

Presidents Report

Last Thursday our speaker was Greg Mier, President of the Beaumaris Conservation Society, Greg departed from his prepared script to talk about two recent issues which are too contentious to be reported in In Gear. Though interesting to get Greg's views on these it was a little disappointing that we did not get to hear more of the broader agenda of the BCS. However, Editor David has done some research to fill in the gaps and provide more details of the BCS and its activities in an article later in this In Gear.

Together with Mary Sealy I attended the Nippers Carnival at the Beaumaris Life Saving Club on Sunday. As most would know we have been a significant sponsor of the "Nippers" (to the tune of \$1,000 this year) and it was most satisfying to see what a vibrant group they have become. Over 100 kids attended on Sunday and the level of enthusiasm shown by both the children and the organisers was tremendous.

Congratulations to Trish Smyth on being selected for the nominating committee for the election of District Governor in year 2019-2020.

President elect Chris D'Arcy has been away this last week-end at the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), and President Nominee Heather Chisholm is in the middle of a series of seminars that make up the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). But please do not think you have to be a presidential nominee to attend training courses. The club is very keen to support anyone who sees a training opportunity within the Rotary organization.

The Farmers Market is on again this coming Saturday. The weather forecast is very promising so we can hope for a good turnout. Please remember that the market is a great opportunity to showcase ourselves to our community. Those on the gates especially should try to engage with the market shoppers as they come through, or go out, the gates. Simple questions such as "where did you learn about the market" or "what do you like about the market" are usually enough to get a conversation going.

Next Meetings

THURSDAY MARCH 9

MALCOLM SAWLE, FORUM II

CHAIR: KEN MIRAMS

AV: GREG EVERY

CASH DESK: CHRIS D'ARCY AND ROGER FREWEN

HOST: RICHARD JONES

THURSDAY MARCH 16

JULIE GIBSON, HITNET

CHAIR: ROSS PHILLIPS

AV: KEN MIRAMS

CASH DESK: GREG EVERY AND MEGAN GLENWRIGHT

HOST: LOIS LINDSAY

THURSDAY MARCH 23

ROMAC, CAROL QUAYLE

CHAIR: ANTONY NIXON

AV: DAVID LEA

CASH DESK: TIM DARK AND KERRIE GEARD

HOST: DAVID LANGWORTHY

THURSDAY MARCH 30

NO MEETING DUE TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Unless stated otherwise venue is
Victoria Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00

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Our meeting this Thursday is an extension of the Club Forum we held two weeks ago. Due to time constraints, the ability to have a question and answer session was very limited. So, it has been decided to extend the forum into another week with a focus on membership. An ad-hoc committee met last week to discuss membership and what could be done to bring in new members, especially of the younger variety. It resulted in a couple of suggestions well worth considering. And membership was very much the main theme of the PETS Chris D'Arcy has been attending. As a prelude to our discussions it would be useful for members to view the video per the link underneath. It sets out the challenge of recruiting younger members but also gives some guidance on what the solutions may be.

<http://rotaryglobaleagles.org/6-july-2015-programrotary-membership-in-the-21st-century/>

(once in the Global Eagles site scroll down to lower video with man in suit)

The above also relates to the Sons and Daughters topic previously planned for this Thursday. We were going to invite our sons and daughters to come along to a meeting and give us their impressions of Rotary and what it would take to get them interested in joining. This session will now be held over until a meeting in Late April.

*Yours in Rotary
Malcolm*

Thank You Note from Rebecca Bartlett



Dear Bob and my Rotary family in Beaumaris. 22 Feb 2017
Thank you for being the first Australian (after my parents) to support mAdapt (and me!)
Thank you for supporting mAdapt
I'm looking forward to working with you all in the future and making you proud of your investment in me. Beccah Bartlett

About mAdapt

mAdapt uses mobile technology to provide refugees with information concerning their most pressing reproductive health needs.

Users can also search for location-specific information, in their own language, directing them to accessible health care services in their area

WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS TO COUNT, THEY NEED TO BE COUNTED.

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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: GREG MIER,

TOPIC: BEAUMARIS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Following history and accomplishments of the Beaumaris Conservation Society is taken from the Societies website. It serves to illustrate the important work that the Society, the oldest continually operating environmental group in Australia, has done in preserving the character of Beaumaris.



Before BCS: Beaumaris was seen, until the rapid and widespread expansion of car ownership in the 1950s, as being remote from a railway station. Most people until then had thought it to be impractical for residential use, with that perceived transport deficiency, and its sandy soil and reliance on tank water making it difficult to maintain the introduced plants that were all that most people wanted to grow in their garden in those days. It nevertheless had a state Primary School founded at the time of World War 1. The Dunlop Perdriau Rubber Company owned most of the 180 hectares of the central Beaumaris uncleared or agricultural land that had been prematurely subdivided into residential lots by earlier speculators. The 1930s economic depression enabled it to buy lots for as little as £25 each. Its plans to consolidate them into one parcel to relocate its Port Melbourne factory there, to build a wharf on the coast at Black Rock, and to build a new suburb for its workers, was announced on the front page

of The Herald newspaper on 2nd August 1939. When, next month, Australia, with Britain, declared war on Germany, on 3rd September 1939, the company's plans proceeded no further, so the attractive coastal land at Beaumaris was saved from being primarily an industrial area.

