



NEWSLETTER

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Margaret Wilson

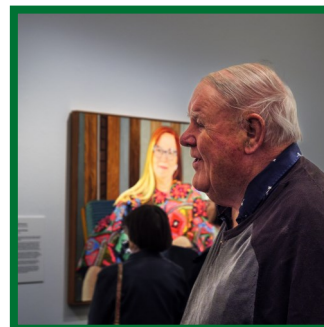


Howard Hoskins

A cultural experience viewing The Archibald Prize at The Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery (photos & report by Alan Stevens p4)



Margaret and Guy Pianella



Above: Roger Wilson

Left: Ken Beadle



Margie Beadle

Next General Meeting

Tuesday 17 October @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Don Riddington

Topic: The Oldest Australian to Swim the English Channel

10-Minute Talk: Leon Laragy

Topic: A Convict's Youth

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



Our guest speaker this month is Don Riddington and the topic is his English Channel swim. In 2013 at the age of 68, Don was the oldest Australian and third oldest worldwide to succeed. A life member of the Brighton Icebergers, it took 19 hours and 45 minutes, and he swam 68km - double the direct route of 34 km due to tides. He will tell us all about the preparation and the swim itself in more detail.

Last month the guru of Digital Health, Richard Royle, enlightened us on its development - everyone found it so interesting that it ran overtime. Peter McGregor reports in more detail in this

Newsletter on p7. And ten-minute speaker, member Allan Stone, elaborated on his lifetime career in the tennis world, and the history of The Australian Open.

At our last meeting, members approved a recommendation that Centenarians be offered Honorary Membership which hopefully will be accepted by Ralph Butcher and Aub Gamble.

At our next meeting, members will notice an improved sound system, so if any of you have had reluctance in the past to attend meetings because you have trouble hearing everything, you will now have no excuse!

The President's Lunch is on December 13. I chose the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron again because it is local, the parking is free and easy, the outlook is great, and the staff and food are most satisfactory. The cost is lower than last year due to reducing the amount of free alcohol. Details on p5 - please register.



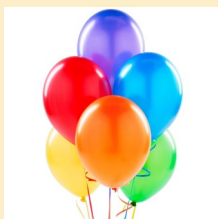
Left: Guest Speaker Richard Royle talking about Digital Health (photo by Alan Stevens)



Allan Stone giving his 10 min talk on Tennis - The Australian Open. (photo by Alan Stevens - more photos p6)

Birthday Boys – October

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GLASS, Tom	11
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* 80th

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 DON'T BE SHY!

of Interest

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.

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 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.

Garry Sebo
Secretary

Pub Lunch

Roger Wilson OAM



Our next Pub Lunch is on **Thursday 26 October** at **12 noon** 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

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



Wine Discovery Group

Grant Sabin

We had an Aldi Quaffers (red) discovery on 13 September hosted by Ian Maskiell. The costs ranged from \$6 to \$12.

The unanimous conclusion was: they were all very drinkable. The \$6 wine El Toro Macho, a blend of Tempranillo and Boral, was written up in The Age Good Food Guide as a worthy buy.

Science Group

Grant Sabin

The most interesting article (number 123) which was prompted by a report from the International Panel on Climate change (IPCC) was very informative and rather scary. Our numbers are slowly increasing.

Discussion

Barry Amond

The topic on Tuesday **10 October** at **2pm** will be 'Global warming/Climate change', a further update on the two previous discussions in 2012 and 2017. I am pleased that Grant Sabin has agreed to join us to provide some professional input. There will be no further meetings until the New Year.

In September, we discussed the Voice referendum very thoroughly and objectively but decided not to signal our individual preferences on what has, sadly, become a political issue.

Sunday Music

Barry Amond

It is hoped to have further Sunday afternoon 'concerts' next year during the cooler months, commencing in May. Feedback confirms that we should continue with programs containing a mixture of classical and lighter items.

Activities

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! **Bookings closing soon – Book ASAP**

[A Registration form for our Dinner at the Melbourne Club - Beaumaris Probus](#)

12 Probians and guests attended The Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery to view The Archibald Prize. Going early meant we were slightly less crowded than when we exited the gallery. Some wonderful art and of course differing preferences for the public's choice award.

