

Annual Report

2022 / 2023

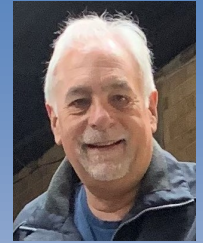


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I really like the Rotary International's official moto of Service Above Self. For me it sums up what Rotary and being a Rotarian is all about. Being finally free of Covid 19 restrictions we have been able to focus on service to our local, domestic, and international communities. There have been opportunities for members to be involved in a range of activities and projects as well as helping raise funds to support several Rotary appeals and causes. I think we have made a difference.

I am particularly proud that we donated goods to Impact, helped pack gift packs for them and delivered Bags of Love in time for Mother's Day. We have continued to support the meals program at Matt's Place and with the help of a District 9810 grant bought items for and packed their Christmas Hampers. We bought, gift wrapped and posted presents for the Angel Tree appeal.

And we got our hands dirty. In association with Bayside City Council and Citywide we planted about 300 shrubs and grasses on the Black Rock foreshore. We helped with crowd management at Cheltenham Community Centre's Children's Festival and helped manage and organise the Beaumaris Concourse Car Show.

Rebuilding our involvement in youth focused projects has been a challenge. We have however continued to build our relationship with Beaumaris Secondary College, initially through Zero School Dropouts which morphed into the Choices initiative. The youth team have also laid the foundation for a future Interact Club at the College. We have contributed to the education of Indigenous youth through our continued support for the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School.

Offshore, our International group continued support for Sabu Islad and students in the Kupang Hostel. In June three members of the International Committee visited Sabu for a review with local leaders and to assess the Island's and student's ongoing needs. We have continued to develop our relationship with the Highlands Foundation which focuses on basic maternal and infant health in the highlands of PNG.

The club has maintained support for the Rotary Foundation, made significant contributions to various Rotary programs including Polio Plus and appeals for New Zealand flood relief and the Turkish earthquake appeal. Locally our President Elect Denise helped organise a Bayside Concert in aid of Ukrainian displaced persons. This was well supported by club members.

Our Farmers Market at Royal Avenue in Sandringham never fully recovered from Covid and ceased operation after the March market. It proved not to be a priority for Regional Farmers Markets who informed us in April that they would no longer be providing vendors for the market. We are currently reliant on our two golf tournaments to provide the bulk of our funds. The standalone Sandy Links pro-am proved to be popular and both it and the Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne were sell outs.

We had another significant challenge at the end of 2022 and the start of 2023, the Australian Open Golf Tournament. This was held at our home base Victoria Golf Club and resulted in us having to find new options for meetings from mid-November through to the end of January. Not the easiest time of the year to find alternate venues.

I must mention the fantastic District 9810 conference in Canberra. It was easily the best district conference I have attended, thanks in no small part to Lynda Douth's organisation. It is certainly not one I will forget.

Sadly, we lost two members and friends during the year, Max Darby and PP Robert McArthur both passed away and are very much missed but certainly not forgotten.

The things we have done and achieved do not happen by accident. The club's board have worked hard to deliver in their areas of responsibility. They have my sincere thanks for their support and advice. I won't name them here; you can read their individual pieces in this Annual Report. There are some other individuals that I would like to mention by name. Dr Bridget Hage has managed our speaker program with great efficiency and attention to detail. I have long maintained that this is the most difficult job in the club. Roy Seager has looked after meeting attendance dealing with extras and no shows and keeping us entertained with his weekly column. Megan Glenwright has managed our fellowship program with her typical flair and Tim Parsons just popped up everywhere there was a job that needed doing, particularly managing logistics for the RFDs book sales. I must also mention Shirley Mirams our Conference wardrobe mistress and Rewa Jones for her work on our changeover.

I am proud of our new website which was predominately the work of Honorary Member Liz Tanzimat who continues in the role of web master from a variety of European Countries. David Lea has produced this annual report as well as our newsletter In Gear. He also curates the material on our Google Drive and the images stored on Google Photos and takes the lead on the AV set up at our meetings.

