



Rotary Club of Drouin

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Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets still available for Sale See or contact Bob Vogt 0447 277 073 for Tickets to sell if you have not already done so.

'Tickets are \$3.00 each OR 2 for \$5.00. We will be selling them at the Market until 10.45am'.

A reminder that the Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn
at 11.00 am
at the Rotary Market on Sat 17th December.

Tickets sales have been great - we sold 600 and have obtained extra tickets.

This is your last chance to 'be in it, to win it'.



There are 8 prizes to be won - 6 Hampers - valued from \$300+ to \$70+; plus a Meat Tray from Di Grandi's, and a Bakery Voucher.
If you can't be at the Market, you can ring me beforehand for tickets.

Either way, come along, have a sausage and support this Foundation fundraiser.

DROUIN ROTARY MARKET: Saturday 17th December 2022

Signs before Market	Kevin R, Ian H
BBQ TRAILER	David P
1 st Shift BBQ, 6:30 – 9:30	Peter K, Josh D, Jane P
2 nd Shift BBQ, 9:30 - 12:30	Max S, Jo McK, Lois R, Jacqui V, Jane P
Signs after market	Max S, Ian H
Clean & service trailer	John F

If you cannot attend, please contact Max Scott.

TEXT 040703610611, EMAIL scottmaxwell13@gmail.com

Christmas Dinner at Hong Kong Inn

A big crowd came together for Dinner, Festivities and a little bit of Rotary business. Prizes were awarded to members who dressed in a Christmassy theme.

Organisers of the evening's activities were Jane Playdon and Judy Alexander who presented prizes to our best dressed seen below.

Left to Right: Jacqui Veal, Judy and Jane, Bob Vogt, David Veal and Glynn Fankhauser.



Many thanks to the organisers of the night. Roger, Jane, Judy , Tim and a few others. Functions like this don't just happen.

It was great to see so many members, partners and guests together having a social night out.

Retiring Members Special Acknowledgements

Graeme Watts was unable to attend due to another dose of COVID.

CLARRIE DEBNAM



Clarrie was introduced to the Rotary Club of Drouin by Les Hunt and on 9 October 1984 he was inducted by President John Saddington.

We assume he and Kaye were fully involved from the beginning, within the constraints of a business to run and a big family to raise....and it was not long before he was elected President (1988/89).

His next recorded formal role is as Sergeant-at-Arms in 1994-95 for President Max Hine. Then followed a number of years as the person responsible for social activities and organizing members to go off to the District Conferences.

For a couple of years, he was even charged with coordinating 'Rotaract', but not sure if that ever resulted in a club being established locally. While in the early

2000s he is recorded as being the person responsible for 'environment'. One of his last formal roles was as the Attendance Officer, which he held until it was wrestled from his grasp by Peter Konjevic. It was certainly convenient for some club service activities over the years that Debnam's Transport had big trucks, which were regularly and generously provided. Perhaps his greatest claim to fame was his unblemished 100% meeting attendance record from his induction until a worldwide pandemic disrupted the chain. In December 2011 then President Paul Davine honored Clarrie with Paul Harris Fellow recognition for his contribution in and through Rotary. Unfortunately, he decided that it was time to end his membership in June this year after a period of almost thirty-eight (38) years.

ANITA COONAN was recognised for her service with the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Anita was sponsored into our club by Pauline Maunder and was inducted on 20th April 2010 by then President Barry Jones. During her 13 years as a member of Drouin Rotary, Anita has been involved in the following :

- been a Board member for two terms as Director of New Generations during which she visited schools and organized students for MUNA, RYLA, RYPEN and the National Youth Science Forum, and also travelled to Melbourne and other places with students we sponsored in the Science Experience events
- served as editor and writer of the Rotary Bulletin
- organised programs and guest speakers for weekly meetings including the highlighting of International Women's Days to promote the role of women in Rotary, an Irish Night and film nights
- co-organiser of the Australia Day Breakfasts in the Anglican Hall for a number of years
- regularly volunteered at Motorfest, Farm World, monthly Markets, Swap Meet,
- and much more

In our Drouin and wider community Anita

- Served on the Drouin Cemetery Trust including time as the Chairperson
- Taught English to refugees and immigrants at Dandenong each Friday for many years
- Educated many local students as Teacher Librarian at Marist Sion College and,
- Has been an active member Saint Ita's Parish.

