



Beamaris **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch

# Community News

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## Together we achieve more.



Lew Rimington, Branch Manager.

Several times a year, the Beamaris **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> distributes this newsletter to over 8,000 households in the 3193 post code.

Why do we do it? What value does it provide to our community?

We all need to have a sense of belonging, whether on a small social level (family, colleagues, confidantes) or on a macro level such as social groups, clubs and professional organisations.

These are all small communities of like-minded people coming together to realise their own objectives. There are many benefits that flow from working together and achieving goals that no one person could achieve on their own. These small communities or groups provide social contact and a sense of identity, purpose and achievement for their members.

Whether it be the Beamaris Theatre or Art Group, a sports club or Neighbourhood Watch, these groups are all communities

that add a richness and diversity to our larger community.

The Community Grants Program at the Beamaris Branch is one way we recognise this contribution - it enables us to provide support where we can. We talk about the program in this edition so if you belong to a local group, we encourage you to find out more.

This newsletter is another way we support our community. Through this medium we extend our appreciation and showcase the collective benefits of these groups. It's important not to take their hard work for granted and to showcase their achievements where possible.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories in this edition as much as I did.

## Who ya gonna call?

No one wants to see graffiti - it's a nuisance and an eyesore. Bayside Council will only remove graffiti from Council property so a group of volunteers from Neighbourhood Watch 3193 have taken matters into their own hands.

'Graffiti Busters' are now making a difference and the fruits of their labour are wonderfully visible throughout Beamaris and Black Rock to the benefit of everyone in the area. New volunteers always welcome.

**Beamaris Graffiti Busters**

**Contact: Geoff Bransbury 0416 294 452**



Before and After: Impressive results from the Graffiti Busters in Beamaris.

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**Directors:** Christopher Shaw (Chairman), Peter Demura, Janina Puttick, Irena Peoples, Darren Trew, Anjana Bhatt, Craig Tucker, Kate Pease (Junior Observer).

## Local hero.

This newsletter we celebrate Trevor Allwright's seven years of dedication to running the Annual Concourse Car and Bike Show on a volunteer basis.

Trevor is the owner of I Found It; the nifty little one-stop-shop for gifts, party items, decorations, kitchenware, stationery, sewing needs, household items and much more. He founded the shop 13 years ago and is still going strong.



Local hero Trevor Allwright of I Found It.

The Car and Bike Show came about as Trevor wanted to bring more people to the Concourse for the benefit of all businesses in the shopping strip. It started in 2012 as a one-off event with 50 cars and 10 bikes but was such a success it grew into a yearly show. Seven years on, the show features more than 250 cars and bikes. This year almost 5,000 people are expected to attend when it is held on September 8 and the quality and variety of cars and bikes gets better every year.

Thanks to Trevor, this day is now the biggest event on the Concourse calendar. It has a wonderful friendly, community atmosphere and he hopes it encourages all who attend to appreciate the area and think about shopping with small, local businesses.

## Black Rock's home of footy and netball.

The Black Rock Football Netball Club continues to establish itself as a leading community club. With a friendly and inclusive environment, the club welcomes players of all levels to its senior football and netball sides as well as to the growing Auskick program. A junior program is also in the pipeline.

Pre-season training is underway but new players and members are always welcome. Visit the club's website, Facebook or Twitter accounts for how to join, to stay up-to-date with events or where to enjoy a great day of local sport. Go Jets!

**Black Rock Football Netball Club**  
Donald MacDonald Reserve, Fourth St,  
Black Rock  
[www.blackrockfnc.com.au](http://www.blackrockfnc.com.au)



## Ignite a passion for learning.

Early years are precious years. At Beaumaris' Olive Phillips Kindergarten, little ones are guided to learn by exploring the world through the arts, language, social, cognitive and physical development. The emphasis is on community, along with positive and respectful relationships with each child as they develop in a secure and empowering environment.

Come along and see for yourself at the open day on March 30.

