



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.

January Birthdays

3rd Jeanette Hanson
12th Rob Layton
12th Rita O'Brien
25th Lindsay Walkington

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

January 26 th	Australia Day Citizen of the Year Presentation – Mechanics Facility
January 27th	No meeting
February 3 rd	General Club Meeting
February 10 th	General Club Meeting
February 13 th & 14 th	Multi District President Elect Training Session (Online)
April 3 rd	Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet (To Be Confirmed)
April 18 th	President Elect Training Session
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



In Mick's absence this week we made sure we had a great meeting – a very casual night that gave us an opportunity to have a catch up chat.

Congratulations to President Elect Gary who took on the role of chair for the evening, making sure all announcements were made, including the vital sharing of information relative to the club's Australia Day Celebrations.

Our thanks to Geoff Gallagher in his role of Community Director, a tough job especially at the moment with rules and regulations changing daily.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's celebrations will take the form of an invitation only event at the California Gully Mechanics Institute Hall on Tuesday 26th January 2021 rather than the traditional community event at Canterbury Park.

We will host a COVID-19 Safe reception for 50 invited guests.

The following media release has been published on the Clubs Web Site as well as our Face Book Page.

Eric Smith - Citizen of the Year for lifetime of community service.

Former Eaglehawk CFA Captain, Eric Smith, who was instrumental in protecting the community on Black Saturday will be bestowed the honour of Eaglehawk Citizen of the Year for 2021.

The award recognises Mr Smith's services to the Country Fire Brigade spanning more than 50 years, and his involvement in various community events, and member of organisations including Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival, Canterbury Carols and Australia Day Committee.

Mr Smith is a highly decorated CFA member having held several roles at Eaglehawk from training officer and coordinator, second lieutenant, group delegate and captain.

"Eric is a fine example of putting service above self and is highly regarded for his community passion and people skills," said Geoff Gallagher, Community Services Director with Rotary Eaglehawk.

"In 2009, Eric was on the first fire truck to arrive on the scene in Bracewell Street at what became known as Black Saturday and worked on the ground for several weeks to protect our community.

On behalf of the Eaglehawk community and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, I congratulate Eric on becoming this year's Citizen of the Year and thank him for his dedication to his community," Mr Gallagher said.





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.

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.

Promotion for 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

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District Governor's Message

Happy New Year 2021



I would like to extend my best wishes for a year that is more peaceful and stable as we serve our communities.

As we start 2021, many of us are meeting face to face in a COVID-safe way, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity of catching up with you in person. It is now the time to consider being bold and creative about embarking on "whole of club" projects. There is no doubt that when every member takes part in a particular special club project, no matter how big or small the participation, the best results are achieved. The camaraderie and unified sense of purpose and achievement gained from giving back to our communities is what binds Rotarians together and cements our commitment to service above self. And don't forget to involve potential new members, community partners, Friends of Rotary, and of course family members in your "whole of club" projects so that they too can share that unique sense of what being a Rotarian is all about.

We have a great opportunity for our whole Rotary network across Australia to join together on 26th January for Australia Day, as we reflect, respect and celebrate. Please join the festivities being live-streamed at 12.30 pm AEDT by booking online at: https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder_100_national_australia_day_event

With Australia soon to embark on its COVID-19 vaccination program, Rotary has much to offer the effort to stop this virus. Rotary International is encouraging all clubs to use our collective knowledge of vaccine safety and efficacy gained through our polio eradication experience to support vaccination education and outreach in our communities. Clubs are also encouraged to engage with our current polio eradication partners WHO and UNICEF at the country level where applicable to offer Rotary's support to COVID-19 response activities, and to partner at the local level with health departments and other agencies. You can also let the Rotary world know what your club is doing to support COVID-19 vaccine introduction efforts. Please share your efforts and projects on [Rotary Showcase](#).

Finally, in January, we focus on Vocational Service as the essence of Rotary and the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

Welcome to 2021 and have a great week everyone!

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

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.

Join our Rotary Network in Celebration

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FREE ONLINE
EVENT!

For 100 years Rotary in Australia has been
bringing communities together through service, goodwill and friendship.
Come and join us on Australia Day as we
Reflect, Respect, Celebrate

Gather your family, friends and community partners for a live free ZOOM event
jam-packed with festivities being streamed across Australia

12.30 pm to 2.00 pm, Tuesday, 26th January 2021

Book now at:

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The Cycling to Serve Fellowship

By Helena Wimpole



The Cycling to Serve Fellowship had its origins in Belgium in 1984 when a Rotary club organised the first World Rotary Cycling Championships. The championships were held again in 1985 and 1986, but it was then decided that the effort was too much for a single club. Consequently, some of the Belgian and Dutch participants got together and formed the Cycling to Serve Fellowship in 1988 and annual events have been organised by Rotary clubs in many countries throughout the world, including Australia.

The Fellowship is a group of Rotarians dedicated to cycling with the objectives of developing worldwide friendship through cycling, both competitively and recreationally; to serve the community locally, nationally and internationally through cycling activities; and, to promote international understanding and peace.

Cycling is a wonderful way to keep fit and to maintain good physical and mental health. Rotarians from different age groups participate in the Fellowship's activities and events, resulting in significant health improvements. One young Californian Rotarian with type one diabetes has been able to reduce his insulin considerably and avoid thousands of injections each year by cycling regularly.

