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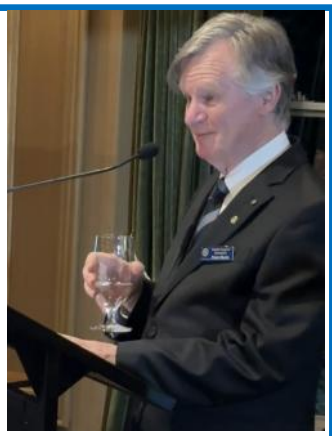
ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

Edition 19 30th March 2026

Presidents Message—HOBART



The **2026 Combined Rotary Districts 9815 & 9830 Conference, held in Hobart**, Tasmania (March 13–15, 2026), brought together over 500 Rotarians and community members from Victoria and Tasmania to focus on regional collaboration and community impact. Themed "Be Inspired," the conference at the Hotel Grand Chancellor highlighted the shift towards cross-border partnerships to address growing community pressures.

Key Topics and Themes

- **Domestic Violence Prevention:** Rotarians were in hands-on action by packing care bags for domestic violence survivors highlighting the Rotary Safe Families initiative.
- **Youth Mental Health and Engagement:** Focus on programs empowering young people, including sailing challenges and mental health initiatives.
- **Environmental Action & Sustainability:** Discussions and displays emphasized environmental protection, including pollinator protection.
- **International Aid and Resilience:** Resilience experience were shared by speakers like Saroo Brierley, along with updates on Interplast (reconstructive surgery) and disaster relief.
- **Community Support and Cost-of-Living:** Conference addressed mounting pressures in the community, positioning Rotary as an essential local partner of support.

Direct Impact and Outcomes

- **Immediate Action on Social Issues:** The conference was not merely a meeting, but a demonstration of action, including the packing of care bags for survivors.
- **Strengthened Cross-Border Collaboration:** The partnership between District 9815 (East Melbourne/South East Victoria) and District 9830 (Tasmania) aims to amplify the impact of projects, making them stronger than either could achieve alone. Continued next page...

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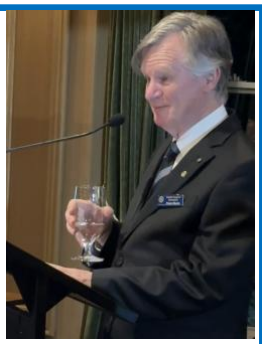
Hobart Conference cont...



Direct Impact and Outcomes

- **Community Expo & Recruitment:** A free public Community Expo showcased over 30 action groups, doubling as a recruitment drive to engage the public in volunteer work.
- **Strategic Regional Focus:** The event spotlighted local initiatives like the Knox Rocks program and international initiatives like Reach Siem Reap (Cambodia).

Conference concluded with a call for ongoing action, utilizing the "Be Inspired" theme to drive local impact in Tasmania and Victoria. **Peter**

On a personal note, the challenge for me to be able to deal with each presenter to ensure that their individual presentations displayed as they required, in an unfamiliar venue was a significant communication and information gathering exercise taking 6 months of constant phone and email negotiation.

Thanks & Congrats Peter coordinating all that, an above and beyond effort recognised by a letter to the club (page 6) from **Monique Smith, Conference Chair**

What's On April News & Events

Fellowship dinner event at Sandy Yacht Club THURSDAY 16TH APRIL. Chris and Heather D'Arcy are using their membership at to invite members—**limited to 24 people**—reply to Megan ASAP by email, glenwrightmegan@gmail.com

26th April—Doggy Day Fundraiser at Green Point Glenda & Raj looking for volunteers from members and friends of Rotary to make this signature event a success for the Club in raising awareness of Rotary and funds towards Rotary programs. **GLENDA will be circulating a list of roles next meeting.**

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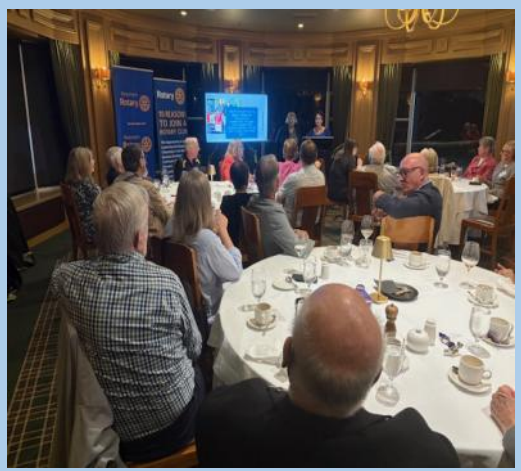
Club activities in March—Meetings on 19th & 30th March—Bayside Community Care's Sandra Cavello & DGE Bill Muir

PE Glenda, welcomed us all plus 4 visitors from RC Chelsea; two visiting Rotarians from the RC Twickenham on Thames (UK) and several member guests and partners. A good vibe and almost a full house for the evening, served with a lovely meal from VGC.

