



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I am happy to report that my daughter and son-in-law's wedding was a wonderful night – definitely an occasion to treasure after all the COVID interruptions. Thank you to the many members who passed on their best wishes.

I have been told that last week's Speaker did a wonderful presentation. I would like to thank all members who have given Speaker recommendations to Bridget, and of course to thank Bridget for following them up .

The Beaumaris North Community Market was held yesterday morning. Thanks to Ken Mirams who was our Market Manager for the day and to all members who volunteered.

The training session for Hybrid meetings was well attended by members of our Club. The equipment is not far away, and we are discussing what set up will work the best at VGC.

Our fellowship planning has been extremely difficult for Megan this year due to changing regulations, density limits, etc. We have the Yarra Yarra Nine and Dine coming up on Thursday 17 March (thank you Richard Jones for organising) and are hoping to have fellowship nights in both April and May. One of these may not be on a Thursday night, but we still hope many of you will be able to attend. Keep an eye out for further details to follow.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday evening at VGC.

Yours In Rotary,
Lynda



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Next Meetings

Thursday 10 March
VGC

Terry McAleenan
The Fathering Project

Chair: David Rushworth
Attendance: Michelle Butt
Trish Smyth

Thursday 17 March
Nine & Dine @ Yarra Yarra Golf Club
See details on page 3

Thursday 24 March
Debby Chaves
Beaumaris Secondary College Update

Chair: Denise Grocke
Attendance: Mary Cunnington, Roy Downes

Venue is VGC, 6:30 for 7:00 unless otherwise noted.

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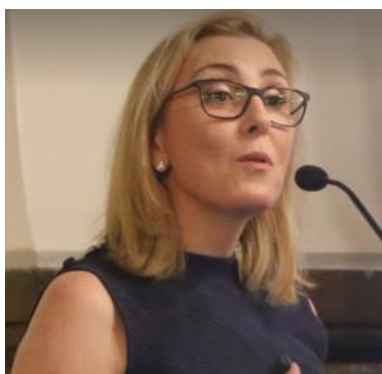
Future Events Calendar

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Responsibilities / Contact</u>
March 2022 Every Friday , 4: 00 to 5:00 +	Happy Hour, all welcome	The Parlour, Weatherall Road, Beaumaris	Gail and Julie
Tuesday 8	Board Meeting	Lynda's Home	Lynda and Greg
Thursday 10, 6:30 for 7:00	Club Meeting Terry McAleenan The Fathering Project	VGC	Chair: David Rushworth Attendance: Michelle Butt Trish Smyth
Saturday, 12, 8:00 to 1:00	Black Rock FM	Royal Avenue	Chris Mara
Thursday 17	<u>Nine & Dine</u> <u>See details Page 3</u>	Yarra Yarra Golf Club	Richard Jones
Thursday 24, 6:30 for 7:00	Club Meeting Debby Chaves Beaumaris Secondary College Update	VGC	Chair: Denise Grocke Attendance: Mary Cunnington, Roy Downes
Friday 25, Saturday 26	District 9810 Conference	Caulfield Racecourse	Adrian Culshaw
April 2022 Sunday 3, 9:00 to 1:00	BN Community Market	BN Primary School	Chris Mara
Thursday 7	Club Meeting Will Hone Becoming Sustainable - A Journey	VGC	Chair: David Hone Attendance: Adrian Culshaw, Chris Mara
Saturday, 9, 8:00 to 1:00	Black Rock FM	Royal Avenue	Chris Mara

This Week's Speakers / Club News

Elizabeth (Libby) Hawker The Power of Australia

Last Thursday we were privileged to have Libby Hawker speak to us about Energy and the markets.



Libby is currently the General Manager for Regulatory Affairs at Shell Energy, heading policy advocacy and compliance at Shell's renewable energy solutions, retailing and generation business in Australia; however, on this occasion she was speaking to us in a private capacity.

She began talking to us about the start of her career when they had to have a separate manual system for the "Wind turbine dude" who lived off the grid. In the ensuing years this has become part of the energy future.

The three traditional players: thermal, coal and hydro have provided us with a relatively stable grid and a set wholesale price. The traditional energy markets; the generators; the networks and the retailers were a system which gave stability and predictability.

