



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Meeting arrangements vary week to week so please see below for details on the program for each Club meeting.

December Birthdays

5th Roy Parker
12th Mandy Costello
14th Gary Frank

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

December 23 rd and 30 th January 6 th	No Formal Club Meetings
January 13 th	Club Social Event – TBA
January 20 th	TBA
January 26 th	Australia Day Community Breakfast
January 27 th	TBA

Best wishes to all Rotarians and families throughout our vast amazing network worldwide. We hope that everyone has the chance to spend time with family and friends and to take the time out of our busy schedules to truly appreciate the wonders we have around us. Let's close out the year amongst those who are dear to us and cheer in 2021.



President Mick's Report



"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."

— Burton Hills

Last night was our last meeting for the year and our Christmas Breakup, we had a small crowd but I think we all had an enjoyable time.

One of the highlights of the night was the inaugural Dunny role challenge run over 3000mm, with Alf Thorpe taking the title of Champion.

To add the excitement of the night we had a Bookmaker taking bets on the outcome. Followed by Trevor Lock leading us in singing of some Christmas tunes.

One of the highlights of the night was the drawing of the winning ticket of the Grange Raffle.



Alf was a picture of concentration in the first heat and clearly quite pleased to have defeated Geoff.



Congratulation to Ruth Hargreaves of Mt. Waverley on winning the raffle and a big thank you goes to John Jones who has done all the work in organizing it all.

PP John Johnes delivering the 10 bottles of Grange to Ruth Hargreaves – a very excited winner. We also thank Ruth sincerely for her additional financial contribution to our club, her way of acknowledging the work we do.

Being my last report for the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for sticking by me and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk in these challenging times. Initially the restrictions that COVID presented for us to deal with but then followed many resignations over the last 6 months. Definitely unprecedented times.

From this week's meeting it is clear to see we have a group that enjoy each other's company and are in a position to move the Club forward.

So in closing I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas and hopefully 2021 is going to be a far better year for everyone.

Mick Costello
President 2020-2021





Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary

‘100 Acts of Kindness’ ~ 2020-2021

1. Our club contributed \$5000 to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Program Fund to support educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs and projects throughout the world.
2. PP Alison Bacon undertook the making of cloth masks to support our member’s endeavours of complying with Covid-19 restrictions while making a few dollars for the club at the same time.
3. President-elect Gary Frank has been regularly phoning members during the current pandemic just to check that they are going OK.
4. Realising that fundraising will be difficult during lockdown, PP John Jones has organised another Grange raffle in an endeavour to boost the club’s finances.
5. PP Ron Payne undertook the ‘End Polio Walk’ with family and club members sponsoring \$1128 towards the cause.
6. Lola Frank paid for the coffee of the people in the car following her through the McDonald’s drive-through.
7. Trevor Lock spent many hours touching up the paint work of the figurines in the Nativity scene which has been put on display at Christmas in Eaglehawk for many decades.
8. President Mick Costello is helping his invalid mate Geoff recover from surgery by taking him for a walk around the lake each morning.
9. PP Alison Bacon donated 60 insulated grocery bags to the Eaglehawk Community House for them to use for their community meal distributions.

Have you, or members of your family, done something which we could connect to a Rotary effort of being kind to somebody. If so, send a short description to Ron Payne at ronald_payne1952@outlook.com and we’ll include it as part of our club’s efforts towards achieving ‘100 Acts of Kindness’ in recognition of 100 Years of Rotary.

Our list will be updated and included in our weekly Bulletin. We will progressively promote our list across the community also.

Managing Risk to Avoid Risky Management

By Rowan McClean, D9800 Chair Club Service

When assessing risk management, it is important to recognise that it is impossible for us to foresee all eventualities. COVID-19 is a prime example of this and has resulted in the postponement or cancellation of many Rotary projects planned for 2020.



Effective risk management involves having a method to identify the nature and degree of risk that might be faced, and then applying sound planning and implementation processes to manage it.

Rotary clubs have two main areas of risk, being governance (strategic) risks, and, projects (operational) risks. In this article we look at governance.

