Beaumaris Rotary

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

Edition 1 13th July 2026

President's Message

Our Winter months are always our quietest with Members away or keeping indoors to avoid winter coughs & colds. But the pace is starting to pick up with Fellowship this week at Black Rock House, a packing day for Highlands Foundation 25th July, and invites to Beaumaris Bowls Club Open Day (2nd August) and RSL Speaker George Petrou OAM for the *Long Tan* dinner (19th August)

As most of you know VGC have an expectation that our attendance level needs to be at least 25+ members/guests, so please attend our meetings when possible.

This last week we've fondly remembered Geoff Stockdale—including his memorial at VGC on Monday. A fitting tribute.

On the weekend I attended the final day of RYLA at Phillip Island and was very impressed with our candidate Vivienne suggested and sponsored. His name is Jonathan Lowe who will be coming to one of our meetings as a Guest Speaker very soon.

Yours in Rotary fellowship

Glenda

Shirley formally joins our Club as a member—seen here receiving her certificate and dress up kit from Pres. Glenda

PP Peter wins the wine raffle on his first meeting since collecting his feather duster . Choosing RED, of course!

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Meetings

Tuesday 14th July
Board Meeting
5 PM at Cathy's Home

Thursday 16 July
Fellowship Event
"Jewel by the Sea"
Black Rock House
7:30 for 8pm—$25pp
See Gail for details

Thursday 23rd
Angela Costigan
Pets for the Homeless
(*note article page 6*)

Thursday 30th July
Mayor of Bayside
Cr Debbie Taylor-Haynes

Thursday 20th August
Tara Yates
Marketing for our Future
CLUB FORUM
Strategic Plan

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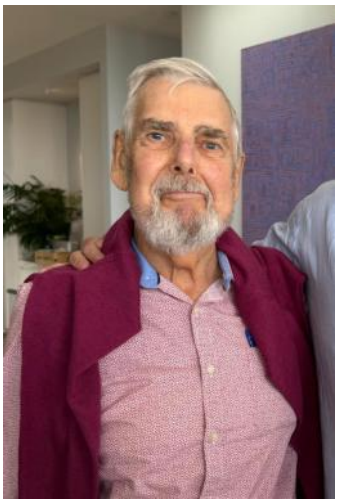
LINK TO CLUB CALENDAR

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

Meeting July 2nd—Club Forum @ VGC
Vale Geoff Stockdale

Chair Clem—Club Forum for July



VALE Geoff Stockdale

Former Internation Chair Richard spoke to us regarding Geoff's recent death and his long engagement and contributions to the International team and SABU in particular.

Richard outline Geoff's long term membership of the Beaumaris Rotary (indeed the last of the founding members of the Club), his long battle with Prostate Cancer and several personal stories about the many humanitarian projects Geoff was instrumental in and participated in over decades. A generous man who will be sadly missed by past and present members alike. See more tributes on Geoff next page...

Marilyn asked us to participate in a Salvos Christmas in July Panty shop which you should have seen in an email last week. The *list of items they prefer (none perishable) is in this Edition of In Gear.* Please give it your consideration and do a small shop so that we can give a big boost to the Salvos Pantry this July.

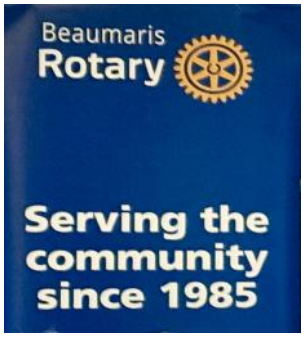
As we've done for previous shops there are *THREE locations where you can drop of your personal shop for this Pantry Shop*. Thankyou.

Gail, as Fellowship organiser, reminded us of our next Fellowship Night next Thursday at Black Rock House. If you haven't booked and want to attend the "show" or pre dinner at Black Rock's Black Olive see Gail for any vacancies.

Mark, as new International Director, gave us a detailed run down of the Projects are involved in, such as SABU, Nepal, Highlands, Yimba, and Rotary District's programs such as Interplast, RAMS, ROMAC with their various budgets and status. Thanks Mark

There was a lengthy discussion on money being spent on various projects and Rotary Foundation. Both former and new treasures provided comprehensive responses to questions in a useful discussion to start off the new financial year. Also discussed was next Years On to Conference, Team Sports for All and Fundraising in which Raj & Chris M are engaged with to plug some $$ gaps the Board sees for FY27. CMM

VGC Meeting 9th June. Tributes to Geoff Stockdale & New Member Talk with Cathy



As we know Geoff passed away after many years fighting illness with great tenacity.

Geoff was a foundation member of the Club, and a member for forty years.

He was always the person to go to for details about the early history of Beaumaris Rotary and in particular the decisions which made the Club distinctive and special.

From the beginning Geoff took a special interest in the Club's work on the Indonesian island of Sabu. He used his expertise in engineering and management on many projects. Geoff visited Sabu many times and there is no better recognition of this than this picture and heartfelt Facebook memorial.

