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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. 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.

<u>Invitation to Paul Crompton's Retrospective - Friday 15th March at 6.00 - Brighton Town Hall - Beaumaris Probus</u>

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19 March @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: James Taylor

Topic: My Career in Hospital Emergency

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Hammond



In recent times, we have sadly lost a few members through deaths, ill health, and relocation. It was therefore most gratifying to have a record number of five new members inducted at our February meeting. We do not advertise, so new members come from word of mouth of what a great club we are, from members inviting friends, and the tenacious Roger Wilson as our membership convenor.

Several committee members and convenors are stepping down at our Annual General Meeting this month - rather than list them here they will all be acknowledged individually at that meeting. It is a sign of strength of the club that we have nominations to take over each of their roles.

Over the last year, we have had several major events and functions plus Tastes, and all have been well attended, as have the twelve regular activities groups, and numbers are growing at our monthly member only meetings. This has been pleasing to me as I finish my Presidential year. My thanks to the Convenors and the Newsletter Editor Vivienne for their contributions over the year to enhance the smooth running of the club. Also pleasing to me is there has not been a "dud" amongst the guest speakers I have chosen. It has been a privilege and pleasure to have been of service to you - I have enjoyed the camaraderie and will continue to do so as an ordinary member when I return mid-month from two weeks in Tasmania.

Rod Hammond, President.





Left: Keynote speaker Elida Brereton during her presentation "Unexpected highlights of touring Antarctica and South Georgia"



Above: Geoff Bransbury and Rod Hammond thanking Elida Brereton for her presentation

Left: 10 min speaker Geoff Stockdale on "Educating the future leaders in remote Indonesia"

(Pictures of new members' induction p8)

Photos by Alan Stevens

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of Interest



Unfortunately, Peter McGregor's contact list was hacked and a fraudulent email was circulated in his name which led to asking for a \$300 Apple Card. We're happy to say that Peter is in fine voice and has definitely not lost his voice and

he definitely doesn't require a \$300 Apple Card.

Please always remember the golden rules about unsolicited texts, emails and phone calls.

WINE DISCOVERY Grant Sabin

Here are the wines for the Wine Discovery Session on Wednesday **13 March** 2024, our first for the year. Yes the theme is Tasmanian Riesling.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the Digital Technology group will be held on **Tuesday 7 May** commencing at 2pm at the home of Barry Amond 1 John St Beaumaris. Suggestions for topics should be advised to geoffp.wade@bigpond.com. New members would be most welcome. This is a low-tech group with an interest in all things digital -phones, tv, AI, computers, etc.

Birthday Boys - March

| NASH, Alan | 6 |
|-----------------|------|
| POUND, John | 6 |
| KEYS, Graeme | 8** |
| CONNELL, Mev | 11 |
| HOWE, John | 13 |
| WILSON, Richard | 13** |
| CRUTHERS, Bill | 17 |
| BUSHBY, John | 20 |
| LONG, James | 20* |
| READ, Tony | 24 |
| TOBIN, Alan | 25 |
| MASKIELL, lan | 27 |
| WHITE, Ken | 29 |
| LINK, Dan | 30 |



*70 CONGRATULATIONS! **80

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.
Unfortunately one of our members has withdrawn and there is now a vacancy for a new member. If you are interested please contact Geoff Wade geoffp.wade@bigpond.com

DISCUSSION GROUP

Barry Amond

The next Discussion is likely to be on **Tuesday 14 May** at 2pm and then quarterly thereafter on **13 August and 12 November**. This follows a decision to have fewer meetings than in previous years but it is still possible that an important topic will impose an extra meeting!

At the February meeting we agreed that Israel must continue to exist and that it should try to eliminate Hamas but like so many around the world we were unhappy with the number of civilian casualties in Gaza. We couldn't see a happy solution.

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

As announced in February the first dual dates are **28 April and 5 May**. Those who attended in 2023 will receive details in April but if other members of the Club are interested please let me know. The two hours include about an hour of melodic classical and jazz music followed by afternoon tea. No charge!

WINE APPRECIATION Roger Wilson OAM

The Wine Appreciation Group's next get-together is a steak lunch at the **Steak Bank** North Road Ormond on **Thursday 2 May** at **12noon.** Cost \$65 pp for members of group. BYO Red Wine. Pay on the day.

Activities

TastesRoyal Brighton Yacht Club Tuesday 5 March 6.30 pm



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

Keep the date free!