Dr Lynda Bourne, Monash University Lecturer and past CEO of Stakeholder Management Pty Ltd, defines good governance as design, implementation and compliance, with five key areas (Rotary terminology in brackets):

1. Objectives (vision, mission and strategic plan)
2. Ethics (the Four-Way Test)
3. Culture (how people interact with one another)
4. Compliance (regulatory, statutory, legal), and
5. Governance framework (the club's constitution & bylaws)

The single greatest strategic risk Rotary clubs face is one that is top of mind for all of us....

A membership recruitment and retention plan is undoubtedly the core part of a club strategic plan. If a club doesn't have such a plan, its survival in the longer term will be under threat.

Another significant strategic risk is compliance. Rotary has both Rotary International oversight of compliance and local regulatory requirements, each creating an increased workload in recent years. Compliance for voluntary organisations has become more demanding, but clubs have no option but to pay it attention.

So, for dealing with governance (strategic) risk:

- Identify risks, the probability of them occurring, and the impact if they do occur
- Monitor relevant Rotary International guidelines and local regulations
- Develop strategies for protecting the club, and,
- Build these into the club strategic plan.

In a future article we will look at operational risk management. After all, projects are the core reason for our being.

A refresher for planning for our meetings –

As a club we are fortunate to have the Mechanics facility for our meetings and club events. This also means that we need to plan and consider all those who help us to ensure our nights run smoothly and everyone is able to enjoy the experience. Additionally, we need to ensure we don't incur unnecessary costs. Some time ago the board decided upon a process to ensure we maintained accurate numbers for catering purposes so here is a reminder for us all as to what we need to do –



1. If you are a member it is presumed that you will be attending the meeting and requiring a meal each week. This means that a meal will be ordered on your behalf and payment for such is required.
2. If you are NOT going to be able to attend the meeting then you will need to advise the President before 5.00pm on the Monday immediately prior to the meeting that you are an apology and will not be requiring a meal.
3. If you are bringing a guest then you need to advise the President as per 2. above.
4. A member is responsible to pay for any meal that has been ordered on your behalf.

It has been so long since we enjoyed the 'normal' meeting experience that we may be out of sorts for a while but if we all work together we can quickly get back into the groove.

Rotary Club Polo Shirts

We currently have in stock some surplus new club polo shirts. These are available for just \$33.00 each and can be paid for and collected from Alison.

- 1 x 2XL Polo Shirt
- 2 x 3XL Polo Shirt
- 1 x 5XL Polo Shirt



District Governor's Message

Connecting with the world

2020 is rapidly coming to a close, and it's wonderful to know that in our District we can again experience face-to-face club meetings. However, it is vitally important that we do not become complacent about COVID-safe measures. Immediate Past District Governor Grant Hocking has provided sound advice in this edition of *Networker* on ensuring safe meeting practices, and I urge all Rotarians to heed this information.



Lockdown has provided us all with the opportunity to learn more about technology, in particular using video conferencing for meetings. This has also made it possible to "visit" and connect with clubs worldwide through joining their online meetings. If you are interested in doing this, the [Club Finder tool](#) can assist you to locate other clubs and their meeting information. It is important that clubs keep club meeting information up-to-date via this tool, so that others can join your meetings.

Last weekend, I was both inspired and encouraged by the online Model United Nations Assembly so well organised by Rotary North Melbourne President Neville Page and his team from the Club and around the District, assisted by the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne. It was the first time that international teams were able to participate, with one from New Zealand and two from India. The lively debate from these intelligent and impressive young people left me feeling confident that the future is in good hands. I congratulate everyone involved in this wonderful event.

I am also delighted to advise that 56 "super clusters", each with up to 15 Rotary clubs, from across Australia have been successful in obtaining approvals for a \$20,000 grant each from the National Australia Day Council for our Rotarians and clubs to celebrate Australia Day under the theme **"Reflect, Respect, Celebrate - We are all part of the story"**. Rotary across Australia will be live-streaming an exciting central event from Melbourne that will feature a fabulous line-up of speakers and entertainment. Whilst there have been some corners within Rotary expressing concern about celebrating Australia Day, I want to assure everyone, that this event has been organised with sensitivity and in consultation with our First Peoples. With that in mind, I encourage all Rotarians to get behind this opportunity to celebrate our heritage and culture with your local communities. After all, Rotarians know how to connect with people, and we sure know how to party!

This Sunday, the 13th, will be the final [Rotary in Harmony](#) event for this year and will be a celebration of Christmas carols by local and international performers. There will also be a very special guest for the children and young at heart. Please book before Sunday for what promises to be a wonderful event.

