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Club of Eaglehawk

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Most weeks we meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes please see below for details on the program for each Club meeting.

### **June Birthdays**

8<sup>th</sup> Brian Fitzpatrick 10<sup>th</sup> Ron Payne

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -		Club Members Duty Roster -
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Book Shop 9am – 12noon	Geoff A/Gary
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting – Jennifer Lay Associate at Slater & Gordon	Bar – Alison Cleanup – Alf/Doug
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Book Shop 9am – 12noon	Mary / Geoff G
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Carolyn Cleanup – Rita/Trevor
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Book Shop 9am – 12noon	John Gurr/Doug Harrison
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Trevor Cleanup – Lindsay/Charlie
July 7th	Club Changeover Dinner – Eaglehawk Bowling Club	
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting -	
September 5th	Chrysler Car Club Catering	** Volunteers Needed **
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	District Governor, Dale Hoy's Club Visit	

## Rotary Book Shop



Don't forget to see when you have been rostered for the book shop – it's a two hour shift on a Saturday – if it's not convenient then see who you can swap with.





### Mick's Quote of the Week

The return on investment in global health is tremendous, and the biggest bang for the buck comes from vaccines. Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective health investments in history.

Seth Berkley.

Back from our quick lockdown this week.

We had our meeting this week at the Camp Hotel Eaglehawk, just used this meeting as a social get together and enjoy a good meal. During our meeting we eventually (some difficulty in getting the technology working) showed a interview of Lynne Harrison (Rotarian Doug Harrison's wife). Lynne and Doug both have had COVID and were both very sick with it, Doug being hospitalized for 10 days and Lynne spending 7 weeks in hospital, 3 weeks of this in a coma and on life support. This is a very powerful video and I recommend everyone to view it. This is the link to it

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Next Week we are back to our usual meetings at the Mechanics Hall and our Guest Speaker is Jennifer Lay Associate at Slater & Gordon Solicitors. Jennifer will talk about her journey in life which has got her to where she is now.

Looking forward to see everyone back on our own patch next week.

Mick Costello President (for 3 more Weeks) Rotary Club of Eaglehawk







# Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary

# 'Our 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.
- 16. A lovely example of honesty. Rita O'Brien reported of a customer at her Bookshop who had selected quite a few DVDs on sale for \$1.00 each. Rita offered him a box and asked him to keep count. Leaving the shop, he gave her \$41.00. A good sale! Sometime later he returned and gave Rita \$1.00 as, on checking, he had 42!
- 17. PP Alison Bacon spent some time visiting with an elderly resident last week who needed someone to talk to about her current family situation and the challenges her and her husband were facing as they are getting older. Alison didn't need to do anything just listen. A nice message there!

- 18. A group of our Rotarians; Geoff Gallagher, Lindsay Walkington, John Jones, Geoff Adcock, and partners; Mandy Costello and Deb Payne willingly donated their time and/or food to provide lunch for our cluster presidents and presidents-elect at a meeting in February.
- 19. PE Gary Frank bought a coffee for one of the locals who spends much of his time on the street. Nice touch Gary!
- 20. PP Ron Payne kept an eye on his neighbours' home, collecting mail and putting bins away while they were on a short holiday.
- 21. To support international Women's Day, Deb Payne donated a package of Feminine Hygiene products to the program called 'ShareTheDignity.'
- 22. You probably had to be there to fully appreciate this one, but our enthusiastic president helped pull his mate Geoff out of the river after he fell in fully clothed, boots and all with his phone in his pocket. Then helped retrieve his boat motor that also fell in the river.
- 23. President Mick, PE Gary and PP's John, Alison and Ron all spent a few hours doing a thorough clean-up of our storage shed. The "might come in handy one day" gear now resides elsewhere.
- 24. A young, disabled girl was struggling to pay for her purchases at the register in Kmart. The cashier very kindly tried to assist but it was a challenge for all involved. PP Alison Bacon's offer to pay on her behalf resulted in a positive outcome for a difficult situation.
- 25. Rotarian Charlie Cunneen's regular and ongoing support of St. Vinnie's certainly is one of the unsung acts that really deserves a mention.
- 26. A local elderly Vietnam Vet had to take his car to a dealership in Ballarat but he was unable to make the trip. PP Alison took it for him, and ensured that the issue he was experiencing was resolved.
- 27. Rtn. Geoff Adcock has been involved with the Bendigo Volleyball Association helping Karen boys become involved in the Junior Volleyball.
- 28. President Mick and PE Gary assisted an Eaglehawk resident by moving furniture and boxes to allow easy access for repainting to be undertaken a great Mother's Day effort well done guys.
- 29. Lynne has finally, after more than a year of searching, managed to source a new toy poodle for a friend who lives alone and has no family. It's wonderful that she will now have the company of this pooch over the winter and for years to come.
- 30. A personal donation was made by a member to the RI Foundation annual fund to further the good work being done internationally by Rotary. Thanks John Gurr.
- 31. Alison located and returned a Pianola to the Eaglehawk family that had been the original owners but who had reluctantly sold it at auction some years ago.
- 32. Rotarian Eric had the opportunity to assist a neighbour last week, who had purchased two large plants from Sunbury. Turned out that the job was a bit bigger than anticipated but in true Eric style, it got done!



