

Last Week's Program:



Chairman Paul Davine introduced Eileen Darby who spoke to us on her career nursing in most parts of the developing world.

Eileen was born and educated in Dublin and came from a family of many nurses and several people who had worked as missionaries in underdeveloped countries.

After spending time in the National Women's Hospital in Auckland she went on a field trip to Thailand to work in a refugee camp housing Cambodians fleeing the Khmer Rouge. This experience helps her realise that working in the field of assisting the disadvantaged was what she wanted to do.

As well as nursing she has worked with teams delivering Maternal & Child Health Services and education programs for women across the world. A comment Eileen made was "I could never be employed now to do what I did then". The need to have additional qualifications sent her to Wales to obtain a Master's Degree in Public

Health.

Eileen recounted her life working and living in countries virtually all over the world. Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Nepal, Gaza and South America.

Many of her postings have been with World Vision.

Eileen's faith remains important to her throughout her life although with the constantly increasing number of refugees across the world she sometimes wonders if her work had made any difference. She has been somewhat comforted in statistics showing a reduction in infant mortality rates in the countries in which she has worked but there is still so much more needing to be done.

However Eileen has decided that this work needs to be performed by younger people than herself and is happily retiring to her property and garden in Bunyip.

Despite the challenges of her work she emphasized that she had learnt so much more from the people she was helping than they had from her.

Office Bearers Needed:

Treasurer 2022-23

President Nominee for the 2023-24 Rotary Year.

Roger spoke passionately and with a degree of anxiety about the lack of candidates for these positions.

He emphasised that the holders of these positions are not expected to do everything and that many tasks can be delegated to the Board and other members of the club.

The Board will contain members who have done these jobs in the past and will provide assistance.

Farmworld Roster

The **Roster** will be **emailed** to everyone **on Weds 23rd March**.

If you have any availability issues, clashes contact Gary Scanlon on 0408 149 802.

Please return your Safety Vest **BEFORE YOU GO HOME** as Gary will need them all.

Tools For East Gippsland

The five tool sheds, constructed for remote communities in East Gippsland, have now arrived in the staging area in Bairnsdale. These sheds have been built by carpentry students at Swinburne College, under arrangements set up by the Rotary Club of Croydon/Montrose.

The plan is that these sheds will finally be delivered to sites where we will fill them with tools provided under a concurrent project by the Rotary Club of Drouin.



The intention is that, when established, these sheds will become a 'library' of tools available to be borrowed by residents (and later returned) in the same way that others borrow books from a library.

The tools from Drouin have also been delivered to Bairnsdale and 7 volunteers from Lakes will start the process of sorting and allocating the tools next week.

It's great to see this long-term project taking another step forward.

Rotary Stand at Farmworld

There will be a stand in the Baw Baw Pavilion promoting Rotary and seeking to attract new members.

It is being managed by Di Carson of Warragul but is a District 9820 (or 9815) stand.

Volunteers are still being sought for four-hour shifts on each day,

Market Saturday 19th March

The Saturday was slightly plagued by wind but was a fine day. The Treasurer will have the figures at the next meeting. The Market made \$1056, and the Bar B que made \$689. This is a remarkable figure for the BBQ given that Dick Van Leeuwen was not there to help out.

David Veal is away for the next market which is Easter Saturday. He needs a **replacement** to do his job on the day. He will do the Pre-Market paperwork etc

Swap Meet 2022:

2022 Swap Meet & Show'n Shine



at **Lardner Park Sunday 10th April 2022**

Details at <https://www.drouinrotary.com/>

Swap Meet on Sunday 10th April will need involvement of all members who can be there

Thanks to Ian Brooks and Dick Van Leeuwen for distributing Swap Meet/ Show & Shine flyers at the Leongatha swap meet on Sunday 20th March.

Rotary Stall at Swap Meet

The Rotary Club of Drouin usually holds a Stall at Swap Meet where Rotarians and their families can sell their unwanted treasure.

You will need to label all your items with a price and your phone number so that a buyer can negotiate with you if you are working somewhere else.

A Volunteer is needed to staff this stall. Instructions will be available

Swap Meet planning meeting will be held on

Weds 30th March 22, 2022

at 9:30 am

At Ian & Jeannie Haughton's @ 18 Cook Rd Drouin

Morning Tea will be provided

Upcoming Meetings

Tues 29th March – Social Night at the “The Carvery” in Drouin. 6:00 pm start.
 If you would like to attend Call John Tricarico 0419 342 489

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 3	Group 4	Group 5
Apr 12th, 19th, 26th	May 3rd 10th, 17th, 24th	June 7th, 14th, 21st
Jane Playdon	D Van Leeuwen	John Franklin
Pauline Maunder	Rob Stewart	Tim Wills
Anita Coonan	Clarrie Debnam	Graeme Watts
Ian Brooks	Jo McKechnie	Don Blackley
Ray Howe	Keith Pretty	John Kinrade
Ian Haughton	Gary Surman	Peter Konjevic
Tricia Jones	David Proposch	Max Hine
Bob Vogt	Rob Coustley	Keith Cook
John Tricarico	Judy Alexander	Max Hine

March 2020 - not allowed to travel more than 5 kms

March 2022- can't afford to drive more than 5 kms

News from Russia

A Moscow man buys newspaper from a street seller, glances at front page, throws it straight in the bin.

The next day he does the same thing again. And the next day, same again.

Eventually, seller snaps. "Why DO you do that?"

He replies "Oh, I'm just checking for an obituary"

The seller responds, "But obituaries aren't even on the front page!" to which the man replies

"Oh, the one I'm looking for will be".