



Rotary



Club of Eaglehawk

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We meet every Wednesday at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting.

**Weekly meeting
@ 6 pm for 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday 17th July: Service Above Self Night and Board Meeting: Mick Costello and John Jones
Wednesday 24th Guest Speaker TBA**

JULY:

Happy Birthday to you - July

10th Deb Payne

20th Kylie Campbell

23rd Marie Lock

25th Tim Watts

Apologies

Brian Fitzpatrick,
Carmel Fitzpatrick
Barbara Leane
Trevor Lock
Ron Payne
Mary Preston
Eric Smith.

Apology also from Karen Armstrong

Thank you

Carmel, Tim, Lindsay, John J, Mick, Geoff G, Eric for the tidying up of the shed on Sunday.



Visitors/Guests

Rtn Tony Plant (Bendigo South)
Mandy Costello
Sue Watts

Reminders:

The week ahead –

- Rotary Bookshop Saturday 10-12noon
- *Postponed* – RC Rochester 60th Anniversary Celebrations
- Rotary Bookshop Wednesday 10am-1pm

Important Links

An album of photos of the club changeover has been uploaded and can be viewed on the club website – <http://www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au>

Also on the club website is a copy of the Annual Report

Program: Marvellous Miles

Guest Speaker for 10 July Sarah Watts.

Tim Watts had the pleasure of introducing his daughter Sarah to the club. Sarah has recently published a children's picture book relating to epilepsy.

The Why.

One in 200 children in Australia is impacted by epilepsy. One of Sarah's sons suffers from epilepsy and she found it difficult to find any literature that explained it to children. One of the grade one teachers asked Sarah if there were any books that would show both her children and other children what epilepsy was all about.

This eventually prompted Sarah to set out to fill the gap.

The Process.

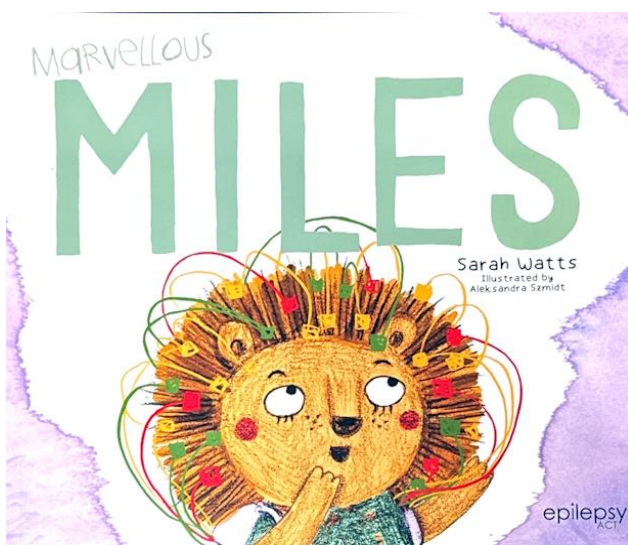
It took Sarah around 6 months to write the manuscript, which she then sent to every publisher that would accept an unsolicited manuscript. Unfortunately none of the traditional publishers would accept it. However some responded saying they liked it, but that it was too much a niche market product.

Eventually a smaller publishing group decided to take it on suggesting a hybrid model and that it would cost around \$15 000. With that in mind Sarah spent the next 6 months strategizing how to raise the necessary funds.

Through GoFundMe, \$3 000 was raised, another Canberra organisation provided \$5 000 and Epilepsy ACT provided the balance.

The next 18 months were spent on a range of tasks including illustrating the book, cover design, marketing strategies and other issues. Sarah read the book to the boys and one of the comments was along the lines of "that's what I've done". They were able to understand and relate to the book. Illustrated by Aleksandra Szmidt, Sarah was very pleased with her work on the book.

Hitting the bookshops on July first, Marvellous Miles will be officially launched in Canberra on August 7 at a bookshop which also has a wine bar attached.





Last Week

Our exchange student Nacho returned home to Spain. Members of the two clubs that hosted Nacho saw him off from Melbourne Airport



Twenty four hours later he arrived home in Madrid. -



Visit to see the container at Baptist Church in Junortoun

Back packs 4 Vic Kids visit on Monday 22 July at 11 am

A few weeks ago we had Back Packs 4 Vic Kids speak to us about their operations in Bendigo and Back Packs 4 Vic Kids with Dot Smith the local co-ordinator.

A visit is available to see the container on Monday 22 July at 11 am

This is a visit to see the recently opened facility which is now accessible to our local emergency services who get call outs to help children in need of basic items. This is an amazing program and recently featured at our D9800 Conference in Bendigo.

all welcome

Donations also of children's clothes and toys much appreciated but optional.

Enquiries to Lynne Cooper or Tony Plant.



Attachments this week:

PPS Newsletter.

