Beaumaris Rotary

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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From the President's Desk

Rotary in Action – Beaumaris Leads with Heart and Purpose

As I reflect on our Club's journey this year, one word comes to mind: Momentum.

The Rotary Club of Beaumaris has never been more alive with purpose, people and possibility. We are not a group of individuals meeting weekly—we are a force for good, united by a belief that we can just make a difference in the lives of others, locally and internationally. That belief is being transformed into action every single week.

From supporting youth education through reading and mentorship to working alongside community organisations and food insecurity, we are making a meaningful impact right here in Bayside.

But Rotary's vision extends beyond local postcodes. Through our support for rural communities, the global polio initiative, clean water projects, and the empowerment of women and children overseas, Beaumaris Rotary is playing its part in Rotary International's bold mission: Creating hope in the world.

Our success does not come from projects alone. It comes from people. The people who show up. The people who lead with compassion. The people who say, "What can I do to help?" And in this club, we are rich with such people.

I see checking it in our team of volunteers who quietly make the wheels turn each week—organising meetings, in on fellow members, coordinating events, balancing budgets, and welcoming guests. I see it in the warmth and laughter shared over dinner, in the passionate debates over ideas, and in the gentle hand offered when someone needs support.

Rotary is about service, yes. But it is also about fellowship—that rare and precious connection between people who care.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we do so with confidence. Plans are underway for further communication with local groups, expanding community engagement, and new initiatives that reflect our values and vision.

Future Events

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

Thursday 14 August
Vocational Visit: Beaumaris Art Group
5:20 for 5:
Followed by Dinner at 30Thai Rani Asian Restaurant, 177 Bluff Road, Black Rock

Thursday 21 August
Bob Richards, Insurance
Chair: TBA
Attendance: TBA

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Rotary

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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 —Members and Friends welcome

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To those reading this who may not yet be members: Come and see for yourself. Join us for a meeting. Be part of something bigger than yourself. If you have got a few hours a week, there's a place for you in Beaumaris Rotary.

Because Rotary isn't about sitting back. It's about stepping forward.

Let's keep the momentum going.

Yours in Rotary service,

Peter Murie

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Rotary

The Rotary theme for August is Membership and New Club Development. This month is dedicated to focusing on growing Rotary's membership and establishing new clubs worldwide. It's a time to celebrate current members, their contributions, and the positive impact Rotary has on communities.

August is a dedicated time to focus on recruiting new members and retaining existing ones. Clubs are encouraged to focus on their strategies for engaging current members and fostering a welcoming environment for new ones.

It's also a time to encourage the formation of new Rotary clubs, expanding Rotary's reach

Speaker 24 July; How Our Donations Are Spent

My address to the club was about following our donation to the Queensland floods to the recipients

The happy coincidence was that the Adavale flood was near enough to our winter holiday spot at Blackall for me to visit and meet many of the those who survived the flood while **living on the roof of their houses being supplied with survival packs supplied by our club**

For many years I have wondered if our many donations actually reached those in need!

I am now very confident of Rotary's ability to spend the donations in the right place and at the very moment it was desperately needed

Yours in Rotary

Clem Quick

Housing designed for 1 m floods but latest flood was 2 m.

Incline of river meant flood meant flood rose rapidly and declined rapidly.

Speaker 31 July: From Essex to Melbourne

Chris D'Arcy was born in Essex (Chingford & Enfield) eldest of three Boys. Educated by Dominican nuns and the Jesuits. He studied at the City of London Polytechnic Business School and joined Owens Illinois (OI) a large US glass products manufacturer.

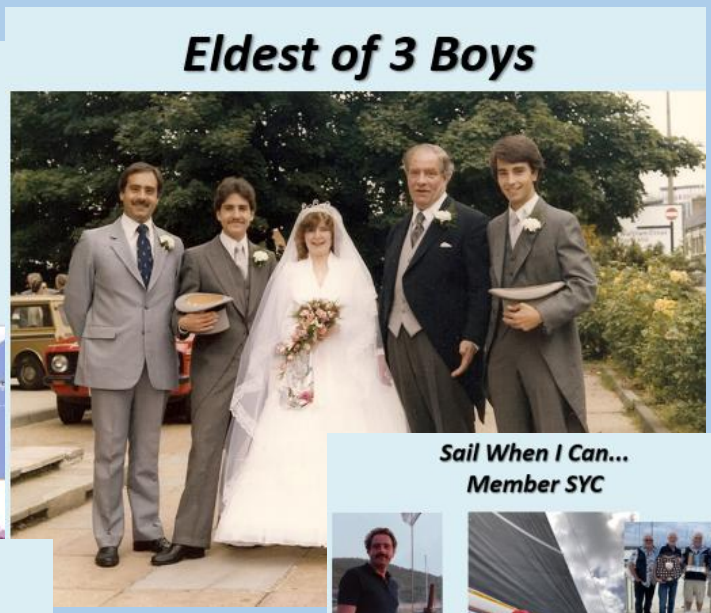
Initially, sent to their Scottish plant in logistics he worked his way up to become Sales & Marketing Director United Glass UK. Along the way he obtained a Masters Degree in Glass Technology and Management at Sheffield University.

