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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

Edition 2—21 July 2025

President's Message –The Year Ahead

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of our great club. It's a privilege and a responsibility I take seriously, and I look forward to working with each of you over the coming year as we continue to do good in our local community and beyond.

Let me begin by thanking all of you who have accepted roles on our various committees.

Your commitment is what keeps this club moving forward. The committee memberships have now been agreed, and we'll be publishing the full listing on our website in the coming days.

A few quick updates from our recent board meeting:

Committee Communication: Each committee will now nominate a member to provide content for In Gear, our website and Facebook. This will ensure we share our activities more consistently and stay visible in the community. Committees are also asked to nominate a deputy chair to help with continuity and leadership development.

Project Approval Process: We've agreed to trial the documented project approval process for all new projects over the next six months. It's a practical step to ensure our efforts are aligned and well-planned—and it may also help us reassess some existing projects as we go.

Club Program: I've convened a meeting for the 16th of July with key members to finalise our club program through to Christmas. Once we've done that, President- Elect Glenda will confirm dates with VGC. We're aiming for clarity and consistency in planning.

Membership Engagement: There are a few members who currently don't have a club role. I have those details and will follow up with each of them. Every member is a valued contributor, and we want to ensure everyone is actively engaged and supported.

Club Charter: We're still hunting for our missing club charter. We'll be checking the VGC storeroom once more. If it doesn't turn up, Raj and I will work together to recreate a duplicate – we're committed to preserving that important part of our club's history.

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Future Events

Thursday 24th July
Clem Quick, Donation to Queensland Flood Relief
Chair: Jim O'Brien
Attendance: Mary Sealy, Trish Smyth

Thursday 31st July
Chris D'Arcy, From Essex to Melbourne
Chair: Roy Seager
Attendance: Glenda Stevenson, Geoff Stockdale

Thursday 7 August
Rose Paduano, BAYCISS's new outreach service
Chair: Raj Subramanian
Attendance: Joy Tupper, Viv Zoppolato

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LINK TO CLUB CALENDAR

Club meets Thursday at Victoria Golf Club, 6:30 for 7:00 unless otherwise advised.

RCOB HAPPY HOUR occurs every Friday between 4-6 at ONYX on Reserve Road Cheltenham —

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President-Elect: Glenda and I are working together to clarify the role of the President-Elect, particularly in relation to Club Service. It's important we support our leadership team and set them up for success.

Succession Planning: We've flagged the need to identify key officers for the 2026–2027 year — namely, President Elect Nominee, Treasurer, and Secretary. Ideally, we'll have these roles filled before the 2025 AGM.

Finance: Thank you to Treasurer James for a detailed budget and financial report. Several adjustments were made, including reallocations in the Community and Youth From our board discussions: **budgets** a modest increase to support a RYLA leader. We're also keeping an eye on our spending, especially with the uncertainty surrounding the 2026 Charity Golf Day.

Fundraising: Raj is progressing with some creative ideas – a high tea at Beaumaris Sailing Club is planned for October, and a winery tour is on the cards. The AVEO Club Connections proposal may bring in $1,000, and the Bayside Community Fare is also under consideration.

Youth and Community: We're increasing our support for youth leadership and strengthening ties with schools like Black Rock Primary and Kilbreda College. Community projects are also moving forward, including ongoing talks with the Beaumaris Life Saving Club.

International: Richard is liaising with RC Bangalore to connect them with our Nepal contacts — a great example of how Rotary's global network works in practice.

Membership: Megan is continuing her great work. We're also pleased to welcome back Liz Tanzimat as an active member this month.

Governance: We're continuing with Club Goals in Rotary Club Central — and I'm proud to say we're currently the only club in our cluster to have entered any goals at all.

Finally, all board reports and resolutions were accepted unanimously, which reflects a high level of collaboration and alignment in our club.

As we begin this new Rotary year, my aim is simple: to build on the strong foundations we have, maintain our focus on purposeful service, and ensure our members feel valued, included, and inspired. If there's one message I'd like to leave you with tonight, it's this: everyone matters, and everything we do — big or small — makes a difference.

Thank you for your trust and support. Let's make it a great year together.

Peter Murie

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Meeting Speakers July 10th

Gerlinde Binning, master weaver

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The speaker for the night was Gerlinde Binning, a master weaver originally from Germany, now living in Australia. She had spent time in Indonesia studying the specialised weaving technique known as IKAT. IKAT is practiced on Sabu and members of the Club have been presented with scarves and other weavings on their various visits.

Ikat (literally in Malayo-Polynesian languages) is a dyeing technique from Southeast Asia used to pattern textiles that employs resist dyeing on the yarns prior to dyeing and weaving the fabric. In resist dying part of the fabric is shielded from the dying by mechanical or other means (the resist).