Rest in peace, kind soul who always extended a helping hand to us children at the YDBL Dormitory; may God welcome you at His right hand. 🙏😇
#Followers
#Everyone

Geoff was instrumental arranging to produce the video Educating Leaders – Sabu Island. This lasting memorial to Geoff can be viewed at the link below.

Max & students @ YDBL Dormitory

Cathy's Story

Members were able to get to know **Cathy** more after her talk to us on 9th of July.

Cathy told us about growing up in South Africa's Transkei and Stutterheim regions as the oldest of 5 siblings. It was a simple and free life growing up for the family, with a family business that made home and personal care products selling primarily in the rural areas eg Candles and Madubula (a disinfectant)

Cathy went to Rhodes University and studied Computer Science, among the earlier cohorts to do this. Moving to Durban after graduation, Cathy then spent time travelling, and then working in the U.S.

Along the way Cathy married Gavin and has two daughters Gina and Chelsea.
Gavin ran his own business in South Africa and is a serial renovator. High profile high pressure jobs followed for Cathy until in 2013 the family decided to leave South Africa.

In 2015 they finally moved to Melbourne, the city they picked for the work and educational opportunities, as well as the ambience of the city itself.

Cathy joined Rotary as she wanted to volunteer and get back to the service commitment she experienced in her family growing up.

Once again, often the best talks are the ones our own members give, thanks Cathy for sharing your life journey to date. **Trish S.**

Fellowship Event 16th July—'Jewel by the Sea'

A GOOD Fellow Rotarians

"The Friends of Black Rock House invite you to celebrate the 170th Anniversary of Black Rock House and join them at the sixth season of the play "Jewel By The Sea" presented in intimate cabaret style in Tamar's Tea Room at Black Rock House.

A creative interpretation based on historical records portraying Charles Hotson Ebden's time during the planning, building and life at Black Rock House, 1854-1861.

BYO drinks, nibblies, cups and plates, and then settle into our cozy cabaret setting. Relax at antique tables and chairs while you enjoy the performance.

Arrive from 7:30pm for an 8pm start on Thursday 16 July at Black Rock House, Ebden Ave, Black Rock".

This performance is exclusive to Beaumaris Rotary Club Members and Guests only.
Price for the play is $25 per person and can be paid into the following account.
Rotary Club of Beaumaris BSB 633-000 Account No. 12144 3964. Ref Name & Black Rock Play

ALSO

For those who wish to have an early Dinner beforehand a reservation has been made at Black Olive in Black Rock for a 5.30-5.45pm arrival (menu & details outlined below). Food & drinks at restaurant prices.

https://www.blackoliveonblackrock.com/

Please advise me if you would like to attend this outstanding production and also if you would like to dine beforehand at Black Olive.
Many thanks.

Yours in Fellowship

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Salvo's Safe Sleepers Pantry Shop—ON NOW

Hello members and friends of Rotary

CHRISTMAS IN JULY. - SALVO's SAFE SLEEPERS PANTRY SHOP

This *Christmas in July* we are donating your PANTRY Shopper items to the Salvo's SAFE SLEEPERS program

As usual we have a recommended list of items and a suggested $35 spend. Any donations of NON PERISHABLE food items are welcome. The Club will also be topping up the donations with money we have from a donated Debit Card.

PREFERRED LIST OF ITEMS

UHT MILK - FULL CREAM, LIGHT & LACTOSE FREE

CEREAL

TWO MINUTE NOODLES

TINNED SOUP, VEGETABLES, TUNA, FRUIT

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE SAUCE

RICE

SPREADS, JAMS, HONEY, VEGEMITE, PEANUT BUTTER

SUGAR, WHITE, RAW

FLOUR, PLAIN, SELF RAISING

BISCUITS, SWEET, SAVOURY, FRUIT, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
VARIOUS SAUCES

TEA BAGS

COFFEE, MILO (SMALL/MEDIUM TINS)

SNACKS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (EG MUSELI BARS, CIPS, POP CORN)

TOILET PAPER

THE SALVO's have also asked if we could donate EMPTY egg cartons you may have or saved - Salvo's get eggs donated and give them out to safe sleepers in packs of SIX (DON'T DONATE THE EGGS) as they have them donated in bulk by a third party.

3 DROP OFF POINTS

Three members have their homes for you drop off your items too

Chris D'Arcy - 7 Susan Street Sandringham. (Leave at FRONT DOOR)

Chris Mara - 60 Haldane Street Beaumaris. (Leave on FRONT PORCH)

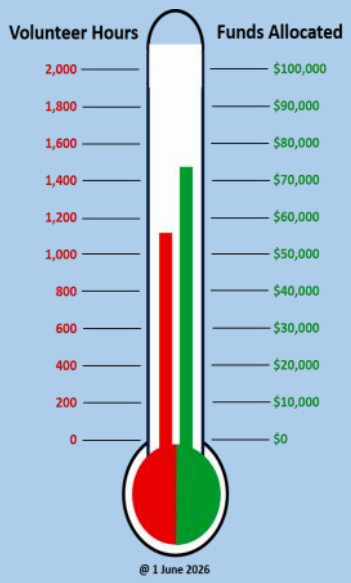
Marilyn Murie - 210 Reserve Road Beaumaris (Ring bell but id Muries not home Leave at FRONT DOOR)

You can make these donations anytime to any of these locations from 11th through to 23rd July inclusive. The items will be delivered to the Salvo's on the 25th July

Marilyn
Community Chair

Serving Our Community page
what's on locally and upcoming...

