



Hello all from my holiday office! I am house sitting for my cousin. A very difficult task with his home being on the Mooloolaba River. It is very easy to wile away a few hours watching the passing water traffic. Sharing two shots that captured my attention.



**Greetings from President Mike**

- At the first February meeting this coming Tuesday, President Mike has prepared an update to our Budget and will go through the update to the first half of the year and the outlook for the upcoming 5 months.
- Confirmation has been received from Larder Park of the Drouin Rotary requirement for this year's Farm World, which President Mike has analysed and I wish to show our members the responsibilities in some detail, before we begin the call for volunteers.
- Suggestions for content of February's second meeting are sought. Please share your ideas on Tuesday evening.

**Request from Strzelecki Community Group**



**Mobile Phones and Chargers**

Members are reminded that our Strzelecki Community Group is collecting used Mobile Phones and Chargers for donation to **DV Safe** for people fleeing domestic violence situations....so please round up any old phones you may have or can get from friends and family!

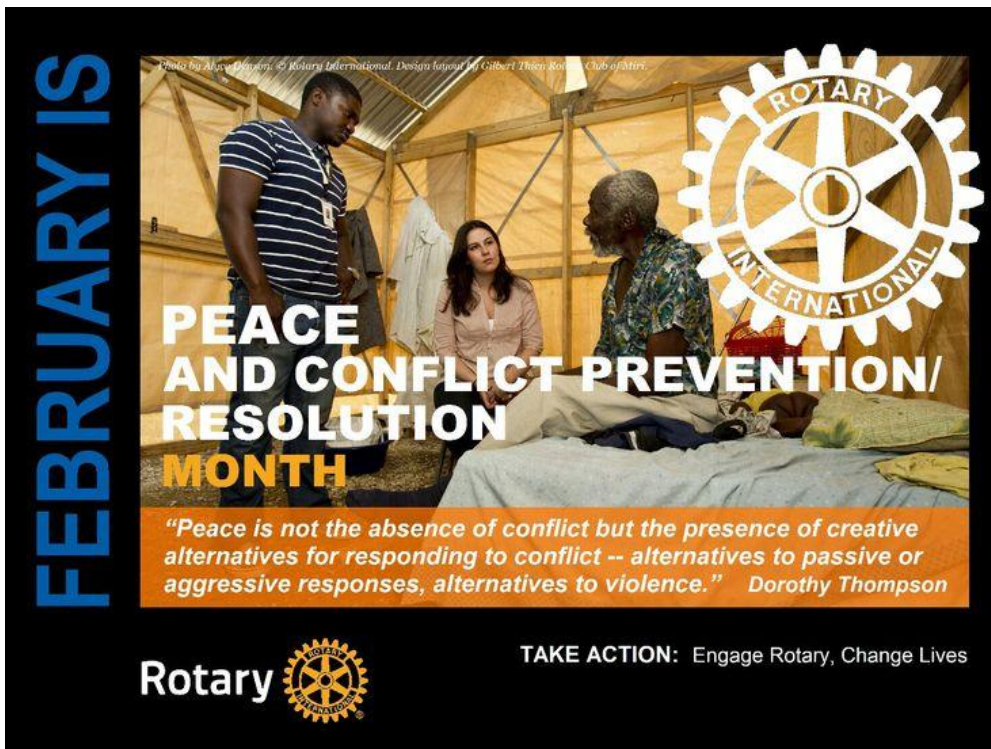
Know someone who received a new phone for Christmas? Tell them not to toss the old one in a drawer - send it our way for someone who needs a lifeline! Or simply spread the word about our charity to family, friends, colleagues. This will assist us to ensure that every call for help is heard.

**30,964** Phones received from generous people just like you (these come in all makes, models & conditions!)

**11,092** The number of domestic violence survivors currently supported with a DV Safe Phone

**385** The number of front line agencies and service providers helping connect victims with a safe phone


**956** Community and corporate partnerships raising phones and funds for victims of domestic violence in need



**FEBRUARY IS**

**PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH**

*"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson*

**Rotary** 

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### Update on End Polio Now Program

Below is the current status of Polio for the year ending 2024.

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							
	Full year total						01 Jan-31 Dec <sup>1</sup>	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	6	67
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	6	25
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total (Type 1)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>92</b>

As you can see, Polio is ONLY endemic in 2 countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2022 there was an outbreak in Mozambique, and this was due to it being transported from Pakistan. This shows the importance of continuing the vaccination program to ensure it is truly eliminated. Sadly though, the number of cases **increased** in 2024 to 92, the highest since 2020.

The explosion of cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan is due to several factors:

1. The population has become increasingly nomadic resulting in children missing out on vaccination programs.
2. Disinformation about vaccines being a western conspiracy to sterilise Muslims and general distrust of vaccines are rampant.
3. Sometimes communities refuse to allow their children to be vaccinated unless demands such as improved infrastructure are met.
4. Attacks on vaccinators and their police guards are ongoing.
5. Recently, the Taliban banned door to door vaccinations by female vaccinators.

