



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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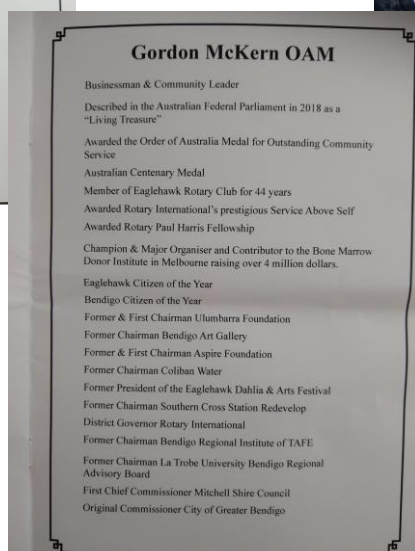
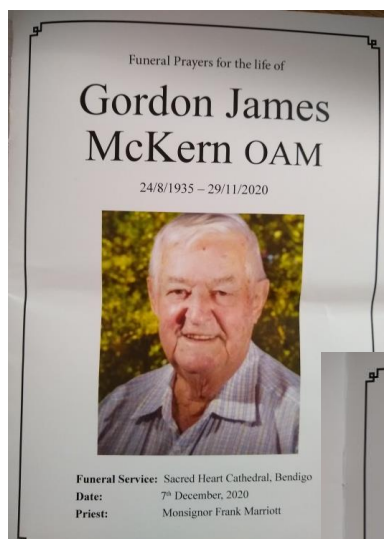
Meeting arrangements vary week to week so please see below for details on the program for each Club meeting.

December Birthdays

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

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

December 16th	Club General Meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm – Christmas Meeting to farewell 2020!
December 23 rd and 30 th January 6 th	No Formal Club Meetings
January 13 th	Club Social Event – TBA
January 20 th	TBA



President Mick's Report



"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life'.

John Lennon
(40 years this week since his Death).

Great to see the Anderson Family back at our meeting (Leanne, Colin, Riley and Oliver).

Our guest speaker for the night was Leanne Anderson talking on the setting up of the Bendigo contact Tracing of Covid Cases.

Leanne talked about how they had to start from scratch as there was no handbook on how to go about setting the tracing centre up.

What came through in Leanne's talk was how passionate she is in the work that was done and the proof of the success of their work is the fact that Victoria now has no cases of Covid.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leanne and the rest of the Tracing team for keeping us all safe.



Check out the Christmas Trees at the Town Hall and the Nativity seen in the Rotary Book Store Window. Thanks again to Trevor Lock who spent hours touching up the Statues in the Nativity seen.

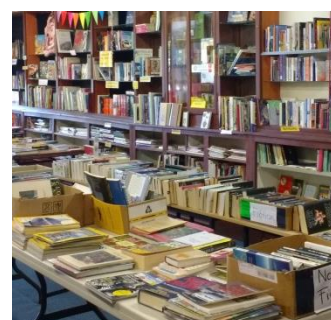
On talking about the Rotary Book Store it is again open this Saturday from 10.00 am, please drop in and say hello.

The Grange Raffle is drawn next Wednesday so get your tickets now.

Next week is going to be our Christmas Breakup meeting so it is open to all members, family and friends. The Caterers are providing us with a Christmas meal and are going to charge us the usual fee of \$25.00 so hope to see you all there.

Mick Costello
President 2020-2021

Rotary Bookshop – Now open!
10am-12noon – Saturday



THE GREAT GRANGE RAFFLE

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Get your raffle ticket at: <https://www.raffletix.com.au/greatgrange2020>

All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's local and international projects.

Make up a syndicate or keep this opportunity all to yourself!

Additional information or enquiries to
John Jones (PP/Secretary).
Phone 0419113065 or email
jjones@netcon.net.au

Vic raffle permit no: 10837/20. Raffle to be drawn 16 Dec 2020. Winner notified and result published on www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au and www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub. There is an agreement with RaffleTix (abn: 24823631340) to promote or conduct this raffle for reward.

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LAST WEEK – DRAWN WEDNESDAY 16TH
Don't Miss Out – Get your ticket now!



Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary

‘100 Acts of Kindness’ ~ 2020-2021

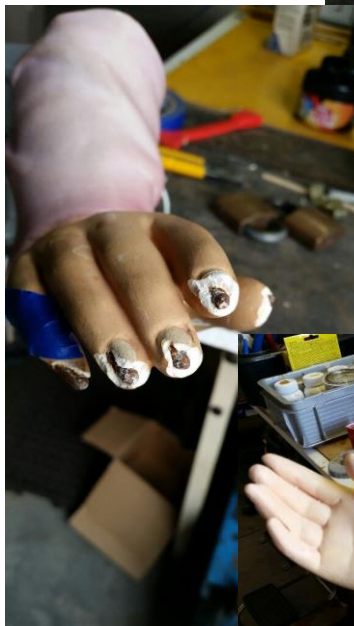
1. Our club contributed \$5000 to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Program Fund to support educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs and projects throughout the world.
2. PP Alison Bacon undertook the making of cloth masks to support our member’s endeavours of complying with Covid-19 restrictions 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.

