



NEWSLETTER

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*Candlelight
Dinner
August 7*



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Next General Meeting
Tuesday 17 September @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Brad Rowswell MP
Topic: The opportunity of AUKUS for Victoria

10min Speaker: Tim Harding
Topic: The AIF Yandoo Newsletter 1916 -

FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Rushworth



For the first time this year we had no new inductees at our August meeting, though there are a number in the pipeline that our Membership Officer is working on.

It was pleasing to present the new 15 year plus membership pins to 8 members (4 were absent), and the 25 year pin to Lloyd Jenkins. Well done to you all. Also at the meeting was John Wallace to receive his 35 year membership Certificate and thanks to Barry Amond for bringing John along.

We trialled the new segment of a free drink to two lucky members and all went well. Thank you Graeme Keys. The teller of tales made a welcome return.

The annual Candlelight Dinner held at the Sandringham Football Ground was a very successful event: excellent food (especially the steak), and the unified singing from the choir, Totally Wild. We could not have asked for a better night. Many thanks to Derek and his team for putting it together so well. The visit to the Jayco factory and lunch went so well that another visit is planned for October 10. Book early for a terrific tour.

In September we have the trip to NGV for the Pharaohs exhibition and then the annual footy tipping lunch where we find out who wins the prestigious Golden Boot Award for 4th last.

Our September speaker is Brad Rowswell, our local MP for Sandringham and Shadow Treasurer, well known to a number of members. The title of his address will be "The opportunity of AUKUS for Victoria". Simon Appel will be the thanker. Brad will be joining us for lunch.

I look forward to seeing you on September 17.

David Rushworth
President



Left: Recipients of the 15 plus membership: Geoff Bransbury, John Howe, Duncan Gibson, Gerald Ettershank, Kevin McDonnell, Roger Wilson, John Bushby, Alan Stevens

Below Left: David Rushworth presenting John Wallace his 35 Year Membership Certificate

Below Right: Lloyd Jenkins being presented his 25 Year Membership Pin



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of Interest

Bravo Roger! Your medal count prediction skills were impressive!



GOLD: RW Predicted 17 Actual 18
 SILVER: RW Predicted 17 Actual 19
 BRONZE: RW Predicted 16 Actual 16



Beamaris Probus AFL Footy Tipping Competition Season 2024 Leon Laragy

The Tipping Competition has concluded! Congratulations to all 38 participants. Gratifyingly 15 participants won some dollars for their efforts throughout a very turbulent season!



To see how it all concluded please [click here](#)

** Also, see details of the AFL Tipping Comp Grand Final Pub Lunch in the "Events & Activities" section **

DISCUSSION GROUP Barry Amond

At the August meeting we explored the historical decline and fall of many civilisations and organisations. Among the reasons, commonly, were over-expansion, climate change (yes), We then discussed the current situation in the western world and wondered whether there were already too many signs of a decline.

We then discussed the results of the very successful Olympics and noted that Australia's medal tally had exceeded Roger Wilson's forecast at the July monthly meeting.

The Group's next meeting will be in **November** at a date to be confirmed but after the US election results are known.

SUNDAY MUSIC GROUP Barry Amond

The next program will be on **20 and 27 October**.

Birthday Boys – September

INESON, Noel	1
SHERMAN, Peter	1
JENKINS, Lloyd	10
PETCH, Roy	13
WILMOT, David	23
PHILLIPS, Tony	27*
RENWICK, Chris	29
HABERECHE, Chris	30



****80** CONGRATULATIONS!**

Wine Appreciation Group Roger Wilson OAM

Twelve members of our Wine Appreciation Group met at Geoff Bransbury's home on Thursday 29 August, and tasted 12 red wines from France, Spain, Chile, Italy, Sicily and New Zealand.

Number one choice was a 2018 French wine from Chateau Peymouton valued at \$48, followed by a Chilean wine, Luis Felipe Edwards at \$9. In third place was another Chilean wine, also from the Carmenere grape (the grape of Chile), valued at \$27. A Pinot Noir from New Zealand valued at \$37 was the fourth choice.



Our next Wine Appreciation Group meeting is lunch at **Fazios in Hampton on Thursday 31 October** with Victorian red wines at **12 noon**. Cost is \$55 payable on the day.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY Geoff Wade

The Digital Technology group met on **Tuesday 27 August** and discussed topics including the recent Cloudstrike meltdown, its possible effects on a smarhome, the benefits of eSims, how smart laptops are becoming and how smartphone technology can drive traffic lights. We welcomed a couple of new members to the group. The next meeting will be on **4 February** next year.

