



ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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President Message

As we come to the end of the first half of the Rotary year it is an opportunity to reflect on the activities of Beumaris Rotary. We have been exceptionally busy this last month volunteering as assistants for the Ironman event, purchasing gifts for the Angel Tree project, running the BBQ and popcorn stalls for the Concourse Traders Carnival and various Fundraising events some organised by Heather D'Arcy and others by Megan Glenwright. Across the space of 28 days we made \$10,000.

We also held our first Community Farmers Market on Saturday and despite a rainy day a consistent number of people returned. Thanks to Chris Mara and his team for getting the Market up and running again. We're confident it will return to its former level of success. Finally, Megan and her team ran the wine raffle and made \$2,500 to add to general funds. Thanks to everyone involved across all these events.

We have enjoyed two exceptional speakers in the past fortnight: Chris Hill from Sandybeach Centre and Dr Vicki Karalis speaking about the efforts to have Beumaris Bay listed on the National Heritage list.

Chris Hill is CEO of the Sandybeach Centre, and he spoke to us on November 30th. He talked briefly about the founding of the Centre that dates back to the pioneers Bruce and Rosemary Watson who developed the site in the 1980s. Sandybeach Centre is an inclusive organisation providing programs that enrich the quality of life for the diverse community. They offer programs in Health and Exercise, Adult education, Art, music and recreation, an All-Ability program, social support and Carer support. Many of our club members are involved at Sandybeach: Tony McKenna manages the transport program and with Mark Perelaer and Trish Smyth drives the Sandybeach buses, transporting people to and from the Centre. Chris D'Arcy helps run a cooking class for people needing extra support, and Heather runs the large Mahjong program. Other people assisting include Trish Yates in the music and arts programs and Shirley Mirams in the Mahjong class. It is an inspiring story; the full version can be found on the website:

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

Dr Vicki Karalis gave a fascinating talk about Beumaris Bay and why it should be listed on the National Heritage List. It is significant because it has both Marine and Terrestrial material and it is the only fossil site in an urban area. Beumaris Bay can be traced back to Palaeontological times (5-6 million years ago). The nomination in 2016 for the Bay to be listed was supported by the Council, local Government, Coastal Council – 44 stakeholders altogether - but didn't get through due to a priority for indigenous sites.

Next Meetings

**Thursday 14 December
Christmas Dinner**



Summer Break

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

Zoom by request. See page 2.

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Future Events Calendar

Dr Karalis showed illustrations of some of the fossils found in Beaumaris Bay, including shark teeth, evidence of the Megalodon and sperm whale, and the sea turtle (extinct 6 million years ago). There are also indigenous Midden deposits from 2000-3000 years ago. Altogether there are 5000 fossils from Beaumaris Bay in store at Museums Victoria. The book "Fossils of Beaumaris" can be downloaded from the Bayside Council website.

https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/beaumaris_fossil_book_museum_victoria.pdf

A new site has been found too – in Black Rock. But the actual site is still secret!

To conclude Dr Karalis also showed paintings of Tom Roberts and Clarice Beckett showing the beautiful Mentone Cliffs that were blasted in the 1990s in order to create beaches there. Dr Karalis concluded her talk by offering to share any materials

from the 2016 submission and encouraged us to consider fundraising for palaeontological research.

We were also pleased to present a PHF with one sapphire to Liz Tanzimat for her outstanding work on our website. PP Chris D'Arcy made the presentation as it was put forward during his year. In the previous week I presented a PHF to Malcolm Sawle for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the environment.

It has been a busy 6 months and I express my thanks to all members of the club for your dedication to our established programs and support of the many Fundraising events. With best wishes for a peaceful Christmas time. We return Thursday February 1st 2024. Happy New Year!

Denise Grocke



Calendar of Future Events. For more details click on links to Club Calendar below.

