

**7<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## **PRESIDENT PAULINE's PONDERINGS**

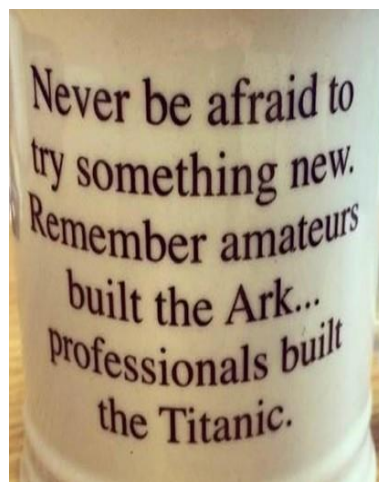
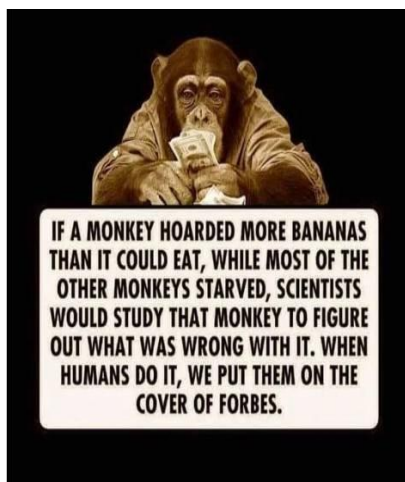
- Rotary Family: Sending our support to David and Tim as they undergo their radiation treatments.
- Thank you once again to the organisers and the Rotarians and Friends who helped on the Australia Day *Party In the Park*. We have had some lovely feedback from young families who attended, telling us how grateful they were that everything was free. Well done Drouin Rotary.
- Mike Kelleher and I visited Craig Debnam and the Lardner Park team last week and Kevin is now taking names for the roster. We appreciate members committing to this as it is a major *fee-for-service* source of funds to assist in the club's operation and ability to keep fees at the level we do.
  - Farm World - Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> and *Bump-in Days* before this starting Monday 18<sup>th</sup>
- Russell and his organising committee are into the planning of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this club. All Rotary members from the last 20 years will be invited. Please keep the evening of **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** free as it will be a wonderful opportunity to mark this occasion at the Drouin Golf and Country Club.
- The February edition of Rotary Down Under has an article on Peace Poles including our club's Peace Pole and the unveiling ceremony.
- Our Rotary International President Gordon Mc Inally is visiting our District and members can book to hear him on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at RACV Club Cape Schank or Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Frankston Art Centre at a seminar on 'Mental Health'. Brian and I have booked the Frankston day. Let me know if anyone else is interested in attending. Further information is in the District Bulletin.
- We have been invited to have representatives attend the launch of 2024 *Live4Life* program on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Bill Petschack and I are attending and anyone else interested is welcome to join us. Let me know.
- March (*Water & sanitation* Month) Program Group: Ian Haughton, Rob Coustley, Carol Fenwick, Keith Cook, John Franklin and Dick van Leeuwen.
- A thought to share: ***Kindness is Free .... Sprinkle that stuff Everywhere***

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Between 7/02 & 20/02: Josh Denehy & Bob Vogt celebrate birthdays along with Tessa Baylis & Suzy Candappa. And Kevin & Dianne Roberts celebrate their wedding anniversary.

## **DATES for the DIARY**

- TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Dinner Meeting #14 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30 pm: *Judy Alexander's Tale*
- TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Dinner Meeting #15 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30 pm
- MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>** – 2024 Farm World Fields Days
- TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Dinner Meeting #17 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30 pm
- TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Drouin Golf & Country Club Inn



**Ambulance uniform De-badging....change of day:** due to various conflicts for many involved, the de-badging working bees will in future be held **Every Second Tuesday of each month**, starting in April.

Some feedback from an Ambo in Melbourne: (Note - last line of first page was lost in copying)

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**Recycling Old AV Uni...** ... X  
Georgie

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all those involved with the recent packing of items. I took the 10 boxes of uniforms to the Salvation Army in the city and they were ecstatic! One of the gentleman who attends there every day for breakfast helped us carry them in and has requested a size 10 ambo boots. 😊😊

This not only helps those struggling, but also the staff who work of volunteer there. I was there last week for a community engagement with AV and it was so sad for the staff to have to respond that they didn't have any trousers upon request from a regular. Thanks to you, they now have enough clothes for a few months.

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## **PROGRAM – 6<sup>th</sup> February** Peter Konjevic on ‘Coming to Australia’



Peter spoke of his early education as a non English-speaking student in Australia.

His parents arrived from Europe in 1948, and although born in Australia, English was not his first language when he started at a Government school.

His memories were not very pleasant ones as teachers gave very little attention to children from non-English speaking backgrounds and he suffered intense bullying and racism at the hands of the other children.

