



# NEWSLETTER

Probud Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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*Candlelight Dinner  
RBYC  
June 24*



*(photos by Alan Stevens - more photos p10)*



## General Meeting

Tuesday 15 July @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speakers: John Carson, Naomi Anderson and Kate McDermott

Topic: "Tomorrow Starts Today: Why Aged Care Advice Can't Wait"

10 min Speaker: Neil Chandler

Topic: "Vitamin D"

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### TIM HARDING



Last month we had a very interesting talk by John Rogers about HMVS Cerberus that you see out there in the water off our meeting place. This month's talk will be by our member John Carson, who is a semi-retired financial adviser specialising in Aged Care. He will be assisted by a consultant nurse, to explain how the aged care and home care systems work, in particular how to access home care as a way of delaying going into aged care.

Our sub-committee is making good progress on the review of our Constitution and Standing Resolutions in the light of recommendations from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL). The sub-committee will first report to our Management Committee and then to a General Meeting of all members.

I am pleased to report that we have successfully arranged for the Discussion Group to meet at The George Retirement Living apartments in Sandringham. The Digital Group are also considering meeting there, subject to suitability of technological facilities.

Derek Skues has been doing a great job lining up functions and events for the rest of this year. On Tuesday 24 June we had our Annual Candlelight Dinner at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club. Then Roger Wilson has organised a pub lunch at the Elsternwick Hotel on Thursday 24 July.

I'll finish by observing that there is quite a lot of respiratory illness going around this winter, so for your own sake, your families and that of the Club, please get your vaccine boosters.

Tim Harding



*Clockwise from top left: Guest speaker John Rogers during his Q&A session with President Tim Harding; John Rogers being thanked by Bob Wigg; 10 minute speaker Peter Fitzgerald; Rod Murrell (right) after receiving his 25 year membership pin from President Tim Harding. (Photos by Alan Stevens)*

## A big thank you to John Howe

John has stepped down as the club's Archivist, a role he has had since April 2016.

On behalf of the club I congratulate John on taking very good care of our club's historical documents - a collection of papers and electronic storage media such as 3.5" floppy disks & DVDs - two boxes weighing in at 15+ kilos!

Our Management Committee will now consider the appropriate means of handling these records.

Does anyone have USB connected external floppy drive for reading 3.5" disks or an external drive for reading DVD data files they could lend Committee?

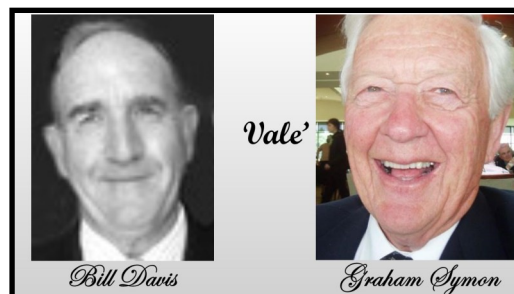
Leon Laragy  
Secretary

## Monthly Meetings - When the Carpark at the BRYC venue is FULL and you have Mobility Issues please do the following:

- Park in the Carpark at the top of Cerberus Way OR Park in a side street nearby OR park in an alternative beach carpark
- Call the Secretary - 0410 327 587
- The Secretary will arrange for a member to pick you up and deliver you to the BRYC venue

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Leon Laragy  
Secretary



Two club members have passed away recently. **Bill Davis** was 91, a former President of our club and a member for 23 years. **Graham Symon** was 92 and a member for 14 years. Both had become Non-Active members due to ill health. I have expressed our condolences to their families.

Alan Stevens  
Welfare

# of Interest



**Celebration!** A 65th wedding anniversary—it's often referred to as the "blue sapphire" anniversary, symbolizing wisdom and loyalty.

**Congratulations Barry and Margaret Amond!**

## Beaumaris Probus Footy Tipping Competition Season 2025



Planning is already underway for the end of the season! Don't forget to mark your calendar for the **Grand Final Pub Lunch on Wednesday 24 September** - the very, very unofficial curtain raiser to the AFL Grand Final on the following Saturday!!

