

Rotary International President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21,

Rotary Opens Opportunities,

asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership,

help put service ideas into action and improve the lives of those in need.

Future Events

25th May - Shelly Boyce - The Southern Highlands Foundation

1 June - **VENUE KAZCARE** - Kirkham Road - Community Cooking School Demonstration - Limited numbers please advise ASAP if you would like to attend.

22 June - First Responders

29 June - Changeover - Drinks will be provided - Book your table now.

Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position.

Meeting Notes - May 18th 2021

Venue: The Hermitage, 843 Old South Road, Mittagong

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Welcome: Guests and visiting Rotarians - John Bunter, Sue Adams, Mara de Jongh, Rosemary Eddowes,

Invocation: Jo Chalmers

International Toast: Brian Pattinson

As we all know Rotary started in Chicago in 1905 when four business friends who shared lunch each week rotating between their offices, decided to do something useful together so they built a public toilet block.

That seemed to be a good idea and it spread quickly throughout the United States and Canada and soon jumped the Atlantic into the United Kingdom and Ireland. Clubs followed in Cuba in 1916, the Philippines in 1919 and India in 1920 but it wasn't until 1921 that the Association of Rotary Clubs sent two Commissioners to Australia and New Zealand to spread the word like missionaries.

They arrived in Sydney during Easter Show Week which was a big event in those days and they found it was closed and on holiday so they decided to try their luck in Melbourne. They found a receptive audience and had the Rotary Club of Melbourne Chartered on 21st April, 1921 with such notable Charter Members as General Sir John Monash, a civil engineer famous for his leadership in the First World War and by then Chief Commissioner of the Victorian State Electricity Commission and Sir John Latham, early Federal Attorney General who established the High Court of Australia and was later its Chief Justice.

The Club provided the first Australian President of Rotary International, Sir Angus Mitchell in 1948/49. When they returned to Sydney the Commissioners raised the Rotary Club of Sydney on 1st May, 1921 and they went on to Auckland and Wellington starting Clubs there in June of 1921. Today there are 21 Districts, 1100 Clubs and over 30 000 Rotarians in Australia and altogether we have all done a lot of good.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne in District 9800 now has over 250 Members and its President is Marion Macleod. In celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia would you please raise your glasses and toast the President and Members of the First Rotary Club in Australia, the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Announcements:

Housekeeping - Please refrain from swapping meals until the table has been served. Swapping and requesting meals makes delivery difficult for staff.

Banner presentation - Past member Sue Adams, RC of Mitchell River (Bairnsdale).



Ray Williams farewell - Ray Williams Foundation - Bali Foundation - See flyer

Welcome to new member Leigh Robinson, officially now a member of our Club.

Tony Glenn - Spoke briefly about Ray Williams and about some of the Ray's history. It is unfortunate that we learn so much about people after their demise.

Bob Barrett - SH Renal Appeal - Finally a 6-8 bed Renal Appeal has been approved and we are expecting the unit to be opened in August.

Tulip Times Bulletin - seeking journalists to assist with weekly preparation.

Leigh Robinson - Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards - To recognise women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of Service Above Self - See flyer

Shed - Requires a cleanup. Please contact Brian Ritson if you are able to assist.

Ken Adams - Uniting Church bathroom - Open on both Monday and Wednesdays or by appointment. Uniting Church is running a clothing appeal for donation to the homeless. \$110k from Government, + grants and donations. The congregation also contributed \$10k. The pantry is also continuing to operate.



Robert de Jongh - Wood trailer - After tomorrow ready for action. Now need some wood and ready to sell. Load of wood \$200. Members please promote and procure sales.

Science & Engineering Challenge - planning well under way. Have volunteers, just need to ensure you have current WWC clearance. May 31st and June 1st.

Presentation - Will Eddowes - BlazeAid



A group of members went to Adelong over several weeks.

Commenced in 2009 after the Black Friday fires - Were able to recruit volunteers to assist in fencing

Now BlazeAid gets involved with both fires and floods. Has a very practical input, however, also provides a psychological assistance seeing volunteers coming to help.

The Adelong job commenced 6 January. Since this time build 6.3km of fencing erected.

Process:

Breakfast: From 6:30

Muster: 7:15

Before leaving camp volunteers make their own lunch. Depending upon where you are going the landholders may provide morning & afternoon tea.

Travel to job with 4WD and trailer. Tasks included removal of old fencing prior to erection.

CUB donated special water cans for the volunteers.

Accommodation - cabins at Caravan Park - about 1.5km to camp.



Raffle: David McCosh - no cigar.

May Birthdays:

Rod Aistrop 3rd
Jo Chalmers 16th
Jim Gasson 22nd
Will Eddowes 26th
Brian Pattinson 31st

In lieu of flowers please consider making a
Donation to Bali Children Foundation

Bali Children
FOUNDATION
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The Ray Williams
Memorial
Scholarship
By Courtney Gugusheff

\$157
Raised

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Community Cooking School

We hope you have enjoyed our classes so far in 2021! It has been fab to reopen the doors and see so many smiling faces again.

Just a heads up we have now released the next class "Breakkie Bonanza" online for sale to be held Friday 28 May @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Sick of battling the crowds in town at the moment to get your favourite Sunday breakkie? Us too! Become the ultimate breakfast master in this cooking class & we will teach you how to poach eggs like a pro, make hollandaise from scratch, plus a few sweet brekkie dishes that will melt in your mouth, all for less than the cost of one breakkie at your favourite cafe!

Join in for all the laughs, all the fun & delicious food! Can't make it, tell all your friends & get them to join in or donate a class to someone in need.

Book via the link - we hope to see you again soon.

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