I would like to thank Heather D'Arcy for her support and the incredible energy she has brought to both fundraising, mah-jong and the ladies lunch program. Finally, I would like to wish soon to be President Denise all the very best for her year.

Chris D'Arcy

TREASURER'S REPORT



OPERATING (GENERAL) ACCOUNT

This account is used for the administration of the Club and is separate from all fundraising and project activities. Its main income is Member's Dues, and the account is used to cover dues to District, RDU Magazine, and Rotary International, plus the general running costs of the Club. Members Dues have remained at \$320pa for several years.

"Other Income" and "Operating Costs" often include offsets for such things as fellowship events, which are cost neutral.

Year-on-year variations are largely caused by cash flow differences such as two years' dues in 2021-22 and fellowship in 2021-22 paid for in 2022-23. This year Members meeting donations have mostly supported the Project Account.

FUNDRAISING (PROJECT) ACCOUNT

The Club's fundraising activities and annual donations are controlled through this account. Income includes all Farmers Market receipts and payments, and final distribution from the Bayside Charity Golf Days, plus other fundraising activities, donations and grants.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The year-end figures are based on unaudited accounts to the end of April plus estimates. The Board receives monthly Balance Sheet, Transaction and YTD Profit and loss financial statements, which are also available to Members. The accounts are externally reviewed each year.

HIGHLIGHTS

Our traditional Bayside Golf Day at RMGC continues to thrive, and Our Sandy Links competition, in it's second year, provided a fair contribution. Unfortunately, we have lost both our farmer's market activities during the year, but grants and other initiatives assisted our result. Our giving has supported local, National and International projects and programs, including mental health and natural disasters, both locally and abroad.

The Club remains financially sound and well placed to continue our service to others.

James Glenwright

	This Year	Last Year
Starting Balance	\$ 30,083	\$ 11,420
Inflows		
Members Dues rec'd	\$ 13,120	\$ 28,399
Other Income	\$ 12,920	\$ 17,193
Total Inflows	\$ 26,040	\$ 45,592
Outflows		
Dues Paid to Rotary	\$ 11,403	\$ 11,131
Operating Costs	\$ 23,034	\$ 15,798
Total Outflows	\$ 34,437	\$ 26,929
Closing Balance	\$ 21,686	\$ 30,083

Starting Balance	\$ 47,142	\$ 44,069
Inflows		
Fundraising	\$ 84,178	\$ 101,655
Grants	\$ 12,650	\$ 1,900
Donations	\$ 13,632	\$ 903
Other	\$ 4	\$ -
Total Inflows	\$ 110,464	\$ 104,458
Outflows		
International	\$ 25,060	\$ 31,336
Community	\$ 41,231	\$ 28,718
Indigenous Support	\$ 8,282	\$ 7,741
Youth Services	\$ 13,850	\$ 12,849
Rotary Foundation	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,411
Polio Plus	\$ 750	\$ 500
Fundraising Costs	\$ 6,692	\$ 11,666
Other	\$ -	\$ 164
Total Outflows	\$ 104,265	\$ 101,385
Closing Balance	\$ 53,341	\$ 47,142

CLUB SERVICE SECRETARY & FOUNDATION



Club Service

After two years of disruption due to COVID-19, we have enjoyed a full year of stimulating speakers, fun and fellowship. Dr Bridget Hage sourced excellent speakers across diverse topics from Rio Tinto, prehistoric Bayside and the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to Bees and the Environment and the Bayside Urban Forest Strategy.

Our Fellowship program was equally diverse thanks to Megan Glenwright's creativity. We began with Christmas in July and a trip to the Beaumaris Theatre in September to see the comedy *Così*. Our South Seas night in November revealed a talented ukelele player in the form of Malcolm Sawle, followed by a tour of Black Rock House and the real Christmas party at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht club in December. In March, 37 of us travelled to Canberra for what has been described as the best ever District conference at which we were voted the "best dressed" at the conference dinner. Lynda Douch coordinated every aspect of the conference with great success. At the time of writing we are attending the Rotary International Convention in our home town.