Have a great week everyone—Rotary bridges cultures and connects continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

Ensuring COVID Safety as Restrictions Ease

By Immediate Past District Governor Grant Hocking ASM

As Incorporated organisations, it is incumbent on leaders of Rotary clubs and Districts, and those organising events, to ensure the safety of members and guests by minimising risk at all meetings, functions and events.



In the case of restrictions relating to COVID-19, current Victorian restrictions must be in place at your events and meetings. It is essential that you work with venues and businesses to ensure that the necessary requirements are met. This includes the appropriate spacing between members at events/meetings, the recording of details of those in attendance, and to avoid events/meetings if members are feeling unwell.

Why are these safety measures important?

1. COVID-19 samples are still being found in waste treatment facilities
2. A good percentage of people can carry the virus and yet have no symptoms
3. Rotarians are in the higher risk age group
4. Returning passengers from overseas re-entering Victoria increases the risk
5. There is increased risk as some restrictions ease and people become more complacent.

The [Department of Health and Human Services website](#) provides a clear explanation of the requirements intended to lower risk as it relates to COVID-19.

1. The 2-metre density rule

The aim for hospitality is to have one person in every 2 square metre area.

This means that ideally there is a seat in every 1.5m section (1.5m x 1.5m will roughly provide a 2 m sq area). (I know its 2.25 sq m, but this is from the DHHS website).

2 metres

Area =
2 square metres (2m²)



1 metre

For example, if an outdoor space is 8 metres long and 1 metre wide, its total area is 8 square metres. Its density quotient is 2, so no more than 4 people would be permitted to be in the outdoor space at the same time. The density quotient must be rounded down, e.g. a density quotient of 9.68 becomes 9 patrons. The spaces specifically available for staff only (for example, behind bars or counters) are not included when calculating the density quotient for customers.

It does not mean that because you have a large room of 100 square meters you can fit 50 and then you squeeze them into a 50 square meter space and leave 50 sq meters as empty space.

2. There must be a list of patron details kept at every venue, and ideally done by QR code (DHHS website). This will assist with contact tracing if a positive COVID-19 case is identified.

3. Lastly, individuals should also be informed of the symptoms of COVID and if exhibiting any signs, then avoid attending functions. If symptoms develop whilst at an event, then it is advisable to leave immediately.

The symptoms are:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- Some people may also experience headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

If you have **any** of these symptoms, however mild, you should not socialise, but seek medical advice and get tested.

These measures will ensure we comply with the current restrictions and not put anyone's health at risk.

EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL INC

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday December 10th 2020

Dahlia & Arts to Return

After the enormous disappointment in having to cancel the 2020 Festival, planning for the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts 2021 Festival is now well advanced with the theme "Over the Bridge".

Festival President David Richards OAM said it was an agonising decision in balancing the Health and Safety of our population, with that of lifting the spirits of the community, which has endured 9 months of concern, triggered by the Covid Pandemic.

We now believe that with the support of the Community we can now run a Festival safely and bring joy to the whole community.

The 2021 Festival will feature all of the popular events from previous years plus a new event in remote controlled yachting on Lake Neangar.

And next year we have something very special to celebrate as it will be 50 years since Sir Rohan Delacombe, Gov Gen of Australia, opened the very first Festival in 1972.

The 2021 Festival will be officially opened on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at the Eaglehawk Town Hall. On opening night winners of the Flack Advisory Youth Scholarship will be announced along with the literary competition and the Lola Miller Short Film Competition.

What will follow will be five days of activities including the ever popular Eaglehawk UFS Dispensary Street Parade, Art Shows, Buskers, Library activities, Heritage display, Flower show, Cycling Criterium, Gala Fair, Empowering Eaglehawk Sunday Family day, performances by the Central Victorian Lion Teams, Trivia Night, Yachting and conclude with a free Film Night at the Star Cinema.

For further information please contact the Festival President David Richards, OAM, on 0432 520 626

The following excerpt from an email received by the club – a great indication for the community support and validation for our recent decision to move the Nativity Scene –

To Rotary Club of Eaglehawk members.

