



NEWSLETTER

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Tipping Competition
GF Lunch Sep 25
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Next General Meeting
Tuesday 15 October @ 10am Black Rock YC

Keynote Speaker: Capt. Rob Anderson of OSSA

Topic: Shipping

10min Speaker: Dr Kevin Reed

Topic: Tales from the Junction

FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Rushworth



The football season is finally over and an encouraging number of dyed in the wool fans, complete with beanies, scarves etc. enjoyed an excellent lunch at The Bridge Hotel where the footy tipping finalist, runners up and winner of the Boot on a Stick trophy, were announced. The venue was decorated with balloons, banners and streamers in the competing club colours. A big thank you to Leon for running such an excellent competition over the year and to organising, with Michele and helpers, a wonderful finish to the football season. Also thanks to Roger for his catering connections (*report p4*).

A number of us braved the worst weather Melbourne could summon up and attended the *Pharaoh* exhibition at the NGV. We had an introductory lecture, viewed this most extraordinary exhibition and followed with lunch. Thanks to Derek for organising such an interesting trip (*report p4*). The next Tastes dinner is at Royal South Yarra Tennis Club (*details p6*).

Our September speaker was MP for Sandringham Mr Brad Rowswell . Please refer to the Secretary's review of his address on "The opportunity of AUKUS for Victoria" (*p9*). Our October speaker is Capt. Rob Anderson of OSSA (Offshore & Specialist Ships of Australia). He is also Master of the 90 year old steam tug "Wattle". Our Master Mariner (Rtd) Graeme Keys will be the thanker.

I look forward to seeing you on October 15. This month we will be commencing a lighter menu with soup being replaced with a dessert. All feedback welcome.

David Rushworth



Left: 10 min speaker
Tim Harding

Right: Keynote Speaker
Mr Brad Rowswell, MP

Photos by Simon Appel



15 year membership pins award recipients: From left:
Don Lobb, Rod Kelly, Peter McGregor, *Ken White

*Ken White (10 year membership recipient)

Right: 10 year membership pins
award recipients: Geoff Cupples
and John Fisher

Photos by Alan Stevens



of Interest

WINE DISCOVERY GROUP

Grant Sabin

After a few delays we're having the Greek Wine Discovery session on **Wednesday 9 October**.

One of the wines is from a vineyard situated on a western Greek island, owned by the uncle of the woman who manages the bottle shop at Hampton Station. I've promised to provide her with feedback on our rating. I must say it was a challenge to buy five different Greek wines.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Barry Amond

The last meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday 26 November at 2pm** when the main topic will be the US Presidential election result and the implications for Australia and the world. New members are welcome and should contact me by early November.

PRISMS

Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the PRISMS whisky tasting group will be on **Tuesday 3 December** at the home of Barry Amond.

Dan Link will be providing an American single malt. Others to bring a bottle will be Ken Beadle, Geoff Carlson and Tim Harding.

TRAVEL GROUP

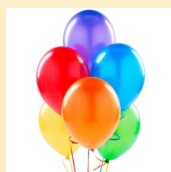
Simon Appel

The Travel Group will meet on **Friday 22 November** at the Appel house.

We will see, and hear, from Alan Stevens on his present journey to Singapore and Europe, golfing with the Bradds in France, and touring all over!

Birthday Boys – October

DUNCAN GIBSON	1
NEIL SEEDSMAN	3*
GUS BRAVO	6
JOHN BEATY	8
TOM GLASS	11
ALLAN STONE	14
RON HUNTER	16**
IAN JOHNSON	18
PETER MCGREGOR	21
ERROL STUBBLETY	25
DAVID RAND	26



***80* **90** CONGRATULATIONS**

SUNDAY MUSIC GROUP

Barry Amond

The new program of tuneful classical and lighter music will be on **Sundays 20 and 27 October**. There is likely to be room for new members of the group so please let me know if you are interested.

Wine Appreciation Group

Roger Wilson OAM

Our next Wine Appreciation Group meeting is at **Fazio's in Hampton on Thursday 31 October at 12 noon** for a great lunch and tasting Victorian red wines. Cost is \$55 payable to the restaurant on the day.

FINAL Wine Appreciation Meeting for 2024 is at the Lobster Cave Beaumaris on **Friday 20 December at 12 noon**. Cost \$50 payable on the day. Choice of wines available.

BICYCLE GROUP

Duncan Gibson

Probus bike group continues to hit the road each Friday morning, albeit our numbers are thin lately with several stalwarts incapacitated; Geoff Bransbury is overseas and one good man staying home to care for his ill wife - all valid excuses! This month we have ventured to St Kilda Baths, 'The Nest' Café at Waterways and recently to Carrum. Always a good outing and opportunity for fellowship over coffee. All welcome to join us for some healthy exercise!

