

Beaumaris Community News

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Website for Beaumaris

www.beaumariscommunity.com.au

A new community website is coming to Beaumaris.

We plan to have sports news and scores, club and local news, Council information, notices for upcoming community meetings and reports on same. It will be a place where you can find scores for the Beauy Sharks, the latest gossip from the change rooms at the Beaumaris Bowls, local news, events, and showcases for local business - anything and everything Beauy!

This initiative is an outcome from the recent Community Forum sponsored and organized by the Beaumaris Community Bendigo Bank.

The site will be located at www.beaumariscommunity.com.au and will initially be funded by the bank.

We will bring local clubs, organizations, services and the business community together in one forum for the use of community so that it can be referred to for all information regarding Beaumaris and its citizens. Every Beaumaris business and community organization will have the opportunity to register for a free listing, and Beaumaris news and happenings will be featured on its news pages. Our aim is to be the first port of call for all Beaumaris residents, whether it is to find a bus timetable, to look at a sports schedule, to book at a local restaurant, place an order for meat or just to find out what is happening in your suburb.

Please register your interest at your local branch of the Community Bank if you wish your club, organization or business to be part of this important community initiative. It will be coming soon. Watch for notices at the Bank announcing its launch.

BEAUMARIS Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank was established by the community. As part of, and integral to its charter, a percentage of its profits are returned to local organizations, clubs, individuals or groups. If you are interested in becoming a Director, contact Phil McConnell, Chair, on 0407 312711 or Rob Fenton, Manager, on 9589 5366 .



Leanne's love for our most popular game now in print

Any Beaumaris parents who have spent Saturday afternoons at the netball courts watching their daughter play will most probably know Leeanne Vernon.

She is a netball tragic who played until her ankles gave up and coached many Beaumaris girls in the successful Cheltenham North Netball Club in the Kingston Netball Association.

Leeanne, pictured above left, has managed to combine the two great loves of her life, netball and writing, to produce an enthralling novel for teenage girls, *Netball Dreamz*. It is the story of a young girl whose dream it is to play for her school and perhaps one day her country. However, her goal is not achieved easily and along the way there are many obstacles to be overcome and lessons to be learned.

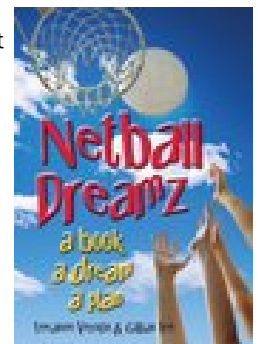
Gillian Lee, pictured above right, Leeanne's co-writer and skills expert, has played and coached at the highest levels and is Coaching Director of Netskills Netball Resources. Her coaching techniques and insights have been cleverly interspersed throughout the story so the novel also becomes a training manual for the young reader.

At the launch of the book on May 6, Leeanne introduced an array of Beaumaris identities, including present and former players, on which the characters in her book are based. She revealed that the successful Grade 5 Team from Beaumaris Primary School, circa 1998, which she coached and for which her daughter Prue played goal attack, was the prime source of inspiration. She thanked her husband Doug and family for their patience and encouragement and added that this is just the first of a series of books written to entertain teenage girls and to enhance and foster their love of Australia's most played sport, netball.



'Netball Dreamz' appeals to all ages in Australia's most popular sport.

• Netball Dreamz is being sold through netball clubs throughout Australia, or you can order a copy at www.netballdreamz.com



Beaumaris community forum is planned

The recently held Beaumaris Community Forum, driven by Beaumaris Community Bank® Director David Hall and supported by the Bank, will give the opportunity for groups within the community to meet, talk and network.

Hopefully, the forum will develop into a group integrating all segments of our community, forming links between business, civic, education, and community organizations.

Beaumaris Community Bank led by example in instigating the idea of the forum. Said Mr Hall: "We hope to take it to the next step by formalizing the separate community 'voices' into a cohesive group that will develop into a Community Consultation Group or Village Advisory Group – the name doesn't matter. But it will be a platform to which we can all go to express opinions and concerns, to make suggestions and present initiatives, or generally just to make Beaumaris a great community for us all."

If you are interested in taking part in this exciting initiative, please call in and make yourself known to our Manager, Rob Fenton, at the Beaumaris Community Bank® in the Concourse.

Even though Beaumaris appears to be well off for services and facilities, there are still things that we can do to meet the needs of various groups in a way that builds and enhances community, ensuring Beaumaris is a good place to live and a great place to bring up families.

Shop in the Concourse using your Beumaris Community Bank® Saver Card and enjoy discounts from the these businesses.

Cards are available to Beumaris Community Bank® customers from the bank. Ask about it when you are next in the Concourse.