Submission of information for the bulletin should be to the bulletin email address of eaglehawkrc.newsletter@gmail.com or alternately to gad89338@icloud.com

[Want to know the latest Eaglehawk RC news:](#)

<https://eaglehawkrotary.org.au/>

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Awards from the District Changeover



Community Service Winners



- **Bendigo:** Starthrower - Respite for Women impacted by Natural Disasters
- **Caulfield:** Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Community Market
- **Central Melbourne:** Sleeping Bags donated for the Homeless
- **Port Phillip:** Melbourne Celtic Festival
- **Southbank ESG Group:** Monthly Community Music & Social Events
- **Wyndham:** Wyndham Rotary Fun Run supporting Mercy Health & Australian Rotary Health

Membership Winner



- **Camberwell:** Active & engaging promotions attracted 9 new members

Public Image Winners



- **Balwyn:** Regular and creative Facebook posts all year
- **Melbourne:** 'Staying Connected' program
- **RIMERN:** Regular and Impactful Marketing all year

Environmental Sustainability Winners

- **Balwyn:** Nature Strip Transformation Project attracts birds, bees & butterflies
- **Woodend:** Installation of Solar Panels & Battery provides only source of power at Mwas School, Vanuatu

International Service Winners



- **Carlton:** Educating Women & Girls in Afghanistan via online portal
- **Essendon:** Reuben Centre Medical Waste Incinerator and Dental Chair

Vocational Service Winners



- **Echuca Moama:** SEE ME in AU: Special Education in Australia for Malaysian Educators
- **Hoppers Crossing:** Rotary Youth Projects Alumni (RYPA)
- **Southbank ESG Group:** ESG23 Leadership Forum

Youth Service Winners



- **Flemington Kensington:** Helping Learner Drivers from migrant / refugee families
- **Rochester:** Students provide Care Packs for the Homeless
- **Wyndham Harbour:** Peace Essay Competition for Primary School Children

ROTARY IN KIND

2024 Open Day - Saturday 10th August – 10.00am to 3pm.

Store tours every hour. Book for catering.





400 Somerville Road West
Footscray

Experience the magic that is stored within these walls. See the treasure which is donated for use in underprivileged communities, both locally and overseas. Find out how you can volunteer here.

2024 OPEN DAY

Saturday 10th August
10am to 3pm
Store tours every hour





Enjoy a range of food, tea & coffee, soft drinks and conversation

An invitation for all Rotarians:

The Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA) committee has completed the judging process and are pleased to announce the finalists for 2024.

1. **Duncan Rooney - Ambulance Victoria**
2. **Garry Luxford - Country Fire Authority**
3. **Mario Cocola - Emergency Management Victoria- Coast Guard**
4. **Emma Atkins - Life Saving Victoria**
5. **Anthony Tregenza - Red Cross**
6. **Faye Pyke - Red Cross**
7. **Shanleigh Meldrum - SES Victoria**
8. **Fillip Pritchett - St John Ambulance**
9. **Sashi VAGADIA - Victoria Police**
10. **Tom Rose - Victorian Council of Churches**

We would love to see you at the **Vic RESCA dinner event on Saturday 3rd August at Hyatt Place Essendon Fields.**

Tickets are \$95 per person and includes 2 course dinner, drinks and parking.

It will be a wonderful night of celebration and I am sure each finalist would love to see you and members of their community at the dinner event.

Tickets can be purchased via <https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-rotary-emergency-service-community-awards-victoria-resca-vic>

For more information on the RESCA program visit the Vic RESCA website - www.vic.rescawards.org.au/

I look forward to seeing you at the Vic RESCA dinner.

Kind Regards

Grant

Grant Hocking ASM

District Rotary Foundation Chair - Rotary District 9800

Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (Vic RESCA) - Chair

Community events:

Run for Dads Bendigo

The Annual **RUN FOR DADS** BENDIGO is to be held on Father's Day. 1st September 2024 at the Bendigo Racecourse, which will have a **Superhero** dress up theme and a Fun Day also. Assistance is sought for a couple of areas: to join the committee which currently is a committee of 3, they also need some arms and legs on the day to assist with the running of the event, (Marshalls, Guides, assist with registrations on the day and even a participation team ?!) Entry fees are to be allocated as funds for the Prostrate Cancer Foundation.

The costs to run the event, participation medals, are allocated from sponsorship and donations,

Let's all – as Rotarians- get behind this very worthy cause!



Empowering Eaglehawk

Dear Eaglehawk Community,

Empowering Eaglehawk is excited to announce our 2024 Annual Celebration Night will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 6pm-7:15PM.

This is our time to show our community what Empowering Eaglehawk has done in the last 12 months. This night, we will present our 2024 Empowering Eaglehawk Community and Sport awards, have guest speakers and present our annual report. We will have catering available and drinks at bar prices.

Registration is essential for all attendees, so please register now at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/empowering-eaglehawks-18th-this-is-eaglehawk-annual-celebration-2024-tickets-923351979627?aff=oddtcreator>

Please share this email with all contacts you know to make this the best celebration ever! We can't wait to welcome all to our annual celebration and present to our community the real Eaglehawk.

Kind regards

Mitchell Graham

President and Chair of Empowering Eaglehawk

Click the links to the latest Rotary news:

