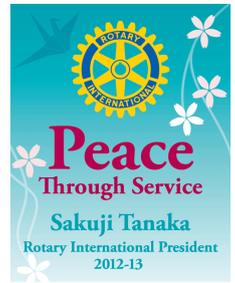




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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Well done to Roy and all our members who attended our AGM, and for making it a very efficiently run meeting.

In addition to our AGM we had reports from directors and after that some time for questions from members. For me it was very worthwhile to hear of the many things our directors and their committees have in hand, and it was especially beneficial to hear feedback from members. This form of interaction is necessary for the ongoing successful running of the Club.

See inside for more details.

Looking forward, the important things we must maintain are:

- ▶ Our club culture of making a difference while having fun.
- ▶ Our strong membership situation
- ▶ Continue with our extensive range of projects, particularly in International, Community and New Generations.
- ▶ Perennial fund raisers – such as the Mayoral Golf Day, Masters Golf car parking, olive oil sales and Bunnings sausage sizzles, as well as looking at new initiatives for raising money.
- ▶ Marketing Rotary Club of Beaumaris, as well as developing more relationships with our community and local business.

Thanks to everyone who completed and handed in the questionnaire. Those of you who haven't as yet, could you please complete and give to Bob or I. If anyone wasn't at the meeting or didn't get a copy to fill out let me know and I will email to you.

When everyone's questionnaire has been returned, PE Bob and I will correlate and summarise responses, and report on the results in the near future. Your board will "take on board" your input.

For our next meeting we will be welcoming DG Brian Martin, his wife Sue, and AG Wil Cornelissen.

See you all then!

Stay safe and have a wonderful week

President John

Next Meeting

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

CLUB MEETING

DG BRIAN MARTIN

CHAIR: JAMES GLENWRIGHT

CASH DESK: ROGER FREWEN & MIKE HEDE

PROJECTOR: ROSS PHILLIPS

HOST: BOB MCARTHUR

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

LEE BAILEY

TOPIC: COLLABRATIVE LAW

CHAIR: MEGAN GLENWRIGHT

CASH DESK: ROGER FREWEN & MIKE HEDE

PROJECTOR: MALCOLM SAWLE

HOST: TONY MCKENNA

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

NO MEETING DUE TO MASTERS GOLF

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**Rotary District 9810 Conference 2013, Wangaratta
Performing Arts Centre
Friday 15-Sunday 17 March 2013**

To date our Club has all 18 rooms booked and deposits paid at the Hermitage Motor Inn in Wangaratta. This is 5 minutes stroll from the conference venue, and we believe not more than 10 minutes walk from the Saturday night venue.

It would appear good accommodation is at a premium, and District is trying to get an overview of what is booked/available. If there are any other Members interested in going to conference, but who have not already told us, please let me or Megan know, so we can get an idea of how many more people we need to find accommodation for, as this seems to be the sticking point.

I do not yet have details of conference bookings made, but the early-bird opportunity is good until end October. This represents a discount of \$20.00 per registration.

The Conference Golf day will be on the Thursday prior to conference, with details yet to be advised, and we are hoping to have a good turnout of ladies and gents. If you are intending to play golf, you need to also book accommodation for the Thursday night. There is also to be a cricket match, for those interested, and an Art Show highlighting the six Rotary areas of focus, for which entries are being sought.

It appears the speaker program is to be kept fairly light so that members can have more opportunity for fellowship.

Assistant OTC Megan is planning activities around the district for those who are not into the above pursuits. The Friday night Club Dinner is booked at a balcony restaurant in the main street of Wangaratta, 5-10 minutes stagger from the Motel.

Full Conference details can be found on the website <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au>

James Glenwright
On-to-Conference Organiser

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OVERSEAS MODEL

A "6X4" steel box trailer is available to all RCOB Members for casual use. It has a 7 pin round plug, lights etc. . Please contact Geoff or Kerrie if you wish to borrow it. No registration / insurance; all responsibility with the user.

