



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.

February Birthdays

19th Trevor Lock
19th Lindsay Roberts
24th Lyn Harrison

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

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| February 13 th & 14 th | Multi District President Elect Training Session (Online) |
| February 17 th | Board Meeting (Zoom) |
| February 22 nd | 2021/22 Board Strategy Meeting |
| April 3 rd | Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet (Cancelled) |
| April 18 th | President Elect Training Session |
| May 1 st & 2 nd | Multi District Conference |
| May 22 nd | District Assembly (Online) |

QR Code Check – In

QR Code Check-in is now at the Mechanics Facility. As everyone attending the facility is required to record their attendance the QR Code system is a very quick and easy way to do this. We will still be providing the manual pen and paper option for those who wish to use it – but please consider using the QR code check in. Simply download the Service Victoria App – it's a simple App to use. If you need assistance ask Alison to give you a hand this week and she will be able to step you through what you need to do.

One of the advantages of this app is that once you have it and realise how simple it is to use then you will find it a much quicker and simpler way to check in to many of the venues you attend. Additional information is contained later in this bulletin.



President Mick's Report



Mick's Quote of the Week –
“I felt at home. Footy's footy. Doesn't matter if I'm playing local, WAFL or AFL. Footy's footy.” – Richmond's Marlion Pickett after starring in the 2019 AFL grand final on his debut. The football season is just around the corner.

Tonight we were privileged to have 3 guests for the night, President of the Rotary Club of Castlemaine Christine Barkla and her husband Greg and Tim Watts, hope you felt welcome to our club.

Tonight we had Gordon Hill of the Cobar Rotary Club talking on the Drought Relief effort for farmers in Western NSW. Some of the figures he mentioned that have been supplied to the local community are mindboggling, around \$900,000 has been raised and distributed, \$720,000 of this has been spent in the local community.

For a club with only 9 active members they have done an amazing job and I am glad to say their efforts have been recognised by being awarded the Volunteering Australia Team award and the Australia Day Community Service Award at Cobar.

Gordon and his wife Therese have also been recognised by being awarded the 2020 Rotarians of the Year Award for Zone 8 (Australia and the Pacific).

We congratulate the Rotary Club of Cobar on this program and we were very privileged to play a small part in this program but the Drought is still ongoing and so is their involvement.

Last Saturday I had the privilege of attending the last meeting of the Bendigo Strathdale Rotary Club, it was a good night and we were reminded of all the great work they have done over the years. It is sad to see them fold but it is an opportunity for their members to join other clubs (we have 2 of their members join our club) and continue their great work.

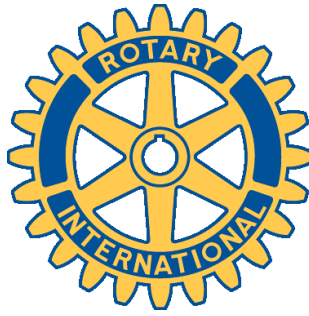
Next week we are going to try something different, because we have a board meeting on that night we are going to have a fellowship night (it may include cards) so make sure you come along as I can assure everyone it is going to be an interesting night.

Bowls is still on - next week's bowlers are Ron Payne, Alf Thorpe, Gary Frank, Trevor Lock and myself but we need an extra player so any takers?

Mick Costello
President
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk

Addendum –

Please note that the arrangements for the next meeting as detailed above have now been cancelled. In line with the announcement of the State Premier of Victoria on Friday 12th February the Mechanics facility is closed for the duration of the current lockdown.



Rotary Club of Cobar Inc.

PO Box 268

Cobar NSW 2835

Presentation to Eaglehawks Rotary Cobar Rotary Drought Relief Program

Thank you for the invitation for Cobar Rotary to join with you tonight to update you on our ongoing Drought Relief efforts for farmers in western NSW.

1. The Rotary Club of Cobar is a small club with 9 active members
2.
My Wife Therese and I as retirees volunteered to take on the drought relief program on behalf of the Cobar Club
and we have worked consistently to deliver help to the farmers in need since its inception.
3. Cobar Rotary Club commenced our Drought Relief program in Oct 2018 when it became obvious that farmers were suffering, and that much “mainstream” drought aid was not filtering through to the west of the state.
4. Our Drought Relief program reaches out to many of the 150 farming properties in the Cobar Shire and some additional farmers in the adjoining Bourke, Bogan, and Central Darling Shires. [Same land mass as Tasmania]
5. Our Club continues to make good use of local networks such as [Local mail contractor, Mobile Children’s Resources and Local residents] to distribute Drought aid to farming families. [9 voucher packs to Mobile resources today]
6. Initially the Club provided \$100 grocery packs, bottled water packs and bags of Dog Food as well as the fresh meat and fuel vouchers.