Events & Activities

PRISMS

The PRISMS whisky tasting group met on Tuesday 6 August at the home of Roger Wilson and tasted Glen Moray 15 year old, Ledaig 10 year old, Highland Park 12 year old Viking Honour and an Australian whiskey from Morris of Rutherglen, their Signature single malt. The consensus was that the Highland Park whiskey from the Orkney islands was rated the best of the four but all were considered very good. The Australian whiskey was quite different to the others in that it had a sweeter taste, probably as a result of being matured in sherry and port casks. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3 December** at the home of Barry Amond when Dan Link is going to provide an American single malt. Others to bring a bottle will be Ken Beadle, Geoff Carlson, and Tim Harding.

Geoff Wade



Left: John Howe, Thorolf Thoresen, Tim Harding, Barry Amond, John Opie

Right: Geoff Wade (convenor), Geoff Carlson, Rod Murrell, Derek Skues, Dan Link

(Photos by Roger Wilson)



On **Wednesday 7 August** the annual **Beaumaris Probus Candlelight Dinner** took place at Sandy on the Bay, attended by over 80 guests. During the evening the Beaumaris based Vocally Wild Choir entertained everyone with a selection of contemporary songs under the baton of its Musical Director, Dr Bill Miles, accompanied by Emma Lipka on the keyboard.

(photo by Alan Stevens—more p8)

Derek Skues



(photo by Alan Stevens)

On **Thursday 15 August** eight Probus members and two wives participated in a fascinating 2 hour tour of the 55 acre **Jayco caravan manufacturing factory in Dandenong South**. The company has 900 employees, who produce 9,000 caravans, and camper trailers, and 600 motor homes each year. Emphasis was given to aiming for continuous improvement of the product and the method of manufacture, with a preference to use locally sourced components. The tour was followed by a delicious lunch at an excellent restaurant across the road from the factory. A second tour is booked for **Thursday 10 October and other members are encouraged to participate**. *(registration p6)*

Derek Skues

The Travel Group met on **Friday 23 August** and received a spectacular summary of Barry and Margaret Amond's many travels around the world. Barry provided photo/slides of all journeys and places. Mostly via ship they started in January 1966 when coming to Australia and followed from 1970 through 2000 with regular journeys back to the UK. From 2001 through 2010 they joined Probus Club journeys to New Zealand, China, Italy, Russia and Europe and then Cairns and Lord Howe Island. Several of these trips were organised by Alan Nash and facilitated by Stewart Ingram from *Destination HQ* at the Beaumaris Concourse. Since then, they have cruised Budapest-Amsterdam, to Paris and Hungary, Barcelona and Avignon, and through the Panama to Miami, Memphis, the Mississippi, New Orleans and Las Vegas.

More recently they have joined Celebrity and Princess Cruise lines with journeys to Hawaii and Vancouver as well half world cruises and round New Zealand. Barry and Margaret recently "deposited" for another half world Princess cruise in 2025 via South Africa to the UK!!!

(photo by Simon Appel)



Simon Appel

Events & Activities



SPECIAL PUB LUNCH

AFL TIPPING COMP GRAND FINAL LUNCH



- ◆ ALL club members are welcome regardless of participation in the tipping competition!
- ◆ Join in the fun! There will be balloons and streamers in the colours of the Grand Finalists - and if you wish, please wear something reflective of your team eg. scarf, tie, beanie, badge etc.
- ◆ **Wednesday 25 September** at the **Bridge Hotel** at **1200 noon**. Choice of five main courses, pre-lunch drink and coffee Cost \$37

To register [click here](#)



FINE DINING *TASTES* EXPERIENCE

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club

The fine dining experience this year is to be held at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, 310 Williams Road North, Toorak.

It includes:

- ◆ A welcome drink
- ◆ A two course meal, with a choice of two mains and desserts
- ◆ Bottles of wine on each table, with other drinks at bar prices
- ◆ A brief history of the Club and tennis as it used to be played from a former coach.



6.30 pm Thursday 24 October **\$95 per head**

Private coach transport available

[Click here](#) to register. Pay the Treasurer via your bank.

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Cheltenham Light Opera Company
National Theatre
Barkly Street
St Kilda

\$50 per head

Musical based on 7,000 air passengers from all over the world being grounded and cared for by a small Newfoundland community, who took these 'come from aways' into their homes and their lives following the 9/11 event in 2001.

Expressions of Interest sought now. Contact Derek Skues 0418893676

2nd FACTORY TOUR

1 Jayco Drive, Dandenong South



You are invited to undertake a 2 hour tour of Jayco's caravan manufacturing factory. Tour limited to 10 people.

Led by friendly experts, the free tour guides you through each manufacturing phase - from framing to interior detailing - unveiling the latest materials and techniques.

