

2-16 July

Welcome to the first Bulletin during the Presidency of Mike Kelleher. As the new editor of the Bulletin, I intend to have it in your inbox within a week from the meeting. As I become more familiar with it, I am confident it will be in your inbox not long after the meeting.

At Mike’s first meeting as President, he outlined his plan for the coming year. Mike had attended four days of Conference for the new Rotary District 9815. The new District brings together 83 Clubs into & Regional Community Groups. Drouin Rotary belongs to Regional Group 6 with Tim Wills as the Regional Community Leader (RCL). The other clubs in our regional community group are Foster, Inverloch, Korumburra, Leongatha, Phillip Island/San Remo, Trafalgar, Warragul and Wonthaggi.

The Conference discussed the Rotary International drive to increase membership and continue its impact in the world. This is reflected in the four Action Plans Mike shared with us from the District Conference.

EXPAND OUR REACH



Developing a comprehensive plan of action with achievable, measurable, and meaningful DEI outcomes for Rotary.

Piloting and evaluating new products and alternative participant models so that people can join and take action with us, wherever they live.

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT



Using change management strategies throughout Rotary, from the Secretariat to the club level, to tackle operational issues and become more agile and responsive.

INCREASE OUR IMPACT



Developing a consistent set of best practices and tools for measuring and sharing Rotary's impact.


Rolling out Programs of Scale to provide us with a new framework for thinking about how we bring about change in the world.




Developing an evaluation framework that will help us make objective recommendations about what we should continue doing, start doing, or stop doing.



ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT



Taking a participant-centered approach—making sure our members and other participants know we value what they bring to Rotary.



Looking at ways to measure member engagement and satisfaction so we can better understand what people are getting out of their Rotary experience.

Mike reflected on the challenges ahead for Rotary International and the new District 9815. Based on his experience in business, he has found that goals must be realistic and achievable. Mike’s goals , in addition to current activities of the monthly Drouin Market, Involvement with Schools – MUNA, Interact and RYLA, are :

1. **Increase member input.** 4-6 meetings a year will set aside to General Business and regular updates re budget /cash flow for 2024/2025 Rotary Year.
2. **Develop pathways to Rotary membership.** Establish “Friends of Rotary” and develop associations with schools and community groups.
3. **The average community member does not know what Rotary does.** Develop and ongoing PR campaign and advertise Rotary at events where we are working e.g. Farm World, Drouin Market , Australia Day.
4. **Plan and instigate local projects.** Consider a joint project with Regional Community 6 and / or an environmental project. Possible local projects suggested by Mike are :
 - *A Gazebo in Drouin Cemetery.* Total value of \$14,000. Rotary Club of Drouin could commit to \$8,000, including a Foundation District Grant.
 - *Build a Two Towns Walk” rest point area.* Select an area on the walk to Warragul, design and plan its scope.

Upcoming Events

Birthdays: Rob Stewart , Peter Konjevic, Slade Baylis, Pauline Proposch, Sandy Kelleher.

Wedding Anniversaries: None for this period

Joining Anniversaries: None for this period

Tuesday 16 July: Dinner Meeting 2 at Hong Kong Inn 6pm for 6.30pm.

Saturday 20 July: Drouin Markets. Thank you for responding to Mike’s email for volunteers for the markets.

Sunday 28 July: Tree planting. For a nice day out in Robin Hood Reserve, see Roger Playdon

Breakfast Club Roster for July

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
16th July	Judy & Lois	18th July	Pauline & Brian M
23rd July	Roger, Jane, Janette	25th July	Russell, Janette, Tim
30th July	David & Pauline		

Member's gallery – thank you for sharing photos of our Rotary family for the gallery.



PP Don brought daughter Melva as a guest



Roger and Jane on holiday in Singapore



Pauline & David make friends in Thailand



Ian and his little Willie



Not your average Changeover dessert



On the way to Rotary Club of Foster's Changeover Dinner