Manual handling of the heavy items became an issue for us with the picking up from the source, delivery to the Distribution location and the delivery to the farmers resulting in multiple repetitive handling. As a result, the provision of Dog Food vouchers and the addition of bottled water onto the \$120 IGA Grocery vouchers now used instead of the heavy grocery packs eliminated the need for heavy handling.

7. The well-established Rotary Club network has continued to provide good support for our Drought Relief Program from other Rotary Clubs around Australia.
8. Some of the Clubs who have strongly supported our program are the Mt Waverley, Keilor East, Healesville, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk and Bendigo Rotary Clubs in Victoria and the Belmont and the Entrance Rotary Clubs on the Central Coast, Dubbo South Rotary Club and the Randwick, Maroubra, Kurri Kurri and Kogarah Rotary Clubs in Sydney.
9. Other Charities and registered Clubs such as the St George Motorboat Club, the Australian Horizons Foundation, Kotara Bowling Club, CWA, Aspley Uniting Church and Digital charity GIVIT, have been strong supporters of our Drought Relief Program as well as have a number of private donors.
10. Some \$900,00 has been raised and already distributed from Drought Relief funds since we commenced the program in October 2018.
11. Some of These funds have been spent in immediate relief areas such as
 - a. 528 grocery packs at \$100 each =\$ 52,800
 - b. 30 pallets of working dog food = \$ 25,350
 - c. 472 fuel vouchers = \$ 47,300
 - d. 570 fresh meat vouchers \$ 28,500
 - e. 22 road train loads of fodder \$510,000
 - f. 501 IGA grocery vouchers \$ 50,100
 - g. 16 Pallets Bottled water \$ 7,800

Total **\$721,850**

It should be noted that except for the funds spent on fodder, most of the other expenditure outlined has gone to purchases from local

businesses in Cobar helping them to stay viable during the drought as well.

Over \$211,850 spent in local businesses in the past 2 years

Other donated funds have been distributed to farmers in need to pay outstanding accounts such as Power, telephone, Council rates, medical and school expenses, mechanical repairs, rainwater tanks etc etc.

It should be noted that while substantial rainfall occurred east of Cobar in the cropping areas leading into spring 2020 which resulted in good harvests in those areas many areas further west and north of Cobar have only received patchy falls of rain with some isolated areas still missing out and needing more rain now.

12. Even with the break in the drought in western NSW it will be some time before our farmers can bring stock numbers back to levels experienced prior to the drought and normal farming practices can resume and income can be generated.

Many Farmers have completely destocked, and others are trying to maintain small numbers of breeding stock.

Farmers are saying that it will be at least 18 months before they might have reasonable income after the drought ends and up to 3 years to return to where they were prior to the Drought.

13. A special thanks must be directed to the St George Motorboat Club, Kogarah Rotary and the several private donors who donated funds before Christmas 2019 to allow Cobar Rotary to provide \$500 cash into bank accounts of 27 farming families with young children so that these families could celebrate Christmas.

14. Several of these families in thanking us for the donated funds mentioned that they would not have celebrated Christmas otherwise as they had no funds available to spend on Christmas.

A further \$35,000 was received from RAWCS in 2019 for Bill relief for farmers and 63 Farming families have received each received a cash grant of \$500 to assist with essential account payments.

15. A special thanks must go to the Australian Horizons Foundation, a rural based Charity, who continue to support the Drought Relief Program and have contributed over \$250,000 to date keep the program going.

In December 2020 when we had almost depleted available funds for the vouchers this Charity donated a further \$20,000 to the program to keep it running into 2021.

This Charity is particularly interested in Drought resilience measures and is keen to meet with and discuss with them how farmers and rural communities can be more drought proof.

16. A Rotary Australia Drought Relief program which I head up on behalf of Rotary District 9670 has recently provided 89 \$250 debit cards for farmers in the Cobar Area [89 to the Warren Area and 89 to the Muswellbrook area]

These cards are being distributed by the Rural Financial Counselling Service on behalf of Rotary.

17. The Cobar Drought Relief Program has seen several awards made to Therese and I and the Cobar Club.

Therese and I were fortunate to receive in 2020 Rotarians of the Year Award for Zone 8 [Australia and the Pacific].

The Cobar Club was also nominated for a Volunteering Australia Team award for the Drought Relief Program and was successful in winning the Regional Award for this Category.

And the Club recently received an Australia Day Community Service Award at Cobar for the work with the Drought Relief Program.

