Beaumaris Rotary

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Presidents Message:

A Year of Progress and Preparation

As we approach the end of the Rotary year and prepare for Changeover, it is tempting to focus solely on what has been achieved over the past twelve months.

There has certainly been much to celebrate.

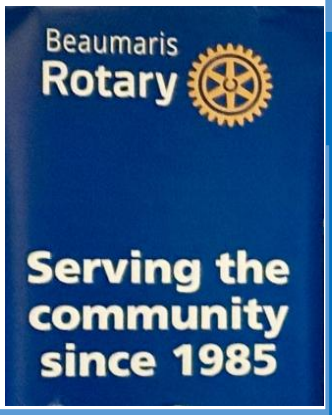
We have supported local families through TeamSports 4 All, Bayside Community Care and BayCISS, continued our commitment to Matt's Place and Impact, strengthened our relationship with local schools, supported youth through RYLA and NYSF, maintained our international projects and once again delivered a successful range of fundraising and community activities.

Most importantly, this year marked the 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris — a significant milestone and an opportunity to reflect on the many members who have contributed to the success and reputation of our Club over four decades.

However, as I reflect on the year, I believe our most important achievement may not be any single project or event.

It has been our willingness to think about the future.

Throughout the year we have had honest discussions about membership, visibility, fellowship and sustainability. We have asked ourselves what sort of club we want to be in five and ten years' time. We have explored new ideas, challenged some old assumptions and begun laying foundations for the future growth of our Club.



Meetings

18th June @ VGC
Stephen Grey, a newly appointed guide at the MCG.

25th June
CLUB CHANGEOVER
6:30 for 7PM @ VGC
RSVP to Roy by 14/6

Thursday 2 July
Club Meeting

Thursday 9 July
TBC New Member Talk

Thursday 16 July
Fellowship Event
Black Rock House
Details TBA

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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
Beaumaris Bowls Club
Friday 4:30 –6.00pm
All welcome

We have recognised that while Rotary's values remain timeless, the way we engage with our community must continue to evolve.

The next Board, under President Glenda, will inherit a Club with strong foundations, committed members and exciting opportunities ahead. I am confident they will continue the work of building a vibrant, visible and welcoming Rotary Club.As this is my final President's Message for In Gear, I would like to thank every member who has supported me throughout the year. No President achieves anything alone. Everything we have accomplished has been the result of members volunteering their time, sharing their talents and working together in the spirit of Service Above Self.

As we conclude our 40th year and prepare for our 41st, we do so with gratitude for our past, pride in our present and confidence in our future.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President.

Peter Murie

IMPORTANT PLEASE SEE THE LINK BELOW TO THE PR AND COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY FOR BEAUMARIS ROTARY

LINK FOR ROTARY SURVEY

President Peter presiding over his last Board for the Rotary year—job well done and rest deserved - thanks Peter.

Also stepping down is Chris D. from being Secretary for 3 years and Treasurer James after 5 year.

These key roles as we know have been taken on, respectively, by Glenda, Lynda & Cathy. Thanks to our previous Board and a welcome on the 26th to the new Board at changeover.

Cathy, already on the job.

Speaker 4th June: Scott Tucker—Principal Southern Autistic School

Chair Marilyn

Scott Tucker has 35 years in *'Special Ed'* schools and 4 years as Principal at their Southern campus in Bentleigh East (one of seven campuses in Melbourne).

Scott at our June Meeting with Chair Marilyn

The School has 300 students catering for a wide range of Autistic '*spectrum*' disorders. 1 in 36 young people have some form of Autism. While more readily diagnosed to-day, its still an astonishing number. While the cause is genetic its not proven that it has a genetic family link. Some 75% of the Schools students are boys.

Once diagnosed and accepted into the School, students are supported by teachers (6 students per teacher) on adapting their spectrum behaviours and language skills to better fit into modern life.

There are 4 general types/levels the school have—in levels ABCD– depending on spectrum disorder—used in managing and tailoring to student needs. The school has a primary school groups and smaller secondary school levels with 2 students per teacher, supplemented with working groups.

As you would expect these focus on students social and play behaviours as well as their communications skills. Among the tools used by the school include visual aids (like iPads) which help many students communicate easier and more effectively than speaking or writing.

Scott thanked the Club for its many years of support at their annual BBQ/Open Day to showcase the school for family, friends of the school, and of course the students themselves. A great community cause we continue to support. Thanks Scott.

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9th June Guest Speaker: District Governor Emma Clark
Why Rotary Matters and Lifting the Lid on Mental

Chair: Glenda

Visitors: Shirley Mirams; Heather D'Arcy

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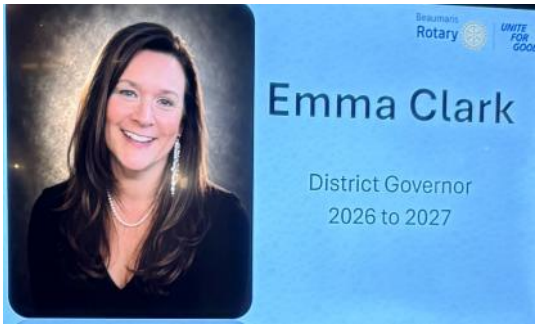

Members gave Emma a warm welcome especially seeing she had driven from Emerald (in the Dandenong's) having arrived back in Australia at 3AM -on the day - and wouldn't get home till after 10PM — and next morning assembly at her School!! Great effort Emma.

