

Last Week's Program:

Chairman – Russell Ford

Dick van Leeuwen – **The History of his management of Florapak**

Dick migrated from Netherlands in 1960, to Sydney and 17 years later he and Janny “migrated” to Drouin.

One of the icons of industry in Drouin was Bill Kraft who worked his way up from office



boy to General Manager at the Drouin Butter Factory. Among his great achievements, and very brave at the time soon after WWII, was to convince his directors to sell product to Japan. When Dick arrived, the company had around 200 employees

In 1947 the ‘Classic Weaving Mills’ was established in Drouin in a very innovative building with saw-tooth roof. It employed mainly women and was a key industry in Drouin

That building became the home of “Florapak Plastic” which moved to Drouin with the help of the Victorian government’s

decentralization program

In 1977 Dick became the manager of a company that had been in receivership for two years and which had a generally “demoralized” staff of sixty.

Over a journey over many years, and through investment in machinery, staff, and innovation and some outside assistance the company transformed into a business that was highly profitable, productive and well regarded.



Editor's Note: Many thanks to Tim for these notes and to Dick for the photographs.

Editor's Note 2:

As I will be absent from Rotary for many of the next 7 weeks, I will need some help with the Bulletin. If you have items, you would like added please send them to me.

Regards – Ian Haughton ianhaughton@dcsi.net.au 0409 802 138



Rotary Club of Drouin Craft and Produce Market 15th Jan

A well-attended market for January and we made a profit of \$..... .

This Week's Program:

Tues 24th January – “Australia Day Eve” is apparently a surprise.

Australia Day :



AUSTRALIA DAY AT CIVIC PARK
8am to 12noon

JANUARY 26th

Featuring... **DSC BAND**

FREE BBQ
Coffee & Tea

• VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY • KIDS AMUSEMENTS & ACTIVITIES • CRAFTS ON DISPLAY

Logos: Australia Day, Bendigo Bank, Community Bank, Rotary Drouin, Lions Club, Apex, CFA

- Volunteers have all been notified
- Covid requirements have been distributed.

Swap Meet 2022:

After the last 3 attempts it's hard to believe that this will go ahead.

But proceed it will, so put that date in your Diary, Calendar, Phone etc

2022 Drouin Swap Meet

Market Stalls, Show & Shine (Classic cars & motorcycles)

at **Lardner Park**

Burnt Store Road, Lardner (Melways Ref: X012U8)

Sunday 10th April, 2022

Program Groups for the Next Few Months

Look for your name in the list below and organise with your colleagues for the dates assigned to you.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Feb 1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd	Mar 1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd	Apr 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	May 3 rd 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	June 7 th , 14 th , 21 st
William Wong	Kevin Roberts	Jane Playdon	D Van Leeuwen	John Franklin
S Candappa	David Veal	Pauline Maunder	Rob Stewart	Tim Wills
Miceal Ambrose	Mark Howes	Anita Coonan	Clarrie Debnam	Graeme Watts
G Fankhauser	Russell Ford	Ian Brooks	Jo McKechnie	Don Blackley
Rex Greenland	Roger Playdon	Ray Howe	Keith Pretty	John Kinrade
Ian Bennett	Colin Gardner	Ian Haughton	Gary Surman	Peter Konjevic
Sharryn Marshall		Tricia Jones	David Proposch	Max Hine
Leigh Bates	Paul Davine	Bob Vogt	Rob Coustley	Keith Cook
Don Kelly	Max Scott	John Tricarico	Judy Alexander	Max Hine

Food Deliveries

you know who you are

Drouin Rotary Club Leadership Team 2021/22

President: **Gary Scanlon**

Secretary/Administration:

Terry Blundell

Treasurer/President Elect/On-to-Conference:

Roger Playdon

Past President/Asst. Youth/ Rotary Centenary

Russell Ford

Directors

Community Service/Projects:

Bill Petschack

Work Force and Resources:

Kevin Roberts

Director Rotary Foundation:

Ian Symons

Youth/New Generations:

Sharryn Marshall

Membership & COVID Support:

Bob Vogt

Insurance & Risk Management:

Ian Haughton

Sergeants-at-Arms:

Ian Haughton/Jane Playdon

Administration Assist Secretary in all areas of administration

Protection Officer: **Ian Symons**

Rotary Family: **Pauline Maunder**

Attendance: **Peter Konjevic**

Property: **William Wong**

Grants Coordinator: **Terry Blundell**

Club Historians: **Don Blackley/Russell Ford**

Market: *Manage preparation for and delivery of the monthly 'Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market'*

Manager: **David Veal**

BBQ Control: **David Proposch**

Support & Manpower: **Max Scott**

Public Image/Publicity: *Manage communications, both internal and external*

PI & Digital Media: **Tim Wills**

Bulletin Editor: **Ian Haughton**

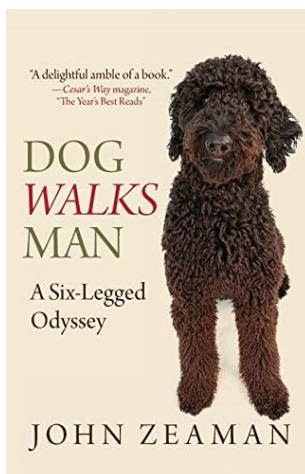
Photography: **Keith Pretty/Clarrie Debnam**



Rotary Readers Round Up

After a flood** of requests from readers, this will re-commence next week.

So if you read a book, (or in my case written one), why not VOLUNTEER to send me a few words for the Bulletin.



If you are a dog lover I recommend the book pictured at left.

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