Rotary Foundation this year has been overseen by John Beaty, and Ken Mirams continues to be our Club Protection Officer, availing the club of any recent developments.

The Friday night Happy Hour has been a weekly fun event in and around Beaumaris, with thanks to Gail Anderson for finding new venues.

We welcomed two new members to Beaumaris Rotary - Trish Yates and Judy Darby - but mourned the loss of two long-standing members of the club in Bob McArthur and Max Darby. Soula Deville and Gail Anderson are active in planning initiatives to increase our club membership.

Congratulations are due to our President Chris D'Arcy and Liz Tanzimat in creating a vibrant new website for RCOB. Chris has diligently updated the news every 2 weeks and Liz has made the changes whilst also moving between Italy and the UK. Thanks too to David Lea for the regular In Gear publication and also for setting up the internet media at weekly meetings.

Finally, a thankyou to Roy Seager who has managed the attendance list with accuracy and also maintained an interesting commentary on the food choices at our weekly meetings at VGC.

Denise Grocke

Secretary

I was very fortunate to receive a handover from the very organized Greg Every, so I have been able to move straight on to the responsibilities of Secretary. My job has been made easy each month, reports from the Board are always timely and clear. We held 11 Board meetings this year, Agendas and minutes have been produced for each meeting.

Our AGM was in October 2022, it was held in a record time of under 2 minutes. The Working With Childrens checks have all

been reviewed and updated, any superseded records relating to Membership have been shredded. Tasks this year have included: organizing the Polo shirts offered by District to complying Clubs, obtaining the permit for our Christmas Wine Raffle Street Stall in The Concourse, and jointly obtaining a Bayside Council Grant for The Concourse Car Festival. I would like all Club Members to be familiar with My Rotary and Club Runner, this goal is still to be achieved.

In a year in which we have Chris D'Arcy serving again as President, working with such a dedicated and strategic President and Board has been a joy.

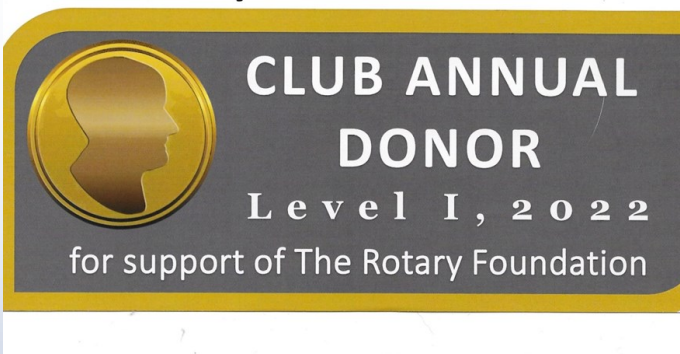
Trish Smyth

Foundation

The Rotary Club of Beaumaris is a keen supporter of The Rotary Foundation. In 2022/2023 the club and individual members donated a total of A\$8,142, a fraction under \$200 per member. This compares with \$7,887 in 2021/2022 and \$8,109 in 2020/2021. Our per capita contribution is 26% higher than the District 9810 average. This is a result we can be proud of.

In recognition of this Beaumaris Rotary received a Club Annual Donor Award – level 1. This award recognises Clubs who have during the Rotary Year supported TRF with contributions funded from their own programs and activities. This award excludes indi-

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vidual contributions from members.

There are currently 17 Club members who have made individual donations of at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in this Rotary year. These donations are made via the Centurion Club or the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program. We plan to work on increasing this number in the coming year by providing more information and updates on the work of The Rotary Foundation. It is our individual and club donations to the Foundation that provide the grant funding for our community, youth, and international club projects.

John Beaty



Bayside Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Monday 22 May 2023

This annual event, which has been running in one form or another since the Club was first chartered in 1985, is now a joint venture with our friends Black Rock Sports Auxiliary and continues to grow from success to success. It is of course by far our most important fundraising event, as well as showcasing what Rotary does, in the community and worldwide.