12	DEC, TUE	●	6 – 7:30pm	RCOB Board Meeting TBA
14	DEC, THU	●	6:30 – 8pm	Christmas Party VGC Victoria Golf Club
9	JAN, TUE	●	6 – 7:30pm	RCOB Board Meeting TBA
13	JAN, SAT	●	8am – 12:30pm	Black Rock Farmers Market Royal Avenue
18	JAN, THU	●	6:30 – 8pm	Fellowship TBC
1	FEB, THU	●	6:30 – 8pm	Beaumaris Rotary Meeting: Club Update Victoria Golf Club

Beaumaris
Rotary
Calendar



Calendar QR code



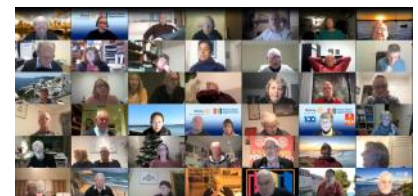
Zoom by Request Login

Future Zoom 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.



Bayside Community Care's Christmas Hampers

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As you know we have been raising funds to support the purchase of over \$6,000 worth of food seasonal food items for Bayside Community Care's Christmas Hampers. These three photos from 30th November show the stock ready to be packed, the BCC team packing the bags and Heather D'Arcy surrounded by the end result.





Above: Malcolm and Liz, our newest PHF recipients.

Below: Impact's Bags of Love loaded into a Beaumaris Rotary member's car ready for delivery to one of their client organisations in the Melbourne area.



The Way of The Future

The following text summaries of the speaker's presentations were prepared by Google Bard AI. This latest artificial intelligence application from Google was told that it was required to prepare a text-based summary of a PDF version of the presentations and that it would find them in the Clubs Google Drive. The text contained below was produced within a matter of seconds. While clearly not perfect it is a helpful tool in aiding productivity and may be useful in the future.

Thursday 30 November

Speaker: Chris Hill Sandy Beach Centre

Topic: Update on Operations

Sandybeach Centre is an inclusive organisation providing programs and services that enrich the quality of life for its diverse community. The Centre has a mission to "provide programs and services that enrich the quality of life for our diverse community". Its vision is to "become the place to meet, connect, learn and have fun".

The Centre's key strategy is to "develop and grow a sustainable business with innovative programs". It offers a range of programs and services, including:

- Adult learning programs: These programs include kitchen programs, art-based programs, computer skills programs, writing skills programs, and numeracy and literacy programs.
- Connection and social support programs: These programs include music and entertainment programs, carer support activities, community connections programs, excursions, and mahjong playing and learning.

Physical and mental wellbeing programs: These programs include strength and physical activity programs, Pilates, self-care programs, and active volunteer programs.

In 2022, the Centre had an income of \$1,392,492 and a value of \$5,049,445. This includes the value of:

- Improved quality of life through social connection: \$271,453.
- Volunteer contributions: \$193,507.
- Services provided: \$130,875.

Adult community education: \$4,453,610.

The Centre's community value equates to \$3.63 for every \$1 of income.

In 2022/23, the Centre delivered the following:



- Installed 54 solar panels and 3 batteries.
- Provided over 8,000 contact hours.
- Supported RUOK Day and many other community events in collaboration with other centres across Bayside.

Open 44 weeks a year.

The Centre faces a number of challenges, including:

- Competitive rates to staff.
- Electricity and axillary costs.
- Demand on staff time connecting members re social isolation etc..
- Funding agreements are not keeping up with staff rates or operating costs.
- Incl funding from Council, ACFE, DFFH, Dept of Health (Federal).
- Staff & Volunteer time spent supporting other organisations e.g. housing applications.

Volunteerism Mental health and well-being.

The Centre is working to address these challenges by:

- Our Building → 100 years old.
- Volunteering opportunities.
- Increase opportunities for unpaid carers.
- Reduce duplication → Sandbelt group.
- Collaborations e.g. Council, Sandy traders.
- Focus on Social/Public Housing residents.