SCIENCE GROUP

Grant Sabin

The Science Group is plugging along as usual. Hey the sun has moved south of the Equator. Summer must be on its way.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Geoff Wade

The next meeting of the Digital Technology group will be on **Tuesday 4 February** next year. Any member with a suggestion of an item for discussion, please advise Geoff Wade on geoffp.wade@bigpond.com

For lots of information on Probus Member Offers through our Probus umbrella organisations, please click here for the latest publications including links to: Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) and the Probus Association of Victoria (PAV)



<https://www.beaumarisprobus.org.au/pav-pspl-items-of-interest/>

See also Beaumaris Probus Website – Members

Events & Activities

Pharaoh Exhibition

On Monday 2 September 10 Probus members and/or partners attended the spectacular *Pharaoh* Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

We were informed of the significance of the wonderfully preserved 5,000-year-old exhibits at a 30 minute lecture prior to having the opportunity of viewing the extensive and beautifully curated exhibition. Many of the exhibits weighed several tonnes and had been air freighted from England, where they are normally housed in the British Museum.

We were all so absorbed in the exhibition the commencement of our lunch was delayed in the Garden View Restaurant, where we enjoyed a good meal washed down with splendid wines.

Derek Skues



Tipping Competition GF Pub Lunch

Leon Laragy



Our Probus Club's second Grand Final Pub Lunch was held at the Bridge Hotel on Wednesday September 25. The Lunch celebrated the culmination of our Club's very successful football tipping competition and the upcoming Grand Final between the Swans and the Lions.

48 attended—21 more than the inaugural GF Lunch held at the same venue last year; in fact the increase in numbers resulted in hotel management, on the eve of our lunch, moving us into the classy 'Nepean Room' which had wonderful round tables and magnificent views.

The room was bedecked with lots of balloons and bunting in the colours of the grand finalists. Many of the attendees wore items in their own team's colours - scarves abounded, some also wore club themed apparel! The room was filled with laughter and lively chat. The food was excellent, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Again thanks to Roger Wilson for negotiating the wine/food/coffee package. A wonderful way to end a successful season and anticipate the Grand Final!

BALLARAT RAIL TRIP AND EXHIBITION

Clarice Beckett Exhibition
The Art Gallery of Ballarat

18 have booked for the trip to the train trip to Ballarat, arranged by John Green, to view the Clarice Beckett paintings on display at The Art Gallery of Ballarat on **Wednesday 2 October**. We are having lunch at Craig's Hotel in Ballarat prior to viewing the exhibition.

Derek Skues



Events & Activities



2nd  **JAYCO** FACTORY TOUR
1 Jayco Drive, Dandenong South



After the successful tour of the Jayco Factory in August the second tour is booked for **Thursday 10 October**. So far 2 people have booked and others are encouraged to do so up to a maximum of 10.

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.

Lunch follows the tour at the adjacent "At the Well" restaurant.

10.00 am Thursday 10 October
Transport through car sharing

To register [click here](#)



PUB LUNCH
The Bridge Hotel Mordialloc
Wednesday 20 November
12 noon

Our last pub lunch for 2024. Cost \$37 pp including a pre dinner drink, choice of five main meals and coffee/tea after lunch. All welcome!

[Please book and pay Treasurer John Hewison well before the lunch date.](#)

[Click here to register](#)

Events & Activities

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 history of the Club and tennis as it used to be played from a former coach

So far, 30 have booked and others are encouraged to do so.

6.30 pm Thursday 24 October \$95 per head

Private coach transport available

(Leaving Beaumaris at 5.30 pm, with stops in Sandringham and Brighton)

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

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc

12 noon Thursday
12 December

(details to follow)



Members - crafted

Book Review by Derek Skues

A POINT OF INTEREST, A Social History of The Point Estate, Ricketts Point, Beaumaris 1919 - 1975 by Tom Glass, 2024

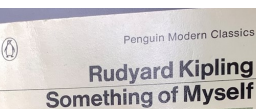
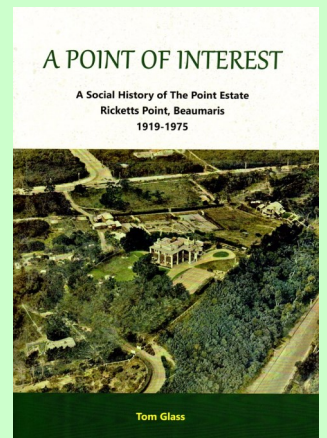
Coinciding with a reunion of the remaining three generations of the descendants of Harry and Violet Shaw, my cousin and fellow Beaumaris Probus member, Tom Glass, has published this extensive, illustrated book on our family history in Beaumaris.

It traces the development of Beaumaris, including numerous photographs, from the late 1800s through to 1975, the year our grandmother, Violet Shaw, died. It also gives the background on why the Shaws relocated to 19 acres at Ricketts Point from a large pastoral holding in western Victoria, at a time when Harry was actively participating in the First World War as an officer in the Royal Flying Corps.