This year we were blessed with excellent golfing weather, and the players were in fine form, with strong positive feedback, and bookings flowing in already for next year's event on Monday 20 May 2024- the first at 1.07am the next day. Thank you for your support.

Your committee starts preparation and planning at least eight months before the event, but the day itself only works because of the support and enthusiasm of all the volunteers on the ground- around 35 people across the day. Thank you all.

Of course, we also owe our heartfelt thanks to Royal Melbourne Golf Club, not only for making the course available, but for the support they provide on the day. Thank you to Aaron and the RMGC team. Our thanks also to Mayor Hanna El Mouallem for representing our Name Sponsor, The City of Bayside, and also to our other sponsors, many of whom either had playing groups or were round and about during the day.

We were very glad to reinstate the post event dinner for volunteers, this year at Clover Restaurant in Black Rock, where Tong opened especially for us, and we enjoyed a wind down with delicious food and much wine.

Bayside Charity Golf Day at Sandy Links, Monday 13 February 2023

Our second year with this unique event where teams of three play with a PGA Associate, including lunch, prizes, and lots of fun, plus an opportunity for golfing tips on the course. Our thanks to Phil and the team at Sandy Links, and to all our sponsors, plus of course our tireless committee. We expect this event will continue to grow and evolve.

Team Sports 4 All

One of the speakers at our Club, this NFP assists young people to participate in team sports, building friendships, resilience, physical and mental health. Club Member Megan took on the Champion role for TS4A, raising funds through a fun lunch, and we also supported their other

fundraising events.

Wine Raffle

Megan also managed our annual wine raffle, wherein each Member provides a bottle of wine, which we then raffle off, with first through fourth prizes.

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Our "President's Partner's Charity of Choice" this year, and Heather D'Arcy and Member Tim Parsons have been raising funds all year with book stalls, jewellery sales, trivia and mah-jong events producing an excellent result for RFDS.

James Glenwright

Farmers Market

Firstly, thanks to all members - and some of their spouses - for volunteering your time and energy to our market fundraiser. Without your efforts we would have not raised thousands of dollars nor been able to sell so many books and miscellaneous items from our regular market book stall for Royal Flying Doctors. So, a big thanks to all of you.

Despite our success in raising income from the market, the lingering effects of Covid combined with historically low unemployment and high inflation - impacted stallholders' ability to trade profitably. So during the year the number of regular stallholders rarely got above 40 and by March was under 30.

Consequently, the RFM decided to focus on markets that traded better in other parts of Melbourne and regional Victoria. Understandable (from an economic perspective) but done in a way that was neither fair (to our Rotary Agreement) nor handled well by them. Cancelling the April market at short notice and then advising us - less than two weeks out from the May market - that they would not be coming back.

We are having discussions with other market operators, so another market is a possibility at Royal Avenue, but unlikely before Spring. So for now our signage and marquees are back at our Wilsons storage facility. Read the Treasurers report on revenue raised at the market.

Again, thanks to all those of you who lent a hand doing shifts in order to fund our Club's community programs. You made a difference.

Chris Mara

MARKETING, MEDIA & PR



Our Rotary Website has continued to flourish, and we must acknowledge all club members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen. Here the public at large can share the experiences of Club activities and projects with photographs of individual events.

There is no doubt that social media has many benefits, and we continue to explore ways that help the club to flourish. We are blessed with members who have a good understanding on how to utilise these mediums going forward. Special thanks go to Liz Tanzimat, David Lea and our very own President, Chris D'Arcy.

We have of course been assisted by other community websites such as Neighbourhood Watch and Black Rock Traders Association to name but a few, to highlight certain activities to reach a wider demographic. We also took a recent decision to advertise in the Neighbourhood Watch 3193 magazine which is delivered by hand by volunteers every three months.

We continue to maintain strong relationships throughout the community, including City of Bayside, Bendigo Community Bank Sandringham, Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Beaumaris Secondary College and many of the not-for-profit organisations within the community, which we support both hands-on and with funding or goods and services. We also continue to build strong sponsorship support from the local community.