The Centre is a valuable asset to the community and is making a significant contribution to the quality of life of its members.

Speakers

Thursday 7 December

Speaker: Dr. Vicki Karalis

Topic: Beaumaris Bay - National Heritage Listing proposal

Beaumaris Bay is a significant fossil site with a rich and diverse fossil record. The site has been nominated for National Heritage listing for its scientific significance, palaeontological significance, geological significance, artistic significance, and Indigenous and cultural values.

The fossil record at Beaumaris Bay dates back to 5-6 million years ago. At this time, the sea level was much higher than it is today, and the bay was part of a large river system. This allowed a variety of marine and terrestrial animals to live in the area, and their remains have been preserved in the fossil record.

Some of the most notable fossils from Beaumaris Bay include:

- Pelagornis: an extinct bird with pseudoteeth
- Megalodon: the largest shark ever, reaching up to 15 metres in length
- Diprotodon: a giant wombat that was one of the largest marsupials to ever live
- Nautilus: a shelled cephalopod that is still found in the ocean today.



The fossils from Beaumaris Bay are on display at Museums Victoria. The site is also of cultural significance to the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of the land.

In 2016, the Federal Heritage Department described the Beaumaris Bay fossil site as being of high quality, very comprehensive, well documented, well presented, and included substantial additional information and letters of support from local community interests and fossil specialists.

Beaumaris Bay Site A fossil site





Our ace team of Christmas raffle sellers at the Beaumaris Concourse.



This is what a \$1,000 worth of non perishable food items looks like. On Thursday morning, Soula, Chris D and Chris M shopped for our Christmas food donation to BayCISS. In case you are wondering it took just over an hour to spend the \$1,000. All now safely delivered to BayCISS.

Farmers Market Welcome Return

Despite the most inauspicious weather the attendance at the first Farmers Market with our new collaboration with the Community Framers Market organisation was encouraging. The community clearly welcomed the return of the market to that site.



Bayside Community Care Thank You



MERRY *Christmas*

THANK YOU SO MUCH, **BEAUMARIS ROTARY**, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT IN ASSISTING BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CARE THIS YEAR. YOU HAVE HELPED US SERVE OVER **20,000** MEALS AT MATT'S PLACE AND DELIVER OVER **700** FOOD RELIEF HAMPERS AND **127** ANGEL TREE GIFTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE GOOD WORK WITH YOU IN 2024!



New Black Rock Farmers Market

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Next Market Saturday 13 January

Our new market, retaining the Black Rock Farmers Market brand, is held on the second Saturday of the month, starting 9 December, from 8am - 12.30pm in the Royal Avenue reserve, Sandringham - next to the Bayside council buildings. You'll find 40+ stallholders selling fresh seasonal Victorian produce. Come down and enjoy the community vibe.

This will be the first market with a new organisation, Community Farmers Markets <https://www.communityfarmersmarkets.com.au/> They will be organising and managing the produce focused stallholders. Community Farmers Markets (CFM) came from an idea to establish an umbrella organisation for independent market organisers and operators as a way to develop supportive relationships, share knowledge and provide information.

We will be adding a dedicated Farmers Market page to our website next week and CFM have added a Black Rock Farmers Page to their website <https://www.communityfarmersmarkets.com.au/black-rock-farmers-market> which will build as we get more material. We have also purchased all new signage for the surrounding streets and the market itself.



Chris D'Arcy

**BAYSIDE
CHARITY
PGA ASSOCIATE
PRO-AM**

**SANDY GOLF LINKS
4TH OF MARCH 2024**

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HURRY AS THE FIELD IS FILLING FAST!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER YOUR TEAM**



[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CLKML](https://www.trybooking.com/CLKML)

Links

Club Program

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.



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Constitution of the Rotary Club of

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Beaumaris Rotary Strategic Plan 2023 – 2024.

This plan aims to consolidate and extend the strategic plan that was developed for the club between 2022-2023

Rotary Links