**Open day Saturday March 30**  
**9:30-11:30am**  
**Olive Phillips Kindergarten**  
**28A Bodley Street, Beaumaris**  
**Phone: 9589 3300**  
[www.olivephillipskindergarten.com.au](http://www.olivephillipskindergarten.com.au)



## Find fellowship, friendship and fun at Probus!

Probus provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy social time over monthly meetings with guest speakers, day trips, lunches or theatre visits at group costs. Whilst Probus was initially formed by Rotary, it is not a fundraising or community work group. All are welcome to attend and will be greeted and looked after by a club member.

### 20 years for Probus Cerberus.

Congratulations to the Beaumaris Cerberus Branch of Probus on celebrating its 20th anniversary with 90 members over morning tea in February. This Club continues to provide a wide range of activities for its members who are also active participants in the local community.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron, 10am – 12noon.

**Contact: 9589 5156**  
[www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/cerberus](http://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/cerberus)

### Enjoy life with Ricketts Point Probus.

Ricketts Point Probus Club meets at Cheltenham Golf Club on the second Wednesday of the month from 9.45am – 12noon. The focus is on making new friends and enjoying fun activities. Morning tea is provided, and for those wishing to stay longer, an excellent light lunch is available at a small charge.

**Contact Lachlan Mason on 9584 4063**  
[www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/rickettspoint](http://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/rickettspoint)



Members of Probus Cerberus at the 20th anniversary celebration.

## It's World Tai Chi and Qigong Day.

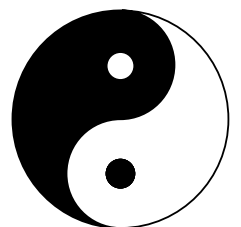
Enjoy a free Tai Chi session as part of World Tai Chi and Qigong Day. This day is held each year in hundreds of cities, in over 80 nations, and across six continents to promote a clearer, calmer, healthier world.

Come along to try out these centuries-old practices that are renowned for improving physical and emotional wellbeing. Discover more about preventing illness, reducing stress, and how to enjoy a more relaxed state of mind.

Gather at 10am on Saturday April 27 at Ricketts Point Beach (200 metres south of the cafe).

Hosted by Bayside Tai Chi. All are welcome to join in and no experience is necessary.

**10am Saturday April 27, Ricketts Point**  
**Enquiries: Jackie 0416 810 259**  
[www.worldtaichiday.org](http://www.worldtaichiday.org)





## Be active, social and learn with U3A.

The Bayside U3A (University of the Third Age) for the over-50s continues to grow with over 1,300 members. This vibrant community offers a huge range of courses for free. Choose from choirs and music to croquet, history, computer training, exercises for mind and body, literature and writing, science, art and art history and more.

Members of the 'Pedal for Pleasure' group recently enjoyed a ride from Black Rock to North Point, and 40 members of the 'Let's Do Dinner' group met at Hihett RSL for their first monthly get-together. A film group meets regularly to take in new movies, and lovers of handcrafts meet each week to work and chat.

The Beaumaris Community Bank® is pleased to support groups like Bayside U3A and it was a pleasure to provide a community grant for the purchase of an electric keyboard for use by the choirs and music groups.

If you are over 50 and looking for something new consider joining the U3A.

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**Bayside U3A**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Jill Page (centre) and David Peake (left) from U3A receive the electric keyboard from Beaumaris Community Bank® Director, Irena Peoples.

## Beaumaris Theatre presents *Company*.

*Company* is a winner of seven Tony Awards and a thought-provoking and cleverly funny take on friendship and marriage. On the night of his 35th birthday, confirmed bachelor, Robert, contemplates his unmarried state. Over the course of a series of dinners, drinks and even a wedding, his friends explain the pros and cons of taking on a spouse during a hilarious array of interactions.

**Beaumaris Theatre**  
24 May – 8 June  
[www.beaumaristheatre.com.au](http://www.beaumaristheatre.com.au)

**BEAUMARIS THEATRE INC.**  
Theatre for all

## 2019 Community Grants.

Last year's Community Grants Program conducted by the Beaumaris Community Bank® was a great success. A total of \$14,700 was distributed between nine Bayside projects across the health, arts and education sectors.