However, under the Howard Government there was a change of Government Policy which set a Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) and which gave income to renewable generators. In 2009 20% of the MRET was met by wind, now e.g. in S.A. 40% of the renewable market is wind generation.

The big disruptor has been roof top Solar, now 23% of the renewables comes from rooftop Solar. So now for example Coals short run costs are coming up against Solar with no short-term costs, however Solar and Wind are still difficult when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow. The stability of the Grid is a problem with Renewables; it is difficult to match demand and supply.

Gas fired generation supports renewables and there are grid scale batteries which can provide frequency control. Various State Governments are driving change in this sector, e.g. Victoria has a goal, that by 2030, 50% of our power will come from renewables.

Electric vehicles will change the Grid; in Norway only 8 % of (new?) cars are petrol powered, thanks to Government subsidies.

In response to Max Manks question about Nuclear power Libby stated that the economics won't stack up, given that a Nuclear Power plant takes 12 years to build; this is against the no short run costs of renewables. The other difficulty for Nuclear is that of the Social Licence, i.e., there is a public dislike of this option.

Regarding commercial Solar in outback Queensland and NSW the challenge is to connect it to transmission.

This was a fascinating and enlightening talk; we were privileged through Libby's connection to Jim and Judy O'Brien that we had her impart her expertise to us in 20 minutes. We thank Libby for speaking to us.

Trish Smyth

Notes from Meeting

Richard Jones noted:

1. Our donation to the Beaumaris Sea Scouts. Our speaker Libby Hawker is associated with the Sea Scouts and had sought our assistance for them.

2. Monday, 23 May will be the Charity Golf Day for this year.

Chris D'Arcy noted:

1. Districts 9810 and 9820m will amalgamate to form a new District, on 1st July 2024. Expressions of Interest are being sought for the District Governor for the new District.

2. The Regional pilot seeking a different structure for Australian Rotary is proceeding.

3. The cut-off date for enrolment in the District Conference is March 14, The Conference is on the 25 / 26 of March.

4. In May 2023 the Rotary International Conference will come to Melbourne. - there will be 20,000 delegates and it will be the largest Conference ever held in Melbourne.

There will be opportunities to volunteer and to host.

5. We have obtained a Grant from District for Hybrid meetings and we will be working on this in the forthcoming weeks.

Nine and Dine – Yarra Yarra Golf Club

Thursday 17th March 2022

4.00pm Golf, \$30pp

7.00pm Dinner (2 courses), \$50pp

Wish to play and/ or dine? Contact Richard Jones



Community Update - March 2022

Beaumaris Sea Scouts

Our club has completed the donation of \$2,270 to fund marine matting and shed lighting at the 1st Beaumaris Sea Scouts boatshed.



Impact for Women

Following the presentation to our club from Kathy Kaplan, a donation of \$2,000 was made to Impact for Women.



Kerrie Geard has offered assistance to Impact to prepare Council, Rotary District, or Bendigo Bank grants. These possibilities remain under discussion.

Volunteering opportunities are ongoing at Impact's new warehouse in Sandringham, which officially opens on 27th March, 2022. Here is the link to register your offer to volunteer.

<https://www.impactforwomen.org.au/donate-your-time-effort--skills.html>

Matt's Place

Matt's Place is back up and running, providing a sit-down meal service at its Cheltenham venue.



We continue to make a quarterly donation of \$900 to this wonderful charity, and this quarter our donation included an additional \$500 from a partner of a club member, and \$385 from the book stall run at the Beaumaris North market.

We have also offered assistance to Matt's Place with possible Council and Rotary grant applications.

Bayside Environmental Initiative

Richard Potter and Malcolm Sawle are active in developing/ finding a Bayside Environmental initiative for our club. As a first step, a meeting is planned with Hampton Rotary and a lady from Citywide to explore the possible expansion of Hampton's foreshore Tree Planting Day.

Other

Other Community initiatives recently completed or in the pipeline include:

- Hands on volunteer help from our club members at the Monbulk Storm Recovery Festival,
- Our support to the Concourse Car Show, with thanks to Roy Downes for coordinating our participation,
- Investigation of our participation in Chelsea Rotary's mobility scooter project,
- We are waiting on advice from Sandringham hospital regarding their project for the current year, and therefore the disposition of our donation from the Charity Golf Day.



