



NEWSLETTER

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**Tastes
RBYC
5 March**



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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16 April @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Dr John Basarin OAM

Topic: Gallipoli from the Turkish Perspective

10min Talk: Fred Hofmann - Insect Resistant Cables

FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Rushworth



I am honoured to take on the role of President of the Club and intend working closely with the new committee, convenors and especially members. I hope to have interesting, informative speakers with a local touch and look forward to hearing from our own members in the 10 min talks.

Past President Rod Hammond and his committee are to be congratulated on this excellent past year. Special mention to all the retiring committee members for their outstanding contribution to the club. This month has been a vibrant one for the club. We have had the Tastes night at the RBYC; again well attended with good food and wine. Judging by the level of noise, the night was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Geoff for a well organised evening as usual and Louise for helping on the night. We have had two other excellent events: an Art Exhibition and a croquet night. The next event is the annual golf trip for 3 nights from April 10. This year at Rich River Moama; we will have 22 members and partners attending. Tony Read will be defending his title. Thanks to our golf convenor Garry Bradd for organising the trip.

The AGM was followed by our guest speaker, Dr James Taylor whose talk was "When things go wrong", a life in emergency medicine was detailed and comprehensive. He also explained all we needed to know about hospital Emergency Departments .

Our Treasurer, John Hewison, has been working on a Personal Records template for some time and has now completed it. This is a document that will be of great use to members and will be distributed shortly. John will discuss it at the April meeting.

Our guest speaker at the April meeting is Dr John Basarin, whose talk will be on Gallipoli from the Turkish perspective. John has an extensive CV and has been involved with several Bayside projects. He is a member of a number of Bayside organisations and has written many articles and has given radio interviews, He has appeared on national TV discussing the subject that he is passionate about—Gallipoli. He has co-authored seven books. This should be a fascinating talk and I encourage all members to be there. I look forward to seeing you all on April 16.

**David Rushworth
President**



*Left to right:
Proposer Geoff Wade,
newly inducted
member Chris
Haberecht and Rod
Hammond*



*Left: Dr James Taylor
during his presentation
and new President
David Rushworth*

Photos by Alan Stevens

Presentation of the Meritorious Service Certificate: Left: President David Rushworth presenting to Rod Hammond, Centre: Secretary Leon Laragy presenting to Garry Sebo. Right: Gary Sebo



of Interest

PUB LUNCH

Roger Wilson OAM

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](#)

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.

WINE DISCOVERY GROUP

Grant Sabin

The Wine Discovery Group's discovery session is on **Wednesday 24 April** hosted by Bob and Tina Wigg. Buying Canberra wines in Melbourne presented a huge challenge. Maybe the pollies drink it all. On the other hand the wineries tend to be rather small and the price accordingly high.



Beaumaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition Season 2024

Leon Laragy



We have 38 participants this season - up 10 from last season - that's fantastic! To see how we are all travelling this season [click here](#) to read the weekly updates.

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.

PRISMS

Geoff Wade

The PRISMS group met on Tuesday 26 March at the home of John Howe and sampled a dram from each of the following single malts - Edradour, Craigellachie 13 year old, Glenfiddich Experiment XX 02, and Blair Athol 12 year old Flora and Fauna. The consensus preferred the Glenfiddich Experiment XX 02 as the best sampled that day. All others were still very good. Unfortunately, Alan Nash, one of the founding members of the group has found it necessary to resign on medical advice which leaves us with a vacancy. Any member interested in joining us to investigate single malt whiskies, please contact **Geoff Wade** 0416 257 683. (see photos p8) Next PRISMS is on **Tuesday 6 August** at 2pm at Roger Wilson's home.

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!

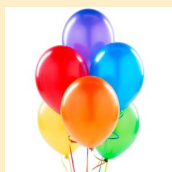
DISCUSSION GROUP

Barry Amond

The next Discussion will be on **Tuesday 14 May** at **2pm** and quarterly thereafter on **13 August** and **12 November**. Please contact me if you are interested in joining our discussions on a wide range of topics.

Birthday Boys – April

ETTERSHANK, Gerald	6
STEPHENS, Paul	6
WILSON, Roger	10*
OPIE, John	14
FISHER, John	15
STEVENS, Alan	17
TOOGOOD, Bob	19
THORESEN, Thorolf	22
ROSS, Keith	23
PHILLIPS, Richard	24
PHILLIPS, Stan	28
STOCKDALE, Geoff	30



***80* CONGRATULATIONS ROGER**

TRAVEL GROUP

Simon Appel



The Travel Group were entertained by Bob and Tina Wigg at the March gathering. Together they described a 3 1/2 month journey to 19 countries, with luggage comprising **one 10kg backpack each!** Their story commenced with air travel, and then included rail, hop-on-hop-off buses and hire cars. The photos show their "extensive" travel luggage, and Bob's favourite stop in Scotland.