PP Trish S gave us a summary of the Hobart Conference and visit to Tassie the week before. Well worth the trip as last weeks picture of the Conference attest. Next years cruise Conference to Kangaroo Island now looks to be in ice as the cruise company is making other arrangements. Pity, sounded like a good way to get away and visit a location many of us haven't been to and enjoy a floating conference.

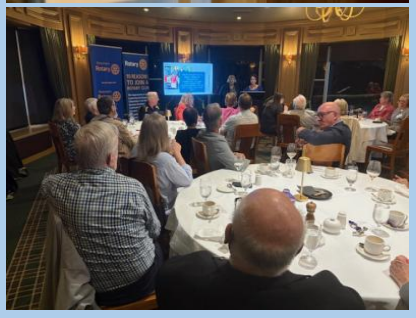
Visitors from the RC Chelsea [R] at our meeting along with Irena Bauer [L], from RC of Melbourne Central - friend of Gail's; and John & Margaret Gilroy-Smith from RC Twickenham on Thames UK [R]; plus a friend of Glenda's Steph Doyle enjoying the fine fare (as well as fairways) the VGC has to offer



Chair Lynda gave us a good Rotary quiz on Tassie and introduced our guest speaker Sandra Cavello from *Bayside Community Care*. Sandra talked to us about the programs they are delivering across their Cheltenham and Chelsea area, particularly Matts Place meals program . She also updated us on surveys BCC undertakes on users of this program and challenges the cost of living bring to those in dire straights in Bayside generally—David's notes on her talk on next page. CMM

19th March Meeting @ VGC - Sandra Cavallo, Bayside Community Care (BCC) cont...

""The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members. Coretta Scott King



Sandra came to update the Club about three programs which BCC support. This was against the background of current world events which she believed would put additional demands on the needs for the services they provide.

Matt's Place continues to provide two free meals a week to all comers at locations in Cheltenham and Chelsea. With the help of an army of volunteers, it continues to provide community outreach to vulnerable people in our society. Recent initiatives have included having Chinese clients cook meals for Chinese New Year adding to the feeling of inclusion.

Emergency Food Relief provides food hampers throughout the year and at Christmas. The demand for this service is growing. Angel Tree provides Christmas presents for the children of people in prison. Bali Kerobokan Prison is an Indonesian women's prison. Conditions are appalling. BCC provides basic hygiene packs and craft items.

For full details of her presentation please click on this link:

BCC Presentation

26th March Meeting—District Governor Nominee Murray Wilson

Chair Mary S Chaired the meeting which including a lively session of questions for Murray to explain community concerns about 'BAIL". **Murray** spoke to us in his role as a volunteer Bail Justice.

Bail justice volunteers play an important role in the justice system and provide a valuable and accessible service which is unique to Victoria.

The role of bail justice volunteers includes conducting:

- after-hours bail
- remand hearings in respect of adults who are held in police custody under the Bail Act 1977.
- remand hearings involving children who are held in police custody
- Accommodation Orders for under age Children.

Murray has been a Bail Justice for 19 years. The role requires extensive training and continual retraining.

Major changes to the Victorian Bail laws are about to be implemented in Victoria which will put community safety as the key criteria when considering bail. Details of the changes are outlined in the presentation summary link below.

Murray spoke about the most difficult part of the role being dealing with at risk children were the options for secure placement are often limited. Lots of questions from members given crime rates and repeat offers being bailed multiple time for serious offences.

For more details follow this link below.

Bail Justice Overview

Thanks, WAGs and updates

Kindness defined - Hobart Experience...

When I was in two minds about attending District Assembly in Tasmania, due to my inability to walk, I decided to go anyway as I had attended the previous Hobart Assembly some 15 years ago. I didn't need to worry. From the moment of arrival at the Grand Chancellor for the opening ceremony. The usher, recognising my walking problem gave me a front seat for the Brass Band performance. After their exit, Vivienne Zapolato came down to the front and took me to the seat she had reserved for me with the rest of the Beaumaris Rotarians. And that was the beginning of the wonderful assistance provided by Vivienne and Mark throughout the Conference. And thanks to the Beaumaris crew for helping us celebrate the conclusion of Conference with a bottle of Champagne!

