



# NEWSLETTER

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## Next General Meeting

Tuesday 20 February @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Elida Brereton

Topic: Unexpected highlights of touring Antarctica and South Georgia

10-Minute Talk: Geoff Stockdale

Topic: Educating the future leaders in remote Indonesia



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



In the January newsletter you were invited to tell us what you like or don't like, give us your ideas, suggestions, comments, criticisms etc of our current events, functions, activities, and monthly meetings. I have not had a single response. Possible explanations are that the newsletter is not widely read, technical hitches or apathy. The committee rejects such reasons and has concluded that we are doing well and that you are happy for us to continue our present schedule of meetings and activities.

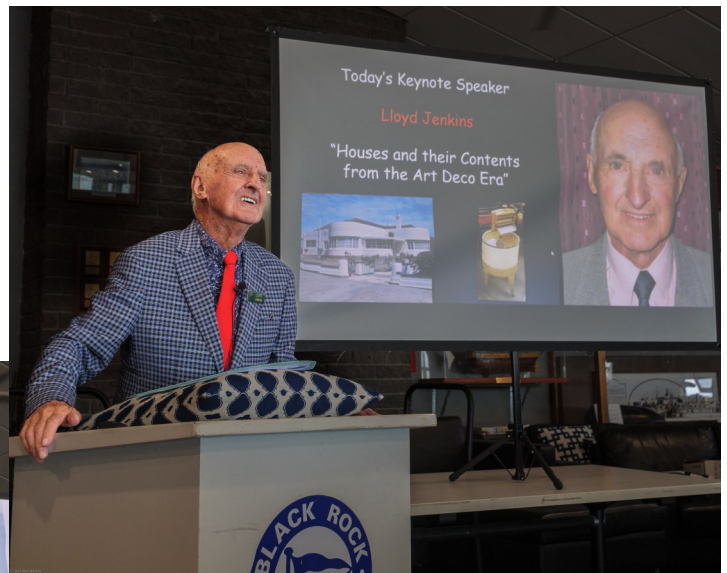
Our resident cinematographer extraordinaire Paul Crompton is putting on an exhibition of his lifetime collection of watercolour paintings in early March aided by Neighbourhood Watch and Geoff Bransbury. Whilst not a Beaumaris Probus activity, I recommend you consider attending. (*Details p5*)

Our guest speaker for February is Elida Brereton. She spent 43 years in the Education Department, including 15 years as Principal of Camberwell High School, still serves on three Boards, and has authored several Geography textbooks. She played a key acting role in an acclaimed 2007 ABC series, which I will reveal at the end of her presentation. Her topic is "Unexpected highlights of touring Antarctica and South Georgia".

After negotiations with Black Rock Yacht Club, our monthly meetings will continue there for at least 12 months. As life returns to normal after the holiday season, our various functions plus twelve interest groups are back in full swing. I look forward to enjoying them with you.

Rod Hammond  
President.

*Right: Keynote speaker Lloyd Jenkins*



*Left: 10 minute speaker Tom Glass*

*Photos by Alan Stevens*

# of Interest.1

## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Geoff Wade

The first meeting of the Digital Technology group for 2024 will be held on **Tuesday 6 February** at the home of **Barry Amond**, 1 John St Beaumaris commencing at 2:00 pm. As usual there will be a range of topics discussed. Any member who has a suggestion for a topic please advise **Geoff Wade** at [geoffp.wade@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffp.wade@bigpond.com). New members will be most welcome. This is a low-tech group with an interest in all things digital - phones, tvs, AI, computers, etc.

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Barry Amond

On **13 February at 2pm** the main topic will be "The Middle East". In the past we have discussed China, the US, Russia and Brexit and can now look at a major part of the world which has dominated the news since 7 October. In addition we'll touch on other current issues as well as the future of the group.

## WINE APPRECIATION Roger Wilson OAM

The first get together in 2024 is at **Roger Wilson's** home on **Tuesday 27 February** at 2pm where we will "raid" Roger's wine cellar for some vintage red wines to taste.

## WINE DISCOVERY

Grant Sabin

The Wine Discovery Group's first tasting of the year is planned for Wednesday **13 March** when we plan to delve into Tasmanian Rieslings. A wine that seems to be overlooked a lot these days, well over many years. That's our very reason for trying some.

## TRAVEL GROUP

Simon Appel

The next Travel Group gathering is on **Friday 8 March** at the Appel's home 1/35 Alfred Street Beaumaris. Speakers will be Bob and Tina Wigg describing their amazing 3 months journey around the world.

## SUNDAY MUSIC

Barry Amond

Tentative dates for this year's Sunday afternoon music are below. As for last year there are pairs of dates with the same program depending upon the number wishing to attend. At this stage, the program for the first and last pairs will again be a mixture of classical and 'jazz' but for the middle pair the emphasis will be on lighter music and jazz.

