City Council Mayor, Cr Hanna el Mouallem, made the presentation. (Photo by Roger Wilson)*

*Below: Our members enjoying Sunday Music at Barry and Margaret Amond's house. (Photo by Geoff Bransbury)*



*Below: Rod Hammond, James Long Induction and Roger Wilson (Proposer) (Photo by Alan Stevens)*



*Above: Rod Hammond, Thorolf Thoresen Induction and Tim Harding (Proposer)*

*Left: 10-Year Service pins presentation L to R after President Rod Hammond: Ken Beadle, Jeff Sturrock, Garry Sebo, John Smyth, Philip Stewart and David Seedsman (Ian Maskiell absent.)*

*(Photos by Alan Stevens)*