During the Shaws residency at The Point and subsequent relocation to the converted stable, now known as Pointside, at 11 Lang Street, the property was used in various ways, including a landing ground for Harry's aircraft, breeding of up to 2,000 laying hens, a caravan park, the Benson and Shaw plywood boat building business, fund raising events for the Royal Children's Hospital and even staging theatrical productions.

While the book revives personal memories for me of my first six years living at The Point and subsequent 17 years living in my parents' house, at 407 Beach Road, it should be an interesting read for other residents of Beaumaris.

(for those interested the book is available at Beaumaris Books in the South Concourse)



SOMETHING OF MYSELF—book review by Duncan Gibson (Rudyard Kipling 1865 - 1936)

I had been unaware that Kipling had written an autobiography until discovering a book inherited from my late father, assigned for reading by literature students at Murdoch University where he took a degree.

Kipling is of course famous for his 'Jungle Books', 'Captains Courageous', 'Recessional' (from which we get the expression 'Lest we forget') and numerous other works that rank as classics of the English language. One of the most widely read of all writers he was Britain's first Nobel Prize winner for Literature, in 1907.

His life was one of privilege but also much hardship. As a child he was left in an unfriendly boarding house in England where he was routinely bullied and punished while his parents followed their careers in India. As a young man he worked for colonial newspapers where he developed an economical writing style, mixed with many notables including Prime Ministers, military leaders, and common people, gaining insights to the great socio-political movements of the day. Interesting fact - on average 9,000 British soldiers in India were laid up annually with venereal disease owing to the 'impropriety' of inspecting the health of prostitutes.

Recommended reading for anyone interested in the history of English colonial life and times.

PHOTO GALLERY



Pharaoh Exhibition
Sep 2



Tipping Competition GF Lunch
Sep 25



Bill Cruthers with his "Boot on a Stick" trophy for fourth last



Guest Speakers

The Opportunity of AUKUS for Victoria

Mr Rowswell, MLA for Sandringham (Shadow Treasurer), while unsure of the opportunities that would come from AUKUS for Victoria, spoke enthusiastically about the state's capacity to make the most of opportunities that might present. Prior to entering politics, Mr Rowswell worked as a communications manager for Raytheon Australia. For 25 years Raytheon Australia has been a capability partner for the Australian Defence Force, delivering sovereign, whole-of-life capability solutions. Since 1 January 2022 RA has won contracts in excess of one billion dollars.

Mr Rowswell highlighted great success stories of Victorian manufacturing in the defence industries field citing two examples, the Bushmaster, built by Thales in Bendigo and the production of F-35 fighter jet components in Victoria by Marand Precision Engineering. Thales in Australia develops, manufactures and supports military vehicles. The Bushmaster is built by Thales at its Protected Vehicle Centre of Excellence in Bendigo. Development of the Bushmaster began in the 1990s. The first Bushmasters were delivered in 2005 and continue to be produced. Marand Precision Engineering (Marand), headquartered in Melbourne since 1969, is a global supplier of precision engineered solutions to a range of industries, including aerospace, defence, rail, automotive, mining and energy. Marand has engineering, manufacturing and sustainment facilities in Moorabbin and Geelong as well as overseas.

Through the production of F-35 fighter jet components Marand plays a crucial role by manufacturing over 700 critical parts for the F-35 and exporting the F-35 engine trailer to over 10 countries. Marand has strong partnerships within Victoria's local supply chain, which provides expertise in areas like complex surface treatments, precision gears, castings, and testing. Victoria's manufacturing capabilities are enhanced by its history as an automotive manufacturing hub and the presence of numerous start-ups, research institutions, and educational facilities focused on advanced manufacturing techniques. By driving awareness of these local capabilities among Australian leaders in aerospace and defence, Marand believes Victoria is well placed to increase local demand and fully utilize its testing and assembly facilities, solidifying its position as a global leader in the industry.

Questions followed, and Mr Rowswell was given a warm thankyou. Our Club, being non-political, is neutral in respect of opinions expressed by Mr Rowswell. Our expectation was Mr Rowswell would solely focus on the opportunities for Victoria generated by AUKUS; political elements, not catalogued here, were not expected.

Secretary

The Message Stick

Tim Harding gave members an insight into one of Australia's first military newsletters from World War 1, the Yandoo Newsletter - a product of the AIF 7th Field Artillery Brigade, meaning 'message-stick' - which began in 1926 and continues today. It was not an official publication, but recorded matters of general interest to personnel on board ship heading for war zones. There were messages from Sir John Monash and British General Birdwood as well as news from abroad such as the Russian Revolution, but careful self-censorship ensured there were no 'blue' jokes, as the newsletter was often read by wives and girlfriends. Those on board ship to read it included not just service-men but gunners, bombardiers, chefs, drivers and assorted others. Tim's talk included selections from bound editions of the newsletter and photographs of some of the men involved in its inception.

Peter McGregor

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