Our next Travel Group Meeting is planned for **Friday 10 May**. Guest speaker will be advised.



Activities



Terry and Reg Black kindly organised an inhouse lunch delivered from one of Ralph's favourite restaurants "Sons of Mary" in Gardenvale. Also present were Ralph's daughter Jenny, and Roger Wilson.

Ralph, who turns 106 on June 24, was in good form and enjoyed the food and the company. Ralph is a bit unhappy he can't go out but he is in great form and happy otherwise!

Roger Wilson OAM

Left: Ralph Butcher OAM at Vasey House, North Brighton

The **Cycling Interest Group** has a group ride scheduled for almost every Friday of the year, making this the most consistently active group in the Club. Duncan Gibson is leading the group while regular ride coordinator Ken Beadle is unwell. Rides include from Beaumaris to St Kilda – entirely off public roads. Another one is scheduled to Carrum and return. New members are encouraged to join. If you're interested contact **Duncan Gibson 0475370112**

*Right: The group at St Kilda Baths with the mascot penguin in the background.
Left to Right: Duncan Gibson, Ken White, Geoff Carlson, Robert Kerr and Derek Skues.*

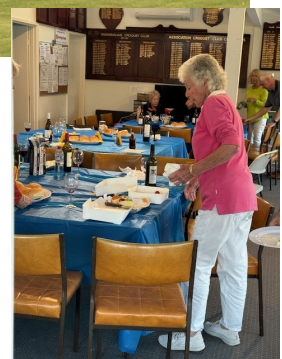


Beaumaris Probus Croquet held on Friday 22 March.

Report by Derek Skues

This was the ninth annual Beaumaris Probus Croquet event held at the Sandringham Croquet Club. Just under 30 people attended with 20 participating in the mixed knock out pairs competition. Four members of the Croquet Club, along with Derek Skues, helped instruct and referee the individual matches. Bob Wigg arranged the pairings and the draw.

A barbecue, cooked by John Green, with salads followed by desserts seemed to be enjoyed by all. Derek Skues presented the perpetual trophy to the winners, Geoff Bransbury and Bob Wigg, who defeated Robert Kerr and our President, David Rushworth, in an exciting final. *(more photos p8 and on website)*



Functions & Activities

Plea from the Treasurer - It would be helpful if members could please avoid paying for multiple events with a single combined payment to the club bank account. Thank you. John Hewison



Saturday 25 May 2.00 pm
(15 tickets booked)

Billy Elliot, The Musical

Cheltenham Light Opera Company
National Theatre, on the corner of Barkly and Carlisle Streets,
St Kilda

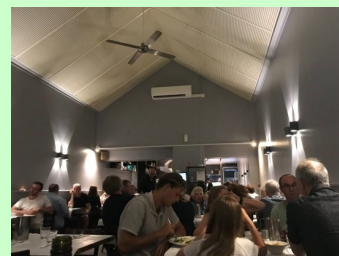
The musical is based on the 2000 film of the same name. The music is by Elton John. The plot revolves around Billy, a motherless British boy who begins taking ballet lessons. The story of his personal struggle and fulfillment are balanced against a counter-story of family and community strife caused by the miners' strike of 1984-85 in County Durham in northern England.

The original production premiered in the West End in 2005, followed by Broadway with subsequent tours of North America and the UK. **\$60 per head**

For more information contact **Derek Skues 0418 893 676** To register [click here](#)

Tuesday 28 May 6.30 pm

Tastes at Fazios, 462 Hampton Street, Hampton
\$55.00 per head with wine supplied by Geoff Bransbury at our usual "Tastes" price of \$15 per bottle (bring cash for the wine)



It was excellent last year, and Sam assures Geoff it will be again. That is a good reason to go to Fazio's again! This is a superb restaurant and Sam is the ultimate professional. There will be shared entrees and a choice of mains. Please register and pay the Treasurer. To register [click here](#)

Tuesday 25 June 5.30 pm Musical Soirée, Royal Melbourne Golf Club



This will be a seated musical soirée listening to the extraordinarily talented Jack Brunialti-Sykes on the Grand Piano. Finger food and drinks will be available. There is also a tour of the Club memorabilia, including Paul Crompton's painting of the old Sandringham Course Clubhouse. **\$75 per head**

For more information contact **Derek Skues 0418 893 676**

To register [click here](#)

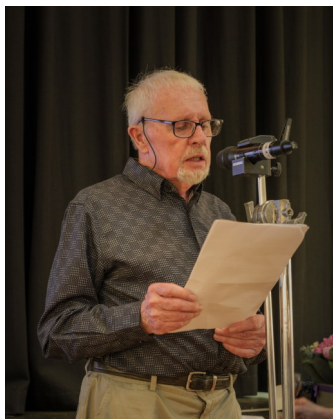
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Paul Crompton's Art Retrospective a superb success

Geoff Bransbury

Paul's art was beautifully presented by Michele Laragy at his recent "Final Retrospective" at Brighton Town Hall and as a result, over 95% of his paintings were sold. His historic Ansett Collection of 40 paintings was purchased complete and unseen by the owner of the Ansett Estate, so the paintings are "going home". Paul is delighted that the set remains complete, and we hope one day it will be on public display.