What a wonderful speaker we have as our soon to be **District Governor**. Clear, articulate and full of enthusiasm.

Emma has a long history in Rotary (as well as Rotoract) being at RC Emerald for 24 years as well as being Principal of the Emerald Primary School - **Leadership in action**!

Why Rotary matters to Emma is driven by Rotary Values. A Global network of Clubs, over a million members. While on the wane in term of Clubs/members in Australia, its thriving in Japan and other parts of Asia.

This Global reach is important says Emma—talk about it when you mention Rotary to friends and people who ask you why your in Rotary?, what is Rotary? Say how its shaped you—what you do—she gave examples using the achievements Rotary makes Globally (eg **Polio, Malaria** etc) as well as District and our own Club support for **Sandringham Hospital**, Schools and NFP organizations like we do every year. As Chris D pointed out at the meeting—some **$80,000** this year. Along with over **1000 hours** of local community services.

Emma said Rotary is evolving as all successful organisation need to do—be they business or NFP. Success requires being relevant, connected—being proud of our **Paul Harris legacy**, and future proofing ourselves.

At a **District and Club level** ***set ourselves clear goals, reflect on what we are doing***, Be curious on what we could be doing better and empowering others. Lots of questions and fulsome frank answers from members and the DG Elect.

Thank you Emma, Beaumaris looks forward to working with you and your Leadership of 9815

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President Elect Glenda with **District Governor Elect** Emma

Kar, our newest member nominee winning the raffle on his first entry.

Welcome Kar.

RYPEN 2026 is returning to District 9815 for the first time in over seven years!

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a 3-day camp for 14 to 17 year-olds (in Years 9 to 11), focused on building confidence, discovering their potential, and growing personally. RYPEN 2026 will be held at the Briars Outdoor Ed Camp, Mount Martha, from 18 – 20 September 2026.

Now is the perfect time for your club to connect with local schools and youth groups and begin identifying students who would benefit from this experience.

Applications are now open! Prospective participants can apply by going to: https://linktr.ee/rypen9815

Sponsoring RYPEN participants is a great opportunity to strengthen the club's relationship with local schools while supporting young people in our community to grow and thrive. Sponsoring a RYPEN participant or leader will be $495 (inclusive of GST).

The RYPEN Team has been planning and working hard for months, and we can't wait to see RYPEN return. Our program will be led by Program Facilitators, Christine Tolotchkov and Hannah Flower, two former RYPEN participants, and supported by Rotarians, Barry Rogers and Robert Cook. We've also recruited and started training a team of RYPEN Mentors who will be supporting the participants on-site.

You can find out more about RYPEN by going to: https://rotary9815.org.au/page/rypen or emailing us at rypen@rotary9815.org.au.

The RYPEN Team

INTERNATIONAL—SABU ISLAND PROJECT

SEBA GIRL'S HOSTEL KITCHEN REFURBISHED

During the Club visit to Seba on Sabu Island in 2023 it was decided that the cooking facility (a dilapidated shed with an open fire) was both unsafe and unhygienic.

Unfortunately, the refurbishment was delayed by damage to a school roof, considered more urgent due to the impending monsoon and also by the on monsoon itself. Some thing we reported back to the Club last year.

Finally with the our help and a Rotary district grant the refurbishment of the kitchen has been completed.

The 20 girls who live there during the week will now be cooking in a much safer and more hygienic space.

Richard Potter: International Chair

Before and after pictures of the 'kitchen'