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Mental Health Walk Thank You

Hi Adrian,

I just wanted to thank you so much for your assistance on the day of our Celebrate Mental Health Walk. It was so great to have you and your fellow Rotarians supporting the community in such a way.

Thank you so much for providing the bottled water during the event and tea and coffee at the park. It was much appreciated by many people.

Thank you for your kindness and support and we hope we can continue a good working relationship with Beaumaris Rotary Club. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks for your assistance with this our 6th Annual Celebrate Mental Health Walk.

Kind regards

Heather Geerts

Corporate and Community Service Manager

Lantern, a service Of Mind Australia

The young innocents in last week's In Gear are of course, Pat and Roy Seager.




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This Week's Topic; Annual General Meeting and Club Forum

Annual General Meeting



The Club held its Annual General Meeting which proceeded in accordance with the Agenda circulated prior to the meeting. New Office bearers elected at the meeting were;

President 2013:14 Bob McArthur

President Elect 2014:15 Ken Mirams

Secretary 2013:14 Roy Seager

Concerns about membership retention and fundraising were raised under other business and these were held over for discussion during the following Club Forum.

Club Forum

President John reiterated the focus areas he had outlined at the start of his year as follows;

- ▶ Maintenance of our good Membership situation
- ▶ Increasing our exposure in the community
- ▶ A major single new project to provide focus for the club
- ▶ Improvement of external communication
- ▶ Fundraising – increase our income and look at new initiatives
- ▶ Setting up a new Interact club
- ▶ Our relationship with local businesses and community groups

He believed that we are marking good progress against all of these areas. John handed out a Club Health Check Questionnaire to all the members present seeking feedback by the end of the evening.

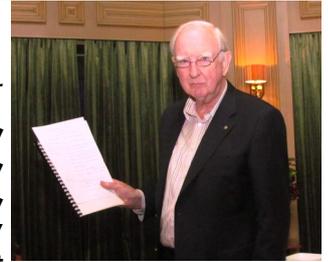
He then asked the other Directors to provide verbal reports on progress in their areas.

Treasurer

Richard Shermom stated that the Club Account is on budget while the Project Account income is slightly down against projections.

Membership & Marketing

In the absence of Director Trish Smyth who is overseas, Peter Flude, her humble 2IC, stepped into the breach, and held court for many minutes. Without the wit and side tracks the actual content of his talk is as follows;



Marketing Aim; To Maintain and Strengthen Relationships with our Club's Partners.

Our Club's partners include;

- ▶ Bayside City Council, where the Mayor changes annually—they are very supportive of RCOB in spirit and funds
- ▶ State MP, Murray Thompson
- ▶ Federal MP, Andrew Cobb
- ▶ Our District, PDG Dick Garner
- ▶ Our Cluster
- ▶ Our Local Newspaper—Bayside Leader
- ▶ Community Radio, 1278 Magic

Membership Aim: An Active Club with 50 Active Members

- ▶ Currently 47 members, including 11 women
- ▶ Trend is to lose 5+ annually
- ▶ Need to recruit quality new members and ensure that they feel they belong

Club Service - The Team Behind the Scenes



In Bob McArthur's view the Club Service team continues to perform admirably;

Tony Phillips – is doing a great job as Sergeant and manages to keep the coffers full and has added a weekly joke to the heads and tail quiz. Tony is also ensuring that the clubs valuables are safe and that their whereabouts are properly recorded

The newsletter and web sites high standards are being maintained by David Lea and it's good to see directors contributing articles. David is also looking at how the club can best take advantage of the various forms of social media available.

David Hone continues to provide quality and interesting speakers in his role as Program co-ordinator

The dynamic Heather Chisholm continues to excite members with a varied range of fellowship activities with the Vicar of Dibley at the Beaumaris Theatre in November already attracting 80 attendees.

Paparazzi's Greg, Megan and John B ensure that the exploits of the club's formal and fun occasions are faithfully recorded for prosperity.