In August we placed a Community Book Exchange in Black Rock which has proved to be very popular and well used. Signage clearly identifies this as a Rotary project and we have to thank the Mens Shed in Wells Road, for their help in making this possible and a positive outcome.

In September the Board made a decision to go ahead with a new visually appealing Flyer to promote the Farmers Market in Royal Avenue. These were delivered to over 8,000 homes in the Bayside area with the assistance of Neighbourhood Watch members.

The initial response to this letter drop showed promise however Regional Farmers Market decided in March that it no longer suited their business model, which after all our efforts was a very disappointing ending. The market was one of our main focal points for community engagement and public relations and will be sadly missed by one and all.

Finally, all our members recently took possession of a new style polo shirt with a Beaumaris Rotary Logo, which

we can all wear with pride at future events (photo below). These were kindly donated by District 9810 after we amassed collectable points for all our endeavours over the year.

Tim Parsons



MEMBERSHIP, INDIGENOUS SUPPORT



Membership

We currently have 41 members of the club. Coming out of Covid restrictions still proved a little challenging however we were still able to induct two new members this year, Trish Yates who was sponsored by Soula Deville and Judy Darby who was sponsored by Gail Anderson (photos Page Two). Both Judy and Trish have already immersed themselves in many of our club activities.

We were also saddened by the passing of and of our long serving, well respected and much loved members of Beaumaris Rotary, Max Darby and PP Robert McArthur, both of whom passed away following illness. Robert's wife Sue attends many of our Fellowship events.

We continued to have a presence in the community ie. at our Farmers Market, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and selling raffle tickets at local venues for our annual Christmas wine raffle and this often leads to prospective new membership enquiries which we welcome and build on.

We also joined the 9810 District Assembly Membership Matters session which provides new ideas and shows us what other clubs are doing in the Membership area.

As always, current members are encouraged to continue looking for opportunities to introduce newcomers to the club.

Soula Deville and Gail Anderson



Indigenous Support

It has been a quite year with Indigenous support. However, we did try for a last-minute District Grant for the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) Welcome Camp. We were informed by District, just after Christmas, that they had some left-over funds for dispersal on a first in basis. Despite having the Grant application in within just over a day we missed out. We had in our Indigenous support Budget \$7,000 and Footy Tipping winners donated \$760, which meant that we were still able to fund the camp in March this Year without the grant (photos below).

MITS continues to grow and prosper, which those of us who went on the November visit to the school in Richmond, were able to see for themselves. They are now not only a transition school for 22 boys and girls in year 7, but also a very fine Hostel for those attending partner schools in years 8 to 12. Although our contributions have been small in comparison to the overall philanthropic support needed to run the school, our contributions over the years, with almost annual District Grants, are nearing the \$80,000 plus mark which is something we can be very proud of and shows how applying for District grants is so worthwhile.

David Hone



COMMUNITY



Beaumaris Rotary completed another busy year helping people in our community:

We love Matt's Place (run by Bayside Community Care) and the work that they do, and we continued our funding of their meal service at St Matthew's church, Cheltenham. We were also successful in obtaining a District Grant of \$3,750 to provide kitchen equipment and about 180 Christmas Hampers. Many club members participated in packing the hampers.

Another initiative of Bayside Community Care is participation in the Angel Tree project which involves the purchase, collection, wrapping and posting of Christmas presents for distribution to the children of incarcerated parents. Coordinated by Soula Deville our members donated and packed over 40 such gifts.

Matt's Place also provide a pantry service for their clients that are doing it tough, and demand has escalated in 2023. Soula Deville initiated a hugely successful call out to members, for the collection of non-perishable foods, in response to this very high demand.

Impact for Women is another of our favourite and now locally based organisations. Impact supports women and families escaping domestic violence, Di Zarro coordinated member involvement in 2 major packing days in August 2022 and February 2023.

We also donated \$4,000 to Impact, who used these funds to purchase gift items for their bags of love (photo back page). Our discussions with Impact unearthed two further opportunities for engagement – assisting with receipt of deliveries at their Sandringham warehouse and distributing surplus items that have been donated to Impact.