He also married Heather.

Having reached a ceiling due to having the wrong passport he seized an opportunity to go to warmer climes as head of a newly acquired Indian glass manufacturing concern. After several years trying to make a silk purse out of a pigs ear he sold the business and landed in Melbourne as General Manager Marketing & Sales Owens Illinois Asia Pacific.

Chris and Heather became Australian citizens in 2004 and in 2008 he retired after 34 years with OI.

Chris's father was a Rotarian and community giving was something which he had been bought up with since his youth. So on retirement he became qualified in training and assessment before taking on numerous roles at the Hampton Community and Sandy Beach Centres. Contacts there lead him to join Beaumaris Rotary in 2013 where he has been a mainstay of the club ever since, holding down roles as, Community Director, President x 2, Secretary x 2.5 and ADG x3. He is currently Foundation Chair. As well he has overseen the revitalisation of our club's website.



Above: With brothers

Left: Heather receiving BEM

SAVE THE DATE
For The TeamSports4All Gala Event
HELPING HANDS
SOUTH EAST
18TH OCTOBER 2025
FROM 6.30PM TILL 11PM
ST KILDA LIFE SAVING CLUB
34 JACKA BLVD, ST KILDA VIC 3182
TS 4A
TEAMSPORTS4ALL

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

This In-Gear's humour and puns

My wife wants me to wear a bracelet that belonged to her grandfather.
It says "Do Not Resuscitate."

It's been months since I bought the book,
How To Scam People On Line.
It still hasn't arrived yet.

If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.

My wife and I decided to never go to bed angry.
We've been awake since Tuesday. .

My wife said: "That's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert!
Doesn't it embarrass you?"
I said: "No, I keep telling them it's for you."

Being old is when you don't care where your spouse goes,
just as long as you don't have to go too.

I now know how it will all end for me, one of my kids will unplug
my life support to charge their phone.

Bayside Community Care's Christmas Hamper Appeal

As mentioned at previously **Chris M** s doing a '*Lap of Australia'* on his motorbike over the next 5 weeks. Last Lap Chris fundraised for ***Interplast*** but this time has committed to *matching members donations* (up to $500) via our Club Project Account, (ends in ***4145) 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 BCC's Christmas Hampers via Clubs Project Account:

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

Early Spring

Invitation; Vocally Wild Choir, 31 August

You are warmly invited to attend Vocally Wild Choir's *Annual Spring Concert* at **2.00 pm on Sunday 31 August** at the Beaumaris Community Hall. (Behind the library)

Led by Dr. Bill Miles, Vocally Wild is delighted to present a variety of contemporary, pop and classical songs from our repertoire, showcasing our grand piano played by our accompanist Emma Lippa. Join us for afternoon tea after the performance.

The concert last year, was a sell-out.

Annual Spring Concert

Beaumaris Community Hall
96 Reserve Road Beaumaris

Adults	$25-00
Seniors.	$20-00
6–16 years	$10.00
under 6 years	free

Sunday 31 August 2025
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
Followed by afternoon tea

Bookings essential
Book now at www.trybooking.com/DDGIZ

Parking is available either side of the Beaumaris Library/Community Hall building, or in Reserve Road itself.

If you would like more information about Vocally Wild Choir, or if you enjoy singing and may be interested in coming along to visit one of our rehearsals, check out our website at **www.vocallywild.org.au**

Please contact me on rosie@hillgrove.com or 0401 277 815 if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Rose Olson
Secretary
Vocally Wild Choir Inc.

Vocally Wild Choir proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Message from Chris Mara

“Meanwhile in the Top End, I am riding for a cause - raising $ for Bayside Community Care (BCC). If you haven’t already, deposit a donation via our Club Project account and I will match donations up to $500” (see details page 6)

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 anyone 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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Constitution of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris Inc.

ABN: 77172677132 INC: A 13606 F

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Strategic Plan 2024 – 2025

Board and Committees 2025/26

President Peter

Rotary Links

Beaumaris Rotary Website

Rotary District 9815

Rotary Website Click here

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