This is what we collectively do for our community



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PETS FOR THE HOMELESS

Back in 2020 the club bought a set of mobile steps for Pets of the Homeless (right) for use in their Keys Road warehouse. On Saturday I joined the regular volunteer crew for a packing day, repacking dog and cat food from bulk into smaller bags. I was told that the steps are in use every day and are an important piece of their warehouse operation. POTH have just acquired the lease on the next-door building which will allow them to expand their operation. I am sure there will be opportunities for further operational support and create lasting IMPACT. Chris D

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PACKING DAYS

Next Highlands Packing Day

Saturday 25th JULY | 1:00pm – 5:00pm
21 Dousa Road, Altona
Join Us!

the highlands foundation

RCB HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER—ADVANCE NOTICE—11th OCTOBER 2026 @ Beaumaris Bowls Club

After last year's **fun filled and very tasty High Tea Fundraiser,** we decided to have this event again.
We already have over 100 vintage cups, saucers and plates, plus cake stands, bought to our club by Cheltenham Rotary when joining us.

Last year's High Tea was at the Beaumaris Bowls Club in Martin Street, a great local venue with plenty of parking, great kitchen and space for 80 guests. 10 tables of 8 BBC has a serviced bar with a liquor licence and bar staff very happy to host us again. Put the date in your calendar and think about booking a table.

Megan 0418 578 114
Brochures will be available shortly

DATE & TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 11th 2.30 until 5 pm COST $75 PP including sparkling wine or soft drink served throughout the day. Last years' event raised $9,000 and supported some of our existing projects we are committed to serving. There were guest speakers from **Matts Place, Team Sports 4 All and Impact**. A fun filled afternoon with quizzes and Rotary quirky things including a fabulous Silent Auction.

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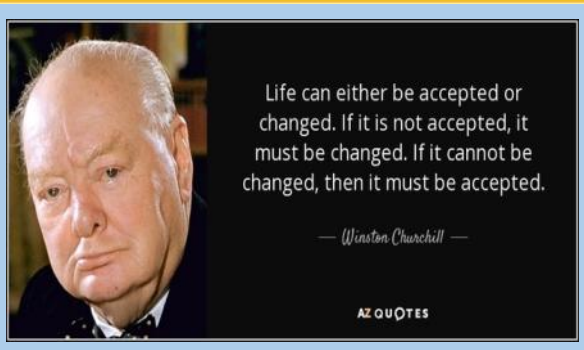


BEAUMARIS BOWLS CLUB

YOU'RE INVITED

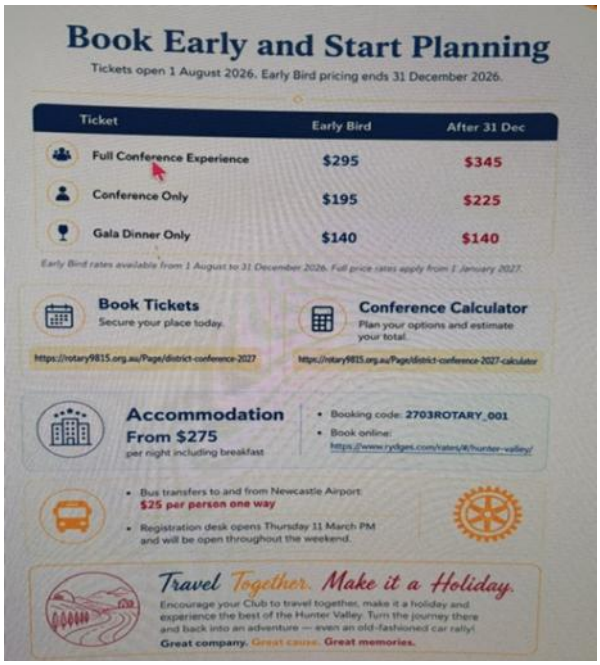
Beaumaris Bay looking like 'glass' on a clear, cold winters day last week and sunset after the change..

Rotary District Conference 2027

People Planet Peace

ROTARY SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE 8 CONFERENCE

INTERESTED IN DISTICT CONFERENCE IN THE HUNTER VALLEY IN 2027? Read these 3 pages.



Check out what's on and where, the *challenge of change* and booking details or speak to Glenda, Paul or Lynda.

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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Rotary

Constitution of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris Inc.

ABN: 77172677132 INC: A 13606 F

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Strategic Plan 2025-2026

Board and Committees 2025/26

President Peter

Rotary Links

Beaumaris Rotary Website

Rotary District 9815

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