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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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A Christmas Message

As we arrive at the close of this remarkable year and open the final pages of our 2025 In-Gear, Christmas gives us the perfect moment to pause, reflect, and feel justifiably proud.

In just the first six months of this Rotary year, we have achieved an extraordinary amount together. What began as ambition and intent quickly turned into action, impact, and results. Projects were launched, partnerships strengthened, funds raised, and - most importantly - lives touched.

These achievements did not happen by chance. They are the direct result of generosity, teamwork, creativity, and the quiet determination that defines who we are.

Max & Denise PHF

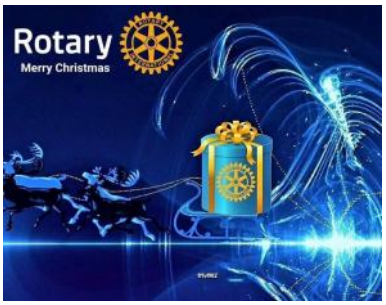
But perhaps the most exciting part of this story is not only what we have already accomplished - it's what we have *set in motion*.

The foundations laid in these early months have created real momentum. We now have stronger connections, clearer purpose, renewed energy, and a growing belief in what is possible when committed people work together. The potential ahead of us is tangible. You can feel it in the conversations, see it in the ideas taking shape, and sense it in the confidence with which we are looking to the future.

Christmas reminds us that hope thrives where people care, and that light grows brighter when it is shared. This year, we have been living proof of that truth. Each contribution - large or small - has mattered. Every hour given, every effort made, every act of kindness has helped build something meaningful and lasting. The light has overcome darkness.

As we head into this festive season, may we enjoy a well - earned rest, time with loved ones, and the simple joy that Christmas brings. And as we look toward the new year, let us carry forward the pride of what we have achieved, the gratitude we feel for one another, and the confidence that our best work still lies ahead.

Thank you for making these first six months so memorable - and for helping create a future full of promise. Merry Christmas, and here's to an even brighter year ahead. **Peter**



22nd January 2026
New Year BBQ
at the Murie's

29th January
Sandy Golf Course
Putting Challenge
followed by Fellowship

Details to be advised

5th February 2026
1st Meeting at VGC

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LINK TO CLUB CALENDAR

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

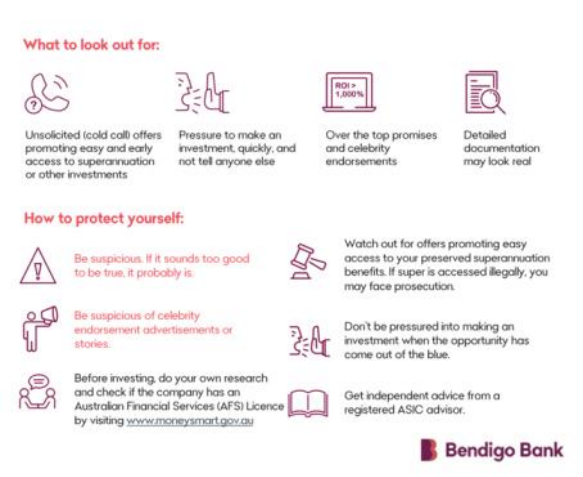
RCOB HAPPY HOUR occurs every Friday between 4-6 at ONYX on Reserve Road Cheltenham —Members and Friends welcome

Meeting 11th December — Guest Speaker Mathew Gallop Manager Bendigo Bank Sandringham—SCAMS and how to AVOID THEM

Chair Roy welcomed back our last guest speaker for 2025 Bendigo Banks's Mathew Gallop to the Club, this time to discuss on line SCAMs and how to watch for them while doing transactions on line, over the phone and how Ai is making things harder to keep up with these on line threats.

Mathew noted SCAMS cost Australians $320m in 2024 and - "rife" on line—his branch alone get weekly calls from local customers about suspicious calls, texts and emails regarding their accounts .

Statistically Investment scams make up the largest percentage of scams ('crypto" and too good to be true returns etc) mainly on people mobile phones, tablets and PC's. So staying and keeping 'safe" is obviously about being aware, alert and protecting yourself by using stronger passwords, and confirming bank account details when transferring significant $ to unknow or new payees on line.



Click to obtain full PDF of Scam Presentation

Thanks Mathew for taking the time (again) to visit us at VGC. Special thanks also to Trish Smyth and Mary Cunnington for arranging all this years speakers for our benefit.

Listening and being able to ask questions of these various speakers is valuable and underrated in modern times. Many '*social media influencers'* prefer to echo misinformation without question, or worse, deplatform or cancel people they don't agree with or want others to listen to. Lets be thankful we have the opportunity to at least express a view or ask questions freely. CMM

Roy Chairs the meeting and wins another raffle.

