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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS WEEKLY BULLETIN Number 27, 20 January 2014

Presidents Report

What an excellent way to start the New Year with 40 members and guests attending the first official meeting.

John Sime, Steve Ball and Margaret Eves were guests of Greg Every and both John and Steve have expressed interest in joining. Shirley Mirams, Kathy Every and Penny Culshaw also attended to hear guest speaker Debbie Keyt, Acting President of the Beaumaris Theatre Group.



In true thespian manner, Debbie provided some interesting history on the theatre as well as some of the behind the scenes workings of this very active group. Debbie did invite any members (particularly male) who may have latent thespian tendencies to contact her. There are a couple of members who have previously performed to much acclaim in pink tutus who may wish to consider Debbie's offer.

The countdown is on with just 9 weeks to the Conference in Bendigo. John Manks advised that all our attendees will be accommodated at the Best Western Crystal Inn just 500 metres from the conference venue. Any members who have not registered or made contact with the Crystal Inn, please ensure they do so by the end of January.



There was a nice little boost to our coffers during the week when we received \$14,400 for our efforts at the Masters and World Cup gold last year. With the Bayside Mayoral Golf Day, the Trivia night and three (yes 3) sausage sizzles still to come, it appears that we will meet our budget for the year.

Next Meeting

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

SPEAKER: KERRY REDPATH

TOPIC: SCHOOLS, DRUGS & ALCOHOL

CHAIR: JOHN BEATY

AV: DAVID LEA

CASH DESK: ADRIAN CULSHAW & MARTIN FOTHERGILL

HOST: MEGAN GLENWRIGHT

VGC, 6;30 FOR 7;00

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

SPEAKER: TINA DENT

TOPIC: SANDY BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHAIR: KEN MIRAMS

AV: GREG EVERY ?

CASH DESK: SUSAN DE BOLFO & JIM O'BRIEN

HOST: JAMES GLENWRIGHT

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

YOUTH SERVICES CLUSTER MEETING

THE BUCKINGHAM

1130 NEPEAN HWY, HIGHETT

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

NO MEETING

SERGEANT'S HOMEWORK TOPIC

MORE ON COMRADE LENIN!

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Well done to all involved.

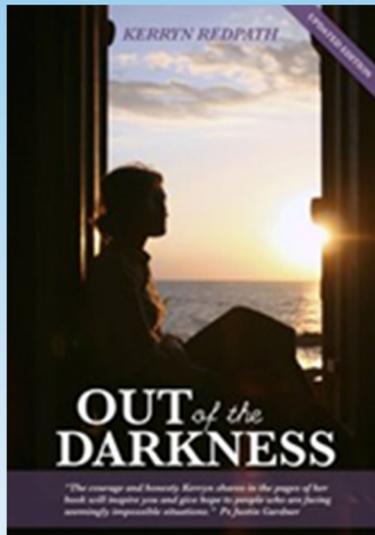
David Greenall has brought to our attention the devastation caused by Cyclone Ian in Tonga and while Tongan authorities say they have made contact with most of the smaller islands battered by the Cyclone there are reports of extensive damage and at least one person killed.

Contact with small northern islands of the Ha'apai group, home to about 8,000 people, was lost when the category five storm packing winds of more than 200 kilometres per hour swept through the area recently.

Communication and power is still limited in some areas and there is concern for the well-being of residents on low-lying islands. David has recommended that the Club donate NZ\$600 for Emergency Response Kits which has been agreed and will be handled through New Zealand Rotary.

Our guest speaker this week is Kerry Redpath, Author of Out of the Darkness.

"This is a truly compelling story that should be read by all, young and old, parents, teenagers, and current or past addicts of all persuasions. It is written in a simple matter-of-fact style. It is a story that should be read, especially by all teenagers in their passage through the years of life where they are most frequently brought in touch with the abhorrent world of drug addiction in all its forms."



Associate Professor Peter Ryan

See you there,

Robert

PS; See note from Pat Seager on Page 4

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Rotary  Movie Night Fund Raiser for Polio

**Dendy Theatre Brighton - Friday 21st February
 6.30 pm - \$20.00 per ticket**

The Movie - "The Monuments Men"

**Hosted by Hampton Rotary - Order tickets from: Kim Visek-Johnson
 tel: 0408 835 381 email: dkvj@bigpond.net.au**



Based on a true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, The Monuments Men focuses on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from behind enemy lines, from the Nazi art thieves and returning them to their rightful owners.

How could these seven museum directors, curators and art historians hope to succeed?



\$10.00 of the ticket money will go to Rotary's "End Polio Now" project. It will gain another \$20.00 from the Gates Foundation.



The total of \$30.00 will purchase Polio vaccine to vaccinate 60 children. Plus you get to go to a great movie. Order tickets now.