In ikat, the resist is formed by tying individual yarns or bundles of yarns in the desired pattern. The yarns are then dyed. The bindings may then be altered to create a new pattern and the yarns dyed again with another colour. This process may be repeated multiple times to produce elaborate, multi- coloured patterns. When the dyeing is finished all the bindings are removed and the yarns are woven into cloth. In ikat the resist is applied to the yarns before they are woven into cloth. Because the surface design is created in the yarns rather than on the finished cloth.

Gerlinde showed the hand loom used for the weaving. She pointed out that the main effort and skill lay in the precise dying of the stands before weaving. Traditionally the dying used natural dyes, and the colour palette was particular to individual islands. Now commercial dyes are also being used so that a wider variety of colours are used. The cloth is imported cotton generally from India.

David Lea

Gerlinde, addressing members and examples of her and local Indonesian weaving garments she has acquired over the years . Geoff showing off a specially made Australian themed blanket—amazing detail made on such simple hand made looms

Meeting Speakers July 17th

The year ahead from Board Members ….*FRENCH THEMED*

Well, who said we don't have a bit of fun looking forward to the YEAR AHEAD? We sure like a good dress-up, plenty of RED WHITE & BLUE, a rendition of the La Marseillaise getting us in to the groove.

With so many of us frocked up with posh glad wrags and hats - we looked positively Francophiles. For those that forgot (me included) Megan had a stash of accessories and moustaches. Nice work.

Monsieur Zoppolato, one a bottle or two of wine for his splendid interpretation (replica?) of Rene Artois from the English comedy Ello Ello. The pictures tell the story. Well done to all concerned, keep up the good vibes.

Mark Z claiming his prize for best dressed Frenchie and Glenda picked up a well deserved PHF from Pres Peter, some sapphires to be added to that one imagines given Glenda's tireless enthusiasm for Fundraising. Well done Glenda

Board Directors gave us their priorities and projects for the year ahead (some more concise than others :) - but plenty on and if you haven't got a role in one of the Committees see President Peter or have a read of the summary reports following and see if you want to be involved in any of the Projects —Nothing stopping you from being on multiple projects. **CMM**

Viva la France ..pictures cont...

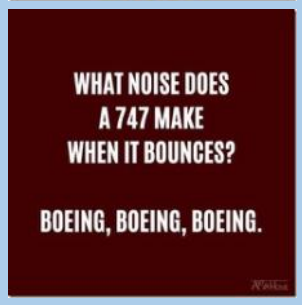
Rotarian cast of Bastille Day celebrations, taken at the end of the meeting last week. Sorry if we missed anyone.

Further committee Chair reports will be printed in the next IG as several were hand written of off the cuff on the night

CMM

This In Gear's Wit, Wisdom, Pics & request….

This In-Gear's humour and puns

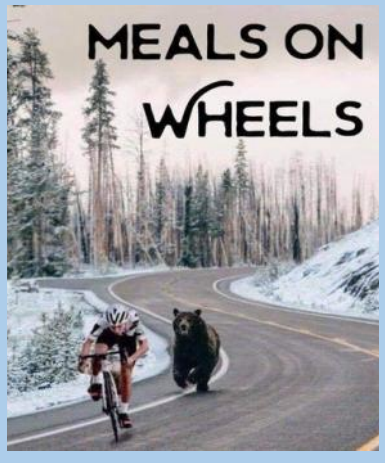


Lovely winter flowers in Beaumaris

As mentioned at last weeks meeting **Chris M** s doing a '*Lap of Australia'* on his motorbike over the next 5 weeks. Last Lap Chris fundraised for ***Inter-plast*** but this time has committed to *matching members donations* (up to $500) via our Club Project Account) for **Bayside Community Care's Christmas Hamper Appeal**

Over the next few weeks Chris will post Pics from across our wide landscape—so dig deep BBC's Christmas Hampers via Clubs Project Account:

Reference your donation as: BBC Xmas Appeal. Treasurer will bank it with Chris $500 and will forward to BCC along with committed Club donation to this cause.



Treasurers Annual Report to Members

BEAUMARIS ROTARY—FINANCIAL REPORT TO MEMBERS July 2025

This is the sixth consecutive year I have had the honour to be your Treasurer. In the other 10 or so years of my service to the Club I have had the privilege of being your President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and Marketing Director, fundraising supporter and general dogsbody, doing whatever was asked and needed. It has been a fun time and I have learned a lot.

This last year we faced some challenges in meeting our fundraising goals, but came through more strongly than anticipated, thanks to the hard work and fresh ideas of many of our Members. In fact, we were able to raise just over $106 thousand dollars last year, well over our budget of $84 thousand, and we donated $97 thousand of that.

This leaves us in a very sound financial position to start the year, with $106 thousand in reserve to fund our projected giving in the year ahead.