The requirements for the visit are as follows:

- * Enclosed sturdy shoes are mandatory for all participants.
- * The site covers approximately 50 acres, so participants should be capable of walking comfortably for the duration of the tour.
- * Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided.

10.00 am Thursday 10 October

Transport through car sharing

To register [click here](#)



Events & Activities

BALLARAT RAIL TRIP AND EXHIBITION



Clarice Beckett Exhibition, The Art Gallery of Ballarat Wednesday 2nd October

The Art Gallery of Ballarat is presenting paintings by Clarice Beckett (1887 - 1935) from the National Collection, an intimate collection by one of the most important artists of the early twentieth century and a former resident of Beaumaris. Clarice painted the life and scenery from her home in Beaumaris and surrounds with an eye for the commonplace and fleeting effects of nature. Her works capture a world on the cusp of modernisation, evoking both the natural environment and simple pleasures of suburbia.

- Departing from Southern Cross station mid morning
- Arriving in Ballarat for lunch followed by a visit to the Gallery

Pension holders will most likely have a free travel pass available for the day and there is no entry fee to the Gallery. Departure time from Southern Cross Station will be confirmed closer to the event date.

For more information ring John Green 0406 641 756. To register [click here](#)

PUB LUNCH The Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc

12 noon on Wednesday
20 November

(Details to follow)



PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc

12 noon Thursday
12 December

(Details to follow)



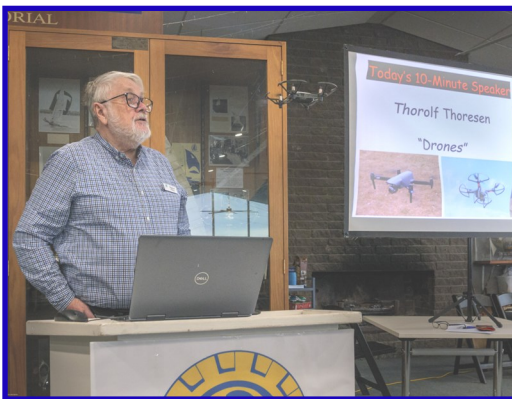
PHOTO GALLERY



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All photos by Alan Stevens



General Meeting on August 20

Left: 10min speaker Thorolf Thoresen

Right: "Tall Tales" Fred Hoffmann

Below Left: David Rushworth and Lloyd Jenkins

Below Centre: David Rushworth and John Wallace

Below Right: Leon Laragy showcasing his new advanced time keeping equipment



Guest Speakers

Early Convict Society - Debunking Myths

It is claimed that history is written by the winner and it seems so whether the conflict is of a military nature or a contest of ideas. Our guest speaker **David Howe**, historian, U3A lecturer and researcher, took us on a fascinating journey back to the convict era from 1788 to examine what documented history and logic can tell us about the lived experiences of the convicts who arrived on the shores from Botany Bay (and subsequently Sydney Cove). Much has been written about the hardships, cruelty and injustices suffered by convicts deported to Australia, but there is much evidence of an alternative version. Sometimes overlooked but obvious is the fact that convicts were virtually the sole source of manpower available to the first settlement, the military personnel being strictly averse to civilian duties. Hence convicts filled numerous civic roles in the professions, and even to the extent of administering floggings to their fellows. One imagines there was an element of empathy involved. On completion of their sentences (most were released early due to the pressing demand for enthusiastic rather than resentful labour), it was possible to marry and obtain a grant of freehold land and with it social status - unimaginable from the perspective of their (mostly) humble origins. Thus 90% of convicts elected to remain in Australia when their terms expired, some becoming quite wealthy. All told, the convict experience may have been tough but their lives at home were in many respects tougher. Certainly floggings and public degradation were commonplace in England at that time before social reformers influenced the establishment of gaols as we know them today. We gained a timely insight into our early history, something to rebalance the 'Black armband view' of convict days promoted by some writers and were left with the sobering thought that the convict experience produced a recidivism rate of only about 3% - considerably less than is common the case today.

Duncan Gibson

Drones

Member **Thorolf Thoreson** gave us an entertaining introduction to the world of 'Quadcopter' drones, the buzzy electric-powered aerial devices that have not only sparked the sport of drone racing but have also revolutionised warfare, as seen in the current Ukraine / Russian conflict. It is not uncommon now for a pilotless drone costing only thousands of dollars to track and destroy a battle tank costing millions (and pity help the crew on board). Thorolf explained how some of the technology works, including the high level of flight control made possible by tweaking thrust from four individually powered propellers, the precise navigation managed by onboard computing and the attraction of these devices as an education aid, especially in the case of science students. In many respects drones seem set to figure more in our lives as they challenge the way we work and their impact on air space regulation. Fancy a drone delivered coffee anyone?

Duncan Gibson

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