After the viewing we moved to Kirk's Hotel on the esplanade where Roger Wilson had organised a wine/food/coffee package. Overall an excellent day and a special thanks to Ken Beadle for the organisation."

Alan Stevens



L to R: Margaret Wilson, Vivienne Fry, Patricia Tan-Stevens, Ken Beadle, Gail Seedsman, guest Nina Rochwol, Margie Beadle, Guy Pianella (hidden), Margaret Pianella, Howard Hoskins, Roger Wilson (Photo by Alan Stevens)

Functions & Activities

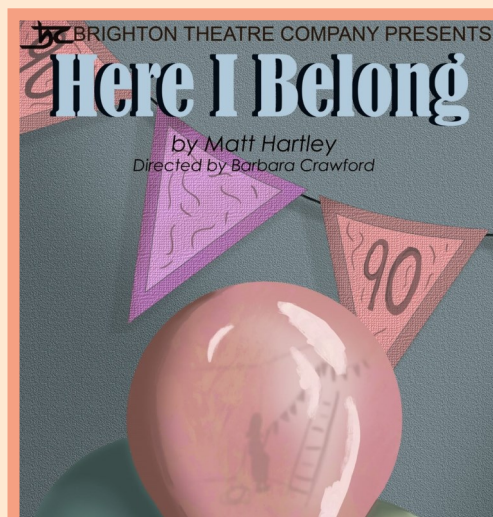
Brighton Theatre Thursday 23 November at 8.00pm

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 90th 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

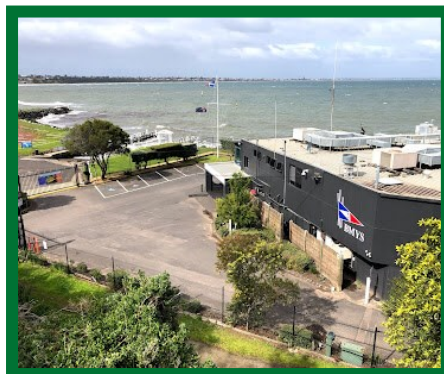
[Booking form for Brighton Theatre – Beaumaris Probus](#)



Presidents Christmas Lunch - Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron

Wednesday 13th December 12.00
for 12.30

Come join President Rod at this year's Christmas Lunch. We will have a welcome drink, canapes and two course lunch, plus free raffle, and special entertainment. This year, drinks will be capped at two bottles of wine plus one of sparkling water per table. Extra drinks at own cost at reasonable club prices. This approach is seen as fairer for those who don't drink, or don't drink much!



Our entertainment this year is unique. We have a brilliant local 13-year-old pianist. He has performed a solo piano recital of his own composition and will perform with the Melbourne Youth Orchestra at the Recital Centre. He will perform a short and varied collection and will accompany our choir singing of a few well-known carols. Seating arranged. Cost is \$84.00 pp. We hope most members and partners will come.

Click here to book

[A registration form for President's Christmas Lunch - Beaumaris Probus](#)



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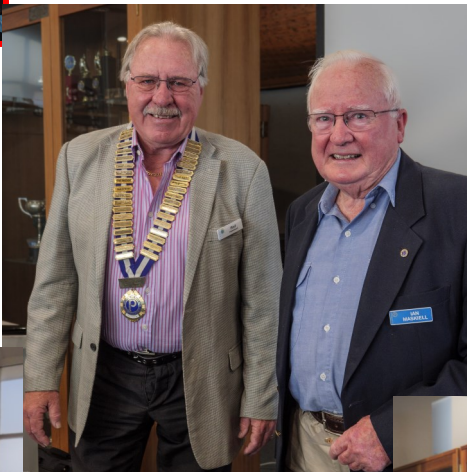
Probiens enjoying a culinary experience at Thai Rani, Black Rock



Members' Meeting on September 19



Below: Richard Royle being thanked by Tom Glass (photo by Alan Stevens)



Below: Induction of Dr Ian Eilenberg. L to R: Proposer Ian Martin, Dr Ian Eilenberg, President Rod Hammond. (photo by Alan Stevens)



