

18<sup>th</sup> October – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

**Yes that's correct...next meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> November, but lots happening before then...*READ ON!***

### **PRESIDENT PAULINE's PONDERINGS**

- Our 'Peace Pole' has been delivered to BBSC and I will be in discussion with council officers when it will be positioned in Civic Park. Then we will have a formal unveiling involving local schools and community.
- Thank you to Judy, John T, Keith P and Tim, plus *Presidential Consort* Brian at the Oak Street Arts Happening promoting Rotary.
- Reminder about our fun night on **31<sup>st</sup> October** for members, partners, Lions and Rotarians for neighbouring clubs in aid of '**End Polio**'. **PLEASE LET LOIS KNOW** (0400 457 505) **ASAP** if you are attending...there are preparations required & SHE NEEDS TO KNOW Numbers
- We promoted the **End Polio Now** campaign this weekend at the market. Thank you to all who helped.
- **7th November** is Melbourne Cup Day and so there will not be a formal meeting. HOWEVER, for those not engaged in Cup Day festivities, William will put aside a few tables for Rotarians and partners who would like to get together at the Hong Kong Inn. Give him a call to book in by 11.00 AM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>
- **19<sup>th</sup> December** will be our Christmas Dinner at the Drouin Golf & Country Club \$40 pp ... put the date in your diaries.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*In this coming period:* Don Blackley, Jacqui Veal, Janny van Leeuwen, Glenda Stewart, Don Kelly & Peter Stillburn celebrate a birthday TODAY; John & Deb Tricarico, David & Pauline Proposch, Max & Ila Hine, John & Marie Franklin and Josh & Brooke Denehy celebrate their wedding anniversary; 8th November last year Mike Kelleher joined us, on 13th November 14 years ago William became a Rotarian and John Tricarico was given his pin twelve years ago on the 15th.

### **DATES for the DIARY**

**TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October** – *Social Night & End Polio Event* at 6.00 for 6.30 at the Drouin Hub  
**TUESDAY 7th November** – Melbourne Cup Day dinner for members and partners at the Hong Kong Inn  
**TUESDAY 21st November** – DINNER MEETING at Hong Kong Inn  
**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Zone 8 Virtual Conference 1.00 to 3.00 pm at Secretary Tim's home  
*To be announced* November – LAUNCH of Drouin Rotary Peace Pole in Civic Park, Drouin  
**TUESDAY 19th December** – CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Drouin Golf & Country Club

### **SERVICE**

**Big Blokes BBQ clean-up** volunteers were Ian Bennett, Don Blackley, Josh Denehy, Colin Gardner, Ian Haughton, Mike Kelleher, Peter Konjevic, Lois Ryan, Pauline & Brian Maunder and Kevin Roberts

**Drouin Rotary Market** was attended by fifty stallholders and activity was still strong at 12.30 when marquees started to come down. Volunteers in preparations and on the day were Kevin Roberts, Ian Haughton, Mike Kelleher, Judy Alexander, John Tricarico, David Veal, Ian Bennett, Ian Symons, Roger Playdon, Pauline Maunder, Brian Maunder, Jacqui Veal, Josh Denehy, Colin Gardner, Carol Fenwick, Bob Vogt, Gary Surman, Lois Ryan and Dick van Leeuwen

**DSC Breakfast Club** volunteers this month are Pauline Maunder, Brian Maunder, Lois Ryan, Tim Wills, John Tricarico, Russell Ford, Jane & Roger Playdon, Judy Alexander and Carol Fenwick

**Tools to East Gippsland** were collected and delivered to the Men's Shed in Nicholson by Kevin Roberts

**Food Bank Deliveries** will be undertaken this month by Russell Ford, Bill Petschack & Gwen Kelly, Lois Ryan, Pauline & Brian Maunder, Tim Wills, Josh Denehy, Jane & Roger Playdon, Rob Stewart, Dick van Leeuwen



**At the Drouin Hub**



**Big Blokes BBQ**



**Kevin's trailer fully loaded**



**Market Ambassadors – First Shift**



**Happy Volunteers**



**Busy Administration**



**It's my turn!**

**PROGRAM – District Governor Linda Humphries & partner/Past District Governor Mark Humphries**

Linda started by telling members how nice it was to be at this club where members clearly enjoyed being together in fellowship and in service. *"You have so much going on that is was really nice to hear the details of your work in the community and see how much fun you have together"*.

Linda reminded us of Rotary International President Ian McNally's theme for his year at the helm: *Create Hope in the World....and if ever that was needed it is certainly now. Remind yourself of his ambitions for Rotary at [Ian McNally speech](#)*

Ian has said that our existing foci on 'Empowering Girls & Women', 'Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in all we do' and, 'End Polio' will all be continuing through his year.

