



# Rotary

## Club of Eaglehawk



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**We meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes, please see below for details on the program for coming Club meetings and activities.**

### *Dates and duty to Remember*

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December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bookshop	Joh Gurr & Eric Smith

**This is the last newsletter for this year. I would to thank all the members who have supported me with information and photos to make an informative and fun weekly read. Merry Christmas to you all. Deb**

**We wish you a very happy birthday!!**

**12<sup>th</sup> Jan Rita O'Brien**

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan Lindsay Walkington**



### **In memory**

We remember Gordon McKern as the anniversary of his death was two weeks ago. Gordon was such a stalwart in Rotary not only in our club but in our district and much further afield. We will have a meal early next year to mark his passing.

Rita gave a terrific invocation in honour of Gordon, thank you Rita.

## President Geoff's report

Hi all

A special welcome to **Gary and Lola Frank** and to **Alf Thorpe and Joye O'Meara**.



We had apologies from Tim Watts, Geoff Adcock, Rita O'Brien and Mary Preston.

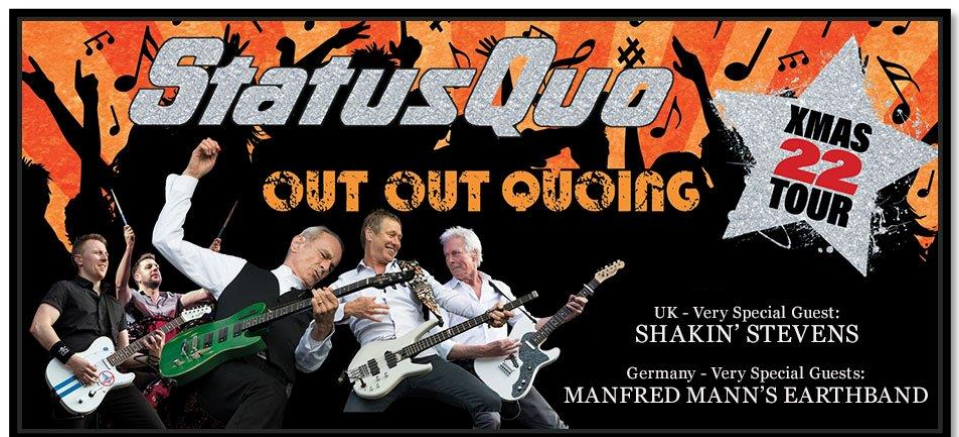
I reported on the recent BBQs. Last Friday was the university health department followed by the Eaglehawk bash, I know it was an exhausting day for our helpers.



**Many thanks to Ron, Eric, Mick and Lindsay and on Friday night it was Eric, Mick and Brian. Sunday was Mick and Mandy, Jenny, Alison and Eric. Tuesday morning Alison, Mick and Mandy, Eric and Laurie Preston and Tuesday night was Mick and Mandy, Trevor, Eric and John Jones. I haven't felt like cooking or eating a BBQ since.**

Car parking next Saturday evening and our last BBQ is on Sunday in the Park. Numbers look good for the parking however we need an extra helper for Sunday between 10.30am and about 1.00pm. The combined trailer raffle is to be drawn next Monday night and we had some raffle tickets to fold. Sales look like being \$40,000.00 which is a terrific effort.

Our guest speaker was **Gary Frank** who had recently returned from Scotland where he attended a couple of Status Quo concerts, and a Tribute Status Quo band concert all in a 5-day period. To say that Gary is a big fan would be an understatement. Gary also produced a bottle of Scotch Whiskey which he generously shared with the members.



We had a very special surprise guest in Santa Claus, Santa gave us all a lolly bag which also contained a whistle. We played Jingle Bells for him, and he discreetly told me that it was the worst rendition he had ever heard. I hope it hasn't turned him off coming back to Eaglehawk. Thanks go to Eric as he has a close connection to Santa.

As you would know Alf resigned earlier in the year and Gary had resigned recently. We presented Alf and Gary with a small token of our gratitude and thanked them for their service over the years, they will be welcomed back at any time.



Mick kindly conducted his traditional Christmas Edition “Dunny Roll Cup”, the participants this year were John Pearce and Lynne Cooper.

Lynne narrowly won after John’s glass came off the dunny roll.

We presented **Mick Costello** with a pack to take with him to the UK. I have added the presentation as a couple of people had asked me for it. Over the years many famous Australians have given our British neighbours a very bad impression of us. For example, Bazza McKenzie who was little more than a drunken Yobbo.



Sir Les Pattison was the same. Dame Edna Everage is a bit of a loudmouth. Our cricketers with a few exceptions have given us little to be proud of. We are hoping that as **Mick and Mandy** head off to the United Kingdom, they can help to reverse this poor image of Australians, especially as they will be meeting their daughter’s prospective in-laws for the first time. Very well bred and influential people I believe.

We have put together a little pack for you Mick, to help you convince the British we have evolved from convicts and have rehabilitated ourselves.

- Firstly, a cuddly Wombat, an often-forgotten marsupial, please don’t mention their eating habits.
- Some bottles of English beer to help you condition yourself. I believe it is best served hot, the way the weather is over there I’m sure you won’t mind.
- A packet of Twisties, a favourite snack of visiting British tourists whilst in Australia.
- Some batteries for your hearing aid, we got the large ones to last for your stay.
- Australia has been long known for its sporting aptitude, and we know of your passion for the Richmond football club, so we have gotten you a Hawthorn cap, and a membership. See one year. We are sure that the British have heard of the calibre of Richmond supporters by now.
- We will long remember that as president, you would often leave your hearing aids and glasses at home. Here is some string to tie around your finger or better still around your glasses to prevent you from losing them.
- And now for the cultural side of Australia.
  1. As our international ambassador please give away this Kamahl record. “Around the World” featuring Kamahl’s favourite and biggest hit Waltzing Matilda. I’m positive the recipient will treasure it.
  2. A Graham Kennedy DVD featuring some great Australian bird calls.
  3. To prove we are a cultured people, a play book of Romeo and Juliet. Please memorise it prior to leaving, you will impress everyone you come across by your rendition of their most famous dramaturge.

Remember if you do happen to meet our new “Head of State “it is King Charles the 3<sup>rd</sup> not King Charles the Turd. Please have a safe and happy trip with your family and we hope you get to see a “White Christmas”.

And we finished the night by folding 2000 raffle tickets, we are grateful to Bendigo South who will be folding the other 6000.

**We wish Sue Watts a speedy recovery from her recent surgery and hope to see her in the New Year.**

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to catching up in the New Year.

Until next year

Have a happy Christmas and stay safe.

*Geoff Gallagher*



## Club Happenings



**PP Gary Frank** is the latest of our members to join Rotary's Paul Harris Society. This involves making a pledge to contribute \$US1000 annually to our Foundation.

Over the years our club has enjoyed a proud history of having many of our members as PHS donors and this continues today.

Our photo shows Gary receiving his certificate and PHS wings from club member and District Governor-Elect, Ron Payne.

Well done and thank you Gary. We look forward to your ongoing support of our Foundation.

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YOU

A big thank you to **Rita O'Brien** for her ongoing support of the Eaglehawk Rotary club. The bookshop has been very busy and very successful financially, reported John Gurr to the club. We need to support this venture alongside Rita so many adults and children get to read good quality second hand books.



During his travels to Scotland Gary visited RC Glasgow North.

Gary exchanged club banners and is seen here presenting their banner to President Geoff.



During his club visit Gary met their District Governor, Gail Savage, who provided him with banners to present to the club and to DGE Ron.

Gail will be visiting Melbourne for next year's RI World Convention.

