Beaumaris Rotary

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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President's Message

At our next Board Meeting (Tuesday) we're discussing advertising in **Neighbourhood Watch's** newsletter - which reaches all properties in Bayside. I'm sure most of you read some of it when its arrives in your letter boxes—its run by volunteers like Rotary.

Following a talk at VGC by **Bayside Mayor** recently (next page) this week we have a fellowship event at the **Naked Racer** and over the next few weeks we have a presentation from **Tara Yates** re Marketing of our Club to the community & discussion about the results of the recent survey we conducted with our Members.

We've also had enjoyable presentation by ***Angela* Costigan** from **Pets of the Homeless** (POTH.) Due to the power of networking they have two local schools running projects in Yr 10 to raise funds for POTH, Olivia Brooks was a guest on the night. She is a manager at Amcor a business opposite POTH in Keys road Cheltenham. She has organised some of her staff to paint the inside of the adjacent space that they have just annexed.

Last week we had a fascinating presentation by **Harry Roberts** on the **ENERGY** Australia creates and uses. Harry outlined the types energy we use from all forms of energy. The breakdown of each kind of energy; the use; their relative impact on society, consumption, green house gases and on our economy. Facts & figures galore, overwhelming to many I suspect, and questions about their use from an engineers perspective—a pdf version link is on Page 3 summary of Harry's talk.

Over the last two weeks I also had the pleasure of presenting **Honorary Membership** to two worthy recipients, namely former members Tim Parsons and Jim O'Brien. Thanks you both for your tremendous service.

Glenda

Meetings

Tuesday 11th August
Board meeting
Secretary's Place

Thursday 13th August
Naked Racer Bar-Café
Cheltenham
Fellowship Night
(See Community Page for details 6:30 start $35 pp)

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

Thursday 27 August

Thursday 10th September
The Parlour
Wetherall Road
Fellowship Night

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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 30th July @ VGC
Mayor of Bayside City Council— Debie Taylor Haines

Chair Peter welcomed visitors and our Guest speaker Bayside Mayor, and Councillor for the Beckett Ward, **Debbie Haines-Taylor.** Joining Mayor Debbie and other visitors was Councillor (Ebden Ward) Geoff Leigh.

Mayor Debbie talked to us about funding for the Concourse redevelopment; road works around Bayside, the opening of new playgrounds on Weatherall Road's Barker Reserve (impressive—check it out) and the impact of the State Governments new planning powers leading to more high density (read multi floor towers) housing around major shopping centres and rail stations across Melbourne, with an Bayside emphasis.

In relation to the Concourse redevelopment (which the Club supported) the $1.5million project commences in late August and is expected be finalised before Christmas. Two petitions and community engagement by Council received 80% support from the community.

In terms of the higher density (and height) housing developments (In specific zones) approved by the State Government, local councils have little say in approving building heights, parking or avenues of appeal. These zones generally are around railway stations and shopping precincts - such as Brighton, Highett, Hampton and Sandringham. The Mayor questioned how some 32,000 new dwellings and up to 70,000 people can be accommodated, over the next decade, remains to be seen - given some 1000 issued permits (for development) have yet to executed by developers today.

President Glenda and members thanked the Mayor for her visit and her clear and fulsome explanation to the many questions members had on these local issues.

Also on the night, **Tim Parson's** received a commendation for his Club service as well as becoming an Honorary Member—he's signed up to the Board of Beaumaris RSL Club, now located at Black Rock's Sports Club, and has his work cut out for him. We're sure he'll be a showing up at our events given Gail is our resident Fellowship organiser with Shirley What a team. Thanks Tim.

Last week Pres. Glenda and Chair Paul welcomed some dozen members of the RC of North Brighton to the Joint meeting of our Clubs along with Jim O'Brien and his wife and Maureen Flude. Great to see all the tables full in VGC;'s Rotunda **CMM**

PS Don't forget our Fellowship night on THURSDAY at the Naked —if you haven't already - confirm with Shirley ASAP

VGC Meeting 6th August —Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Nth Brighton—Harry Roberts on Energy Policy

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Harry Roberts spoke to us on the hot topic of **Energy**, a shortened version based on a major Project/Study was involved with. The premiss of his talk can be encapsulated in one of his quotes - ***"Energy is the fundamental currency of any society"***

Australia's total energy supply (2024) was a little over 5100 *Peta Jules (PJ), a broad measure of energy.. Some 900 PJ (under 20%) in in the form of electricity.* Primary energy is typically derived from coal, oil, etc which is converted by power stations and refineries. Final energy is in the form we are familiar with; electricity, fuel for our cars/ trucks etc and what's termed useful energy in terms of lighting our homes, heating/cooling and of course transportation be it cars, boats, trains, planes etc.