Two of our five prize pools have concluded and we are halfway through the third prize pool. To see how we are all travelling this season [click here](#) to read the weekly updates.

## Wine Discovery Group

**Bob Wigg**

The Wine Discovery Group lunched at Fazio's Restaurant on June 18 where we enjoyed the usual excellent food and wine provided by Sam Fazio.

Wines sampled were all from the South Australian wine region and a good time was had by all.

The next meeting will be at **2.00pm** on **July 16** at Alan Stevens where we will sample Grenache wines.



## Birthday Boys – July

APPEL, Simon  
HOSKINS, Howard  
LANDER, Robert  
MURRELL, Rod  
MYERS, Paul  
SAWLE, Malcolm  
SMYTH, John



## Wine Appreciation

**Roger Wilson OAM**

Our next meeting is at **Fazio's** Hampton for a delicious lunch at **12 noon** on **Thursday 3 July** - where we will taste 10 only Victorian red wines from the various regions of our State.

## Sunday Music

**Barry Amond**

The next program will be on **Sundays 20 and 27 July** at **2.30pm** at 1 John Street, Beaumaris. There may be an opportunity for new members and their partners to join our enthusiastic audience.

## PRISMS

**Geoff Wade**

The next meeting of PRISMS will be held on **Tuesday 5 August** at the home of Derek Skues, 22 Third St, Black Rock commencing at **2 pm**. Members rostered to bring a bottle are John Howe, Rod Murrell, Derek Skues and Goff Wade.

## Bike Riding

**Duncan Gibson**

Colder weather can be a challenge however we continue to ride weekly and eventually get warm. Compared to the 'iceberg' swimmers at Brighton we have it easy! Join us if you feel the urge.

## Travel Group

**Simon Appel**

The Travel Group plans to meet on **Friday 29 August**. We will meet at the Appel house at **2.00pm**.

Alan Stevens will be guest speaker to describe his and Patricia's golf journey to Northern Ireland.

We may also enjoy Tim Appel, a *Qantas Airbus* skipper, who will describe his "journey" from 737 to *Airbus*.

## Digital Technology

**Geoff Wade**

The next meeting of the Digital Technology group will be held on **Tuesday 2 September**. The meeting will be conducted in the Theatre Room of the George Retirement Living complex, 15-25 George St, Sandringham.

# of Interest cnld

## Discussion Group

Bill Cruthers M: 0413 447 480

A big thank you to Marika and The George Retirement Living for providing the Discussion Group with an excellent venue and afternoon tea for the June meeting. Everyone agreed that the room provided was "first class".

The group welcomed a new member - Les Flynn.

John Busby paid tribute to the late John Wallace who was a colourful member of the group for many years.

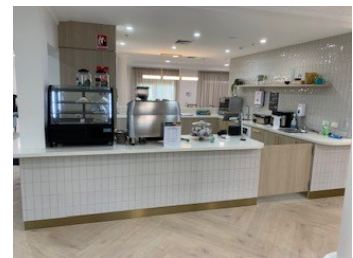
We covered a wide range of issues facing Australia in 2025 - Cost of Living, Housing, Immigration, Health, Defence to name a few.

After the tea break we spoke about what was happening in the rest of the world, particularly in the USA.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 September** at 2pm at The George Retirement Living, 15 George St Sandringham.

New members are always welcome.

*(Right: For members who missed the meeting at the new location, here's a sneak preview of the café and the comfortable table setting of the meeting room for our Discussion at The George).*



On **Tuesday 24 June** we held the annual **Beaumaris Probus Candlelight Dinner** at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club. 85 members and their wives or partners braved the cold and windy conditions to attend what was a very successful night. Unfortunately, five of those who booked had to cancel at the last moment due to health issues.