The Cycling to Serve Fellowship particularly lends itself to raising funds and awareness about major medical and social issues. Some worldwide examples include Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes, which has been championed by the young Rotarian mentioned above; the UK Red Rubber Ball Foundation, which aims to help young Kenyan children obtain an education; in Lima, the Rotary Pedal, a collective of over 20 clubs, campaigns to "Respect the cyclist" to promote bicycles as sustainable transport and an aid to a healthy lifestyle, as well as a means to promote Rotary's image in the community.

In Australia, the Cycling Fellowship strongly supports Australian Rotary Health and until this year there have been 33 annual bike rides for this cause. Bike rides to conferences occur annually and over recent years, these rides have raised funds and awareness for RoCan (Rotary Ovarian Cancer Research).

The Cycling to Serve Fellowship is dedicated to promoting cycling as an opportunity to develop friendships, enjoy a healthy lifestyle—physically and mentally—help the environment, and raise funds and awareness of important social issues.

For more information go to: <https://cyclingtoserve.org/>

2020 Council on Resolutions Online Voting Results

By Past District Governor Murray Verso, COR & COL Representative District 9800 2020-23

The **Council on Resolutions (COR)** of Rotary International meets annually online to vote on resolutions proposed by clubs, districts, and the RI Board and on any urgent enactments proposed by the RI Board that will amend the constitutional documents. Resolutions are requests to the Board or the Foundation Trustees to take an action that is outside the purview of the constitutional documents.



Enactments that change Rotary's constitutional documents and RI Board position statements are voted on at the **Council on Legislation (COL)** which meets in person, in Chicago, every three years. It last convened in 2019 and will next convene in 2022. Each Rotary District sends a representative to the COL and can participate in the COR.

This year the Council on Resolutions met online from 15 October to 15 November 2020. 30 resolutions and one enactment were considered. The Council adopted 11 resolutions and the enactment.

The following **resolutions** were adopted, and we now await news from the RI Board and the Foundation Trustees to confirm their approval:

- The RI Board to consider ensuring that the powers of the RI Board do not unfairly exceed those of clubs, Rotaract clubs, and districts.
- The RI Board to consider making Rotary's website and email technologies more accessible for those with visual impairments or other disabilities and extending that technology to its clubs.
- The RI Board to consider forming committees to nominate regional leader candidates.
- The RI Board to consider emphasising the importance of actions based upon Rotary's ideal of service
- The RI Board to consider reintroducing professional development as a value of Rotary.
- The RI Board to consider requiring Rotary Youth Exchange organisations to provide annual financial reports
- The RI Board to consider reviewing Rotaract's status within Rotary
- The RI Board to consider reintroducing the vocational committee at the district level
- The RI Board to consider proposing legislation to limit the term of the general secretary to no more than ten years
- The Trustees to consider allowing districts to use their own scholarship criteria when awarding scholarships for which no World Fund matching funds are used
- The Trustees to consider including measures for the prevention and elimination of plastic waste and residue.

The **Urgent Enactment**, which was to restore all members of the RI Board as members of the Council, was also accepted. This reversed a decision at the 2019 COL, which resolved that only the president, president-elect and one other member of the board could speak at future Councils.

More detailed voting results for each of the resolutions and the enactment can be found on [My Rotary](#).

District 9800 voted in favour of two resolutions that were rejected:

- With several new clubs in the pipeline, and many established clubs getting smaller, we voted to reduce the number of members needed to sponsor a new club from 20 to 10. Most districts did not agree, possibly concerned about the long-term viability of clubs starting with such a small base.
- We have adopted the EarlyAct program in our District, and we voted for it to become an official RI program (like Interact). Other districts use a similar program called Rotary Kids. Previous Councils have rejected similar resolutions proposing clubs for children, and this was again the case in 2020.

Curiously, approximately 90 districts did not vote at all and others abstained from voting on several items. Of the 545 districts in the world, it would seem the maximum number to cast votes was 456. We can only speculate on why so many Districts chose not to have their voice heard.

The deadline for submitting resolutions to the next Council on Resolutions is 30 June 2021.

Our Primary Challenge: Finding and Retaining Members!

By Rowan McClean



Last year, many of our new Rotary club members were asked the reason they joined, and the following responses came to light:

- Have found they have more time
- Wanted to give back to the community
- Recently retired or cut back on their work
- Wanted to feel more connected with the community
- Have been a Friend of Rotary and wanted to convert to membership
- Have found that COVID has highlighted the need for connection and community
- Various combinations of these factors.

It is likely that other members of the community have similar thoughts and circumstances, but may not be sufficiently aware of Rotary and the full extent of its work. Interestingly, none of the new members mentioned that he or she had joined because of a particular global issue, such as eliminating Polio or malaria, disaster relief, improving lives in lesser-developed communities or for refugees; or for local challenges, such as reducing homelessness, suicide, or family violence.

How should we go about identifying prospective members and familiarise them with what Rotary does for mankind?

One way we could do this is for experienced Rotarians to seek out opportunities to present to community groups such as:

- Local Government Councils
- Welfare agencies
- School communities (especially Parents and Friends Associations)
- Sporting Clubs
- Traders' Associations
- Church groups
- Hospitals

We could also provide Rotary literature to these organisations and place them in the waiting rooms of doctors, dentists and other professional services!

Let's all get cracking! Past District Governor Julie Mason's message was "Ask. Ask. Ask". Perhaps for existing members we should also add "Nurture. Nurture. Nurture."

All Rotarians should contribute to these efforts...the great work of Rotary depends on it!