You will no doubt all be aware that there is some uncertainty surrounding our major annual fundraiser, the Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne, due to proposed course renovations. While we are assured there will be a golf day, we are unsure of the format, timing and likely revenues, so I am very pleased we are starting the year with a healthy bank account.

Our Club traditionally follows some basic principles regarding fundraising and donations. These include:

donate whatever we can raise, rather than build up a stockpile of money. at the same time, ensure we have enough cash in the account, to meet our expected needs until fundraising income flows in. where possible, reserve some funds for “unknowns” such as natural disasters, or worthwhile projects that may arise during the year.

Turning to the Members account, thank you all for your acceptance of the small increase in our annual fees this year. It will help to offset the small projected deficit we have had in each of these last few years, which has been covered by surplus funds in the account, partly thanks to a cash injection from Cheltenham Rotary Club.

It is likely we will need to continue reviewing our fees annually to ensure we cover our running costs.

Finally, I would like to emphasize how important it is to be accurate in your advices to the attendance officer regarding your intention to come to meetings. VGC have confirmed their requirement that we

must pay for the number of meals we have indicated, which means if you have said you are coming but do not or cannot attend, you will be required to pay for your meal. Otherwise it means your fellow members are paying for your meal. Whether you agree with this or not, this is the requirement. VGC is already allowing us to have a minimum 30 attendees against their normal minimum of 40 for other functions.

Tha*nk You* **Hon. Treasurer James Glenwright**

Youth Committee 25/26

Rotary Programs we support

- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) – we are supporting one of the leaders of the camp July 14-19.
- NYSF National Youth Science Forum (student from Kilbreda)
- Model United Nations Assembly MUNA (if it runs)

Budgets

- Beaumaris Secondary College's Rite Mentoring program (we are a major sponsor) Funds already allocated ($5000)

Team Sports 4 All ($5000)

- The Cheltenham Primary School ($200)
- The Southern Autistic School ($1350)

New Program

- Reading programs for students at the school
- We plan to expand our involvement in the school

Conclusion

This means that we are supporting an expanded Youth Program at the following schools:

- Beaumaris Secondary College (Rite Mentoring)
- Hopefully Kilbreda College (NYSF)
- Cheltenham Primary School
- Black Rock Primary School, and
- The Southern Autistic Centre

Youth Chair—Denise Grocke

Community Committee Marilyn Murie

25/26 Year

Community Committee Chairperson's report to the Club 17 th July 2025

Our committee consists of myself, Chris Mara, Trish Yates, Trish Smyth, Ken Mirams, Lynda Douch, Soula Deville

Impact – Trish Yates has booked two packing days before Christmas.

Angel Tree – This will be organised slightly different this year. People can register to provide a gift or gifts plus postage directly with Bayside Community Care. We can arrange volunteers for their wrapping and

card writing day.

Bayside Community Care - will be provided with a donation to go towards the cost of their Christmas hampers and we will be asking members to do a grocery shop for them in October and April. We will

continue to provide our quarterly donation to cover the cost of meals at Matts Place.

Bayciss – Will be supported by a donation used for a Christmas grocery shop to be done by Soula, Chris Mara and Chris D'Arcy.

Beaumaris Life Saving Club – will be supported by a donation of goggles and snorkels. Details are still being worked out for this project.

Southern Autistic School – The School will be approached regarding the date of their Family Day and if they still want us to do a BBQ, as we have done previously. We also donate to the cost of running the day.

Sandringham Hospital will get a donation from our Royal Melbourne Golf Day.

Concourse Traders - Planning is going ahead by the Traders to have the Car Show at the Concourse in the first quarter of 2026 They will let us know if they need help. The Christmas family event is usually held in

December and if required we can do our usual BBQ.

Chris Mara and Soula are going to look into Pantry 5000 as a charity to support in the Bayside area.