Harry Wolfe has set new standards in his role as Almoner. An Almoner was originally a chaplain or church officer in charge of distributing cash to the deserving poor. Fortunately it is the name used for officials who were responsible for patient welfare and after-care in Hospitals or in Harry's case looking out for the welfare of members and their partners.

One of the most important roles in Club Service is to manage the number of members and guests attending a meeting and liaising with Victoria Golf Club to ensure that, not only do all guests receive a meal, but that the VGC is not preparing too many meals for the number attending. Greg Every has managed this task admirably this year and has continued to develop a strong relationship between the management and staff of the VGC and RCOB.

New Generations

In the absence of Rob Fenton, President John reiterated the information conveyed earlier this year as follows;

A brief outline of our programme for the year:

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly)

Leadership training programme for community minded youth aged 18 – 30.

We didn't find a suitable candidate to attend this year, so instead sponsored Rhiannon Crowley to attend as a leader. We will have Rhiannon come to a meeting shortly to discuss her experiences at RYLA

MJI @ SSC (Mock job interviews at Sandringham Secondary College)

We have run this programme for many years, where

our members undertake mock job interviews with year 10 students at Sandringham Secondary College. A very rewarding experience for both the students and our members

NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)

A twelve-day science programme in January 2013 at ANU, Canberra, for year 11 students moving into year 12, to give science students a taste of different science careers and studies.

We had two applicants this year – Gulizar Onat and Olivia Tunks – who were interviewed by our panel. We could not decide so sent both to District for the next round of interviews. As we've reported, both girls were accepted, and both are over the moon to be going. Again, we'll get both girls along to talk to our members about their expectations and experiences

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)

A gathering at Parliament House, Melbourne over a weekend in May each year, where teams of two year 10 students represent a nation to debate up to 10 resolutions with other 'nation'.

We have assisted at MUNA for the past 5 years or so, and all who volunteer are blown away by the standard of debate that ensues. I thoroughly recommend that you participate in this, if you possibly can.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment)

A three day camp for students for students aged 14 – 17, held in May each year. We have supported students in this worthwhile programme in the past, and expect we will again this year

Interact

Have approached Mentone Girls Secondary College to see if they are interested in forming a club there. Club has met with the principal and she has given her support to the proposal, provided she can find a teacher who is willing to take it on. We will keep in touch with them.

Community

Adrian Culshaw ran through his years program based upon his talk earlier in the year which is updated hereunder.

We started the Rotary year with the overall plan of continuing the work and relationships built up in previous years, whilst taking a fresh look at what is go-

ing on in our community to find out what and where we should be directing our efforts. What we are looking for is a healthy mix of projects that make the best use of our resources – involving both providing financial support, and some that involve ‘hands on’ activity face to face with the community. So in regard to continuing projects, the key things happening this year are:

- **Concourse XMAS fair**, which this year is 7th Dec. Malcolm Sawle progressing our involvement in this with the Concourse traders association
- **Seaview Festival**, which we project-managed for the Seaview traders last year, Geoff Stringer is in contact with them, and it looks like this will be held in March; Likely, they will be looking for us to look after this again.
- **XMAS puddings**, which last year we worked with Bayside Church on providing Xmas puddings for their Xmas lunch, we will do something similar again this year, details to be sorted out in the near future
- **The Mental Health Forum** was the major project last year and again is where we will be directing a lot of our effort this year, though we have decided to change focus from holding a single Forum, to working on Mental Health support initiatives in the community for both prevention and awareness – and think the best way to do this is to work with other support groups such as the Youth Services at the Council and MIND, and we are working out with them exactly what we will do to help; First cab of the rank though is helping out at the MINDs ‘Mental Health Awareness’ walk scheduled for 10th October.
- **Books for Babies** which will be in March, providing a ‘new book gift’ for babies born in our community, encouraging reading and obviously trying to attract people to Rotary from a very early age!
- **ARH and Donations** small number out of Community Budget, such as sponsoring an award at the Mentone Girls Secondary College.

