

18th June – 2nd July 2024

PRESIDENTS' PONDERINGS

- Outgoing President Pauline reviewed her year at the helm and said how fortunate she had been to have served in the year the Rotary International theme had been “Create Hope in the World”.
- She reviewed highlights of the past year, noting particularly the 70th Anniversary dinner and the placement of the Peace Pole in Civic Park and the delivery of more than \$46,000 in direct financial support to many worthy causes, notably the West Gippsland Health Group.
- She thanked members, partners and the Board for their support with particular recognition (Paul Harris Fellowship sapphire) to Russell Ford noting his many contributions particularly in the production of an updated ‘history’ book, his management of the foodbank deliveries, involvement with Breakfast Club and student mentoring and his great service to the community of Longwarry.



- Incoming President Mike thanked and congratulated Pauline for her leadership over the past year, noting particularly her ‘caring for all’ commitment to the welfare of our Rotary family and, her ability to win engagement and support with a winning smileand great muffins and slices.
- President Mike commented on his year ahead and how Rotary needs new members to survive. He will stress the need to always promote what we do and engage with the local community and a wider group of participants through the formalisation of a ‘Friends’ cohort and, he looks forward to our expanded engagement with the youth of our community.
- Pauline and Mike joined to thank Lois Ryan for all her preparation and delivery of the much enjoyed series of entertainments which engaged all present to end an enjoyable evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 19th June to 2nd July

- **Birthdays:** Rob Stewart, Peter Konjevic and Brian Maunder
- **Wedding Anniversary:** nil
- **Joining Anniversary:** David Proposch (17yrs) and Peter Konjevic (34yrs)
- **Saturday 29th June:** District 9815 *Inaugural* Changeover Dinner at the Cardinia Cultural Centre
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Dinner Meeting #1 at the Hong Kong Inn 6.00 for 6.30

2024 Rotary Intenational Conference

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<https://my.rotary.org/en/2024-rotary-convention-videos>

And then.....

