



## President's Piece

It was with great sadness that I received news of the passing of Robert McArthur on Saturday morning. Better known to most of us as Bob, he was President of The Rotary Club of Beaumaris when I joined the club. He invited me to join his board as Community Director and tasked me with organising a children's festival. This proved to be the start of our association with Cheltenham Community Centre's Children's Festival which is held every October. Latterly Bob has been a champion for men's mental health issues, particularly promoting LivingWorks safeTALK workshop program designed to prepare anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Our thoughts are with Sue and the family. We will miss him.



We have had a busy week, with a number of our community projects coming to fruition. You can read all about them in this week's In Gear. Our meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December is at Thai Eatery Everyday's Sunday in Black Rock and our final meeting for the year is the Christmas Dinner at the **Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

I think it appropriate that I close now. Have a safe week and raise a glass to Past President Robert (Bob) McArthur.

**President Chris.**



## Next Meetings

**Thursday 8 December**

**Stuart Ingram**

**The Travel Industry post COVID**

Everyday's Sunday Thai Eatery  
604 Balcombe rd., Black Rock, 3193

**Wednesday 14 November**

**Christmas Dinner**

**Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron**

**Summer Break**

Venue is VGC, 6:30 for 7:00 unless otherwise noted.

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# Future Events Calendar

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Responsibilities / Contact</u>
<b>Club Hybrid Meetings VGC</b>		<b>See bottom of page for link</b>	<b>David Lea</b>
4.00 to 6.00+pm	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>Black Drop Espresso &amp; Wine Café, 615 Balcombe Rd Black Rock</b>	<b>Gail and Julie</b>
Thursday 8 December 6:30 for 7:00	<b>Stuart Ingram The Travel Industry post COVID</b>	Everyday's Sunday Thai Eatery	Megan Glenwright
Saturday 10 December, 8 am to 1 pm	<b>Black Rock Farmers Market</b>	Royal Avenue Sandringham	Chris Mara
Wednesday 14 December 6:30 pm	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	<b>Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron</b>	Chris D'Arcy

## **Bayside Community Information & Support Service. BayCISS.**

Amongst a range of services BayCISS provides Emergency Relief to clients in need. Trained volunteer discusses their situation and assesses their needs. Emergency Relief may be in the form of food vouchers, food parcels, phone cards pharmacy vouchers and travel cards. This year they have seen a significant increase in the need for food items and food parcels. In December they put together 150 to 200 Christmas Food Hampers for their clients in need.

This year the **Rotary Clubs of Sandringham, Hampton and Beaumaris** have donated considerable quantities of food and gift items for these hampers. In addition to a very large donation, the folks at **Sandringham Rotary** were packing the hampers on Saturday and again next Tuesday evening.

## **Hybrid by Request Login**

Future Hybrid Meetings will only be available on request.

So if you want to login to a meeting please advise Roy Seager at least 24 hours before the meeting.

To login just click on the image to the right and follow the prompts.

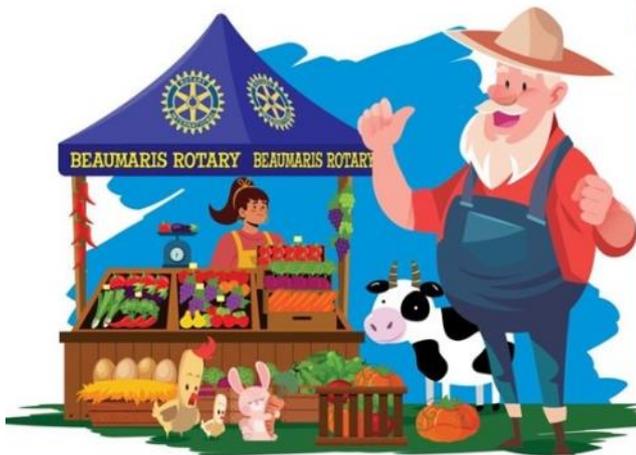
You can test run this beforehand if you wish. Just remember to end your session.

On Friday, Soula and I purchased and delivered all these items as our club's contribution to the effort.