Thanks to Tim Parson's persistence, and a bit of help from the Men's Shed, our Rotary funded book exchange finally got up and running at Mantecado Café in Black Rock.

The largest recipient of our regular giving in recent years is the Sandringham Hospital, and they will again welcome a \$10,000 donation following another successful Charity Golf Day. This year's donation will go towards the purchase of ophthalmology equipment which will enable ophthalmology outpatient clinics to be held at Sandringham Hospital for the first time.

Organised by Malcolm Sawle and supported by members and other volunteers, our tree planting day at the Black Rock foreshore was successfully completed on Sunday

17th July 2022

Once again, we supported BayCISS at Christmas. Chris D'Arcy and Soula Deville purchased and delivered Christmas Hamper items (plum puddings, savoury mince pies, chocolate, and food staples) to the value of \$1,040.

We successfully applied for a Bendigo Bank "quick and easy" grant of \$1,900 to replace our marquee.

Another successful car show came and went on Sunday 12th February 2023, with experienced, rostered Rotarians coming to the rescue to park the entrants. Thanks to Roy Downes for coordinating our involvement, with help from Chris Mara.

Twelve hardy volunteers braved the rain and fronted up for gate control duties at the Cheltenham Community Centre's Children's Festival in October 2022. Our assistance was very much appreciated, and attendance numbers improved as the rain cleared.

Tim Parsons managed our presence at a Community Safety and Wellbeing Day initiated by Victoria Police in October 2022 at Beaumaris Secondary College.

My thanks to all the members of our Community Committee for their ideas, their contributions of time and effort, and their dedication to helping a wide variety of people in our local community.

Richard Jones





At the start of the year as we emerged from the worst of the pandemic, and returned to something akin to normal life, the International Committee proposed a somewhat expanded budget compared to RY22. While not all our plans came to fruition, we were nonetheless able to support our longer-term projects, contribute to a very worthy school rebuild in Fiji, and provide targeted disaster aid for Turkiyë and New Zealand.

Sabu

Student Support – We were able to continue our regular donation to the Pastor Franz Lackner Foundation to cover fees, textbooks and food for students at his Sabu Hostel and for those attending University in Kupang.

Water Tank Replacement – In October 2022, we provided funds to replace a school water tank damaged in cyclone Seroja in 2021.

Web site – On our new club web site, we were also able to showcase some of the many Sabu “good news” stories: siblings Maria, Tesa and Harrison (teachers and engineer) and Maria N (qualified midwife). All have returned to Sabu after their studies and are working in their chosen professions to improve life on the island.

Three Beaumaris Rotary members visited Sabu and Kupang in June 2023 to see first-hand some of the work to which we’ve contributed, and to assess what else is needed. We hope to also capture some good quality video of our visit which we intend to show in the coming year. We will report on the visit at an upcoming meeting in August.

Qamea Is. Fiji School Rebuild

In April 2022, Peter and Helene Brown, (known to a few Beaumaris Rotarians) from the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island in Fiji returned to Melbourne to visit their old Chelsea club and many others to fund raise for the rebuild of a school in Dreketi on neighbouring Qamea Island. The school had been destroyed in cyclone Winston and subsequent landslides in 2016. Several members of the International Committee met up with Peter during the visit, where was able to show the plans and selected location for the new school. Along with other clubs, we made a significant contribution towards their fundraising goal of FJD 225,000 (AUD150,000). Enough money was raised to start the project.

Auckland New Zealand Flood Relief

In late January and early February 2023 Auckland was struck by protracted rainfall events resulting in severe and widespread flooding. Beaumaris Rotary provided relief funding via the RAWCS / RNZWCS Project 60-2022-23: New Zealand Floods (RARF).