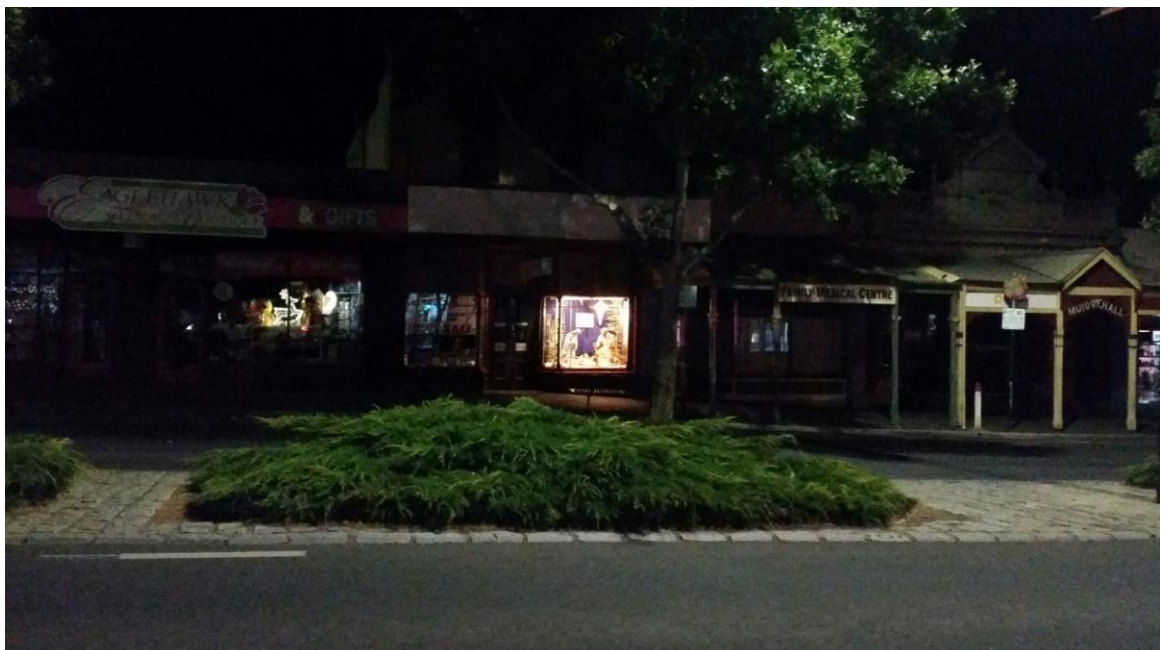
RE: Eaglehawk Town Hall Nativity Scene.

I write to congratulate your members in the new location of the Eaglehawk Town Hall Nativity Scene. It looks fantastic along with the history comments of how it all started. Well done! It brought back many happy memories to me. Our Mum was one of several ladies who would assist Muriel Roy each year to arrange it.

It looked great at the Town hall but to be able to read the history and get up close to see all the detail just adds another dimension to our beloved "Borough".

Well done and may all your members have a wonderful Christmas/New Year.

David and Judy Richards.



Rotary Fellowships and Interest Groups—Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

By Helena Wimpole

The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship is one of the most enjoyable social groups for Rotarians worldwide. Its objective is for its members to learn more about wine, wine and food pairings and any other topics related to the appreciation of wine so that their own appreciation of good wine will be enhanced. Sharing knowledge and experiences and learning from the many wine experts and knowledgeable Rotarians throughout the world is a key focus of this Fellowship.



Wine is an alcoholic drink typically made from fermented [grape](#) juice, but other fruit can also be used. Yeast is added to the crushed fruit, which converts the sugar content into ethanol, carbon dioxide and heat. Different varieties of grapes and strains of yeasts produce different styles of wine, resulting from the complexities of the biochemical development of the grape, the fermentation reactions, the fruit growing environment and the production process.

The popularity of wine has meant that it has taken root on nearly every continent. Wine consumption was evident in Biblical times, however the history of wine goes back many centuries earlier. In China, there is evidence of a rice and grape fermented drink from around 7000 BC, and wine making was found to exist in Georgia c6000 BC, Iran from 5000 BC, Greece c4500 BC and Armenia and Sicily from c4000 BC. In Medieval Europe, monks produced considerable quantities of wine for religious purposes, personal use and for sale, making handsome profits.

