

19th April – 7th May 2024

PRESIDENT PAULINE’s PONDERINGS

- Welcome back Gary #1 after your big operation. Almost back to normal...
- An enjoyable meeting last week and interesting stories of Longwarry service men and women from the local historian, Russell Ford.
- A great pleasure for me to induct Scott and to welcome partner Helen into our Rotary family:
 - Congratulations and thank you to Dick for his continued efforts and success in attracting interest and new members to the club. Rotary’s future depends on us all taking every opportunity to promote what we do and what others can get from involvement with us. *Keep going Dick.*



- Tim and I attended the launch of the 2024 Live4 Life program. Great to see such enthusiasm from organisers and “the crew” of student leaders. We are proud to be backing this program for local schools.
- Our fifth Tuesday is next week and John Tricarico has booked the Drouin Carvery for us. Members and partners are all invited to come along but, please let John know in advance, so he can confirm numbers.

PROGRAM

- Russell Ford shared the history of the Longwarry War Memorial, first proposed by three men from Labertouche, Modella and Longwarry in 1916 who, having seen the details of the Gallipoli campaign, and in anticipation of the casualties of the war, believed a memorial was definitely going to be needed. They raised £300 to build the tallest granite memorial in regional Victoria, which was inaugurated in 1919 on 12th November and has 119 names inscribed on it.
- Russell then went on to speak of his investigations into those named and to the project by a local primary school also investigating histories. Of particular interest initially were the histories of two nurses – M. A. Sherriff and Nurse Mary Kennedy. Russell said that 2000 nurses went overseas, 200 died and 8 won the Military Medal.



Nurse Mary Alice Sherriff.
Born in Longwarry on April 6th. 1890.
Mary was working at the Warragul Hospital when she enlisted with The Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) very early in the war but she was held back to remain nursing in Australia in reserve.



Dr Alfred M'Lure: Mary Christina Kennedy?
Mary Christina Kennedy was born in Longwarry in 1884. Her initial training was as a nurse at the Kyneton Hospital, and she worked at a number of private hospitals, including a time as Acting Matron at a Warragul Hospital before enlisting in the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) on May 10th 1915. Nurse Kennedy did not have a great deal of time to organise things, just 8 days later she was on a boat heading for England.
BUT



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Birthdays:** Keith Cook, Yvonne Kelly and Tiesha Davis
- **Wedding Anniversary:** Don/Yvonne Kelly, Miceal/Helen Ambrose and Ian/Judy Symons
- **Joining Anniversary:** Sharryn Marshall (16 years) and Ian Symons (33 years)

- **Tuesday 30th April:** **5th Tuesday** – Drouin Carvery 5.30 for 6.00 pm [Phone John T to book 0419 342 489](tel:0419342489)
- **Saturday 4th May:** *Girls' Day Out* clean-up at Lardner Park *arrive around 5.30 for directions*
- **Tuesday 7th May:** Dinner Meeting 19 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30
- **Monday 20th May:** FILM NIGHT – ‘*The Way, My Way*’ – partners & friends in Warragul for ‘End Polio’
- **Tuesday 21st May:** Dinner Meeting 20 at Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30
- **Sunday 2nd June:** **Lunch** with RI President Ian McNally (*speak to Pauline*)
- **Tuesday 18th June:** 2024-25 **Changeover Dinner** at Drouin Golf & Country Club

Supporting the environment is Rotary's seventh area of focus. It joined peace-building and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.



Rotary is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

The Rotary Foundation in Foundation global grant funding has allocated 18.4 million USD to environment-related causes in the past five years through their support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS/SERVICE

- **Food deliveries:** Russell Ford continues the management of this activity. Always need helpers, particularly in May with three Fridays on which to deliver parcels in Drouin and Warragul.
- **April Market:** Another most successful event with around 50 stalls doing business on a very pleasant morning. Thank you to the organisers/managers and the many volunteers who makes it such a good, local event.
- **Breakfast Club:** Tuesday and Thursday in May at the Drouin Secondary College – can you help?



A visit from 'Johnny' thrilled workers and coordinators alike



John T stocked up on goodies

On holidays



Gone North



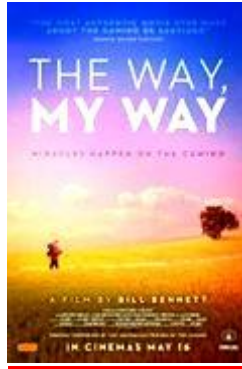
Gone Westward



with family



and friends



What is the Movie?

“THE WAY, MY WAY”

The charming and captivating true story of a stubborn, self-centred Australian man who decides to walk the 800-kilometre-long Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route through Spain. He doesn't know why he's doing it... but one step at a time, it will change him and his outlook on life forever. Based on Bill Bennett's best-selling memoir of the same name.

View trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIYrEBQhLEQ>

When is it, Where is it and What's the Timeline?

Monday, May 20, with Fellowship from 6.45pm and the movie commencement at 7.45pm.
Peninsula Cinemas Warragul, Cinema Arcade (upstairs) Victoria Street

What's the price?

\$25 per person (children \$20) includes movie and light early nibbles on arrival (plus a glass of wine and a bottle of water).

The food is being prepared by members of RC Warragul.

PLEASE NOTE:

\$10 per adult ticket and \$5 per child ticket will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation in the Member's Club Name.

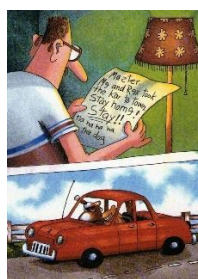


Advise Secretary Tim if you, your partner and perhaps your guests wish to attend.

And then



Always make sure the contractors you hire for home improvements are licensed. A true professional would never put a white faceplate on a beige outlet.



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the art
of
carving
a
banana





Meet

**Rotary International President
Gordon McInally**

RACV Cape Schanck Resort

Trent Jones Drive, Cape Schanck

12.00pm for 12.30pm Sunday 2nd June 2024

Ticket Price: \$95 pp incl GST for 2 course lunch

\$1,200 for Corporate Tables of 8 with Table Naming Rights

*All proceeds donated to Australian Rotary Health Research Programs
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Key Note Speaker:

Professor Patrick McGorry

“Engaging with the next generation of leaders”



Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/1204056>

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