<i>Beumaris Travel Centre</i>	<i>Steffano Beumaris Red</i>
<i>Flames Charcoal Chicken</i>	<i>The Meating Place</i>
<i>Beumaris Prints & Framing</i>	<i>Front Room</i>
<i>Absolute Eyes Optometrist</i>	<i>Toyworld</i>
<i>Lobster Cave</i>	<i>Tan Express</i>
<i>JMK Design and Construction</i>	<i>Contours Beumaris</i>
<i>I Found It!</i>	<i>Beumaris Pantry and Larder</i>
<i>Allstress Management Aus.</i>	<i>Australia Post Beumaris</i>
<i>Ferg's Fish</i>	<i>Beumaris Bakers Delight</i>
<i>Beau Photos</i>	<i>Cloud Nine Boutique</i>
<i>Beumaris Veterinary Clinic</i>	<i>Concourse Catch Fish & Chips</i>
<i>Prospect Wines</i>	<i>John and Paul Hair Studio</i>
<i>Kuche</i>	<i>O'Grady's Pies</i>
<i>La Bella Scarpa</i>	<i>Poppet's Pets</i>
<i>Melbourne Décor</i>	<i>More Than Hearing</i>
<i>Phoenix Beauty Therapy</i>	<i>Flowers By The Bay</i>
<i>Bayside Advice Centre</i>	<i>Sien</i>
<i>Sinc Kids</i>	<i>The Pendulum Jewellers</i>
<i>Design Partners</i>	<i>Citrus of Beumaris</i>
<i>Sinc Homewares</i>	<i>Video Busters</i>
<i>Buds of Beumaris</i>	<i>Malt Café</i>
<i>Brodam's Cakes</i>	<i>Concourse Dry Cleaners</i>
<i>Bruce Edmunds & Assoc</i>	<i>Hodges Real Estate</i>
<i>Beumaris News and Tatts</i>	<i>Body & Soul</i>
<i>Sing Tao Restaurant</i>	<i>MB-1 Salon</i>
<i>Beumaris Pharmacy</i>	<i>Beumaris IGA (wines /spirits)</i>

Sinc Homewares

Fifth side for Beauy Cricket Club

Such is the depth of talent at Beumaris Cricket Club, the number of teams is to be expanded.

It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting on June 4 that a 5th X1 side be introduced and begin playing next season.

The meeting also heard that the Oak Street Oval upgrade is going to plan and will be ready by Round 1 of the season. However, because Bayside Council has stated it cannot help with funding for the relocation of the nets, the club is examining other ways of achieving this, possibly sponsorship and working bees.

Tony Mellick was re-elected as President and Grant Earney as Vice President for 2008-2009.

Soccer takes off in Bayside

Bayside clubs are experiencing incredible growth in participation levels for soccer at all ages.

"For example," says Joe Mottola, President of Beumaris Soccer Club, "we have over six hundred children, boys and girls, aged from four to sixteen years, playing in sub-junior and junior competitions each Saturday.

"As well, women's soccer is now the highest growth participation sport in the country and Bayside is well placed to cater for this growth with all the major clubs in the area hosting women's teams of all levels."

Joe Novella of Vic Indoor Sports adds that as well as the outdoor game, there has been a staggering increase in participation in Futsal, the five-player indoor version.

Football has taken off! So if you're looking at getting your kids into soccer, a game that keeps them active and healthy and out in the fresh air, contact www.beumarisssc.com

Father Tom celebrates 60 years in the Priesthood

Much loved Parish Priest for over 20 years at Stella Maris Catholic Church in Beumaris, Father Tom White, is celebrating 60 years as a Priest. He was ordained in 1948 at St Patrick's Seminary in County Carlow, Ireland.

Stella Maris Parishioners celebrated with a special Mass followed by morning tea in the Tennis Clubrooms. There will be another celebration on July 6 at St Louis' Parish in Aspendale, where Father Tom is now living in retirement.

On July 7, Father Tom will return to his beloved Ireland for a six week holiday and celebration with his sister, brother and his family. He will then return to Aspendale to take it easy and do a little pastoral work to keep him out of trouble.

Over 20 years Father Tom baptized, married, buried and ministered with love and care to generations of Beumaris people. Congratulations Father, you did many wonderful things with and for the Stella Maris Parish and Beumaris. We salute you and thank you.

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Recently the Beaumaris Lions Club, as part of the "Biggest BBQ Project", conducted a highly successful sausage sizzle raising \$2500 to go to the Lions' Cord Blood and Childhood Cancer Appeal.

This is just one of the many fund raising activities that our 26 active members run throughout the year. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except January) when we enjoy an excellent meal, good company and listen to a variety of interesting speakers.

Over the nearly 36 years that the Club has been in operation in our area we have supported many wonderful local charities including Southern Family Life, Gordon Care, Moira Southern Division Youth Services, Bayside Youth Mentoring Program, and many more.

The Beaumaris Lions Club welcomes new members, both male and female. We are a group who have a strong desire to contribute in a positive way to our community. Come along and join us. Enquiries: Graham Head, 9580 7809.

Cord Blood and Childhood Cancer Appeal



Beaumaris Lions Club members wield the tongs at a sausage sizzle for the Cord Blood and Childhood Cancers Appeal. It's another example of the projects the club has been involved in over 36 years.