This Program has allowed us to continue providing essential practical support to our struggling farmers in true Rotary Fashion.

Once again Thank you for your ongoing support it is very much appreciated.

Gordon Hill

Secretary

Rotary Club of Cobar.

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.

Some familiar faces at the recent final meeting of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale



Lynne Cooper with Lennon Logan
(participated in NYSF and also represented our club at RYLA)



Prep 2021 Goody Bags

Late in 2020 the Board approved the Prep 2021 Goody Bag Project. Our club annually support 6 Primary Schools within our community with the awarding of a Grade Six Scholarship recognising a student from each school for their effort and dedication to school and community. As an extension of support to these schools we now propose the Goody Bag Project. This aim is to provide a small bag of educational items that will be presented to each Prep Student for them to take home to assist in the early stages of their learning. Each of the 6 schools have been invited to participate, with the responses to date being very positive and appreciative.

“Thank you for your very generous offer for the Gift Packs for our 2021 Prep students. We would love to be involved, and we know it will help them immensely, particularly after such a disruptive Kindergarten year.”

“..... We would love to be involved in this lovely gesture. Please pass on our sincere thank you to all involved.”

“..... We would love to accept this invitation and think that it is a wonderful idea.”

Delivery of supplies will now be finalised and the goody bags made up and distributed to the schools. Consultation with PP Ron Payne, as Foundation Director, has confirmed that we will be able to apply for a Foundation Grant to boost our funding of this project.

Four-Way Test



The Four-Way Test *of the things we think, say or do.*

- 1** Is it the truth?
- 2** Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3** Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4** Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Rotary
Club of Eaglehawk



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.
10. Deb Payne put together a grocery hamper and donated it to Bendigo Foodshare.
11. Rotarian Trevor Lock brought along his ukulele to provide wonderful entertainment for our club's Christmas function this year.
12. PP John Jones drove to Melbourne to deliver the prize in our recent Grange Raffle. This completed an outstanding fundraising project on his behalf for the club.
13. PP Ron Payne prepared, submitted and was successful in a \$22,000 Australia Day grant for the combined Rotary Clubs of our Super Cluster.
14. PP Doug Harrison and PE Gary Frank did an outstanding job in cleaning up the surrounds of the Mechanics building in preparation for our 2021 Australia Day celebration.
15. Rotarian Geoff Gallagher took on the role of coordinating our Australia Day 'Citizen of the Year' program and, with a team of willing helpers, did an outstanding job.

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.

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.

This four-part program is now available online.

Part 1 & 2: Growing and strengthening Clubs through developing a Plan for the future of your Club. Looking at Rotary Leadership through examining the styles and characteristics of great leaders. Becoming a confident Club President or another club leader through understanding the roles and responsibilities and characteristics of effective and happy teams.

Part 3: Focussing and Increasing Humanitarian Service whilst learning more about **The Avenues of Service** and **The Rotary Foundation**.

Part 4: Enhancing Public Image and Awareness of Rotary and **Sharing and promoting what we do**

The next Rotary Leadership Institute will be conducted on the following dates:

Part 1 and 2 on **Sunday the 28th of February at 11am** and will run for one and a half hours.

Part 3 on **Sunday the 14th of March at 11am** for one hour

Part 4 on **Sunday the 21st of March at 11am** for one and a half hours

To register you need to email Jane Pennington jane.pennington@bigpond.com by **Friday the 19th of February**. There is a limit of 25 people for each program.

Best wishes,

Julie Mason AM

District Governor 9800 2015/2016

Assistant Co-ordinator Rotary Public Image 2018/2021

District Chair Paul Harris Society 2018/2021

District Chair Vocational Training Team 2018/2021

Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator

Mobile: 0402324093

Email: Julie.Mason@education.vic.gov.au

Morning Tea with the DG

10.00 am – 11.30 am
Saturday 20th February 2021

A free ZOOM Event

Centenary Celebrations Update
International Student Mentoring
Rotary Foundation Australia's Public Benevolent Institution
Acknowledging Country
The G'day Network & St Patricks Day



<https://www.trybooking.com/BKXUJ>



Rotary Opens
Opportunities



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY | TUESDAY 9 MARCH - FRIDAY 12 MARCH

Available to stream event from 8am AEDT Tuesday



International Women's Day A Bold, New Initiative



Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister
New Zealand



Sally Capp
Lord Mayor
City of Melbourne



Jennifer Jones
Rotary International's
President (2022-23)



Colin Carter AM
President Geelong
Football Club
(2011 - 2020)



Dr Megan Clark AC
Chair Australian
Space Agency



Dr Dean Freestone
CEO/Founder Seer



Ian Hamm
Moderator



Adrian Nelson
MC

For more information visit <https://www.iwd.org.au/speakers>

Prime Minister New Zealand Jacinda Ardern is just one of the high-profile speakers who will be gracing the screens at this year's International Women's Day (IWD) event. President Rotary International, Jennifer Jones 2022-23 is another. Titled 'A Bold New World' this event challenges each of us to consider some of the issues facing the world today. This year, Women in Rotary would like to invite your organisation to join us in celebrating IWD with an event of your own. When you purchase your ticket(s) you will be given a video file of the event for you to share.