## **Chris D'Arcy**



# Farmers Market



**Black Rock Farmers Market.**  
**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month**  
**Where: Royal Avenue, Sandringham. 8am to 1pm**  
In conjunction with Regional Farmers Markets



## Black Rock RFM Market – Spring Rosters

Hi **marketeers** – Rosters for the Spring Markets at Royal Avenue. YOU MAY be ROSTERED?

Please check below if you are. Rosters will be **In-GEAR** for reference

Viv, Mark & I start at 7:30am. Gatekeepers (2 on each shift) - **first shift start at 7:30 until 10:30am.**

**Set Up & Pack Up** INDIVIDUAL(s) are rostered for this duty (one for each) for 1 Hour ONLY

**Role.** Other than greeting & collecting gate donations (cash & EFTPOS) from the public, includes helping set up with myself and one other Rotary volunteer on duty between 7:30 & 8:30am just for set up - and to put the 4 wheelie bins in place.

Gatekeepers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> **shift start at 10:30 until 1:30pm.** Role is same as above and includes helping pack up with myself and **IMPORTANT:** IF you are Rostered - AND YOU CANNOT DO YOUR ROSTER, FOR WHATEVER REASON!

**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT OR SWAP WITH ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER**

**THEN, ADVISE ME OF WHO YOUR REPLACEMENT IS.** Sooner rather than later.

Any queries, please call me.

**Chris Mara**

# Farmers Market

## SATURDAY 10 December

Name	Mobile	Times	Role
Chris Mara	0408107223	Open till Close	Market Leader
Viv & Mark	0430240595	Open & Close	Transport
Richard Jones	0417 101 937	7:30 - 8:30	Set Up
Charmaine Janz	0488 355 433	7:30 -10:30	Gate
Mary Cunnington	0438 393 439	7:30 -10:30	Gate

Simon Kavanagh	0400 336 033	10:30 -1:30	Gate
Jude Kavanagh	0411 730 451	10:30 - 1:30	Gate

Fred Hofmann	0412 109 225	12:30- 1:30	Pack Up
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## Visit to Black Rock House 1<sup>st</sup> December.

As part of our current alternate venue program, on Thursday evening thirteen members and partners visited Black Rock House. Owned by the Bayside City Council and operated by the Friends of Black Rock House, the site is a heritage-listed treasure. It was built in 1856 by Charles Ebden, Victoria's first Auditor-General.

I had not visited the property before and thoroughly enjoyed the private tour conducted by volunteers Carolyn Brown and Malcolm Brand. The house is full of some wonderful furniture, artefacts with French wallpapers throughout the interior, some reproduced from the original. The tour was rounded off by tea and some excellent Lions Christmas Cake. Even if you have visited Black Rock House in the past it is worth another trip. Roy Seager told me that he was impressed by the improvements and changes made at Black Rock House since his previous involvement and it was good to see the enthusiasm generated by the current team of volunteers to preserve this historic gem in Bayside.

For more information go to:

<https://www.blackrockhouse.org.au/>

**Chris D'Arcy**



## Angel Tree Gift Wrapping Christmas Hamper Packing Matt's Place

We love **Matt's Place**. Run by Bayside Community Care, they do a great job of providing a weekly sit in meal service at St Matthew's church Cheltenham, for those doing it tough in this area, and a similar service at St Chad's in Chelsea.

One of the signature events of **Matt's Place** is their Christmas lunch, which unfortunately is not being run this year, due to the impacts of Covid. In lieu of this event, **Matt's Place** are providing **Christmas hampers** to their clients.

Beumaris Rotary has been a long-term supporter of **Matt's Place**, and especially so this year. With the help of a District grant we were able to contribute \$7,500 to fund **Christmas hampers** and some much-needed kitchen equipment. And of course, in true Rotary spirit, we assisted with the packing of the hampers.

Matt's Place also supports the **Angel Tree** program that provides a gift at Christmas to children who have a mother or father in prison. There are thousands of children in Australia who would miss out on a gift if it wasn't for the **Angel Tree** program. Our members donated over 40 gifts this year, and gift wrapped them ready to post.

Sincere thanks to all members that donated their time and purchased gifts. Your efforts will lift the spirits of many less fortunate than us at Christmas. And a special thanks

to Soula Deville for coordination of our participation and her supreme personal effort.