The generation, transmission and distribution of energy is therefor critical to how we live in the modern world and how our economy fares if the price of energy rises on our and governments income/expenditure

It's these pressures that are hotly debated in the public/political arena. Will renewables replace fossil fuels—Harry argues, technically, yes but only for electricity (20% of our energy). Which begs the question– *at what cost?*

Harry showed several tables in his presentation which compared diesel, jet fuel and petrol compared to battery (electricity) powered ones—which essentially says battery powered fleets (think, trains, planes & automobiles) are not competitive given the volume of fuel/ electricity used in these types of transport forms (distribution). Harry says its about "energy quality" (density) that makes the difference.

A lot to take in Harry's talk and, given the controversy in political and media circles, one has to ponder, given his premiss - that energy is the fundamental currency of our society - The question being: are we risking damage to our economy and way of life investing in a goal based on Net Zero?

Harry said that to replace just coal with solar would require 23 times that land use currently used by coal generators and gas turbines for base load power—in short an area as large as metropolitan Melbourne.

Related to Australia's household consumption of electricity (10% of Australia's total consumption), reducing global emissions by 20% (in approaching Net Zero) Harry says would reduce household consumption to 8% - in Harry's maths this equates to 2% reduction of Primary energy consumption. Put another way, this saving would reduce Australia's green house emissions by 0.02% Harry poses the question: *where would we find a 20% reduction?* Harry's takeout was that if governments continue to target Net Zero by 2050 we will be unable to sustain our economy and modern day way of life. To Quote Harry; "*if we do hit Net Zero, we will cross into (being) a third world country by 2040"—So "don't drive kids to school"*

Serving Our Community page
what's on locally, upcoming...odds & sods

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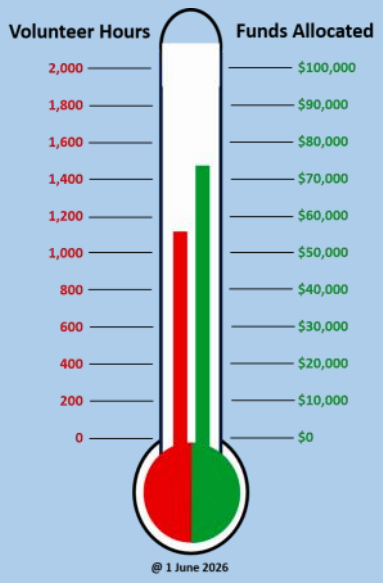
CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Marilyn, seen here with Salvos Major Jennifer Cloke and volunteer Paul, delivering around a thousand dollars worth of groceries in early August.

Thanks to all those members and friends of Rotary who made these donations. It really does make a difference, especially to the 'rough' sleepers that use Salvo's services.

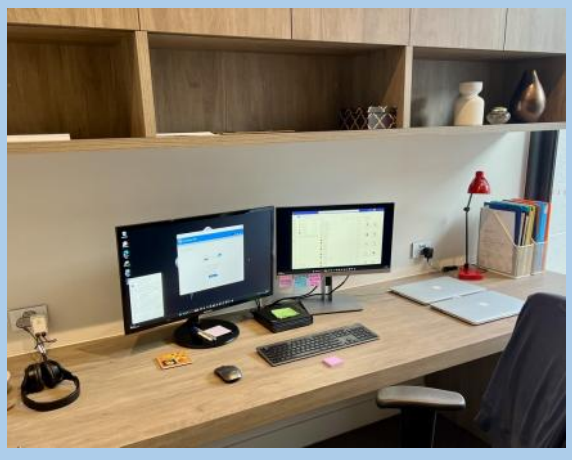


A pat on the back for the Club…

Members at Beaumaris Bowls Club helping get new members and joining BBC!!

WAG had another of their lovely Bi-Monthly Dinner's & Wine tasting this time at the Murie's

FOR SALE newish HP Mini PC, screen and accessories for $800—see Chris M for details



Invitations + Wit & Wisdom page...