Note; As part of our arrangement with Hocking Stuart discounts on agents fees are available to RCOB members.

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Hocking Stuart Sandringham
 62-64 Station Street

This Week's Speaker; Debbie Keyt Topic; Beaumaris Theatre Group



As you would expect from someone who has had an “actress inside” from her early years Debbie gave a truly entertaining talk on the history of the BTG and her own association with the group; with never a pause or note in sight!

Debbie is currently the Acting –President of the BTG and has been actor, stage manager, director and whatever else is needed their since the mid-1990s.

Debbie has acted in school productions from childhood but recognised the perilous nature of acting as a profession and read Media Studies at university. But at the promptings of an aunt she entered amateur theatre with the Strathmore Amateur Group (STAG) before the family orientation of BTG attracted her. She joined the Committee in 2002 as Secretary to recently retired President Janine Chugg.

The BTG grew out of theatrical events which were held at Talbot House in Cromer Road, Beaumaris, the home of Bill and Angela Martin. There the Beaumaris Players made their debut in 1953 with a production of The Fire on the Snow by Douglas Stewart; the story of the ill-fated Scott expedition to the South Pole. Productions were held in the attic until they moved to the current premises in 1958. Notable visitors during this time included Margaret Rutherford.

The new facilities were built with funds raised by the East Beaumaris Advancement League but as they were Council owned the BTG only had access to the stage for the

run of the play; which made preparation and rehearsal difficult. Fortunately with the developing success of the Group that is no longer the case and they have exclusive use of the facility.

From the 50s though to the 70s the mainstay of the productions were comedies and farces plus an end of year comedy revue. Because the latter did not have any associated rights payments (\$120-200/performance for plays and \$200 plus 16% of box office for musicals) it was the mainstay of the annual funding and always very popular.

With their original audience in decline it was necessary to diversify the programme and so family shows and dramas became part of the annual repertoire. While some of the older audience objected it did bring in a large new demographic; many of whom had never been to the theatre and, consequently, needed some education on the finer points of audience behaviour!

Lack of suitable cast members meant innovation was required; Oliver Twist became Olivier Twist with a female lead but this lead to a fine! Female parts are still easier to fill than male roles and there are many more of the latter.

The annual programme now consists of one each of a comedy, a drama, a family show and a cabaret. In the pipeline for 2014 are “the Great Gatsby”, Willy Russell’s Blood Brothers (as a play not a musical) and 13 The Musical.

Backing up the actors and directors is an army of dedicated artists, designers, builders and seamstresses. Altogether the BTG has a very strong support base.

Acting training for children and adults is also available through DK productions.

Season tickets are available for \$85 for four shows (compared to \$27 each show).

For more details visit the BTG website at;

<http://beaumaristheatre.com.au/>

CLUB STRUCTURE 2013 - 2014		UPDATED 4/11/2013	
		CLUB SERVICE	
President	Robert McArthur	Director	Ken Mirams
PE, VP	Ken Mirams	Auditor	Tony Phillips
Secretary	Roy Seager	Program	Greg Every
Treasurer	Malcolm Sawle	Meeting Attendance	Ken Mirams
Foundation	Martin Fothergill	Communications	David Lea
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International	Fred Hofmann	Sergeant	David Hone
Youth Service	Rob Fenton	Photographer	Greg Every, John Beaty
Community	Adrian Culshaw	Almoner	Antony Nixon
Fundraising	Susan De Bolfo	Hosts & Cashiers	Roster
On to Conference	John Manks	Youth Protection Officer	Malcolm Parks
		New Visions	David Greenall
TEAM MEMBERS			
International	Community	Youth Service	Fundraising
Zillay Batool	Geoff Abbott	Kerrie Geard	John Beaty
Larry Jackson	Chris D'Arcy	Chris Martin	Heather Chisholm
David Langworthy	Richard Shermon	Mary Sealy	Roger Frewen
Geoff Stockdale	Geoff Stringer		Megan Glenwright
Ross Phillips	Tony Phillips	Golf	Mike Hede
Malcolm Parks	David Greenall	Jim O'Brien	David Rushworth
Tony McKenna		Roy Seager	Charmaine Jansz
		James Glenwright	Antony Nixon
	Membership and Marketing		
	Peter Flude		
	Richard Jones		

Note from Pat Seager following recent operation.

142 Eldon Ave.
22.1.14.

Dear Robert,
 I want to thank you and all the members of RCOB for the beautiful flowers and good wishes for a speedy recovery. I am now at home under the supervision of 'nurse Roy' and trying to do as I'm told! Things are progressing well and I'm hoping it won't be too long before I'm back to normal.
 all good wishes Pat.