And he has two key things on which he will personally as members to focus in 2024-24 – PEACE and MENTAL HEALTH. And Linda was thrilled to announce that she is planning a joint District 9820 and 9810 Mental Health forum at the Frankston Arts Centre on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 and, that RI President Gordon and Heather McNally will be attending.



**Mark Humphries presents our Foundation recognition**



**AG Di, Pauline, DG Linda and PDG Mark**

As the current District Foundation Chair, Mark Humphries presented President Pauline and Club Foundation Chair Sharryn with a 'Bronze Donor' certificate in recognition of this club's total contribution of US\$123,905 since we were chartered. This figure includes individual's member's donations.

He subsequently told us of the launch of the 'Polio Plus Society' on 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Grand Ridge Brewery which has a target of US\$100 from every member and US\$1,500 from every club each year until the disease is eradicated. And finally, his 'Partners Project' – a SkyHydrant from every club for Timor Leste @ \$6,000 each.

## REMINDERS & Invitations

### 1. Party in the Park – Australia Day 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024:

Roger Playdon would like to hear from more members who would be prepared to contribute to the preparation of this event which we will again present on behalf of the Baw Baw Shire Council. There are plenty of jobs to share around, big and small, so please give Roger a call 0478 433 231.

### 2. SOCIAL EVENING – OCTOBER 31st

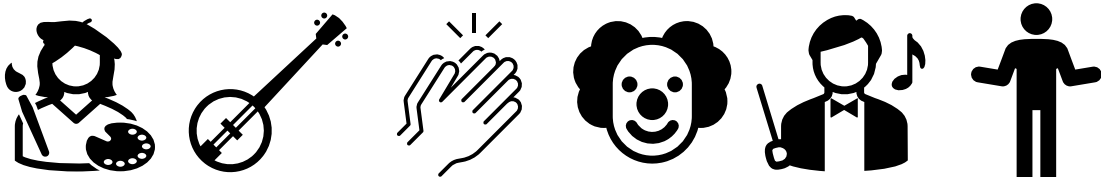


As there are 5 Tuesdays in October, Tuesday 31st will be a social evening.

It will be held at the Drouin Hub. Entry cost will be \$10.00 and everyone is asked to bring a plate of finger food to share.

The aim is to have a Social evening with proceeds going to the Rotary End Polio Campaign. The organising committee has been very creative with ways to raise funds and ensure a good night is had by all.

Bring plenty of Gold Coins as there will be Lucky Door prizes, competitions and fun opportunities to donate to this very worthy cause.



**DROUIN'S GOT TALENT**

Please contact Mike Kelleher (0417 365 324) or Lois Ryan (0400 185 336 **to confirm attendance**).



### 3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**NOTICE IS GIVEN of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Drouin Inc. to be held in the Hong Kong Inn at 6.40 PM on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

Business:

1. Accept new 'Rules' for the club, as required due to Rotary International's Council of Legislation decisions
2. Election of President, Secretary and Treasurer 2024-25 and President Elect 2025-26
3. Election of at least one Director for 2024-25-26
  - o Note that Judy Alexander (Market) and Russell Ford (New Generations) confirm continuance as Directors for second year of their term in 2024-25
  - o Ian Symons retires after servicing two years as Membership Director
4. OTHER business, as appropriate





**Saturday 28 October**  
1pm to 3pm AEDT,  
3pm to 5pm NZT  
Followed by Business Session  
starting at 5.30pm AEDT

**Sunday 29 October**  
1pm to 3.30pm AEDT,  
3pm to 5.30pm NZT

Register for  
\$25 AUD per  
person via:

2023 Zone 8 Virtual Conference  
Zone 8 (rotaryzone8.org)  
2023 Zone 8 Conference Institute  
Rotary Occasia

#### Program

Our global keynote speakers will share examples of how clubs and districts can: Increase your Impact, Expand your Reach, Enhance Engagement and Increase our Ability to Adapt.

Listen to outstanding international presenters, updates from across Zone 8 and fabulous entertainment, all from the comfort of your home!

These are "Moments that Matter."



## PolioPlus Society Launch

at the

## Grand Ridge Brewery





Join us for lunch and a fun afternoon of Rotary fellowship as we launch the District PolioPlus Society

**\$40**  
per person

Lunch, brewery tours, prizes, raffles, and more!



**12 November 2023**  
**12:00 pm**

**Grand Ridge Brewery**  
**1 Baromi Road**  
**Mirboo North VIC 3871**

### BOOKINGS and APOLOGIES

Members are reminded that they need to make contact with William Wong **0418 391 586** not later than 11.00 AM on the Tuesday of our meeting if you are not going to attend, or if you will have a guest.