Much of Dunlop's land was burnt in the major bushfire that devastated Beaumaris on 14th January 1944. Beaumaris changed in the 1950s from being mostly a sandy area of indigenous trees with extensive heathlands. It was inaccurately dismissed as just 'tea tree scrub' by many, but it had many more tree and heathland species and plant communities than that disparaging term suggested, as was later made clear by successful campaigns to reserve heathland.

World War II was followed by Dunlop's proposing to revive its 1939 plan for Beaumaris, but a rising demand for residential land led to the company's abandoning its plans, and selling its land for housing. Some of that land had been envisaged as a spur railway line from Highett that would have terminated at a Beaumaris Railway Station in the block bounded by Gramatan Avenue, Reserve Road, Glenwood Avenue and Gareth Avenue. Dunlop's 1945 plan for its land did not show that station or line, but a 1963 aerial photograph shows its western half, intended for the line, still undeveloped although the lots around it were covered with houses.

Beaumaris differed from most of suburban Melbourne because much of its land was so sandy that it had never been cleared for agriculture, so there were indigenous trees and heath for incoming home builders to conserve, and many did so enthusiastically.

Formation of BTPS: The Beaumaris Tree Preservation Society (BTPS), which changed its name to the Beaumaris Conservation Society (BCS) in 1970, was formed at its Inaugural General Meeting on 28th February 1953 with the late Mrs Bea Hosking, of Coronet Hill, 10 Coronet Grove, Beaumaris, who died in 1997, as its first President. The BTPS successfully strove to help alter the accepted pattern of Australian suburban development in which all indigenous vegetation was removed before any land was developed. Its brochure Beau-maris or Bare-maris? subtly pointed out that allotments with trees standing fetched higher prices than those without.

The conscious retention of indigenous trees in Beaumaris gardens is mentioned in Robin Boyd's important 1960 book *The Australian Ugliness* (P.164), and helps account for the distinctive indigenous vegetation still there. The

BTPS also produced publications, mounted informative displays and forums and sold indigenous plants for re-planting. It successfully encouraged planting of native trees in streets.

Gramatan Avenue Heathland Sanctuary: In 1953 BTPS began its campaign to get the then Sandringham City Council to buy and reserve a Heathland Sanctuary, assisted by persuasive support from Professor John Turner, Professor of Botany at the University of Melbourne, and Dr Jim Willis, Assistant Government Botanist. Mr Robert Blackwood (later Sir Robert, and the foundation Chancellor of Monash University), then the General Manager of the Dunlop Company, which still owned the land after its plan to build an industrial suburb and port facilities was abandoned, facilitated its sale to the Council.

Although the annual membership fee was 2 shillings (\$2.85 in 2016 dollars), compared with the 2016 individual member fee of \$10, the BTPS raised £463 (about \$12,700 in 2016 dollars) for the cost of most of the fencing. It leased from the Council and managed the 0.27 hectare piece of original heathland reserve that was established by 1960 as the Gramatan Avenue Heathland Sanctuary, until Sandringham City Council resumed managing it in 1990.

It is now managed by Sandringham Council's successor, Bayside City Council. BCS proposed to Sandringham Council in 1991 that it should alter its Planning Scheme to give the Sanctuary a Conservation zoning instead of its Residential zoning, as this would help avert any precipitate sale of it, leading to its destruction. Fortunately that alteration was made. Even in 1991 there were still some councillors that said it should be sold. Fortunately Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 helps protect the Sanctuary from official proposals because of the important indigenous plants among the fifty-odd species present.

1961-1990: Various large scale coastal development proposals have been successfully opposed by BCS. These included a large commercial "Oceanarium" building for Ricketts Point in 1964 (the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary has since been declared there, it being fortunate that the "Oceanarium" had not precluded that option), a very large marina for Beaumaris Bay in the early 1970s, and a building to replace, and enlarge and diversify the commercial scope of, the burnt-out Keefer's Boat Shed in the 1980s. An earlier simple and homely "Tea House" at Ricketts Point, which burnt down, was replaced by a larg-

er all-year-round building in 1985. Creeping extensions of it ever since have impacted on the foreshore reserve there.

In its successful Campaign 1969A to save a large area of indigenous trees on the Black Rock foreshore from being cleared for a car park, BCS also initiated the formation of the neighbouring Black Rock and Sandringham Conservation Association. Many of these issues can be found reported in archival copies of local journals such as the Beaumaris Newsletter and the Sandringham and Brighton Advertiser (later to become the Bayside Leader). BCS was a foundation member, in 1970, of Port Phillip Conservation Council Inc, a federation of bayside conservation groups, and has been a member ever since.

The BCS banner appeared in the 1982 protest in Melbourne over the damming of Tasmania's Franklin River.

1991-2000: In 1991 BCS successfully encouraged the former Sandringham City Council to adopt a policy on the choice of trees to be planted in Beaumaris streets that set a goal of at least 80% of street trees to be trees that are indigenous to Beaumaris - that is local native trees rather than exotic trees or trees indigenous to other parts of Australia, but not to Beaumaris. BCS supported Bayside City Council's improvement of its street tree policy, which has led to its Bayside Street Tree Management Strategy 2008. That strategy, since superseded, did follow that important lead set by its predecessor.

The Society became an incorporated body in 1997, and adopted its present Constitution then. Because of a spate of intensive overdevelopment of building blocks and rapid and rampant removal of existing indigenous and other vegetation from residential blocks, and the land then being covered with buildings or paving, facilitated by new planning regulations, some with Orwellian names and rationales such as the Good Design Guide and Melbourne 2030, that had recently become excessively loose and permissive, the Society gained a large number of new members, reaching a membership of over 1,000.

2001-2010: BCS Inc. celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2003, with the last surviving member of the original 1953 Committee, Mrs Catherine Carroll, as its Guest of Honour. The Society maintains the BCS Inc. Indigenous Flora Register, which lists the numbers and species of indigenous plants our members report having on their land and their nature strips. A summary of the numbers of 12 particular indigenous plants in that Register appears on the

BCS Inc. Web site. More details appear on our RECORDS page.

The Society convinced Bayside City Council that the Concourse Green should not be intruded upon for either a car park or a concrete skateboard ramp, and that the ramp should not be placed in either Balcombe Park or Beaumaris Reserve. A significant advance in 2010 was Bayside City Council and Victoria's Planning Minister agreeing to BCS Inc's suggestion that the Concourse Bushland should be rezoned from Business 1 to Public Park and Recreation. Its rezoning was gazetted in February 2010.

A 2008 VNPA article noted BCS's longevity. BCS Inc. began two major campaigns in this decade. The first was to protect the foreshore reserve between Cromer and Charman Roads from incursion into it by a bicycle road, which it believed should be built on the Beach Road road reserve. The second, against a proposed large Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron marina in Beaumaris Bay, was marked by the then Planning Minister's welcome decision to require an Environment Effects Statement for that proposal.

2011-2020: BCS Inc. had, in 2016, a total of 249 members, 56 of whom are Life Members, and 3 of whom are Honorary Life Members. BCS Inc. failed to achieve a siting of the proposed extension of the bicycle road on Beach Road to save the foreshore reserve from losing a 4

m swathe of established trees, and the replacement of their habitat with a 3 m concrete swathe. An attempt is planned to eventually plant equivalent replacement vegetation, but no extra habitat area, which might or might not survive on whatever land is found elsewhere for that. Objections to overdevelopment made to Bayside City Council and VCAT continued to have some benefit. BCS Inc. gave its views on Bayside City Council's draft Management Plan for Ricketts Point and Ricketts Point Landside in 2013.

BCS Inc. celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 2013, with 61 members and guests attending, including the MLA for Sandringham, Murray Thompson; the Mayor of Bayside, Cr Stephen Hartney; three other Bayside City councillors, and the son and daughter of the first President, and a relative of the second, third and fourth Presidents, plus certain other former Presidents.

The Environment Effects Statement for the BMYS marina proposal, which was first announced in 2008, could be released in 2016. A strong response in opposition to this damaging proposal will be needed from many people if Beaumaris Bay is to be saved from the substantial degradation and disfigurement that this quite unacceptable marina would cause.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9810 GOLF DAY -4th MAY 2017

This event is for D9810 members and partners only and is not only aimed at the more serious golfers but also those who do not have an official handicap but enjoy a fun filled day of social golf. It is the aim of District Governor Carol that ladies are encouraged to join in the fun of the day.

**TOTAL COST PER PLAYER:
MAJOR PRIZE**

\$55 INCLUDES:
District Governor's Shield including
\$500 Ford Davis Memorial Award
Donated by the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

Also includes....

Trophies, Green Fees, Sandwich lunch on arrival
Gourmet Buffet Dinner in the Club Dining Room
Drinks at bar prices

Rotarians and partners who are not playing golf are welcome to attend the Buffet Dinner commencing at 6pm (\$20 per head bookings are essential).

Competition is a 2 Ball Ambrose event and single players will be allocated to a team. Registrations open at 11am with a shotgun start at 12.15pm.

Golf carts are available via the Pro Shop - please call 9798 2436 Direct for reservations.

To enter please fill out the entry form on the attached flyer and return it with the registration fee by 27th April 2017 to the Rotary Club of Noble Park P.O. Box 59 Noble Park 3174.

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Rotary District 9810 Golf Day

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Registration at 11am Shotgun Start at 12.15pm

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Entries close on 27th April 2017

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2.	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Contact Name	Telephone Number	Email

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Rainbows can be beautiful anywhere, but above the Grand Canyon makes for an extra illustrious scene. Your Shot photographer Narest Balaguru almost left his perch at Powell Point as a storm approached. But he waited, and was awarded with this view.