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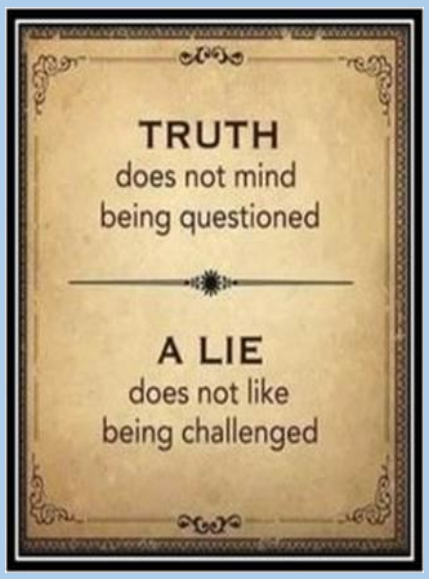
Jim O'Brien sharing a joke with us when receiving his Honorary Award last week.

To quote Jim "Proud to be a Rotarian and be proud of what you do as one"

Thanks Jim for all you've done. See you on Golf Day!!

Spring is on its way, these Daisies say so



Fellowship Event—The Naked Racer Bar & Café
13th August - THIS THURSDAY

THE NAKED RACER
Bar–Cafe
MELBOURNE

1 Grange Road, Cheltenham, 3192

FELLOWSHIP EVENING

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST, 2026

6.30 P.M.

Our August Fellowship evening will be set in Australia's largest antique Motocycle Museum. We will have dinner on tables set within the museum!

We have 20 seats booked. Cost will be $35 per person which includes a choice of 5 Canapes and bowls of hot chips. Drinks will be at bar prices. Consideration has been made for vegetarian and gluten free attendees.

Please pay $35 per person into the following account:

Rotary Club of Beaumaris BSB 633-000 Account No. 12144 3964 Ref Name & Naked Racer.

Please advise me if you would like to attend this fun dining experience and when you have paid. Thank you.

Shirley Mirams 0418308712. kmirams@bigpond.com.

Yours in Fellowship

Our resident *Biker* **Chris Mara** will provide a guided tour of unusual modern and vintage motorcycles on show from across the world, some dating back to the early 20th Century

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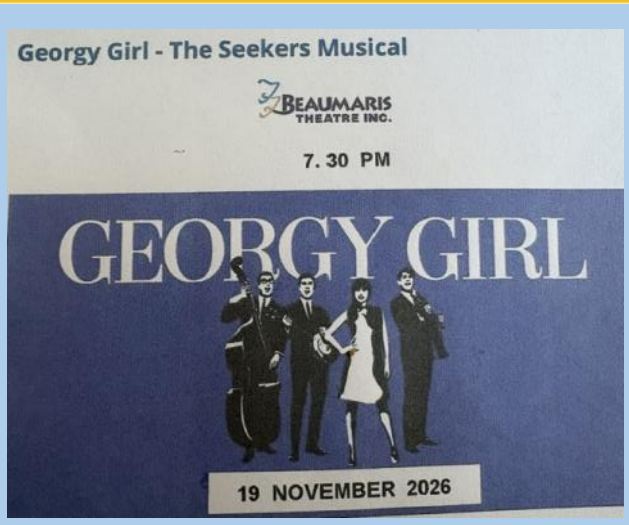
Fellowship Night Beaumaris Theatre 19th November to see Georgie Girl. DON'T MISS IT

You and friends of Rotary are Invited to this Special Theatre Production at Beaumaris Theatre—in November. But you have to tell Shirley before the end of August. Read on...



Discover the inspiring true story behind Australia's legendary group in "**Georgy Girl – The Seekers Musical"**. With iconic hits and nostalgia, this musical tells the remarkable true story of the Seekers – **Judith Durham, Athol Guy, Keith Potger and Bruce Woodley** – four young Melbourne musicians who received international fame, from humble beginnings to international fame. Their journey is brought to life with warmth, humour and heart in this special show at **Beaumaris Theatre** !

Shirley, out musical themed creative, has secured a third table for the **November performance** by the **Beaumaris Little Theatre** as our first two tables are full. It will be cabaret seating so you can bring your own drinks and nibbles to share. Good fun night guaranteed!

The theatre requires our numbers by the end of August as they expect seats will be at a premium once their current show ends. If our allocation is not taken up, they will offer them to the public.

Price: $35 pp.

For those who wish to attend, please pay into the following account:

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Ref: Name & Georgy Girl

NOTE—Please let **Shirley** know if you will be attending and have paid.