The two course meal was expertly served by the excellent Royal Brighton staff, which most people enjoyed, along with the pre dinner drinks and the wine provided on each table.

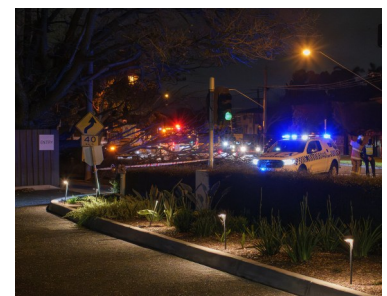
We were entertained by the glorious voice of Beth George and the improvisation of our accomplished keyboard player, Steve Sedergreen. Many jazz and blues standards were sung, including Cheek to Cheek, Summer Time and Autumn Leaves.

I made a point of welcoming and identifying the new and soon to be members of Beaumaris Probus and recognised the significance of the date, as it coincided with the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of our long time member, Ralph Butcher. Also, the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Barry and Margaret Amond, which occurred the following day, was celebrated.

A raffle took place at the end of the night, drawn by our President's wife, Lisa Hill, with prizes being won by Andrew Kerr, Margaret Smethurst and Chris Renwick. Tim Harding then thanked everyone for attending, mentioning his father's membership of RBYC, thanking the organisers and promoting future events.

I would also like to thank all who attended and particularly John Green, Bob Wigg and my wife, Deb, for welcoming guests and directing them to their allocated tables at the commencement of the night.

The night was marked by a dramatic event when a large elm collapsed over the Brighton Esplanade, just north of the Club, which halted traffic for some time and was still being removed from the road by the SES at the conclusion of the night.  
*(Photos on p1 and p10)*



**Derek Skues**  
Functions Coordinator

# Events & Activities



Elsternwick Hotel  
259 Brighton Road Elwood  
Thursday 24 July  
12 noon



Only \$39 per person which includes:

- ♦ Pre lunch drink
- ♦ Choice of 5 mains
- ♦ Coffee/Tea after lunch

On site parking off Glenhuntly Road behind the Pub. *Great food, great value, great company – see you there!*

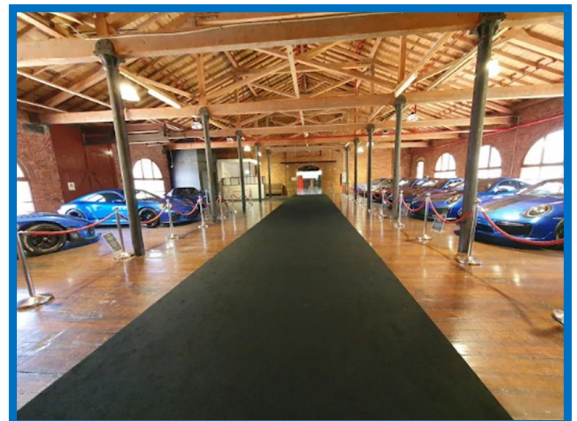
Please book and pay Treasurer John Hewison well before the lunch  
To register [click here](#)

## FOX CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION

750 Collins Street,  
Docklands

Immersed within the historic walls of the Queen's Warehouse, the Fox Classic Car Collection is your opportunity to explore a sparkling array of the world's rarest and most prestigious classic, sports, super and race cars, including:

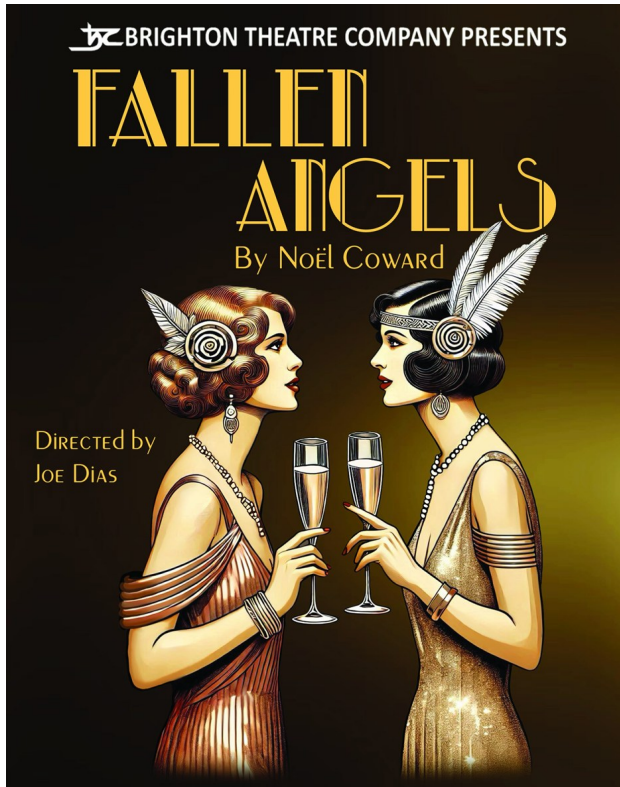
Bentley  
Ferrari  
Jaguar  
Mercedes  
Porche and  
Rolls Royce



**11.00 am Thursday 18 September**  
**Concession \$9.50 per head (Parking available)**  
**Followed by a reasonably priced lunch nearby**

To register [click here](#)

# Events & Activities



Join Us for a Theatre Night!



BRIGHTON THEATRE  
CNR WILSON AND CARPENTER STREETS  
BRIGHTON

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST  
8PM

Members, along with their spouses, partners, and friends, are warmly invited to an evening of entertainment on **August 16** at the **Brighton Theatre**, located at the corner of Wilson and Carpenter Streets (formerly the Brighton Town Hall).

We'll be enjoying **Fallen Angels**, the beloved comedy by Noel Coward—celebrating its **100th anniversary** this year!

Arrive early for a relaxed drink and the chance to mingle with new members before the show.

**Tickets: \$23 per person which includes sherry before the show, cup of tea/coffee at interval and a glass of wine after the show. Great value!**

**Parking:** Plenty available. **Need a lift?** If you prefer not to drive at night, let Kevin Reed know (0419 565 520) – we'll do our best to arrange transport assistance.

Looking forward to a fantastic night of theatre and good company!

To register [click here](#)

**About the play:** *Set in the roaring 1920s, Fallen Angels follows two best friends, Julia and Jane, as they face a comic dilemma that threatens their marriages and tests their friendship when a former lover is coming back to town. Anticipation mounts as they wrestle with their romantic pasts, rekindled passions, and societal expectations. When Maurice finally arrives, chaos ensues in a whirlwind of misunderstandings, absurdities, and razor-sharp dialogue. A ground-breaking comedy, Fallen Angels still pushes the boundaries of what is acceptable, delivering a bold and satirical take on relationships, fidelity, and female agency. With its fast-paced humour and sharp wit, this play promises an unforgettable night of laughter.*

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### Special *Tastes* a 7 course Japanese banquet

Japan Inn – Keys Street Beaumaris

**Tuesday 26th August**

This is a highly respected family restaurant and the food is excellent. It has recently been renovated and has an improved sound absorbing ceiling—though with our noisy lot, it will still be lively!

Wine, as usual at *Tastes*, will be selected by Geoff Bransbury and available at \$15.00 per bottle (most bottles are worth more as they are purchased in advance when on special).

Join us for a relaxed evening of good food and great company. Whether you're a long time member or new to the club, this is the perfect chance to meet others and feel part of the community. Bring a friend—all welcome!