MITS Camp Feedback

I have attached a few photos from Day 1 & 2 of MITS Year 7 school camp down at Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza.

I visited the students this morning to see how things were going. They have been having an absolute blast! Due to COVID over the past of years, it's a very new experience for many of the kids. They have all had a go on the "giant swing", built life rafts, sea kayaked and spent some time discovering the marine life in the rockpools around Mornington.

Being the start of the year, the focus for this camp is really for the students to build connections with each other and their teachers, challenge themselves to 'step outside their comfort zone' and acclimatise to life in Melbourne (although, with today's humidity, I think the NT kids feel right at home!).

It may sound strange, but even just spending 3 nights away from their phones (which we already limit the use of at MITS) is so healthy for them all.

Please do share these photos with the Rotarians, I'll be sure to send through a more formal reflection on the camp soon.

Thank you so much to everyone at Rotary Beaumaris for making this special camp possible, everyone here at MITS is very grateful.

Best wishes

Paul

Paul Barcham | Development Manager



The poster features a stylized map of Victoria in the background. At the top left, it says "Rotary Districts of Australia" with the Rotary logo. To the right is the "AUSTRALIAN ROTARY MODEL" logo. In the center is the "ST. K. F. C." crest with a black cross on a white shield and the motto "FORTIUS QUO FIDELIUS". To the right of the crest, it says "SUPPORTING LIFT THE LID WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH 2022". Below the crest, it says "Walk & Kids footy clinic Fundraiser". At the bottom, it says "Sunday 20th March 8am, Gardiners Creek Reserve" and "www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/mont-albert-surrey-hills". At the very bottom, it says "All funds raised will go directly toward a PhD scholarship for mental health research at the Danny Frawley Centre (see www.dannyfrawleycentre.com.au)". Logos for "Ross-Hunt real estate", "HARDMAN BROS PTY LTD", "TRD FIRE PROTECTION", and "HANSON BUILDING" are at the bottom.

INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF SANDRINGHAM



As a co-sponsor of this year's Team Sports 4 All Annual Challenge, our club is holding a **5km fun walk from the Rotunda in Sandringham to Green Point in Brighton, on Sunday 27th March commencing at 2.30** and we would love members, family, and friends from your club to join us.

Team Sports 4 All is a wonderful charity which helps vulnerable kids in the Bayside community to play a team sport – the Email below contains background information on their wonderful work plus the details of how the 2022 Challenge works.

Our club decided to support the event after having two of the leaders of Team Sports 4 All present to us last year .

As this year's Challenge is a virtual event due to COVID, we are conducting our own club walk – the cost to register is \$20 per person, with the option of purchasing a 2022 Challenge T-shirt to promote the event.

You can register at:

[Team Sport 4 All – Breaking the cycle through sport \(teamsports4all.com.au\)](https://teamsports4all.com.au)

We anticipate that the trek will take around 45 minutes and with the Brighton Beach Hotel being right there at the finish, you can recover from your exercise with a nice, cold drink.

A shuttle service will also be provided to take you back to the Rotunda if needed.

So click the link above, register, maybe buy a T-shirt (optional), tell your family & friends and turn up for the walk. IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

See you on Sunday 27th March at 2.30pm by the Rotunda.

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Soula Deville	Malcolm Sawle
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Club Service **Chris D'Arcy**

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Club Protection Officer	Ken Mirams

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David Lea
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Adrian Culshaw
Bridget Hage

District Officers

Assistant Governor for Monash A Cluster	Chris D'Arcy
District Compliance Officer	Ken Mirams
District Indigenous Support Committee	David Hone

Bayside Charity Golf Day

Peter Flude	James Glenwright
Jim O'Brien	Richard Jones

Farmers Market – Chair – **Chris Mara**

Ken Mirams	Liz Tanzimat
James Glenwright	Charmaine Jansz
Julie Reith	Vivienne Zoppolato

Nightscape:
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summit of the
Matterhorn.

Paul Ham-
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Landscape
Photography
Awards