Pres. elect Glenda fills in for Peter M with Bendigo Bank manager Mathew

News & Events in December

Glenda, Charmaine and Vivienne were at **Seaview** Shops selling raffle tickets last week and this weekend just gone on the **Concourse** along side numerous other members who had shifts across the two weekends.

Rotary causes on the *A Frame* insert was all local stuff so that people might recognise what we do—Raj did a fantastic job producing these just before he went off on holiday to Canada.

Anyway the raffle was drawn on Saturday at **Beaumaris Cellars by Lee** (Owner Manager) where we drew the Raffle. Winners were notified with our own Trish Smyth winning third prize.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped **Glenda and Raj** pull this fundraiser together and selling tickets. A special award was presented to Linda (picture with President Peter) for selling over $400 worth of tickets. What a member she would make!!

Pictures outside Beaumaris IGA and afterwards at Beaumaris Cellars for the draw. We managed to raise $4500 and our profile Rotary in the community —so well done Glenda (Chief Ticketer) and all members for their wine donations.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Meeting 18 December 2025
Paul Harris Fellows, Quiz, pass the parcel.. & fun

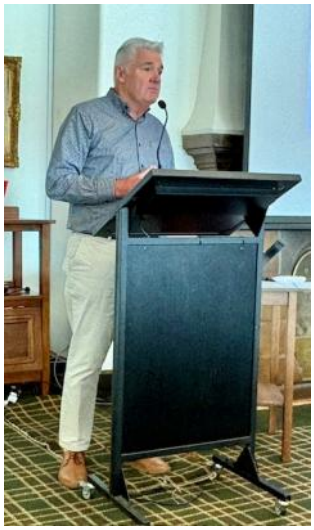
Chair Jane, welcomed all to our final meeting for 2025 and Christmas dinner at VGC. Jane, like many, wore lovely Christmas **green** and/or **red clothing** flourishes including Santa hats and the like. A good positive feeling of Christmas *light* after a horror start to the week with the *Hannukah festival of light* shootings at Bondi. Awful to say the least, at any time.

Best wishes to all our Jewish friends everywhere.

It was also a night to recognise two of our members with ***Sapphires*** to add to their **PHF.** President Peter awarded PPs Denise and Max with their PHF awards for their generous donations and support of Rotary Internationals **Foundation's** work overseas. Well done Denise and Max and thank you from all of us.

Before we commenced dinner Jane gave us a festive quiz, won by Denise, and **Heather Darcy** gave us a new take on her famous WRIGHT pass the parcel game. Happy winners on every table.

David Lea above collecting his present from Santa and Yani our regular VGC staffer, always ready with smile for us all



Heather Darcy cheered us all up with a new pass the WRIGHT parcel game and **James** gave us good news about next years **Golf Tournament at Royal Melbourne.** Great effort by the Golf Commit-

Christmas dinner at VGC

A lovely, albeit pricey, traditional Turkey & Ham dinner at VGC; lots of presents shared by the **Surprise Santa** gifts to those exchanging gifts. A new Santa this year—**Vivienne**—as Santa Roy was a late apology as Pat had a fall and in hospital earlier in the day.

Commiserations and best from all us at the Club to Pat and Roy for Christmas and a speedy recovery.

And well done to Viv and her helpers (**Charmaine and Marilyn**) in distributing the presents. Pictures below and next page tell the story and merriment of the occasion.

Christmas at VGC … continued

Pictures with Santa at the VGC …. Well done Santa Note David Lee provided an email link to members and friends with these pictures

A word on Bondi from District Governor

Following the awful Bondi Shootings last week a message from our District Governor, Peter Behm, who spoke to us a few weeks back.

Dear Peter Murie,

It is with great sadness that I write to you following the tragic loss of life at Bondi Beach.

*Today, I have been in contact with **District Governor Renga Rajan** of NSW **District 9675**to convey, on behalf of District 9815, our deepest sympathies to all those affected. Our thoughts are with the families, friends, Rotarians and members of the wider community who are grieving as a result of this tragedy.*

As Rotarians, we stand together in compassion and support for all Australians impacted. This message is offered in the spirit of care and humanity, reflecting Rotary's commitment to peace, understanding and community well-being.

Thank you for sharing this message with your members in a way that is appropriate for your Club.