## Lynne reports:

I've written up a short thank-you letter to Rotary as a whole which outlines the success I've found in my professional life due to the support that Rotary has uplifted me with.

I was not 100% sure exactly what my contention was, so the message is more generally thankful for what experiences I've partaken in with support and direction ultimately derived from experiences with yourself and Rotary as a whole. You'll find the letter written below.

Thank you so much Lynne. Much Love, Lennon

Hi, I'm Lennon Logan. I've been privileged enough to participate in some amazing experiences that I would not have if it had not been for Rotary ushering me and encouraging me to participate. My first involvement with Rotary was in 2017. I was a successful applicant to the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and very graciously sponsored by the Rotary Club of Strathdale. This opportunity ultimately set the direction of my future, by motivating me to find comfort in science and mathematics as a career.

This amazing experience at NYSF was just the beginning of my Rotary involvement. I began to understand how important community involvement is when I became a Friend of Rotary, assisting when I could lend my free time towards the community. I saw involvement through sausage sizzles and gift-wrapping fundraisers, where Rotary continued to foster me by recommending me to pursue the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) where I was moulded into a Leader of the Future. Furthermore, I've assisted in rotary programs by partaking in multiple years of the NYSF application and interview committee.

Now, after strengthened by these many amazing support programs, I have graduated from university with an Honours of Mathematics and a Bachelor of Science. All while being a successful applicant of Bureau of Meteorology's Graduate Meteorology program. Succinctly, I'm going to be a Weather Forecaster. Ultimately, I've success in my personal and professional life from the love and support that Rotary as a whole, and a beautiful Rotarian, has to offer. Everything that Rotary does is beautifully for the greater humanity as a whole, and I intend to extend this love that's been offered to me back towards the greater community. Thank you so much for everything you do and keep doing your amazing work.



## Up Coming Events

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| Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> | Great Stupa Car Parking 7:30 – 9:30pm      |
| Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> | CFA Christmas – Canterbury Park 12.00 noon |



**Thank you for volunteering**



We wish all our Rotary family, their loved ones and friends a very Merry Christmas.

Here's to a New Year filled with good health, happiness and prosperity!



## The Melbourne Convention – May 2023

We have been promoting the Convention to be held in Melbourne next May. Click on the icon below to find out how to go about registering. We would love to see our members trying to be involved in this worldwide Rotary event.



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## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The Rotary Leadership Institute Program presents a wonderful opportunity for experienced Rotarians, new members and indeed people interested in finding out more about Rotary to take some time to experience the history, current and new initiatives related to this great organisation we call Rotary.

**It is especially relevant for people moving into leadership roles in the club.**

### **Part 1 & 2:**

**In this session you will:**

- Learn innovative ideas and strategies to influence improvement in your club
- Learn how to attract and retain new members
- Explore the resources in My Rotary and learn how these can help you and your club
- Find out about the structure of Rotary at Club, District, National and International level.
- Learn about effective leadership styles and behaviours when working with volunteers.
- Explore tips that work in effective Rotary teams and the importance of planning.

### **Part 3:**

**In this session you will:**

- Understand about The Avenues of Service in your club and other clubs, projects that exist and the goals and purpose of such projects.
- Learn how to access funds to support projects.
- Gain an insight into the Rotary Foundation
- Learn about opportunities to secure District and International Grants.

### **Part 4:**

**In this session you will:**

- Learn effective strategies in promoting the great work done by your club members.
- Learn a technique that will enable you to tell the stories that make your projects important for others.
- Learn tips and techniques that enable you effectively to use social and print media.
- Prepare and deliver short, impactful, and engaging information about "your Rotary" experience.

### **Next Session:**

**Part 1 and 2   Saturday 4 March at 10am for 90 minutes**

**Part 3                Saturday 18 March at 10am for one hour**

**Part 4                Saturday 25 March at 10am for one hour**

To register email Jane Pennington

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**There is a limit of 20 people for each program.**