What an ideal opportunity to get together with your colleagues!

To access the event jump on the link from Tuesday March 9 from 8am AEDT.

The link will be provided once you have purchased your ticket.

Tickets are \$20 pp or \$100 for groups of 10 or more people.

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New Check-In System For Businesses Across Victoria

30/11/20 9.17am

Victorian business owners across the state can now access a free QR Code Service which will help make things easy as we continue our economic recovery.

The Victorian Government's QR Code Service can be used by businesses and venues to keep records of visitors to help us stay safe and stay open.

It's as simple as registering your business, downloading and printing a poster with the Victorian Government QR Code and displaying it prominently in your business. Businesses or venues with multiple outlets or spaces can register for multiple QR codes.

Visitors simply need to scan the QR code using their smartphone camera. For those with up-to-date smartphone software, a pop-up will appear asking for a first name and contact number.

For other users, they will be directed to download the Service Victoria mobile App from the Apple or Google Play app stores to complete the check-in. A unique six letter code entered on a web site will be on each QR code poster, for visitors to check-in also.

In Victoria, some businesses, workplaces and premises must request that each person who attends the premise for more than 15 minutes provide their first name and phone number.

For smaller hospitality venues with a density limit of one person for every two square metres – up to 50 customers – QR code record keeping is now mandatory. All businesses and venues are still required to have pen and paper record keeping on hand as an ultimate backup, if a visitor prefers to not use the QR code method.

All data collected through the Victorian Government QR code is securely stored, protecting customers from on selling of contact details. Data will be deleted after 28 days unless it is specifically requested by the Department of Health and Human Services for contact tracing purposes.

Have you downloaded the app yet?

Some have experienced minor problems – if you need a hand, both Geoff Adcock or Alison may be able to assist.

MASKS – With the reintroduced requirements - do you need to replenish your mask supply?

Masks - \$5.00 each
Proceeds of all sales are being directed to our Club's Project Funds.

Stockists –
Canterbury Quilts
18 Sailors Gully Road, Eaglehawk
Eaglehawk Rotary Bookstore
32 High Street, Eaglehawk
Or call
Alison 0417 562 952



ROMAC - HOW IT ALL BEGAN



ROMAC is a project of Rotary districts in Australia and New Zealand

CREATING NETWORKS | IDENTIFYING NEED | TAKING ACTION

By David Rosback AM

Governor, District 9800, 1994-95

ROMAC (Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children)* was started in 1987 by Kangaroo Flat Rotarian Barrie Cooper and his wife Clarabelle, a nurse. During a visit to Fiji they became aware of the need to assist children there who had major medical issues that could not be handled in Fiji at that time.

The first case was Jessie Ryder, a little girl of seven, who had been severely burned in a kerosene fire. Her neck had been vulcanised to her chest and her arms to her side, but she always wore a big smile.

Barrie and Clarabelle set up medical assistance, with the support of plastic surgeon Dr Murray Stapleton, and brought Jessie back with them to live as a member of their family during her numerous surgeries.

ROMAC went from strength to strength when it was featured at the 1995 District 9800 Conference in Sydney. The late Max Walker was the keynote speaker.

Some of you might recall that after his inspirational address, from the back of the auditorium in the darkness, a little voice said: "What about me, Mr Walker, what about me?" The spotlight swung around to Jessie as she ran down the aisle into the arms of Max.

There was not a dry eye in the house.

This, in effect, became the launch of ROMAC to the clubs of District 9800, and from Bendigo it spread to other districts in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand. Today, it is a multinational project.

Barrie Cooper reminds us that, as ROMAC's National Patron, Max Walker spoke on behalf of ROMAC on more than 110 occasions at no cost. The impact of his involvement in terms of donations received is immeasurable. He even flew to New Zealand at his own expense to speak at conferences.

It is accepted that Barrie Cooper's dream became a success through the vast support and network of Rotary International. Thanks also to Max Walker, who gave freely of his time and devotion, throughout Australia and New Zealand.

You can read more about ROMAC at www.romac.org.au.

* Now known as Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children