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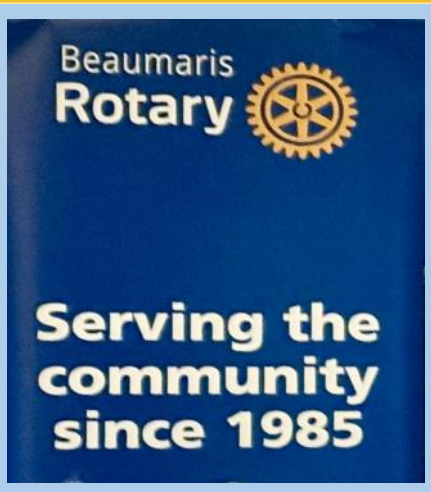
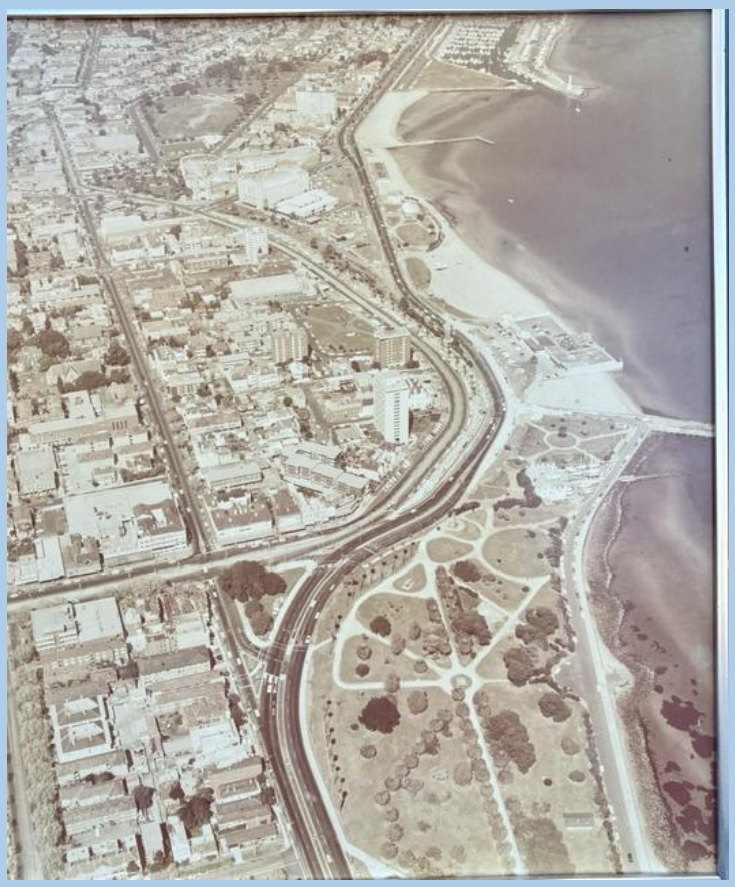


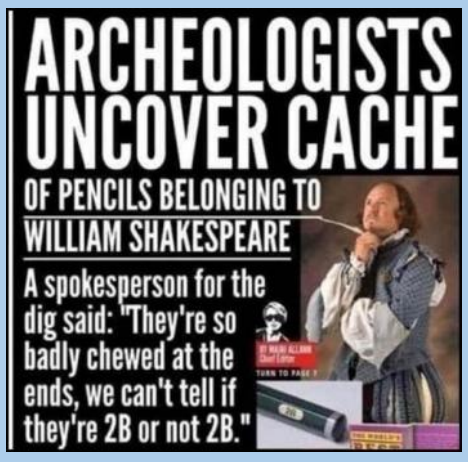
Marilyn with one of two loads of member donations of beanie's, scarves and mittens/gloves for the homeless this winter - distributed via Bayside Community Care (BCC)

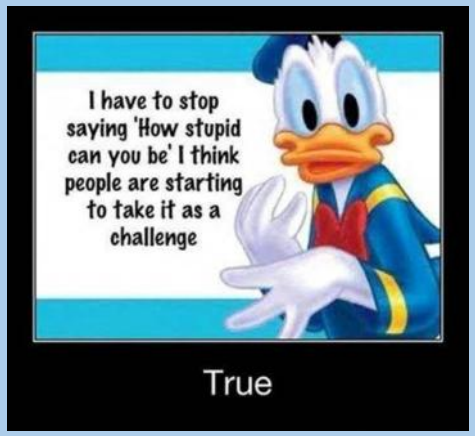
Jane's push up challenge (seen here showing Max her technique) has reached lots of people, raising money for LIFELINE. There's still time to donate and give Jane an incentive to reach her 2500 push ups—see link for details below:

MY PUSH FOR BETTER



An old picture showing changes to Bayside Melbourne over 60 years in this B&W aerial picture of St Kilda foreshore in the 1960's





Rotary South Pacific's 2026 Conference

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

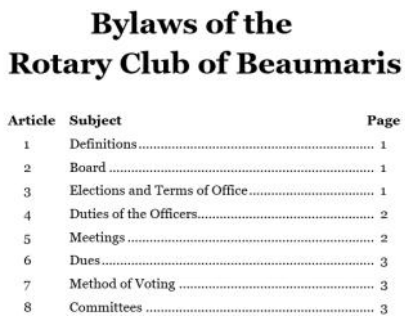
Club & Rotary Links

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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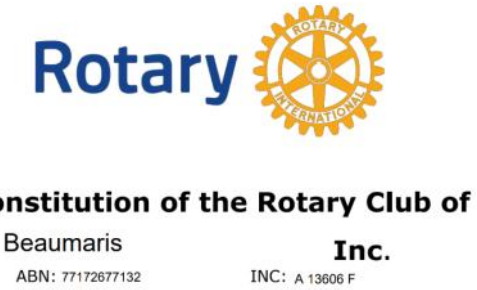
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Strategic Plan 2025-2026

Board and Committees 2025/26

President Peter

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