## PRISMS

Geoff Wade

The PRISMS meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 2 April** has been **rescheduled** to **Tuesday 26 March** to avoid a clash with the Easter break. Those scheduled to bring a bottle are Geoff Wade, Barry Amond, John Opie and Roger Wilson.

Please note dates in your diary:  
**Sundays - 28 April and 5 May; 23 and 30 June; 25 August and 1 September.**

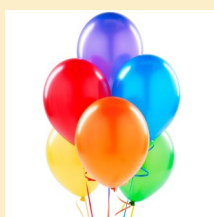
## WELCOME to our new members:

CHANDLER, Neil  
LINK, Dan  
MANKS, John  
SAWLE, Malcolm

Congratulations on your smart decision 😊

## Birthday Boys – February

HARDY, Tony	2
EILENBERG, Ian	7
REHDER, Ingo	7
KIRBY, Dick	9
NAYLOR, Keith	15
CROMPTON, Paul	18
VIAL, Russ	19 *
HOFMANN, Fred	20
SCHMOLL, John	23
McLEAN, Lachlan	25
HARFORD, Peter	27



**\*90 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 at [dmrushworth9@gmail.com](mailto:dmrushworth9@gmail.com) **DON'T BE SHY!**

## Activities

### PUB LUNCH

Thursday 22 February at 12 noon.  
The Bridge Hotel

Roger Wilson OAM

Choice of five main courses, pre-lunch drink and coffee post meal. Cost \$37 (note slight increase!) Plenty of parking, great food, and everybody most welcome! Please pay Beaumaris Probus Treasurer.



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

### Tastes

**Royal Brighton Yacht Club**  
**Tuesday 5 March**  
**6.30 pm**



Our most popular annual Tastes is now in its sixth year. We have the place to ourselves!

We have a 2 course dinner with a FREE bottle of wine per two people. Always a great night. If you've never been to Tastes, come along to this event!

Cost \$70.00 pp (which includes the bottle of wine!)

[Tastes at RBYC - Beaumaris Probus](#)

### Annual Croquet and Fabulous BBQ

Friday 22 March 4.00 - 9.30

Always a great evening at the beautiful Sandringham Croquet Club on the foreshore opposite the Sandringham Club. Either play or just come along for the fun and for the fabulous BBQ with delicious desserts. Always superb!

If you play, we have a special comp that is not too serious. Arrive at 4.00 to practise. We have helpers from the club to show you how. Bring an esky and BYO wine beer or soft drink. If sunny maybe a hat and umbrella.



We would appreciate it if you would help clean up at the end. Many hands make light work. Maximum number 40. Cost is just \$40.00.

[A Registration form for Croquet Social Event and BBQ Dinner - Beaumaris Probus](#)



# Functions & Activities

## ***WE'RE ALL INVITED*** **Paul Crompton's Art Retrospective - Grand Opening**

**Friday 15 March  
6.00–9.00pm  
Brighton Town Hall**



Maybe you know Paul as the producer of our speaker videos for the past 10 years. Did you know he was also a fabulous artist? One of his paintings is in the lobby of Victoria Golf Club. He is also a great community man who has done lots for his community.

Inexplicably, Paul gave up painting 15 years ago and 85 unseen original and fabulous artworks lay gathering dust in his studio. 40 of these are original paintings of every Ansett plane and helicopters flown in their first 60 years. This is a piece of Australian aviation history!

Last year a family health issue led Paul to ask his Probus/NHW friends to help give away his paintings to charity. We thought instead we would hold a "Retrospective" as a tribute to Paul; sell his paintings and then any money raised could be given to charity as Paul wishes. He will be supporting Defence Community Dogs.

Paul invites all Probus members and partners to his Grand Opening. Many Probus members and partners are involved in organising this event which is sponsored by NHW and Lexus. Food and wine is provided and there is **no entry fee** however guests will be asked to make a voluntary family donation of \$5.00 to his charity. There is absolutely NO expectation to buy a painting. He just wants you to come! It will be a great evening so we hope you will come.



[Invitation to Paul Crompton's Retrospective - Friday 15th March at 6.00 - Brighton Town Hall - Beaumaris Probus](#)

## **Visit to Portarlington**

We all missed Ken Beadle who inspired this trip and organised it. Get well soon Ken. 30 Members enjoyed a full day in Portarlington. It was perfect weather and the sea was calm, on the outward leg at least!. The ferry from Docklands is fast, comfy and efficient. A coach was waiting for us on arrival and whisked us up to Scotchman's Hill for a tasting. It is a beautiful spot. After this we had a two course lunch with wine at Jack Rabbit. Another absolutely beautiful location. The coach then took us back to town and the ferry for the trip home. Some enjoyed an ice cream and another wine! *(Photos on front page)*

For your information - the best way to reach the ferry terminal which is opposite Marvel Stadium is to take the tram 70 or 75 from Flinders Street and exit at D3. It takes just 12 minutes and the trams are every 10 minutes or so. Very efficient.