At Beaumaris Community Bank® banking may be our business but community is our purpose. Unlike the big banks, our branch is owned by local shareholders and run by a local board of volunteer directors. Our constitution provides for up to 80% of profits to be returned to the local community through grants, sponsorships and donations. By investing our profits in this way, we can strengthen the local clubs and community groups.

The 2019 Grants Information Night is scheduled for July. Contact us to register your interest.

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Tracey Francis and Lew Rimington with the defibrillator installed at the Beaumaris Sports Club thanks to a 2018 Community Grant.

## Thank you to our Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations to Black Rock resident, Joan McLean, for being recognised as Citizen of the Year at Bayside's 2019 Australia Day Awards.

Joan, an active 84-year-old, has volunteered in a number of roles for over 65 years. Her outstanding contribution to the community has involved being a 'Pink Lady' for 31 years and counting, working with local Cub groups for 16 years, Meals on Wheels for more than 30 years and being a Red Cross blood donor for over 30 years. It all started when she was just 19.

This year the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Commemorative Service conducted by the Beaumaris RSL and Hampton RSL was also recognised as Community Event of the Year.

Joan McLean, Bayside Citizen of the Year. Photo courtesy of Bayside City Council.



**We give up to 80% of our profits to the community through sponsorships, grants and initiatives. Does your bank?**



# Our newest team member.

## Hello from Diana Mete!

I can't begin to tell you all how excited I am to have this great opportunity to work for the Beaumaris **Community Bank**®. The past nine years in pathology have been rewarding, however, it wasn't possible to get to know customers face-to-face or to have a quick yarn. This feels like a new adventure for me.

I recall as a youngster, tossing up between wanting to be a ballerina (all pretty in pink, wearing a tutu) or being a bank teller stacking 20-cent pieces into tall towers and ensuring they didn't fall. Of course, there's a lot more to customer service than stacking coins! My husband is a Beauie Boy - five years ago he convinced me to move here and I haven't looked back. I just love the laid-back lifestyle and our sense of community.

I'm looking forward to getting to know our customers. Please make sure to say hello (and let's hope the Saints win the flag this year).



Diana Mete - our new Customer Service Officer.

## Quilts from the heart.

Do you have a passion for all things textiles and quilting? Bay Quilters are a vibrant and friendly group of over 150 happy quilters who meet at Beaumaris Library.

Each month members come along to 'Quilts from the Heart' sewing days to make quilts for charities or community services. Last year batting for these quilts was purchased with the help of the Beaumaris Branch's Community Grants Program.

The next sewing day on Sunday April 7 is to make 'fiddle quilts'. Fiddle quilts are small quilts using tactile things such as zips, buttons, pockets, velvet etc. These quilts are ideal for people who have restless hands and like repetitive activities, and are particularly good for those with dementia.

Email: [secretary@bayquilters.com.au](mailto:secretary@bayquilters.com.au)  
[www.bayquilters.com.au](http://www.bayquilters.com.au)



Detail of a 'fiddle quilt' made with tactile items.

## Local events calendar.

Sun 7 April

**Bay Quilters 'Quilts from the Heart' sewing day** Email [secretary@bayquilters.com.au](mailto:secretary@bayquilters.com.au) for details

Wed 10 April  
10 – 11.30am

**NHW 3193 – Coffee with the Cops**  
Happy Jacques, 28 Bluff Rd, Black Rock

Sat 13 April  
From 12 noon

**Black Rock Football Netball Club Community and Unity Day**  
Donald MacDonald Reserve

Sat 13 April  
1 - 3pm

**Sing Australia Bayside - public welcome to join in singing.** Brighton Town Hall - \$10 entry, includes afternoon tea.

Sat 20 April  
From 8am

**Olive Phillips Kindergarten Fundraiser**  
Sausage sizzle at Bunnings Mentone

Sat 27 April  
10am

**World Tai Chi Day**  
Ricketts Point Beach

Sat 11 May  
Morning

**Olive Phillips Kindergarten Mother's Day Cake Stall** Beaumaris Concourse

Mon 27 May  
6.30pm

**NHW 3193 special event – "Helping families cope with drugs"**  
Sandringham Bowls Club

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Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.00pm

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