Turkiye Earthquake Relief

In February 2023 two catastrophic earthquakes struck just nine hours apart near the town of Antakya in south-eastern Turkiyë, followed by a third several days later. Many lives were lost in Antakya and surrounding villages. Property loss was severe and extensive. The earthquakes destroyed many, many dwellings and hospitals, schools and government offices were severely damaged. Many main roads collapsed. To provide immediate assistance for those made homeless in extreme weather conditions our club donated directly to the D2430 Turkiyë Appeal.

Team Med – after a hiatus of some time, we have re-established our connection with Team Med Nepal and are looking to hear more from them about their most recent activities in Nepal. We are also considering the possibility of reaching out to other Team Med arms, to broaden our support options.

In conclusion, I would like to once again extend my thanks to committee members Lynda Douch, Fred Hofmann, Simon Kavanagh, Max Manks, Richard Potter, Clem Quick, and Geoff Stockdale for their support and advice. Richard will be taking the reins in the coming year, and I look forward to continuing as an active member of the International Committee.

Mark Perelaer



YOUTH SERVICES



The 2022-23 Rotary year has been very quiet from a Youth perspective as the majority of District and Rotary sponsored programs were still suspended due to on-going Covid precautions. Fortunately, these restrictions were eased early in 2023 and the suite of Youth programs was relaunched in District 9810 in late February. Most of these activities are scheduled to run in the second half of the 2023 calendar year so the incoming club Youth Committee will consider sponsoring suitable candidates for those programs as they arise.

The one program that was run early in the year was the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) held in Canberra and Brisbane in January. Unfortunately, our prospective candidate had to withdraw her nomination, so we were not represented this year. Applications for January 2024 are currently open, and we are seeking candidates. The Principal of Beaumaris Secondary College, Debby Chaves has expressed the school's keen interest in the program and is currently canvassing her Year 11 STEM students.

Beaumaris Rotary has had a close relationship with Beaumaris Secondary College since its inception six years ago and we were very fortunate to have the school captains, Holly and Kyle attend our meeting on 23rd March and hear of their journey as foundation students in Year 7 through to being part of the school's first Year 12 (photo right).

Beaumaris Rotary continued to assist with funding for the Zero School Dropouts program at the school, through the CHOICES program. The program continues to assist disengaged students to find a sense of purpose in attending school and to find meaningful ways to deal with problems they may be encountering both within the school environment and elsewhere, enabling them to remain at school and complete their education.

Members of the Youth Committee meet regularly with Debby at the College and discuss programs that complement the school's curriculum. Programs currently under consideration are the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) for their political science students, Rotary Young Driver Awareness (RYDA) for Year 12s and the formation of an Interact club in 2024.

Outside of our activities with Beaumaris Secondary College we also held a winter lunch to raise funds for Team Sports 4

All, an organisation that assists disadvantaged children to participate in community sport. Thanks to the magnificent effort by Megan Glenwright and her helpers, we raised approximately \$3,000 on the day.

Although our activities in 2022-2023 were heavily restricted, I would like to thank all members of the Youth Committee for their patience and support and look forward to a more active 2023-24 in which we plan to re-engage with other schools in our area, both Primary and Secondary.

Tony McKenna



FELLOWSHIP



Our first fellowship event this year was Christmas in July at the BlackRock Yacht Club. Forty members and partners enjoyed Christmas Dinner, and gifts from Santa for those who had been good.

Our next event in August and was a long winter lunch. Thirty four members and partners enjoyed a choice of seven soups and three desserts, with matching wines. A small Auction was held between courses, and games by quizmaster Shirley Mirams were enjoyed by all.

In September we went to the theatre. Supporting local theatre, we saw *Così fan Tutte* after enjoying a meal at the local Chinese restaurant.

At the end of September, we were with Brighton North Rotary at Royal Brighton Yacht Club for a joint meeting where we enjoyed information on the importance of bees to agriculture and the economy.

In October we celebrated "Lift the Lid" week with a new member talk and various hats. Prizes for all categories.

November was Cup week where once again we enjoyed horse races, dressing up for the occasion.

On the 18 November, we went to the theatre again to laugh at the Vicar of Dibley.