Wine was introduced into Australia when Governor Arthur Phillip brought vines with him on the First Fleet in 1788. By the 1890s, the Hunter Valley, Barossa Valley and Yarra Valley had begun to produce wine. Now, Western Australia and Tasmania also produce good wines. Currently, Australia is the 7th largest manufacturer of wine in the world and the quality of our wine is highly regarded.

The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship has an email newsletter and members are encouraged to visit an interactive website for updates, features, articles and information on wine events and trips. As with other Fellowships, funds raised from its events support various Rotary projects.

More information can be found at <http://www.rotarywine.net/newsletter.html>

A Message from RI President Holger Knaack

Dear district governors,

In these difficult days, we are so heartened to receive such uplifting reports on the unrelenting efforts of our Rotary members who have responded in their communities against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, the single question we hear time and again as we traverse the virtual world is, "Are we getting involved with COVID vaccination?" Considering the success and expertise we have gained in our polio eradication effort, this question is both natural and timely.

The answer is yes. We will have an important role in the months ahead.

This does not mean we will deviate in any way from our avowed commitment to eradicating polio, which remains our highest priority and will continue to be our only corporate program. Polio vaccinations and surveillance activities must continue unabated, as must our effort to raise \$50 million per year for this effort.

But as we know, there is a pandemic sweeping the world. The Board of RI and the Trustees of our Foundation met in joint session and have agreed that we have a role to play.

We ask you, then, to encourage your clubs to:

- Utilize Rotary's knowledge of vaccine safety and efficacy based on our polio eradication experience to conduct vaccination education and communication outreach in your communities. This will need to be tailored to local contexts to address unique cultural and regional needs. Your leadership will be critical in crafting the appropriate messages and strategies.
- Engage, where appropriate, with our current polio eradication partners WHO and UNICEF at the country level to offer Rotary's support to COVID-19 response activities, including vaccination efforts.
- Partner at the local level with governments, corporations, and foundations to support Rotary activities at the country level.

Through hundreds of global grants and projects, Rotary members have demonstrated what we can accomplish to raise awareness, deliver critical personal protection equipment, and provide support for frontline health workers. As you learn of work being done in your area, please encourage clubs to add to the more than 3,000 projects already registered on [Rotary Showcase](#) (please log in to My Rotary first, and navigate to Rotary Showcase). We would like to know about them.

We have one final call to action: Help us combat the powerful, growing force of vaccine resistance and misinformation. Our advocacy in our communities will be critical — we need to spread the message about the power of vaccines to save lives.

Working together, we have done so much to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, to care for our communities, and to prepare Rotarians for the work ahead.

We do this for ourselves and for future generations. We do this as part of our obligation to support our world as it faces the most significant challenge of this generation.

Thank you.

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

K.R. Ravindran
Chair, The Rotary Foundation



District Governor's Message

Season's Greetings

We will hear the same sentiment expressed many times over coming weeks, as we speed toward 2021...what a year 2020 has been!

Whilst no one has been spared the impact of COVID-19 and the economic decline, I feel so proud of the way Rotarians have supported one another and our communities despite the difficulties. We have been reminded that Rotarians are one family; we have seen the resilience of clubs; and, we have embraced new ways of staying connected. Even though many projects have had to be postponed, especially youth and international, many others at a local level have come into sharp focus, particularly in the areas of mental health, homelessness and the environment. Rotarians have shown amazing creativity in seeking safe ways of addressing these issues, providing the support to those in need, or undertaking home-based projects such as creating bee-friendly gardens. It is only when you reflect on these things in the context of a pandemic, that you realise the special nature of Rotarians.



Some of the highlights over the last six months for me have been the wonderful participation in the Morning Teas, the Rotary in Harmony Concerts and the Business Leaders Breakfasts. Our District has continued to grow; we have chartered new satellite clubs; and, launched new projects and events. I have had the privilege of working alongside an incredibly dedicated District Leadership Team and Board, not to mention many individuals who have upheld the values and spirit of Rotary's Four-Way Test during challenging times. Through club Zoom meetings and *Networker* articles, I have met and read about so many remarkable Rotarians, whose dedication to service above self is humbling. How lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful and inspiring organisation that introduces us to extraordinary individuals! We are ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen.

As we head into the Festive Season, I want to thank each of you for all that you have done, and continue to do for Rotary and your communities. Both Tricia and I extend our very best wishes to you for a peaceful and happy holiday, and a fantastic year ahead that will be safe for everyone.

Merry Christmas!

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

