

14th January to 23rd January 2024

PRESIDENT PAULINE's PONDERINGS

- Happy New Year to all. May it be filled with good health, friendship, service and fun.
- We started the second half of our Rotary year with an informal BBQ at Civic Park Drouin. What a lovely night we had with great weather, happy company and good food. Around 21 members & partners gathered at the Civic Park barbeque area to commence 2024.



At the Peace Pole before the BBQ



2024 'Clarrie' & predecessors



- Our Civic Park is looking wonderful and we were so proud to show off our Peace Pole to those who hadn't seen it.
- Our first formal meeting will be on Tuesday January 23rd at the Hong Kong Inn and this will be an opportune time to meet before the Australia Day Breakfast in the Park. The organising committee has things well in hand and will tell us all about it that night.
- February 6th will start our usual meetings being held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and, listed below are the monthly themes which may help groups find speakers or activities for the coming 3 months.
- Farm World is coming up quickly, the dates being Monday 18th to Sunday March 24th. This is a significant fundraising activity for our club and we look forward to as many Rotarians and Friends of Rotary helping the coordinators fill the roster.

ANNIVERSARIES

Between 14/01 & 23/01: Russell Ford, Lynne Davine and Jean Houghton celebrate birthdays. Wedding anniversary is celebrated by President Pauline & Presidential Consort Brian, and also by Peter & Lynda Konjevic.

DATES for the DIARY

TUESDAY 23rd January – Dinner Meeting # 12 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30 pm

SATURDAY 20th January – Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market

FRIDAY 26th January – *Party in the Park* Australia Day in Civic Park, Drouin

TUESDAY 30th January – Drouin Secondary College 'Breakfast Club' 7.45 to 9.15 am

TUESDAY 6th February – Dinner Meeting # 13 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30 pm

SERVICE

Food Bank Deliveries

Drop Off	Friday January 12 th	Thursday January 25 th .
Drouin – Residentials	Sue & Marshall Josh Denehy Rob Coustley Lois Ryan	Peter Konjevic & Bob Vogt Carol Fenwick & Allan Storti Tim Wills Pauline & Brian Maunder
Longwarry	Russell Ford	Russell Ford
Warragul – Residentials	Pauline & Brian Maunder Russell Ford	Rob Stewart & Dick van Leeuwen Irene & Andy

January 'Craft & Produce Market' – Saturday 20th

Supplies	Meat, bread, eggs, drinks, etc.	John Tricarico & Mike Kelleher
Signs before Market – Advertising No Parking (Friday night)	Banner signs at Town entries	Town Entry: Ian Haughton Parking: Ian Haughton
Traffic Signs and A-frames	Saturday AM (6ish) Young St & Carpark entries	Ian Haughton
Collect BBQ Trailer	plus sundry items	David Proposch
Stallholder Management		Ian Symons, John Tricarico, Mike Kelleher
Rotary Ambassador	A roving speak to the public role to talk about Rotary	Pauline Maunder & Jacqui Veal
1st Shift BBQ - 6:30 to 9:30	Cooks: Peter Konjevic & Josh Denehy Server: Col Gardner	Cashier: Carol Fenwick Food Health & Safety: Josh Denehy
2nd Shift BBQ - 9:30 to 12:30	Cooks: Bill Petschack & Brian Maunder Server: Lois Ryan	Cashier: Dick van Leeuwen Food Health & Safety: Mike Kelleher
Signs after market – collection and return	Town Entry, Parking & A-frames:	*****
Clean, service and return BBQ trailer	Pick up from storage, including filling water tank, replace low/empty gas cylinders so ready for next use	Bill Petschack

Market Chair Judy has asked "For all our Social media members a quick reminder to Click, "Like"&"Share " on all our Market Social Media Posts. You are very welcome to place a 'comment' on posts as well.

We have a number of stallholder bookings already for this month's Market, so keep a lookout for updates and tags on Social Media"

Party in the Park – Australia Day Friday 26th January

Mike Kelleher reports that all entertainment has been booked and confirmed. Bill Petschack has filled his volunteer worker needs and the roster will be circulated in a few days. Final detail at meeting discussions on 23rd.