Anita moved to Melbourne for family reasons in June but says many of her dearest friends are those she met in Drouin Rotary.

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Description
20 Dec	Dinner Meeting Hong Kong Inn – guest speaker: “I walked the Kokoda Trail”
2023	Watch your email for news of January’s events.

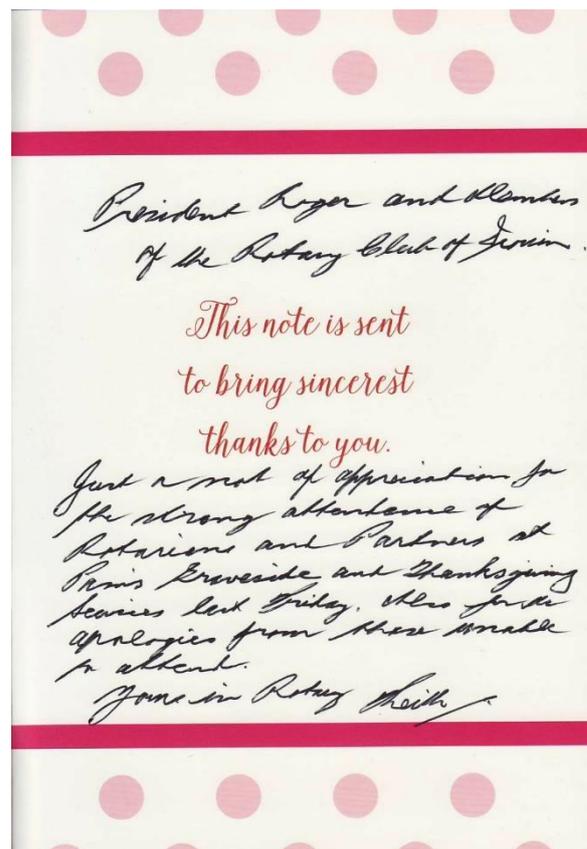
Roger’s Quote for the week:

If only there had been Three Wise WOMEN instead of Three Wise Men:

Three Wise WOMEN would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, bought practical gifts, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and there would be peace on earth!

Message from Keith Pretty

Keith has expressed his thanks to members of the Rotary Club of Drouin and their partners for their attendance at Pam's Graveside and Thanksgiving services last Friday.



Conference 2023

So far 9 people have indicated that they are going to attend. We would love to have more members join us.

If you are interested, please contact Pauline on 0438851968.



YOUR INVITATION

Rotary  **DISTRICT 9820 CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP IN ACTION**

FRI 24 - SUN 26 FEBRUARY 2023
RACV CAPE SCHANCK RESORT
 Mornington Peninsula

- Friday - Tours or Golf
- Saturday - Program with keynote speakers
- Beach Party Dinner
- Sunday Breakfast with 2022 Victorian of the Year Kevin Sheedy

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\$220 Saturday program inc. Dinner
 \$40 Sunday breakfast
 Tours and Golf as selected

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Kevin Sheedy
- Kate Roffey
- Warren Tate
- Julia Kay: 2022 Young Victorian of the Year
- Samuel Johnson

TOP ENTERTAINMENT
 Baker Boys Band

Books to read over the Christmas Break

My wife (Jean) recommended both of these to me, and she was dead right (again). "Lessons in Chemistry" is one of the best books I have read in ages and "Horse" was a fascinating story spanning several different periods of recent history.

If any of you have some books you would like to recommend, please let me know.