They looked after me until the final Lunch when my wife Lyn called for me at the Conference venue. Lyn spent time with a granddaughter who lives in Hobart instead of attending the Conference.

Thank a Million

PP David Greenall

WAG's Tastings...

James & Megan hosted the bi-monthly Wine Appreciation Group (WAG) last week with a special range of Coonawarra (SA) wines to go with lovely meal.

Wines included (below right) , Pinot Gris, Reisling, Rose, several Cabernets and a Shiraz plus a 'sticky' and a Vintage Port.

WAGs has been meeting now for two years enjoying Australia's ,NZ and South African wines

Thanks Glenwright's, for the Coonawarra tasting and fine fare. CMM

Thanks, updates on Foundation

Dear Rotary Club of Beaumaris,

On behalf of the Conference Committee, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution to the Care Pack Project for City Mission Hobart and City Mission Launceston.

Your support meant so much and was an important part of this very special project at our Combined District Conference. It was wonderful to be able to come together and do something practical and worthwhile while we were all in one place, doing what Rotary does best - supporting the community.

Thank you once again for your kindness, support and generosity. Your contribution has made a genuine difference, and your impact continues to touch our community in ways that truly matter. Warm regards,

Monique Smith Conference Chair Combined District Conference 2026

CONSIDER GIVING TO ROTARY FOUNDATION

Good afternoon, Rotarians,

I am sending this to all Rotary Clubs within our District and I apologise for not using your given name.

We are now fast coming to the last quarter of this current Rotary Year and traditionally it is the time that our Rotary Clubs make their respective contributions to OUR CHARITY, The Rotary Foundation to [a] meet their set goal or [b] contribute without a set goal or [c] just in the nicest possible way, GIVE.

My function this Rotary year has been to encourage personal giving by our Rotarians or other parties that may be interested in the great work that our Foundation carries out with the essential assistance of our Rotarians.

In my dealings with the Foundation Office in Sydney, they have encouraged me to pass on the below information to all Club Officers and I do so and draw your attention to the note about tax deductibility. It means additional work for someone within the Club, but we do Service Above Self and it is beneficial to our generous Rotarians.

> Giving online through My Rotary is the easiest and fastest way to ensure that your year-end gift is received in time. Visit rotary.org/donate and sign into My Rotary to ensure that you and your club receive appropriate recognition for your contribution. Please click here: How to make an online donation in My Rotary.

Club officers can also collect the funds and transfer in one lumpsum to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust (TARFT – donations from members and businesses for Australian Tax Deductibility) account: **BSB** 342-011 **Account** 663499001. Once transferred, the donor breakdown needs to be provided in a Multiple Donor Form, together with the bank receipt, to be emailed to risppo.finance@rotary.org on the same day **OR** officers can generate Online Pre-filled multiple contribution form through My Rotary. A tax-deductible receipt will be emailed to all donors.

Remembering that we receive a percentage back of what we contribute after three years which is utilised in District Grants, Educational Grants and Global Grants and if required we utilise some funds for Disaster Relief.
May the balance of this Rotary Year go well for you and your Club Members. I am only too pleased to assist. Yours in Rotary Service, Graeme
PDG Graeme Woolacott

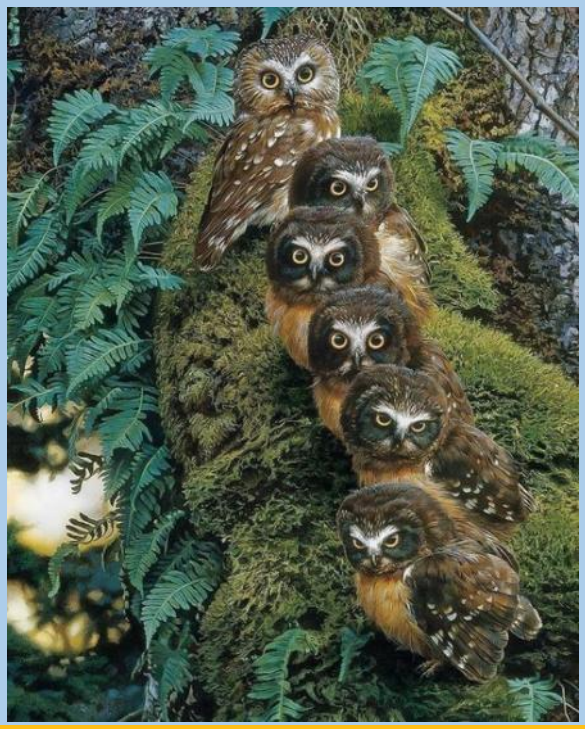
woolyg@bigpond.com

In Case you Missed this news….