On top of these continuing projects, we have done some thinking about our community, the groups in it and how we can engage with them and support them. We compiled a list of all the community, education, sport and religious groups in our neighbourhood. Where we are at with this is:

- David G talking to **Berendale** (not in our exact locale but a worthy group we have worked closely with before) about a number of prospective projects.
- Plan to visit **primary schools** to talk about Rotary and how we can support them.
- The successful ‘Christmas Shoebox’ drive is now complete, thanks to Heather and Megan, with over 60 completed shoeboxes donated to **Bayside Church**.

- Met with **Marine Care**, who had proposed a project, but have just withdrawn their request for support at the moment, due to resourcing issues their end. Something more may come of this in the future; it would be good to support this very special part of Beaumaris.

- The **Beaumaris Bowling Wheelchair** project is being completed by Malcolm Parks with a 50% donation towards this from our club of \$980, enabling the conversion of a wheelchair to enable disabled bowlers to continue participating in this sport.

- We are going to have a **Stall** down on the Concourse, pencilled in for 24th November where we shall promote our club, particularly the forthcoming Sabu trip, engage with the community and rattle a tin at them.

Fundraising



Harry Roberts spoke to the fundraising efforts this year. In addition to the base load of golf parking, sausage sales and RMGC Golf Day he was working on a number of new innovations.

One idea is a website based donation service which is well underway and will hopefully be live within a matter of weeks. His team are also working on a potential major fund raising function to be held next year.

Foundation

Richard Jones spoke about the importance of Foundation and the Centurion Club (of which the Club currently has 17 members).

Discussion

The main discussion revolved around membership and fundraising, key points to emerge from a lively interchange included;

- ▶ Need to make sure new member mentoring is working and get them involved in jobs quickly
- ▶ Need to make sure existing members are not forgotten and still motivated to attend and participate
- ▶ More money is made by managing events not by doing
- ▶ Don't forget what has worked in past, but update for new circumstances

BEAUMARIS ROTARY		2012-13 CLUB STRUCTURE	
BOARD		CLUB SERVICE	
President	John Manks	Director	Bob McArthur
PE, VP, Exec Sec	Bob McArthur	Auditor	Tony Phillips
Secretary	Roy Seager	Program	David Hone
Treasurer	Richard Shermon	Meeting Attendance	Greg Every
Foundation	Richard Jones	Newsletter Editor	David Lea
International	Fred Hofmann	Fellowship	Heather Chisholm
New Generations	Rob Fenton	Sergeant	Tony Phillips(David R.standby)
Membership and Marketing	Trish Smyth	Webmaster	David Lea
Community	Adrian Culshaw	Photographer	Greg Every
Fundraising	Harry Roberts	Almoner	Harry Wolfe
PP and On to Conference	James Glenwright	Host(s)/Cashiers	Roster
ARH representative	John Beaty (non board)	Youth Protection Officer	Malcolm Parks
		Vocation	Coordinate with program
TEAM MEMBERS			
International	Community	New Generations	Fundraising
David Langworthy	Malcolm Sawle	Chris Martin	Geoff Abbott
Geoff Stockdale	David Greenall	Glenda Laughton	Kerrie Geard
Ross Phillips	Martin Fothergill	Heather Chisholm	Charmaine Jansz
		John Beaty	Roy Seager/James G. (Golf parking)
Tony McKenna	Greg Every		John Van Dyk
Zillay Batool	Mary Sealy		Geoff Stringer
Larry Jackson	Mike Hede		Greg Every
Ken Mirams	Geoff Stringer		Vratka Pokorna
	Mal Parks		Susan De Bolfo
	Ken Mirams		
	Judi Hall (TBC)	Membership and Marketing	Golf Day
		Peter Flude (Marketing)	Jim O'Brien
	Police car project	Antony Nixon	Peter Flude
	Roger Frewen		Tony Phillips
			Rob Fenton (Banker)

Astana, Kazakhstan

Photograph by Gerd Ludwig, National Geographic

Kazakhstan's new capital is the opposite of understated. After dark, government buildings change hues as the night progresses, creating a theme park atmosphere.