The art show was a great community project initiated and managed by Geoff Bransbury and Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. Paul, with help from the Beaumaris Men's Shed, made the panels. Barry and Margaret Amond, together with Leon Laragy and Merry Bransbury, assisted greatly. Ex-president Rod Hammond arranged some excellent Torbreck wine for the Grand Opening which was attended by some 400 guests. Paul was a superb artist, and we are all delighted his art has been recognised and appreciated by his community.

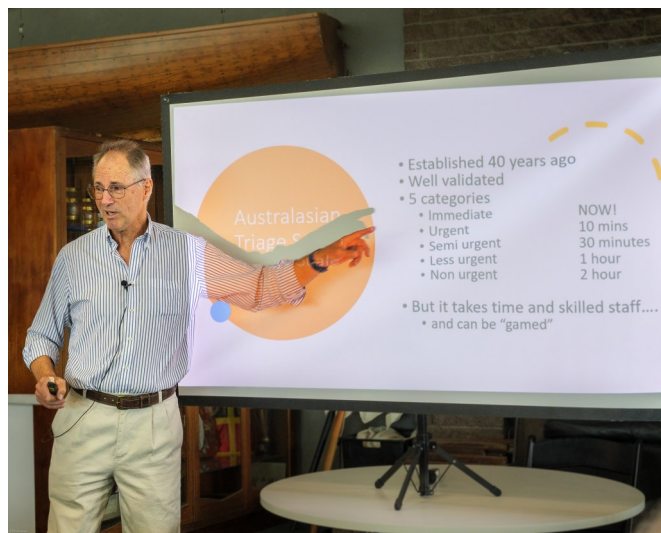


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Guest Speakers

When Things Go Wrong

Hospital emergency doctor, **James Taylor**, gave members the full treatment on the work of emergency departments in major hospitals. Not every hospital has such a facility, but in his wide experience in the Bayside area, emergency doctors in general do a wonderful job catering for the needs of the diverse range of patients they assess - all of whom present as a result of unplanned or unexpected circumstances. The task of medical staff, he says, is to make the right connection for those who walk in, are delivered by ambulance or are brought in by family or friends.



Garry Sebo thanking James Taylor for his presentation

Dr Taylor asserted that the first port of call for any patient is triage, of which Victoria has one of the most complicated systems. It is all about resource allocation, he said, and creating the greatest good for the greatest number. The first thing to assess is whether action is required immediately (that is, now), or whether treatment is needed urgently (within 10 minutes), semi-urgently (30 minutes), less urgently (one hour) or not urgent at all (two hours). This takes time with skilled staff because when a patient presents wanting to see a doctor asap, this could mean referral to a nurse practitioner, an ED nurse and/or doctor, a GP clinic, a physiotherapist or being admitted as an outpatient. A patient's reasons might be that they want treatment, a clinical assessment and examination, initial treatment (to alleviate pain, for example), further investigation or a diagnosis. As a result, they may be admitted or discharged. Decisions on admissions could depend on the availability of a resuscitation bay, a general care cubicle, an isolation room, a procedure room or a short stay unit, or even the need for further tests. Decisions, decisions.

Peter McGregor

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Digital Technology:	Geoff Wade	0416 257 683	PRISMS:	Geoff Wade	0416 257 683
Discussion:	Barry Amond	0407 877 539	Wine Appreciation:	Roger Wilson	0418 395 946
Tastes:	Geoff Bransbury	0416 294 452	Travel:	Simon Appel	0417 600 419
Wine Discovery:	Grant Sabin	0419 595 757	Tipping:	Leon Laragy	0410 327 587
Pub Lunch:	Roger Wilson	0418 395 946	Sunday Music:	Barry Amond	0407 877 539

PHOTO GALLERY

Prisms meeting on 26 March at John Howe's Home *(photos by Roger Wilson)*



← Left to Right: Derek Skues, John Opie, Thorolf Thoresen, Tim Harding, Convenor Geoff Wade, and Host John Howe (standing)



⇒ Left to Right: Thorolf Thoresen, Geoff Wade, John Howe, Barry Amond, Rod Murrell and Geoff Carlson

Croquet on 27 March @ Sandringham Croquet Club



Tastes on 5 March @ RBYC



Retrospective by Paul Crompton on 15 March @ Brighton Town Hall