IT'S HAPPENING: THE CONCOURSE GREEN IS GETTING A $1.5 MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER THIS YEAR.

NEW TOILETS, FURNITURE, LIGHTING AND UP-GRADED PATHS/GARDENS—WATCH THIS SPACE

The eyes have it...



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SAVE THE DATE - 26th April @ GREEN POINT

SAVE THE DATE for 18 May
OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER for 2026

2026 THE BAYSIDE CHARITY GOLF DAY

THE ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB

MONDAY 18 May 2026

With the generosity of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club, we are pleased to advise that entries are open for the 2026 Bayside Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne to be held on Monday 18 May 2026. As you no doubt aware Royal Melbourne has just hosted 2025 Australian Open and this event allows you to test your skill on some of the holes used in the Open.

Our 2026 Charity Golf Day offers TWO 18 hole events on the West Course. (East course event unavailable this year due to course maintenance).

The shot gun events have one starting at 7:30am and another 12:30pm. These are Stableford competitions, and the cost is $460 per player which includes breakfast and lunch in the Royal Melbourne Golf Club Dining Room for morning players, and lunch and post-game snacks for afternoon players. Lunch is at 11:30am for afternoon players and 12:30pm for those playing in the morning.

The day is open to all golfers, including those who do not have an official GolfLink handicap.

For those players a handicap maximum of 18 will apply on the day. In addition to being able to play at Royal Melbourne, one of the top ten Golf courses in the world (http://www.royalmelbourne.com.au) we also offer Quality prizes to successful players in each competition and for the Nearest the Pin, and Straightest Drive competitions.

The best lady player with an official Golf Australia handicap, will be awarded the Lesley Falloon Perpetual Trophy.

The PM players on the West Course, will compete for The Bayside Mayoral Trophy team competition for the best aggregate stableford score.

Places are very limited. Bookings are in groups of four. If the event is cancelled or postponed players will be offered a refund or an opportunity to roll over their booking, should an alternative date be arranged.

Do not miss this excellent opportunity.

Please enter your registration details by following this link to

book https://www.trybooking.com/DHWHN or use the QR below.

Enquiries to info@thebaysidecharitygolfday.com or to Graham Ludecke 0414 444 956.

We look forward to receiving your entry and we know that you will have a great round of golf.

Yours sincerely

The Committee for The Bayside Charity Golf Day.

Rotary South Pacific's 2026 Conference will unite leaders from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific for two transformative days of insight, fellowship and strategic focus on People, Planet and Peace – shaping the region's impact and direction for the years ahead.

Rotary South Pacific is coming together in Melbourne, 30 October – 1 November 2026, for two powerful days that will strengthen leadership, deepen connection and inspire action across our region.

Under the bold theme People. Planet. Peace. this conference, convened by Rotary International Director Jennifer Scott AM and chaired by PDG Tony Monley OAM, is not simply a gathering – it is where Rotary's future direction across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific will be energised.

You will hear directly from Rotary International President Elect Larry Lunsford, offering global insight into Rotary's next chapter. Past Rotary International President and Rotary Foundation Trustee Gordon McInally will highlight how strategic giving translates into measurable humanitarian impact worldwide.

The Planet theme will be led by Bridget Teirney, exploring environmental stewardship as an expression of community care and long-term resilience. The Peace stream features Associate Professor Sebastian Kaempf, Director of the Rotary Peace Centre at the University of Queensland, addressing how Rotary can strengthen social cohesion and build positive peace in a complex digital age.

Guiding us across two dynamic days will be our Masters of Ceremony, PDG Stephen O'Connell OAM and PDG Jenn Wong, bringing energy, clarity and connection to every session.

Beyond the keynote stage, Melbourne 2026 offers meaningful fellowship, the vibrant House of Friendship, the End Polio Now Walk, governor cohort dinners, Rotaractor gatherings and a dedicated Fellowship Dinner for Rotarians who simply wish to reconnect.

Located at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, the conference offers seamless convenience, with preferential accommodation rates available at Novotel Melbourne South Wharf (10% discount using Client Code SCP4537877 and Access Code RO443AU516 via all.accor.com).

Early Bird registration is now open. Be in the room. Be part of the conversations that matter. Register at https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-south-pacific-conference-2026-melbourne-australia

Remembrance Day Special

This show may be if interest to members and friends

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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