**Geoff Bransbury**

# Of Interest.2

Calling all Probians and **OR Wives/Partners!!!**

It's time to rev up your footy knowledge and join in the excitement of the 2024 AFL season. Here's why you should join the competition:



- 1. Experience the Thrill of the Game:** Immerse yourself in the world of AFL and engage in friendly rivalry - methodology varies, you may analyse games and make strategic picks, or just guess, or go with your favourite newspaper tipsters!!
- 2. Win \*Exciting\* Prizes:** Every correct tip gets you closer to fantastic prizes. The competition aims to have as many winners as possible.
- 3. Connect with Fellow Probians:** Share your footy tipping experiences with like-minded individuals from our Probus community. It's a great opportunity to socialise, make new friends, and strengthen existing bonds.
- 4. Enjoy a Grand Final Lunch:** Experience the excitement of the Grand Final week at our exclusive End of Season Grand Final Lunch at The Bridge Hotel. This is your chance to celebrate the culmination of the season with fellow competitors and Probians.
- 5. Get Regular Updates:** Stay connected with all the latest competition news, anecdotes, trivia, and important dates through our informative weekly email updates.

If you are new to this comp please don't delay - there is work to be done in setting up your **ESPNfootytips account**, so please contact Leon at 0410 327 587 or via email at [leonlaragy@gmail.com](mailto:leonlaragy@gmail.com) to register and for more information on the process.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enjoy footy, connect with friends, and you may even win a prize or two! And a healthy competition with your other half may even spice up your life 😊

**Vale**

**Barrie Gibson**



**Barrie** Gibson passed away on 5 January 2024 aged 74. He joined the club in 2018 and within a year he was helping out as Assistant to the Meeting Coordinator. He had a foot operation in May 2020 but more seriously started multiple surgeries and cancer treatments from April 2022 as well as battling Covid. In amongst these treatments he would go out of his way to attend functions such as the Wine Discovery Group, and our General Meeting. As advised there was no service but a private cremation with family. His ashes will finally rest in the Old Cemetery at his much beloved Bundalong on the Murray.

**Alan Stevens**

# Guest Speakers

## All You Ever Wanted to Know About Art Deco

Our resident walking encyclopaedia, **Lloyd Jenkins**, gave us a tour de force on the subject of Art Deco at our January meeting. We have all heard the term but probably didn't realise what it actually meant - until Lloyd cleared up any confusion on the subject. "Art Deco refers to a period of fashion," he told us. "Fashion in a whole range of things and, in particular, the period between the two World Wars— the 20s and 30s."

The term was invented, he said, by an American journalist in 1968. But Lloyd's main focus was on house styles and the two design styles that were most fashionable at the time: the Californian Bungalow and the Streamlined style, or Ultra Modern. In a series of carefully-selected photographs - some in our area and others from books - Lloyd showed us the key design features of, for example, the Californian Bungalow: the front verandah with its heavy construction and strong pillars. The house itself has no timber skeleton, but outside walls built in double brick with a cavity in-between. We even learnt about 'tapestry bricks', popular for internal fireplaces but sometimes used by builders for external trim work to add a decorative touch. The other form of California Bungalow, dating back to 1935, was a timber version in which the roof is carried by a timber skeleton frame and the outside cladding is horizontal timber boards, the weatherboard house (which some of us grew up in!!) From houses, Lloyd moved to furniture, household appliances such as toasters, ice-chests and even a cigar-cutter. It was a colourful history lesson with a difference.



**Peter McGregor**



## Adventurous Route to Hobart

Without doubt, **Tom Glass** is one of our most adventurous yachties. Not for him the comfort of the celebrity Sydney to Hobart; his 'thing' is the West Coaster from Melbourne to Hobart, 435 nautical miles in the Roaring 40s and long ocean swells. As he says, "Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide." Organised by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, it is an amazing challenge to the 15 - 16 yachts and crew, with a spirit and camaraderie not often seen in serious races. Not for the faint-hearted, there are no maxis amongst this lot (nor fat wallets!). Just after Christmas, the yachts assemble adjacent to the Portsea Pier before heading for the Derwent via Maria Island and Storm Bay in a race for glory. Tom illustrated his excellent 10-minutes with a series of well-coordinated pictures.

**Peter McGregor**

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### \* 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