With sincere sympathy

Peter Behm
District Governor

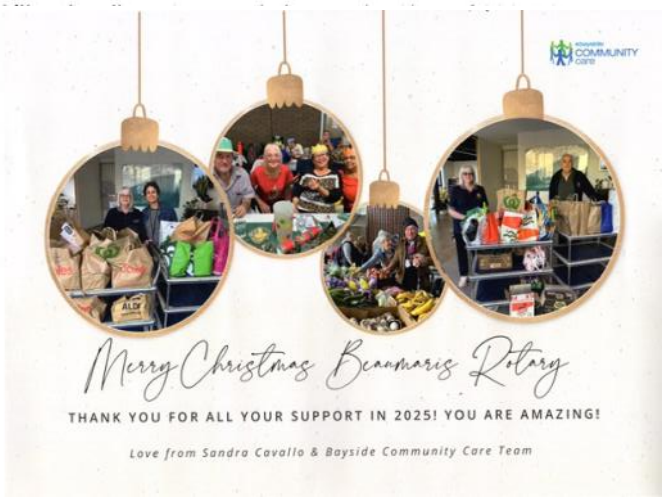
Let there be light in all our lives this Christmas

Club News, Thankyou's

Club members will remember the excellent presentation made earlier in the year by the NYSF participants. One of those we supported was **Sarah Forsyth** and we are thrilled to learn that she achieved a high ATAR score of 98.75 and has been named dux of **Kilbreda College**. She said of the NYSF experience that it greatly broadened her knowledge and connected her with like-minded students. She wanted to pass on sincere thanks and gratitude to members of Beaumaris Rotary. Our support enabled her to attend **NYSF** and has given her a deeper sense of direction and strengthened her commitment to a future in **STEM**. She plans to study a double degree of Law (Honours) & Biomedical Science at Monash next year.

Youth Committee

Special thanks to Viv, Denise and David H



Thankyou from Bayside Community

I mentioned that RC Bangalore had decided not to proceed with an involvement with Team Med, we have managed to get them to reconsider their decision and at least consider for a future project.

Thought I would circulate the very good email the ladies at Team Med sent to RC Bangalore.

Richard

Dear Minnku and Sandeep,

While it is unfortunate news, there remains great future potential for meaningful collaboration between the Rotary Club of Bangalore and TeamMED Nepal in advancing healthcare access for the rural communities in Nepal. As such, we are highly keen on exploring alternative ways pathways for partnership, regardless for this year or in the coming year.

We would love to answer any queries that the Rotary Club of Bangalore might have in order to pave the way for collaborations with regards to any aspects of TeamMED Nepal and Himalayan Guge Organisations' (HGO) pre existing and past health camps or the ambulance grant that we are working on with the Richard at the Rotary Club of Beaumaris. Harshini and I will answer all questions to the best of our abilities and provide as much information as possible.

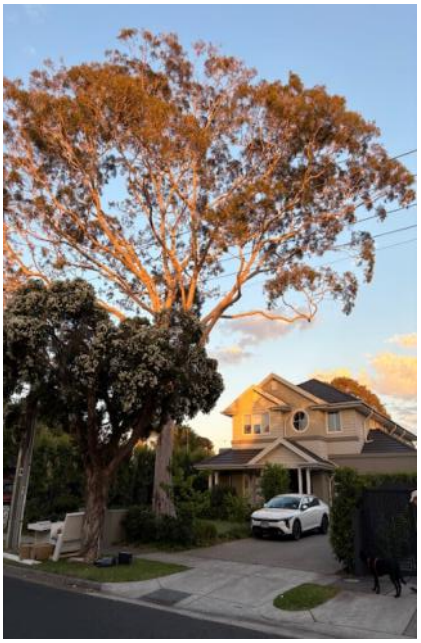
We understand that it is a busy period for the Rotary Club of Bangalore and thus, would like to propose a zoom meeting early next year instead, if that better accommodates your schedule. Should the new TeamMED conveners not be appointed by them, Harshini and I can have a meeting with the Rotary Clubs of Bangalore and Beaumaris and lay the groundwork for a working relationship that can be continued by the incoming conveners. If the conveners have been appointed by then, we can also do a joint meeting with them, as well as the Rotary Clubs of Beaumaris and Bangalore. Do let us know if this is something you would be open to.

Ultimately, our organisations share a common commitment to increasing the accessibility and availability of essential healthcare and services. The combined efforts of the two rotary clubs, HGO and TeamMED Nepal will be largely beneficial to the Bhakanje community and possibly, even other rural communities in the future. We greatly appreciate this opportunity and look forward to the prospect of establishing a relationship, perhaps in the coming year. Thank you.

Best regards,
Shuen Lee and Harshini Raghuram

Beauty Wit & Wisdom—Christmas Lights, Trees and gardens. What's not to like in Summer

In the garden last week with a little helper! How are these Hydrangeas!



"Let's change our strategy. You start fetching the paper, and I'll handle the investments."

Street view of a beautiful 'gum' tree in Beaumaris late in the day and Talbet House on Cromer Road Christmas lights and a working carousel (an original early 29th Century one at that) in their lovely garden setting.

Worth a look with the grandkids—open evenings till Xmas

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

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President Peter

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