Community Committee Chair—Marilyn Murie

Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

Bayside

www.nhwbayside.com.au

Bayside Community Safety Night

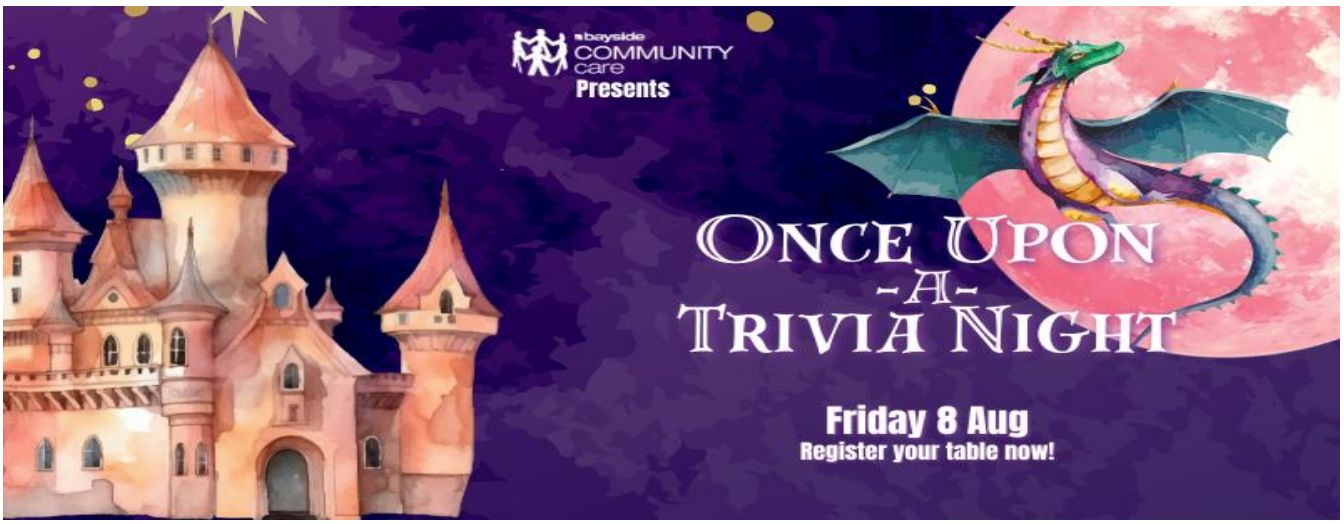
Join us for an engaging evening focused on making our community safer - connect with local traders, councillors, police and residents.

Registration Essential (no Charge)

How to register

Email info@nhwbayside.com.au Or text Phil Lovel 0421 344 442

Or visit



ROTARY DOWNUNDER –Website NOW LIVE

CHECK IT OUT: rotarydownunder.org

July is New Leadership Month.

The Rotary theme for July is "New Leadership and Transition Month", marking the start of the new Rotary year and the induction of new leaders at the club, district, and international levels. It's a time to welcome new leadership and reflect on the organization's focus for the year, which in this Rotary year is "Unite For Good".

the highlands foundation
THE HIGHLANDS FOUNDATION HIGH TEA
AUGUST 31 2025
YOU'RE INVITED
ST JOHNS CHURCH, BUXTON HALL
86 CLENDON RD, TOORAK
2PM - 5PM
$60 TICKETS
HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/EVENTS/LANDING/1413452
RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES

Highlands Foundation Information

Join us for our High Tea fundraiser

Sunday, 31 August 2pm @

86 Clendon Rd, Toorak

Purchase tickets $60

https://www.trybooking.com/DCKXO

You can buy individual tickets or a table of 10
Gather your friends together, bring some money to purchase raffle tickets, bid on a silent auction or sponsor an item to help us to make 800 Mother and baby packs for Tari, in Hela Province in the remote highlands.
Help us to raise $10 000

**Please email Shan highlandsfoundation.donations@gmail.com if you have items to donate for our auction or raffle, or would like to help out on the day.

We look forward to seeing many of you there for a social afternoon

We hold sorting/drop-off days every Wednesday at the Shed

Shan will be at Altona weekly on Wednesdays from 10:30am-1:30pm
If you are interested in helping out - sorting donations or dropping off donations
phone: 0407 367 203**

www.highlandsfoundation.org.au

We would like to invite student midwives to do their volunteer placement with us. If you know of any-one who needs placement time, please contact Shan

**please call or message before turning up, as some Wednesdays Shan will be at other places sourcing donations.

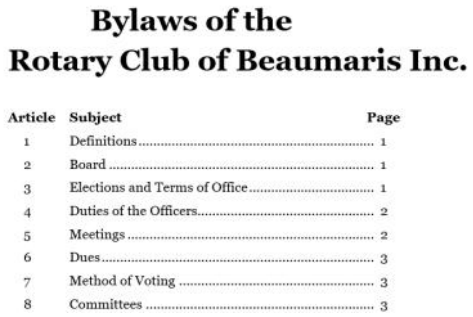
Club & Rotary Links

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.

Beaumaris Rotary Calendar

Key Club Documents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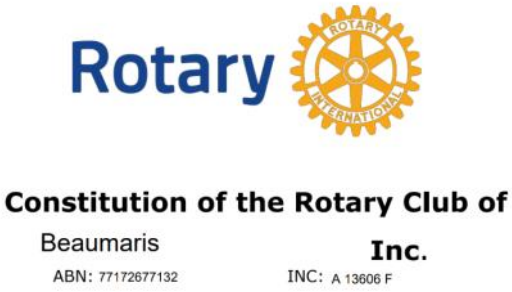
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Constitution of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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Board and Committees 2025/26

President Peter

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