### 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.

## Four-Way Test



# The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do.

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## **District Governor's Message**

### The Four-Way Test Guiding Us Through Difficult Times

As we once again endure lockdown, I can't help but feel that we are lucky to be in Rotary and to be able to share camaraderie and purpose, even though in this fourth lockdown it is done so via Zoom. So many people do not have anything like the Rotary family to keep their spirits buoyed through shared interests, the desire to do good in the world and build friendships. There is no doubt that there is angst and frustration being felt in our community right now, but as Rotarians we have much to fall back on that will sustain us through difficult times, including the Four-Way Test.



When we look at the evolution of the Four-Way Test, it began with a failing business that needed a moral compass on which to focus and guide it through difficult times. The Test is just as applicable during these difficult times and I urge you to consider it if you are facing challenges.

Just prior to lockdown, I was privileged to visit Rotary Balwyn and listen to four young students participating in the Club's Public Speaking Competition using the Four-Way Test as the foundation. I was so impressed and inspired by these young leaders that each of the finalist's speeches will be published in the forthcoming editions of Networker. In this edition, you will read how Christopher O'Connell from Scotch College has weaved the Four-Way Test into his observations of world politics. It is thought provoking indeed.

We are nearing the end of not just the Rotary year, but also the financial year. I would like to encourage all Rotarians who are considering making a tax-deductible donation prior their tax returns being completed to make The Rotary Foundation your beneficiary. Donations can be made via this link: https://my.rotary.org/en/donate. If you are a Centurion or considering becoming one and donating just \$100 in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary, please use the same link. If you are considering becoming a Paul Harris Society Member please contact Julie Mason at julie.mason@education.vic.gov. au. If you are considering becoming a Major Donor, please contact Dennis Shore at djshore@bigpond.net.au.

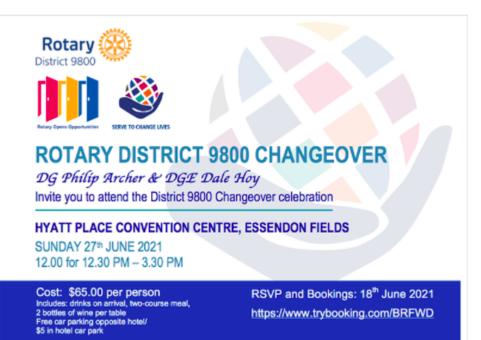
If you have already donated to The Rotary Foundation, a heartfelt thank you!

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June, the final Morning Tea with the DG will be held from 10.00am to noon and promises to be a real variety show extravaganza. We will have a look back over the year, as well as hear from a number of great speakers and entertainers. Do register and join with me as we celebrate the year that's been in true Rotary style!

Have a great week in Rotary service everyone.

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

### District Changeover 2021



## Morning Tea with the DG Jun 2021







Know someone who constantly puts others ahead of themselves. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Sound familiar. Sound like a Rotarian you know. How about you nominate them for an Australian Honor!

### The Australian Honours and Awards System

"Service Above Self" is second nature to Rotarians. But we all know fellow members who go "above and beyond" in service to their community and indeed our nation. They seek no reward beyond mere satisfaction that they have made a difference in the lives of individuals or society in general. We recognize their commitment by Clubs contributing to our Rotary Foundation or by a District or sometimes a Rotary International Award.

But while many Rotarians have also been honoured through the **Order of Australia**, certainly there are others well deserving of recognition who have never been nominated or sometimes nominated unsuccessfully.

The procedure for nominating is, at first glance, daunting but should not be a barrier to acknowledging deserving service. Only a percentage are successful, so wording needs to be succinct and point scoring, and time from lodging an application to successful announcement can take eighteen months to two years, so planning is critical. Nominations should be kept confidential, and at no stage should the nominee be alerted.

To help you find out more we have organized Barbara Abley to do a presentation on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 12 noon on Zoom. Stay tuned for more information as to how to register.

Any Rotarian or Club that is considering nominating a Rotarian, or a worthy person recognized by Rotary, should first access the website <a href="https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards">https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards</a> and then if assistance is required, contact the D9800 Liaison Person PDG Julie Mason.

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