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Functions & Activities

AFL Footy Tipping Competition 2024

- Calling all Beaumaris Probus members and their wives/partners
- The AFL season kicks off on Thursday, March 7th - not far away!!

To participate, quickly contact Leon Laragy (0410 327 587) and he will create your tipping account. Then, all you need to do is enter your tips online once a week. It's that easy!

Leon Laragy



Don't miss out on the footy tipping fun! Join our AFL Footy Tipping Competition today - only \$30 for the whole season.

PUB LUNCH

Come and join us for our Pub Lunch at the Newbay Hotel crn New Street and Bay Street Brighton on Thursday 4 April at 12noon. Cost is \$37 for a choice of 5 mains and including a welcome drink and coffee afterwards. Please pay the Treasurer in advance. To register click here



Roger Wilson OAM

13 members of the Wine Appreciation Group assembled for the best ever tasting at the home of Convenor Roger Wilson. Ten wines were sampled



from Roger's Cellar with the big surprise on voting that two Vintage Penfold Wines—a 2013 Bin 389 and a 2015 St



Henri were relegated into second and third place on the voting of 13 members—with the clear cut winner a 2016 St Hallett Butcher's Cart Shiraz which was an amazing red wine. Roger Wilson OAM

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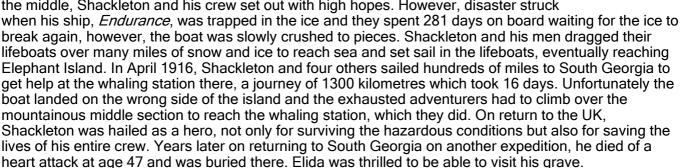




Guest Speakers

In the Footsteps of Shackleton

After a distinguished career in education in Victoria, Elida Brereton spoke to us about one of the great adventures of her life: a cruise on a French liner from the bottom of the world at Ushuaia, Argentina, across the Drake Passage to Antarctica's Weddell Sea. Her many pictures showed the prolific wildlife - king penguins, seals, whales - at every turn, surrounded by rocks and ice and wild seas. Highlights included the largest iceberg in the world, 175 km long and 35 km wide, and arriving at South Georgia Island, the site of explorer Ernest Shackleton's heroic exploits in the early part of the 20th century. Wanting to walk across Antarctica from one side to the other crossing the South Pole in the middle, Shackleton and his crew set out with high hopes. However, disaster struck



Peter McGregor



Discussion:

Pub Lunch:

Wine Discovery:

Tastes:

Pathway out of Poverty

Geoff Stockdale's February 10-minute talk gave members a valuable insight into the severe challenges facing people living on some of the remotest islands of our nearest, and largest neighbour, Indonesia. Many of these islands are not merely remote, but are on the wrong side of the Wallace Line and experience the same weather conditions as Australia; that is to say, limited rainfall and high rates of evaporation including nine months of drought. Some 80,000 people live on these islands of East Indonesia such as Sabu with no crops, widespread hunger, poverty and poor sanitation; the poorest villages are in the driest areas. Through his work with Rotary, Geoff has been supporting these villages by creating appropriate wells in strategic places and helping families and communities gain the skills they need that lead them out of poverty, even supporting young people to attend university in Kupang, 250 km away by sea. This was an inspiring

presentation. Geoff also acknowledged Fred Hofmann and John Manks for their involvement in the work facilitated in Sabu.

Peter McGregor

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Travel:

Tipping:

Sunday Music:

Wine Appreciation: Roger Wilson

Simon Appel

Leon Laragy

Barry Amond

0407 877 539

0419 595 757

0418 395 946

Geoff Bransbury 0416 294 452

Barry Amond

Grant Sabin

Roger Wilson

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PHOTO GALLERY



Left: Members Rod Murrell and John Opie visit Ralph Butcher in his Vasey Home in Brighton almost every Wednesday. Barry Amond joins them sometimes and Barry took this photo recently. Members will be pleased to hear that Ralph is still remarkably well as he approaches 106 in June. We wish you well Ralph!

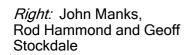
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW PROBUS MEMBERS

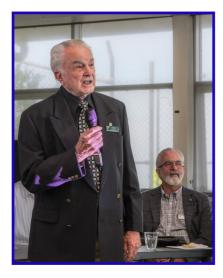


Left: Dan Link, Rod Hammond and Roger Wilson



Right: Malcolm Sawle, Rod Hammond and Tony Phillips





Above: Rod Murrell







Below: Alan Tobin, Rod Hammond and Rod Murrell



Left: Neil Chandler and Rod Hammond