At the end of November, we attended a South Seas Night at Black Rock Yacht Club. Serenaded by members playing Ukuleles, we hula hooped, and hula danced the night away.

Early December we visited local Thai restaurant Everyday Sunday for good food and fellowship.

Late December we held our Christmas breakup at Beaumaris Motor Yacht Club, where 70 members and partners got together prior to the Christmas break to enjoy fellowship once again.

Late January we all took a chair, a bottle of wine and a glass down to Green Point in Brighton where Fish and chips were

delivered to us to have while watching the Sun set over the water and the bathing boxes.

Early March, 32 members and partners were in Canberra to attend the District conference. The theme was "a period of time". We chose early 60's and went as Audrey Hepburn's Holly Golightly and George Peppard both from Breakfast at Tiffany's. We won.

Late March we had a post conference get together where we enjoyed a BBQ and drank our prize. 6 bottles of Brown Bros Prosecco. We also critiqued the conference and our participation and enjoyment.

April, we had a night at Fat Bobs where 30 members vied for the honour of folding the best paper plane. Farthest distance was won by Ken Mirams. Great Hamburgers and chips, and more quizzes by Shirley.

Our Charity Golf Day at RMGC was in May and 32 volunteers and partners enjoyed golf stories and excellent Thai food at Clover that night. Our chef Tong excelled.

End of June is our Changeover, held this year at the lovely Victoria Golf Club, where President Denise takes the reins from President Chris.

As if all this was not enough, Gail and Julie also initiated a Friday night Happy Hour at various local cafes throughout the year. All very well attended.

Fellowship this year has been very active due to the fact that everyone was happy to be out of covid lockdown, and once again have face to face events. My thanks to Shirley Mirams for her amazing quizzes throughout the year.

Once again it has been a pleasure to create fellowship between our members and partners. All fellowship events are cost neutral and not fundraisers.

For fun and fellowship

Megan Glenwright



CONFERENCE



The District Conference this year was held in March in Canberra. The choice of destination proved to be popular with 32 members and partners attending.

Many of our members travelled to Canberra a day or two early, so we held an optional dinner on Thursday night at Blackfire restaurant, which specialises in Argentinian barbeque. The Conference started with golf and bowls on Friday morning at Yowani Country Club, very well organised by our own club member James Glenwright. After the games there was an informal lunch at the Club, and the afternoon was free time to explore Canberra.

In addition, on Friday, there was brunch being held at the National Gallery, and a hop on hop off bus visiting all the main tourist attractions of Canberra

On Friday night we held our Club dinner at the Kingston Hotel where we enjoyed a very hearty two course dinner and fellowship together.

This year's Conference theme was Diversity. Our first keynote speaker was Frida Umuhoza who spoke very movingly about her life growing up as a survivor of the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda. The afternoon's keynote speaker was Dr. Dinesh Palipana who is an Australian doctor, lawyer scientist and disability advocate. He is the second person with quadriplegia to graduate as a doctor in Australia and the first with a spinal cord injury. Both speakers were very inspiring and held the attention of all attendees.

Saturday night was the Gala Dinner, held in the Ballroom of Parliament House. We all gathered beforehand to check our costumes on the balcony of Trish and Lynda's apartment and enjoyed a brief drink and nibbles before our departure. We then departed by shuttle bus to the dinner. Beaumaris Rotary's costume theme was based on "Breakfast at Tiffanys", and we certainly all felt very glamorous posing on the marble staircase as we arrived! The food and band were excellent, and the setting was wonderful. It was a great surprise that this year we finally won best costume. Thank you to Shirley Mirams for all her effort and organisation.

On Sunday morning our keynote speaker was Dr. Brett Sutton. Unfortunately his talk did not allow time for questions, as I'm sure there were many who would have liked to ask a few!

The venue for the Conference was The Realm Hotel. The location and staff were excellent, and the food served at lunchtime and the breaks was fabulous.

Overall, this was one of the best District Conferences I have attended.

Next year's Conference will be held in Warrnambool, and I hope as many Club members as possible attend and make the most of this special District gathering.

Lynda Douth



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