**Richard Jones**



## Postcard from Parma

We are so lucky; our apartment is warm and spacious in a central and quiet area of Parma, only a 10 minute walk to Cattedrale di Parma. Our front door is like Fort Knox, the key is massive, and you have to turn it 4 times. I'm terrified of losing it because a replacement costs €500.

Food, food and more food! There are delis, patisseries, bakers, fruit shops, bars and restaurants everywhere. You can imagine this requires an awful lot of willpower just to keep walking. Generally speaking, I'm not known for my willpower...

Wine, wine and more wine! You can buy wine in almost every type of shop and it's very cheap! A decent bottle of Barbara comes in at €5, the same wine would cost \$25-30 in Australia.

Rubbish! You need a science degree to manage your household waste. Luckily my friend Robyn is a Pharmacist. There is a twenty-page pamphlet in our apartment about to be segregate the rubbish into glass, cardboard, plastics, compost and general. The drop off or collection for each type is different, this requires a lot of organisation.

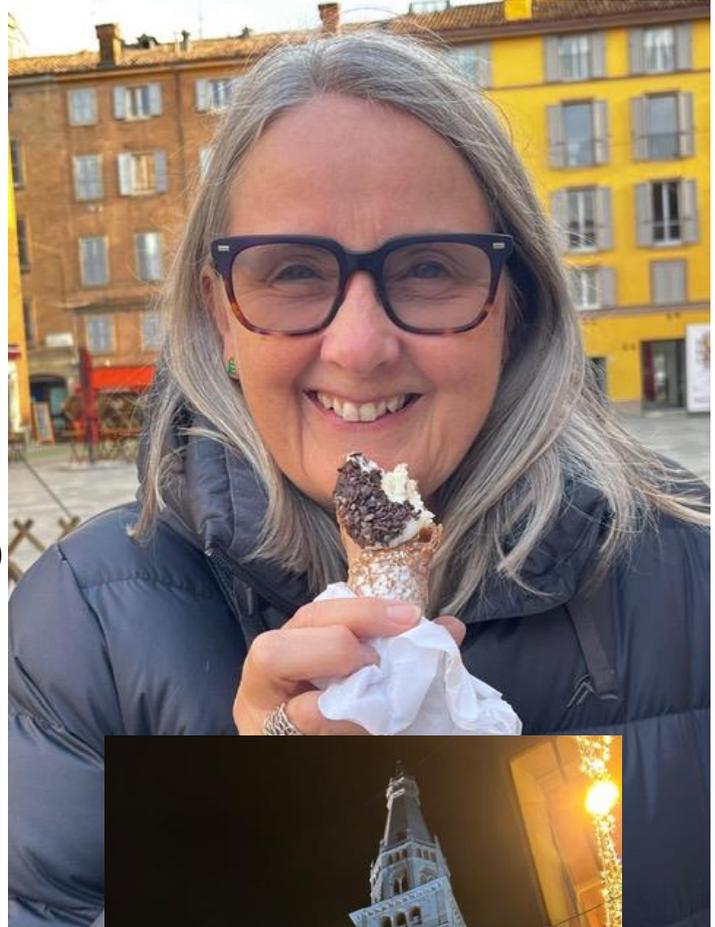
Churches! They are everywhere. We're enjoying the church bells although we're struggling to work when they ring and when they don't. it all seems a bit random but welcome all the same.

Christmas lights! It gets dark at 4:40pm so there's plenty of opportunity to appreciate the lights, they are so pretty. Being British, I've always struggled a bit with a warm Christmas in Australia, even after 35 years, so it's nice to experience a cold Christmas once again. I might feel differently about this shortly.

Speaking Italian! Put simply, they won't let you. After our initial attempts they start speaking English straight away. I don't think our Italian will improve much.

Ciao,

**Liz and Robyn**



## Charity Mah-Jong Day.

Not that long ago people would ask “What’s Mah-Jong”? On Tuesday of last week, the Beaumaris Rotary ladies organised a Charity Mah-Jong event with afternoon tea. Sixty ladies from across Bayside signed up for the event and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.

The Dendy Bowls Club café provided the venue and an excellent afternoon tea was provided by Ann & her staff. A wonderful venue if you are planning an event.