Despite these challenges, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) believes it is still possible to achieve its **two strategic goals**:

1. To permanently interrupt transmission of all polio virus in Afghanistan and Pakistan by the end of 2025, and if no further cases, certify countries polio free by the end of 2027.
2. To stop the transmission of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 by the end of 2026 and prevent outbreaks in polio-free regions.

A generation ago, poliomyelitis was a feared disease. paralysing hundreds of thousands of children every year. Most countries have now eliminated the disease, and our generation is close to eradicating it entirely. Something Rotarians can be proud of.



We would encourage all Rotarians to consider making a tax deductible donation to End Polio Now and/or become a member of the Polio Plus Society.

Few realise that the Rotary Polio Eradication program was the ‘brainchild’ of Sir Clem Renouf, an Australian and former RI President. An interview with Sir Clem in 2015 can be viewed on YouTube.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=9yWjt7MO8h8>)

Details on how to make a donation and/or become a member of the Polio Plus Society can be found on the following link:

<https://www.9810rotary.org.au/page/the-rotary-foundation>

To date 16 clubs have donated more than \$1,000 US to End Polio Now. Thank you David Grieve – District 9815 Polio Co-ordinator

### What’s ahead

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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February           | Dinner Meeting 13 at Hong Kong Inn, Drouin at 6.00pm for 6.30pm |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February            | KooWeeRup-Lang Kang ‘Show n Shine’ and Swap Meet                |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February          | Dinner Meeting 13 at Hong Kong Inn, Drouin at 6.00pm for 6.30pm |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> March | Farm World Field Days   |



**Lang Lang Show n Shine and Swap Meet**  
Sunday 9th February 2025  
@ the Lang Lang Showgrounds  
Entry 6am Swap Meet Stall Holders, all Show Vehicles  
7am Public Entry and Trade Stalls / Site holders

Public Entry \$10.00 Per Person (Children under 16 free)

Facebook

Show Car/Bike Entrants \$10 (Including Driver)

Show Car\* Judged Entrants \$15 (Including Driver)  
\*for more information - 0428 307 430

Swap-Meeters \$25 (including Insurance)  
\*some site Approvals/No Booking Required

Trade Sites/Stall Holders  
Have own insurance/Booking Required see website for more details

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your trade specialist

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Bendigo Bank

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Victorian Mower Racing Association  
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More info at: [www.langlangshowshine.com](http://www.langlangshowshine.com)

Email: [info@langlangshowshine.com](mailto:info@langlangshowshine.com)  
Judged Vehicle Entrants: Keith 0429 199 643  
Trade & Swap sites: 0428 0468 987 000  
Sponsorship - Michele 0418 143 997

Evergreen TURF  
Ph: 5945 2100

Our fellow Rotarians in Lang Lang seek volunteers to help out on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

This is the club’s major fundraiser for the year.

Anyone with a few hours to spare and might like to join Ian Symons parking cars or directing traffic are invited to let Secretary Tim know as soon as possible.

### Anniversaries

**Birthdays** Glynn Fankhauser (6 Feb), Gary Surman (6 Feb), Josuha Denehy (11 Feb) and Bob Voght (11 Feb).

**Wedding anniversaries** Kevin & Dianne Roberts (13 February).

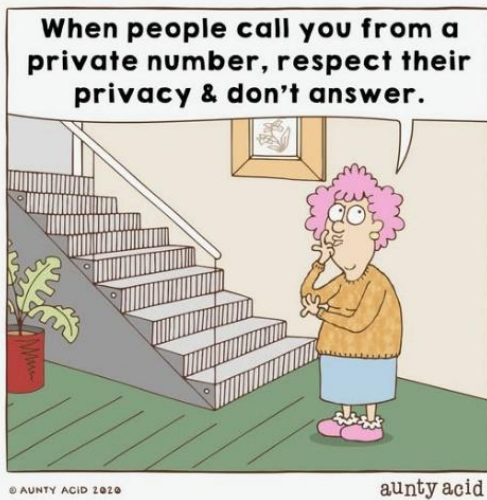
Service

Drouin Secondary College Breakfast Club

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
4th February	Tim & Darren	6th February	David & Pauline
11th February	John T & Tim	13th February	Pauline & Brian
18th February	Judy & Melva	20th February	Roger & Jane
25th February	Lois & Janette	27th February	Russell & Tim

Longwarry Lions Food Relief Deliveries

Drop Off	February 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Drop Off	February 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Drouin	Sue & Marshall (C) Jane & Roger (D) Josh (D) Lois (D)	Warragul	Jacinta & Chris (C) Blake (C) Rob C (C) Nick (W) Di & Tony (W) Pauline & Brian (D) Peter & Bob (D) Sandy & Mike (D)



**DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?**

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoe laces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.