Queries: Please contact Shirley Mirams 0418308712 or kmirams@bigpond.com

IT'S ON AGAIN—Beaumaris Rotary High Tea Sunday 11th October—BOOK IN BELOW

Beaumaris Rotary High Tea

Beaumaris Rotary | CREATE LASTING IMPACT

@ Beaumaris Bowls Club
1 Martin St, Beaumaris 3193
2:30pm to 5pm Sunday 11 October 2026
$75 per person - Tables of 4 or 8 are preferred

Join us for a fantastic afternoon of music, games, entertainment, prizes, silent auction and a scrumptious high tea with sparkling wine.

Funds raised will be donated to local charities including:

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High Tea Registration

Please register here for High Tea. We will contact you shortly for payment.

Name: First Last

Special Dietary Requirements

Email

Mobile Number

Guests:

Special Dietary Requirements

Need to talk to us? – Call Megan on 0418 578 114 or Gail 0408 646 768

Rotary District Conference 2027

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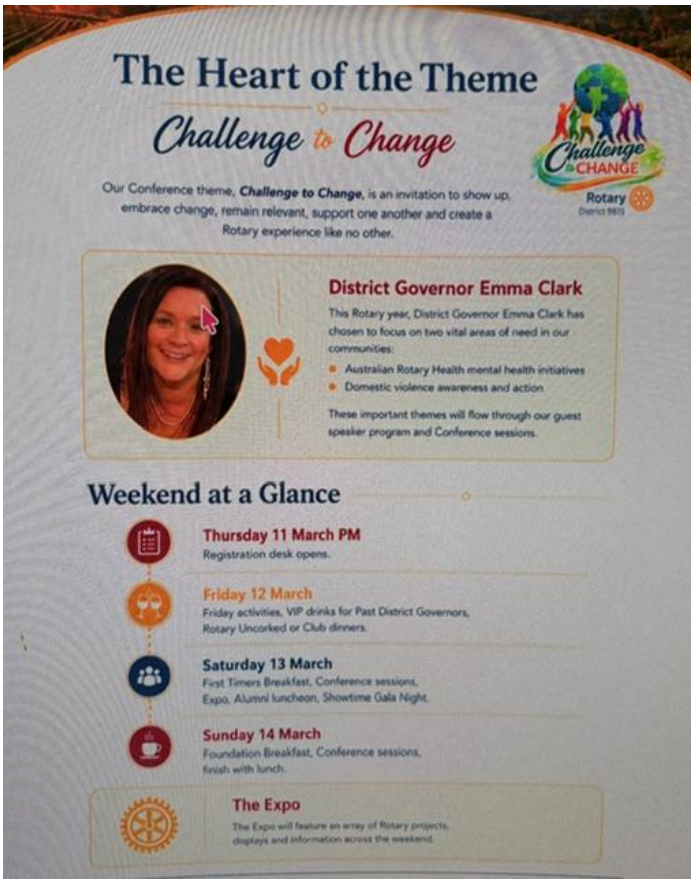

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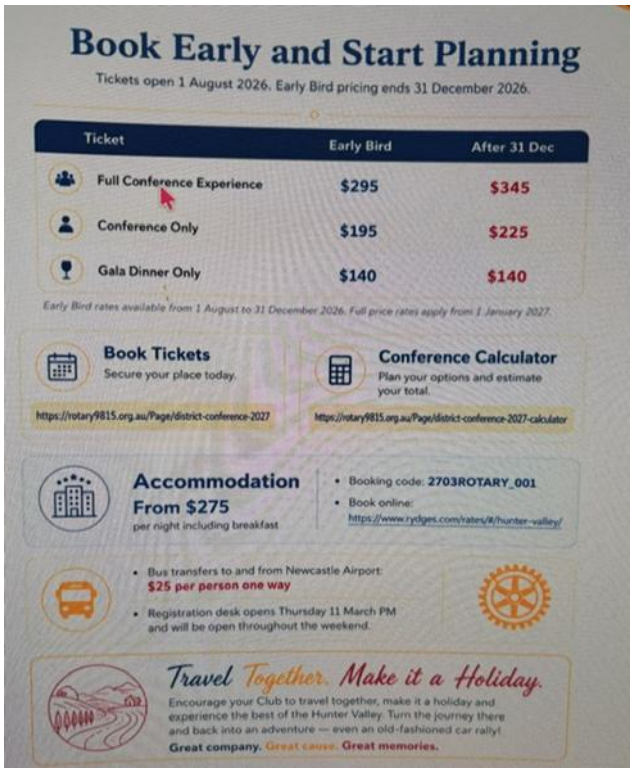

Club & Rotary Links

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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Constitution of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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Strategic Plan 2025-2026

Board and Committees 2026/27

President Glenda

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Rotary District 9815

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