While the aim was to play Mah-Jong we also included a number of stalls with gifts for Christmas. Tim’s book stall and the Club Christmas Wine Raffle maned by James Glenwright also made an appearance. Shirley Mirams kept everybody entertained with a Mah-Jong quiz and Chris D’Arcy drew the afternoon’s raffle. Everybody seemed very pleased with their prizes.

Thanks to the generosity of everybody who participated, the afternoon raised \$2,240 which is being donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia VIC.

When we have recovered from this successful afternoon we might even think about another!

**Heather D’Arcy**



## Bayside Charity ProAm



# Play with a Professional

**2023 BAYSIDE CHARITY PRO AM - MONDAY 13 February 2023**



- Amateur team of three join with a professional to make a foursome
- Choose from two shot gun starts one at 8:00am or another at 1:00pm
- Stableford competition
- Great Prizes and Trophies
- Lunch provided
- Open to all Golfers\*
- Proceeds to Sandringham Hospital and local charities
- Entries are now open
- Bookings in GROUPS OF THREE ONLY are essential. Cost \$125 per player
- Use the QR below or search [Bayside Charity ProAm](#) to enter
- Enquiries to [info@thebaysidecharitygolfdays.com](mailto:info@thebaysidecharitygolfdays.com) or 0414 444 956

\*For players without a GolfLink handicap the handicap limit of 18 will apply on the day.

The Honorary Committee of the Bayside Charity Pro Am would like to express their appreciation for the generosity of the Professional Golf Association and Sandy Golf Links in staging this event.



Click this image to view the Sandringham Hospital Life Spring 2022 newsletter to see how we are making a difference.

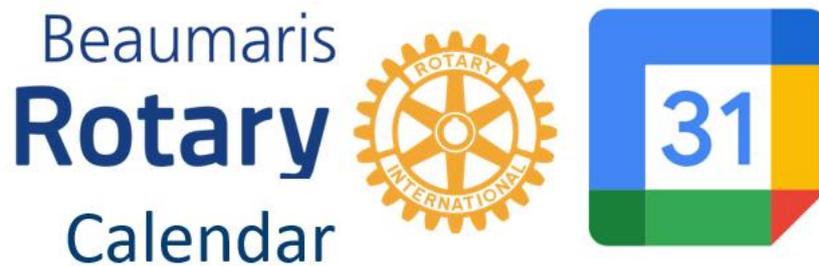


**Sandringham Hospital Life**  
Spring 2022

## Evolution of Website and In Gear

Over the coming weeks we will be evolving the content of both the new website (link below) and In Gear with a view to ensuring that each is fit for purpose. Starting this week the Sponsors pages and Club Structure will no longer be available in In Gear as they are on the website.

In anticipation of possible further changes the forward club program has been uploaded onto the Club Calendar and is available by clicking on the image below or use the QR code below #:



The Calendar is best viewed in Agenda mode.

**PLEASE GIVE THIS LINK A TRY AND LET ME KNOW HOW IT WORKS ON YOUR SYSTEM. LET ME KNOW AT:**

[beaumarisrotary@gmail.com](mailto:beaumarisrotary@gmail.com)



# QR code updated to fix fault.



## Beumaris Rotary Christmas Wine Raffle.

Continuing the journey of your donation of one really good bottle of wine per member towards its final destination, which is the Farmers Market next Saturday 10th December, where a local dignitary will draw the names of the lucky people who will win 36 bottles of this amazing selection as 1st Prize 12 bottles for 2nd prize; 6 bottles for 3rd prize; and 3 bottles for 4th prize.

This week your wine visited Hampton Bowls Club where President wife Heather was holding a Mah-jong Day to raise funds for her charity The Royal Flying Doctors Service.

It then visited the Beumaris Concourse outside the IGA on Saturday 3rd December. A totally different clientele to our Farmers Market, people were not in such a hurry, and

center Farmers Market.

Special thanks must go to the wines support staff (ticket sellers extraordinaire) Louise Sawle, Maureen Flude, and Vivienne Zoppoloto

Will keep you informed as to the final total that your bottle of wine donation has created.

Events like this fund our existing projects.

**James and Megan**



where we handed out to four interested people, some information about our Rotary Club.

Still to come this week's destination (hooray) is our De-