His parents were very concerned for both his welfare and education, so the decision was made that Peter should attend Albury Grammar and then The Scot's School in Albury. Firstly, he attended as a day-boy, then as a weekend boarder and finally, in his last three years, as a full-time boarder.

He described a highly regimented school regime in which discipline was strict and punishment was swift and, not without considerable discomfort.

A boarder's day started early and by 9:30 lessons had begun, the only breaks were either short or for meals. After school activities were highly structured with clubs, sport and a Scottish Cadet Regiment Corps. The Corps trained in a full military style. It was demanding and exhausting.

Peter has a wonderful way of using words to create images, non more so than describing the cadet uniform as comprising kilts and answering the age old question that they wore nothing under them. An image than none of us will forget was, whilst dressed in kilts students were required to complete a hand stand.

Despite this strictly regimented regime that was physically and mentally demanding, he also remembers many fun times.

As always, Chairman David Proposch thanked Peter and remarked that presentations by our own members, with insights into their lives, are always well received, That was certainly the case with this talk by Peter.

**ROTARY ZONE 8 REGIONALISATION Project** The Pilot's main goal is to find ways to more effectively and efficiently support you and your club to increase impact, grow membership, and adapt to changing volunteer needs and expectations. Learn more about the key milestones, areas of focus and the people involved in the Pilot. Use this link and read more to keep up to date --- [PILOT](#)

## Ficifolia Festival 2024

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
4.00 pm till "late"

DROUIN REC. RESERVE, Sinclair St, Drouin



Free family movie 8.00 PM



## **SERVICE & PROJECTS**

RC KooWeeRup-Lang Lang Show 'n Shine: Ian Symons and Bill Petschack responded to the call for help and spent 4.5 hours down in Lang Lang on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. Ian parks another one and Bill takes the opportunity to inspect some fine work at restoration which was on show again this year.



Drouin Secondary College Breakfast Club: the year has started and the new Year 7s joined in to see what this was all about. Thank you Pauline & Brian, Lois & Judy and Pauline & David. We will be hoping for additional helpers – *toast makers and Milo stirrers* – for Tuesday & Thursday mornings in March.

Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market: 17<sup>th</sup> February's roster is printed on the next page. Any questions? Call Mike Kelleher

Longwarry Foodbank deliveries: Russell has provided the following roster for February:

Drop Off	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	February 16 <sup>th</sup>	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Drouin – Residentials	Peter & Bob Josh <i>Sue &amp; Marshall</i>	No Deliveries	Carol & Allan Rob C. Jane & Roger
Longwarry	Russell	No Deliveries	Russell
Warragul – Residentials	Pauline & Brian Rob S & Dick	No Deliveries	<i>Iren &amp; Andy</i> Bob & Peter

## 2024 Farm World Field Days:

Bump-in days for exhibitors: **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** \*duties are directing traffic at entrances.

Exhibition Days: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** \*duties include tractor drivers, directing traffic at entrances.

KEVIN ROBERTS is responsible for preparing the roster.  
Give him a call 0408 457 505

**Any suggestions for other projects &/or Service??**



## DROUIN MARKET ROSTER

17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

TASK	Description of Activity	WHO
<b>Supplies</b>	Meat, bread, eggs, drinks, condiments, cleaning material ONION'S PREPERATION	John Tricarico Bill Petschack
<b>Signs before Market – Advertising No Parking (Friday night)</b>	Banner signs at Town entries	<b>Town Entry:</b> Kevin Roberts <b>Parking:</b> Ian Haughton
<b>Traffic Signs and A-frames</b>	Saturday AM (6ish) Young St and Carpark entries <i>Kept in Rec Reserve shed.</i>	Ian Haughton
<b>Collect BBQ Trailer</b>	Plus 2 x car fridges, soft drinks, chairs and pergolas/weights	David Proposch
<b>Stallholder Management &amp; Collection of fees</b>		Ian Symons, John Tricarico, *****
<b>Rotary Ambassador</b>	A roving speak to the public role to talk about Rotary and where appropriate the prospect of membership	Pauline Maunder & **** *
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Shift BBQ - 6:30 to 9:30</b>		<b>Cooks:</b> Peter Konjevic & Mike Kelleher <b>Server:</b> Jane Playdon <b>Cashier:</b> Roger Playdon  Food Health & Safety Mike Kelleher
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Shift BBQ - 9:30 to 12:30</b>	<b>Floating Assistant:</b> Bob Vogt	<b>Cooks:</b> Don Kelly & Glynn Fankhauser <b>Server:</b> Lois Ryan <b>Cashier:</b> Dick van Leeuwen Food Health & Safety *****
<b>Signs after market – collection and return</b>	<b>Town Entry, Parking &amp; A-frames:</b>	Kevin Roberts
<b>Clean, service and return BBQ trailer</b>	Pick up from storage, including filling water tank, replace low/empty gas cylinders so ready for next use	Bill Petschack

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## Drouin Rotary Market