Drouin Secondary College 'Breakfast Club' – Tuesdays & Thursdays 7.45 to 9.15 am

Volunteers are sought for the start of the year: **January** - Tuesday 30th & **February** - Thursday 1st, Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th and then in **March** we will have up to 7 mornings to fill. Drouin Lions will cover April.

Please advise Tim (0490 849 466) if you are available to help on any of these mornings.

Ambulance Uniform De-badging

In 2024 there will be a de-badging effort **every 1st Thursday** between 10.00 & 2.00 – starting **FEBRUARY**. Rotarians, friends and family invited to come along for an hour or more to help out or, take a box of items home to de-badge in front of the TV. *Bring your own chair and de-badging implements.*



An INVITATION from the Warragul & District Garden Club

Dear President Pauline,

I am writing to inform you of our club's current project in organising a symposium on Monday 4 March 2024. This event is aimed at improving the awareness of how gardens, and a return to nature, can play a major role in the treatment of mental health issues. This includes the rehabilitation of patients who have suffered trauma, depression, and other stress related problems.

We have been fortunate in securing the lead speaker, Dr Sue Stuart-Smith, an internationally recognised psychiatrist and psychotherapist who, in 2020 published the book "The Well Gardened Mind". This book describes her research into how gardens in general, involvement in horticulture, and a return to nature, can be successfully used to rehabilitate a wide range of mentally based problems.

Dr Stuart-Smith will be joined by two Australians with practical knowledge of horticulture therapy, Steven Wells from the Austin Hospital and Tanya Bearup, a member of the national committee of Therapeutic Horticulture Australia.

Attendees to this symposium will leave with firsthand, practical knowledge as to how they can apply this drug free technique to patients, friends or family members under their support and care.



I look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely

Joy Vikas



District 9820 Annual Golf Day

Rotarians will be playing for Trophies for Men's & Women's Pairs and Best Individual (Male and Female). All Players will be playing for Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin.

This year our Golf Day will be held at The Mornington Golf Club, Tallis Drive, Mornington, on Friday 16th February 2024. A maximum of 72 players can be accommodated in an Ambrose Event.

Teeing off at 8:00am and returning to the Club House for Lunch and Presentations around 1:00pm.

Costs:

Rotarians	\$50.00
Guests	\$55.00

There are 15 Carts available for Hire at \$50.00. These need to be booked directly with the Pro. The phone number for the Pro is 5975 4171

Lunch \$27.00

Bookings to be made through Club Runner via the District Website.

Any queries please contact David Cahill

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Return-It recycling

Return-It Drouin
42 Weerong Road, Drouin, VIC 3618

Open now
until 5:00pm
Depot

East Zone - Operated by Return-It

[Directions](#) [More info](#)

Longwarry Supermarket Longwarry
2 Kennedy Street, Longwarry, VIC 3816

Open now
until 8:00pm
Over the Counter (OTC)

East Zone - Operated by Return-It

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Return-It Warragul
4/15 Phoenix St, Warragul, VIC 3820

Open now
until 5:00pm
Depot

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Drouin Rotary is registered to receive the refund you earn by returning glass and plastic bottles to one of the new collection points (listed on the left...the Drouin one is on the corner of Weerong Rd & Darcan Way).

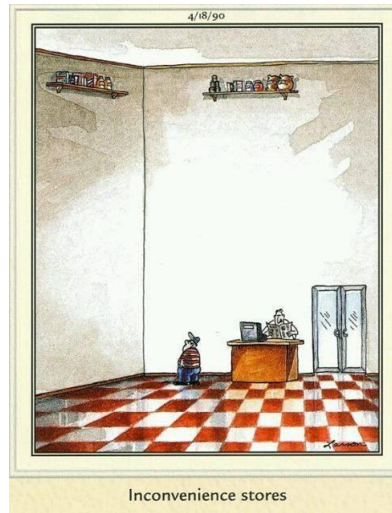
Keep the barcode (right) on your phone or in your wallet, if you want to contribute this way.



Scan this barcode to
accept your refund

Donation Partner ID
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A few (potentially) entertaining items



**Why must I prove
that I am me to pay my
bills over the phone?
Do strangers call to
pay my Bills? And if
they do, why don't
you let them?**

Get a baby gate they said, it'll
keep them safe it said.... 🙄😂






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