**Special price for this 7-course banquet is just \$50.00pp.**  
*(Limited numbers so please pay treasurer early).*

**[Register for Special Japanese Tastes banquet – Beaumaris Probus](#)**

## *Events & Activities*

# **2025 ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION**

## **Geelong Art Gallery**



You are invited to the 2025 Archibald Prize touring exhibition featuring the 57 finalists selected from the 904 entries, including the winning entry painted by Julie Fragar, entitled *"Flagship Mother Multiverse"*, and the Packing Room Prize awarded to Abdul Abdullah for his painting of Jason Phu, entitled *"No Mountain High Enough"*.

**We are meeting at Southern Cross Station at 10.00 am and taking the train to Geelong.**

**11.30 am Thursday 16 October**

**Concession \$22 per head**

**Followed by a reasonably priced lunch nearby**

**To register [click here](#)**

# PHOTO GALLERY

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*(Photos by Alan Stevens and Geoff Bransbury)*

# Guest Speakers

## Revolutionary naval ship

(John Rogers)

Who in Bayside has not seen the wreck of the good ship Cerberus and wondered about her? In a fascinating illustrated address, John gave us an historian's account of the ship's service to the Colony of Victoria, from the 1850's to her demise as a breakwater at Half Moon Bay. HMVS Cerberus is the only surviving example of this type of vessel in the world, and the only remnant of Australia's pre-federation colonial navies. At the time of the gold rush Russian warships shadowed our coast (much as Chinese warships have done recently). Those in authority evidently believed the rich goldfields were at risk of invasion. The government response was to reinforce its infant Navy by acquiring a revolutionary twin screw, steam driven iron clad gunship that signalled the end of the era of wood and sail. My wife's family has a connection to Cerberus in the form of a finely crafted table claimed to have been made from teak wood salvaged from the gunpowder magazine after the ship was decommissioned. The table came into her family as a wedding gift. The gunpowder magazine room was entirely lined with wood and only bronze tools were permitted to obviate the risk of a spark igniting the powder (with obviously disastrous consequences) should a clumsy sailor drop a spanner. These days the Cerberus is in danger of disappearing beneath the waves as time and corrosion take their toll. We are privileged to have possibly a last chance to pay her our respects.

Duncan Gibson

## What's not to like?

(Peter Fitzgerald)

Ten minute speaker Peter, provided us with an interesting insight to what many think of as one of the ultimate 'perks' of a high paid executive job; namely, unlimited corporate travel, all expenses paid. Peter was tasked with visiting a far flung global network of Mobil Oil's Marketing Branches in course of which he recalled both the unreal extravagance of supersonic flight on Concorde complete with complimentary vintage champagne, contrasting with squalor and corruption encountered in places like Sierra Leone. As one who only very briefly tasted this lifestyle (never on Concorde) I recall the stress and fatigue, long absences from family and friends, sometimes 18 hour days and on other occasions personal danger. The highs and lows in Peter's talk added a note of reality to what is otherwise a common fantasy.

Duncan Gibson

**Speaker Videos** Relive our Speakers- Paul Crompton

Most speaker videos are available for viewing on our website - including the last two brilliant speakers!

[Click here to see our speaker videos](#)

## PROBUS CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Inc

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

### \* Interest Groups

Bike Riding:	<i>Duncan Gibson</i>	0475 370 112	Golf:	<i>Garry Bradd</i>	0418 107 800
Digital Technology:	<i>Geoff Wade</i>	0416 257 683	PRISMS:	<i>Geoff Wade</i>	0416 257 683
Discussion:	<i>Bill Cruthers</i>	0413 447 480	Wine Appreciation:	<i>Roger Wilson</i>	0418 395 946
Tastes:	<i>Geoff Bransbury</i>	0416 294 452	Travel:	<i>Simon Appel</i>	0417 600 419
Wine Discovery:	<i>Bob Wigg</i>	0409 213 600	Tipping:	<i>Leon Laragy</i>	0410 327 587
Pub Lunch:	<i>Roger Wilson</i>	0418 395 946	Sunday Music:	<i>Barry Amond</i>	0407 877 539
Science:	<i>Grant Sabin</i>	0419 595 757			