Good luck to our Olympians

Bendigo Bank is to be one of the proud sponsors of the Beijing Olympics. The Publicity Department has been busy of late filming advertisements to coincide with the start of the games on 08/08/2008. We look forward to the Games and we congratulate all our Australian athletes on attaining selection and wish them a happy and successful Olympics.

Beaumaris Citizen of the Year Award, 2008

We all know people who work tirelessly and cheerfully behind the scenes, doing things that build community and make Beaumaris a better place to be. These people often go unheralded and unrewarded.

To this end, Beaumaris Community Bank®, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Beaumaris, has decided that it is time that our community recognized and applauded some of these people.

We are calling for nominations for the inaugural 2008 Citizen of the Year Award which will go to a deserving local resident who has made a substantial contribution to the people of Beaumaris and/or broader community.

The winner will be a person who has demonstrated excellence in citizenship above and beyond normal expectations, and/or contributed significantly to the growth and development of Beaumaris, and/or improved the life of Beaumaris residents, and/or improved the life of people in the wider community.

It is open to all residents of the 3193 postcode who are at least 18 years of age. A prize of a deposit of \$1,500 in a Bank Account with Beaumaris Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank will be given and there will also be a perpetual trophy which will be presented at a dinner to be held at the Victoria Golf Club on Thursday December 18 2008.

Nominations may be submitted by any person or any body

(being a club, organization or company) and must tell us why you think your nominee should be acknowledged as Beaumaris Citizen of the Year 2008.

Applicants may also nominate themselves, however such nominations must be supported by three signed referee statements.

Official Forms are available from the Beaumaris Concourse Branch of the Bendigo Beaumaris Community Bank®.

They must be signed by both the nominee and nominator and lodged with The Secretary, Rotary Club of Beaumaris, by the closing date October 31 2008. Referee statements must also be signed.

Judging will take place during November 2008 before being announced in December. The judges will be a Director of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris, a member of the Rotary Club and the Manager of the Beaumaris Community Bank®, East Concourse, Beaumaris.

If you know of, or live next door to, somebody that you think is deserving of this honour, do something about it and next time you are in the Concourse drop into the Beaumaris Community Bank®, pick up a form and nominate. It is a wonderful thing to do!

N.B. Current or former members of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris or staff of Bendigo Bank, are not eligible for the award.



**Beauy wins
Step Into Life
Mini Olympics**

ABOVE: Captain Fiona Shulman with trophy and Beaumaris Step Into Life franchisee and trainer, Chad Davis.

RIGHT: The team shows the Beauy family spirit.

Beaumaris proved it is the fittest by winning the Step Into Life Mini Olympics held at Princes Park on June 1. The 28-strong team took on 500 athletes from Step Into Life groups from all over Victoria in a variety of speed, strength and fitness tests. Runner-up was Hampton and third was Sunbury. Beauy was represented by Rick Hogg, Kim Shields, Alana Davis, Ornella Clavisi, Kate Johnson, Al Rowan, Jenni Blunt, Richard Gosch, Marion George, Barry Wyatt, Alison Wyatt, Marianne Waters, Lynn Griffen, Kevin Griffen, Maggie Kerdel, Catherine Rafferty, Mike Rafferty, Jo Ryan, Kate Zahra, Kate Knight, Sue McIvor, Elaine Morrison, Andy Lee, David Fair, Meg Aspinall, Carole Stock and Anne McQueen. Well done, Chad and his team at Beauy Step Into Life!



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Sponsorships and grants for 2009

The Board of the Beaumaris Community Bank® is calling for applications for grants and sponsorships for the year 2009. Last year we were pleased to be able to distribute over \$20,000 to local clubs, services and organizations, and we predict that it will be even more this time.

We remind you that consideration will also be given to individuals who may require funding or sponsorship for extraordinary purposes.

In order to obtain a grant the following criteria must be met:

- Applications must be made on the Official Pro-forma which is available from the Beaumaris Community Bank® in the Concourse
- Groups/clubs/individuals applying for grants should operate in the 3193 postcode area.
- Applications must be with the Beaumaris Community Bank® by October 1st 2008.
- It will be viewed favorably if Groups or clubs applying for grants are customers of the Beaumaris Community Bank®, or if not, are willing to transfer banking to us.

Applications will be assessed in October and then announced at the AGM of the Bank in November. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the new process, phone 9589 536.

By banking with your Community Bank® you enable us to financially support community groups. Not only that, but by banking locally you will enjoy friendly, personal and convenient service. You will enjoy the experience!

Beaumaris Theatre

Company previews

a new play with music

For one night only on July 12, there will be a performance of *The Boyfriend Revisited* by Margaret O'Donnell, a preview of a new play with music. It will be staged at the Beaumaris Theatre, 82 Wells Road, Beaumaris at 8pm.

The Beaumaris Theatre Company has a busy diary ahead for this, its 55th year. A very successful season of Anonymous Theatre, in the form of *Bedside Manners*, offered the audience theatre on the edge and was enjoyed by all who came.

Rehearsals are now in progress for *Anne of Green Gables*, which will run from August 29 to September 13 and we look forward to *The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of a Christmas Carol*, which will show from November 21 to December 6. Bookings: 9583 6896.