Christmas Nativity Scene and Town Hall Balcony Display

Last week we featured the amazing window display at the Rotary Book Shop where you are now able to easily see the nativity scene – details of which have always been hidden way up on the balcony of the Town Hall (Star Cinema). The work that went into ensuring the pieces of the display were suitable for close scrutiny was undertaken by Rotarian Trevor Lock. Trevor painstakingly undertook many hours of careful detailing to address the missing fingers and scrapes and scratches that had been inflicted upon the different elements over the years. Our club gratefully acknowledge the work undertaken by Trevor and hope that these photos give you an indication as to just how much work it took for the restoration.



Now to highlight the balcony display that club members, Gary Frank, John Jones, Trevor Lock and Mick Costello ensured was in place for the community to enjoy. The following photos give a really good idea as to how good it looks, but really, you need to take a drive down the main street once it's dark. It's not until you get to the Napier Street intersection that you can see it (all the trees have grown over the years!). The Christmas trees look great and the lights are courtesy of O'Brien Electrical – thanks Sam!.



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



Around District 9800

Model United Nations Assembly

With December focusing on Disease Prevention and Treatment, it is fitting to hear on the news we will have a COVID-19 vaccine in Australia in the first quarter of 2021. As difficult as it has been in Victoria, we are fortunate to finally see borders opening and an ability to emerge from lockdown. As Rotarians, this means we can begin to think about the hands-on projects and a return to face-to-face club meetings that we all enjoy so much. I urge everyone, however, to observe all the necessary safety measures that will keep this disease at bay.



Thursday, 10th December, is World Human Rights Day and aligned to this it is also Shelterbox Giving Day. All donations to Shelterbox by 10th December will be doubled through matching donations from their generous campaign 'Matchers'. Shelterbox is calling on all Australians to stand united with ShelterBox to help them with their mission to deliver emergency shelter and disaster relief to people around the world. **If you would like to donate, you can do so through this link.**

This weekend is the International Model United Nations Assembly, a Centenary Project of Rotary District 9800. Participants will be using Zoom whilst viewers can watch via <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryEClubofMelbourne>. There are sixteen teams of students including three international teams, one from New Zealand and two from India. The event, organised by the District MUNA Committee and hosted by Rotary North Melbourne, commences at 1.00 pm on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th, concluding each day at 5.15 pm.

Also this Saturday was the final **Morning Tea with the DG** for the year. There was a great line-up of presentations including information on the exciting National Australia Day Campaign, a review on the year to date and what's ahead for next year, Donations in Kind, and a wonderful project in Cambodia. You will hear more about these topics in forthcoming editions of *Networker*.

Have a great week everyone—Rotary brings the people and resources together to change lives.

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

'HOW ENGAGED ARE YOUR MEMBERS?'

Article by RI Director-Elect Jessie Harman

As the number of volunteer organisations rises and competition for volunteer resources increases steadily, organisations which rely on volunteers are turning their attention to the matter of engagement, asking themselves the question 'how do we keep our current and future volunteers active, involved and satisfied?'



Our situation in Rotary is identical. Faced with increasing competition and rising expectations, we must ensure our members are engaged and receiving value from their Rotary membership. Fortunately, we don't need to reinvent the wheel; the literature on volunteer management provides a host of tips and hints on ways to increase volunteer engagement. I've identified seven of the most common ones and applied them to Rotary:

1. **Create a positive first impression** – Take time to understand your prospective members' expectations. When they join your club, provide quality induction and mentoring, make them feel welcome, and check in regularly to see how they are getting on.
2. **Provide meaningful volunteer roles** – Find opportunities that enable members to give back using their particular skills and experience. For members still building their careers, find the opportunities that enable them to enhance and strengthen their skillset.
3. **Communicate, communicate** – Communicate frequently and effectively with members, using channels that work for them. Make sure communication is a two-way street, providing ample opportunities for club members to communicate directly with club leaders. Keep your decision making transparent and consult widely and frequently. Work on your listening skills.
4. **Make it fun** – Even the most dedicated volunteers want to enjoy themselves. Weave fun and friendship into everything you do and include social activities in your calendar. But remember – everyone's definition of fun is different – so create a social program which is inclusive, appealing to diverse needs and lifestyles.
5. **Recognise and appreciate** – Make sure your members know their contribution is valued and appreciated. Grand gestures aren't necessary; a simple 'thank you' will usually suffice. Celebrate members' contributions - profile them on your website and social media channels, nominate them for community awards and host recognition events within your club.
6. **Show volunteers what they have achieved** – We all want to know our contribution actually makes a difference. Identify opportunities for service in your community that have a measurable impact, invite beneficiaries back to the club to share how Rotary's service has improved their lives, feature stories of your impact in all your club's communications.
7. **Let them know they're part of something big** – Connect your members to Rotary beyond the club to help them understand they are part of a global movement. Encourage them to visit other Rotary clubs around the world, attend an international convention, join an international fellowship or action group. Let them know that the possibilities to engage with Rotary are endless.

In short, to Grow Rotary, we need engaged members in member-centric clubs. We need to ensure that all our members feel welcome and involved, and that they are enjoying their Rotary experience. Most importantly, we need to build our clubs around our members, rather than trying to make our members fit our clubs.