Above: Presentation of 10 Year Service Pin to Ian Maskiell (photo by Alan Stevens)



Guest Speakers

Richard Royle: Health in a Digital World

in the near future, we will live in smarter, safer homes that monitor all aspects of our daily lives, according to September's Keynote Speaker, Richard Royle. Richard, who was responsible for the design, construction and running of Australia's most digitally-connected hospital at Hervey Bay, described some of the current amazing developments in digital technology that promise fully integrated care. "They will transform the way we live in future and how the health system responds to our needs," he said. "The future of digital health lies in consumers gaining accurate personal information that is easily available." The iPhone may have begun the process, but it has been progressed by the new smart watches we will all wear that monitor our vital statistics and connect to health and community services that can collect disease-specific health information and transmit data to remote servers for follow-up by healthcare providers. Additionally, these systems build a picture of a person's daily routine and detect deviations that may indicate illness or injury, connect with video-conferencing systems and facilitate social connections with family and friends. Future health care will include predictive analytics, the use of our DNA profile that will provide proactive treatment and the increasing use of robots that can be operated remotely by specialists, ensuring that patients in regional or remote regions can expect those services. It promises a new era of personalised medicine. However, the key to the implementation of these systems in our homes, hospitals and community services rests in being able to resolve the challenges of inter-operability; that is, the many digital systems that carry essential health information about us being able to talk to each other. What stands in the way, Richard said, was the usual vested interests and Australia's federal system of competing states.

Peter McGregor

Allan Stone: More than Just Tennis

Few are more qualified to talk about Australian tennis and the Australian Open than our September 10-minute speaker, Allan Stone. A player for 15 years, he has played in or commented on the Open for 60 years which, before its rebirth was rotated in various locations around Australia; but always struggled to compete with the rest of the world. It was too far for the world's best players to travel to, it was played on grass with poor prize money and had few sponsors. Its first 'permanent' home was Kooyong but in 1988 moved to a new facility, Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne Park, with the support of Premier John Cain. (Allan lost in the semi-finals to Ken Rosewall and, as a second-stringer, received a paltry \$1000 for his troubles). By the time of the first Open in Melbourne's purpose-built, state-of-the-art stadium - when John Newcombe played Jimmy Connors in the final - it had started to attract some of the top players: Mats Wilander, Steffi Graf and Chris Evert began making their appearance, followed by Agassi, Becker and McEnroe. Today, it is a major world-class sporting event and, more than a mere tennis tournament, it is a centre of entertainment for thousands, inside and outside the arena. It is worth \$300 million to the Victorian economy, offers \$75 million in prize money (plus points) and attracts 900 000 through the gates over two weeks. Melbourne is no longer a 'sleepy hollow' in January.

Peter McGregor

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PHOTO GALLERY

Our Probus Club's first Grand Final Lunch was held at the Bridge Hotel on Wednesday Sept 27. The Lunch celebrated the upcoming Grand Final and this season's football tipping competition.

Twenty seven attended, creating an atmosphere that was very festive . There were balloons and streamers in the colours of the Grand Finalists. Many of the attendees wore items in their own team's colours - scarves abounded, some also wore club themed apparel and even a football was supplied! Everyone was in good spirits, lots of laughter and chat. The food was very good, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Again thanks to Roger Wilson for negotiating the wine/food/coffee package.

It was a perfect way to end a successful season and anticipate the Grand Final.

Leon Laragy



Left: Attendees (Photo taken by Paul Crompton on his new wide angle camera phone)

Below: Leon Laragy holding the 4th Last Trophy while announcing the 2023 winners Deb & Derek Skues (photo by Alan Stevens)



Right: John Green—the lone Brisbane Lions Supporter , Jill Phillips in foreground (photo by Alan Stevens)

Below: Martyn Pickersgill—the 2022 4th Last Trophy Winner (photo by Alan Stevens)



L to R: Paul Stephens, John Smyth and Marlene Byass (photo by Alan Stevens)



It looks like Geoff Bransbury can't get away from Probus even when he is on holidays overseas. He came face-to-face with this sign while in Cornwall, UK