



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.

March Birthdays

1st Alison Bacon
2nd Alf Thorpe
4th Lola Frank
5th Doug Harrison
10th Margaret Walkington
31st Geoff Gallagher

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

March 21 st	Rotary Leadership Course
March 24 th	Club Meeting – Phoenix FM Presentation by John Pearce.
March 27 th	Sorting of Club Shed at the Mechanics – 10am start
March 28 th	Rotary Leadership Course
March 31 st	Club Meeting
April 3 rd	Citreon Car Club BBQ
April 7 th	Club Meeting
April 14 th	PP Ron Payne – Presentation on the Rotary Foundation with PDG Julie Mason
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

Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.

- **Mike Singletary**



Well we tried something different this week!

Being a Board Meeting night we have been having a night of fellowship, so this week we brought out the competitiveness of our members by playing some games.

We had Giant Jenga, Quoits and Corn Hole. It was enjoyed by everyone - some great photos of members participating.

Next week we are pleased to have John Pearce as our guest speaker (even though he doesn't live in the Borough he is Eaglehawk through and through) he is going to talk about his work as an announcer on Phoenix FM radio station and I guess he will also touch on his love for Eaglehawk.

Bowls next Tuesday I will be ringing around to find a winning combination as we haven't been winning but we have been having a heap of fun. Only 2 weeks to go.

Mick Costello

President
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk



Check out our club's Facebook Page to view a great video of PP John Gurr tackling the Giant Jenga!



Mia Crimmins spoke at Rotary a while back on her experience attending the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – a program supported by the local Rotary Clubs. Mia's currently attending Bendigo Senior Secondary Collage and a wonderful article on the School website with Mia featured as the Student in Profile is great reading. Here is the link –

<http://www.bssc.edu.au/news/student-profile-mia-crimmins/>

Clubbing in Rotary - International Rotary Educators Fellowship

The International Rotary Educators Fellowship is one of Rotary International's newest. It is a Fellowship that tends to appeal not only to professional educators, but also to Rotarians who are not teachers, but who possess a passion for education or a keen interest in education's considerable benefits.



Worldwide there are more than 775 million people over the age of 15 who are illiterate. This is approximately 17% of the world's adult population.

An important focus of this Rotary Fellowship is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, to reduce gender disparity in education, to increase adult literacy and to promote quality education (both public and private.) Other types of training promoted by the Fellowship include continuing education and adult lifelong learning.

An excellent program that this Fellowship sponsors is an online FREE Reading program for Kids. This is an English speaking interactive literacy program for children starting at kindergarten level through to grade 6 at school. It's free for use by Rotary clubs and other groups and it can be accessed by signing up via the International Rotary Educators Fellowship website: www.rotarianeducators.org. The program improves English reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary and much more, and students can start at any level at which they feel comfortable. The program is designed in such a way that a lot of children think the activities they are doing are games, but all the while they are mastering learning language. Currently there are more than 60,000 students using the program.

In 2014, several Australian Rotary clubs joined other countries, including the US, UK, Ireland and Canada to establish the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. These clubs provide children from birth up to the age of 5 years with a free new book each week, chosen for its suitability for the child's age. The children who receive these books are mostly from low income families or families suffering hardship and the program has proved very successful for the children.

The International Rotary Educators Fellowship is a group of Rotarians from different parts of the world who enjoy friendship, share their enthusiasm for the value of education and endeavour to further literacy worldwide.

District Governors Message

Environment and Sustainability - Rotary's NEW 7th Area of focus

As many of you are now aware, the Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a seventh area of focus—supporting the environment. Areas of focus are categories of service activities supported by global grants, and this seventh area will join peace building and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and, community economic development.



Whilst grant applications for the seventh area of focus won't be accepted until 1st July 2021, now is an ideal time to build our knowledge and plan projects for this focus area...even small projects that can be done in our backyards, local parks or community walkways. Already, great work has commenced through our newly formed Environmental Sustainability Committee, headed up by Fabienne Nichola and John McCaskill, and is the subject of our feature article this week.

Being Membership Month, we have some unique opportunities to introduce others to Rotary. Supporting the environment is one, as highlighted in the feature article, and so too is reaching out to all those you know who may need support through these difficult times and would welcome connecting with others. We also have an opportunity for anyone you know in business to join our Zoom Business Leaders Breakfast scheduled for Tuesday 25th August. <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/event/series-business-leaders-breakfast-1/>

Another exciting event this month is the Rotary Club of Camberwell's major community and fund raising event, the highly regarded Camberwell Art Show, which is going digital for the first time in its 55-year history. Make sure you check out the monthly exhibitions via the website: <http://www.camberwellartshow.org.au>

Whilst Victoria is officially in a state of disaster, let's all remain calm, and be grateful for our ability as Rotarians to support one another and continue doing good in the world.

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

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.

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?



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.
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.

Come on everyone! Our twelve months are quickly coming to an end and we'd love to ensure we reach our century of kind acts. Please 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.

And from our recent Board meeting some information for all members –

- Supporting Eaglehawk PS: A conversation with Fiona Lindsay (Principal Eaglehawk PS) has identified a need for reading helpers at EPS. This involves listening to children read on a regular basis. This is in lieu of the support for the breakfast program that is now well in hand. Members to be invited to express interest via the bulletin and at future meetings. WWC imperative.
- Citroen Car Club catering: To be held in the McCrae St Car Park On Saturday 3rd April. Set up at about 8:00 am and cooking from 11:00 until about 1:00. Up market BBQ for 150 people @ \$12:00 pp. Sausages, burgers, kebabs, green salad, coleslaw and gluten free options. Mick/Geoff to supply generators for powering the cool room. There will be a call for volunteers at the next general meeting.
- Anzac Day: It has been confirmed by the RSL that while the services will proceed the RSL is not able to proceed with a gunfire breakfast and it is therefore cancelled for this year with a view to it returning to next year's Anzac Day Dawn Service.
- Mechanics Usage – As bookings are now increasing it is important all user groups are mindful of the need to ensure the facility is left in readiness for the next group.

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.***

You are invited to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South
High Tea combined with a Memorial service for our
past member Ken Briggs



- DATE: -** Sunday 28th March 2021
TIME: - 2pm commencing with a Memorial service for Ken in the outdoor Chapel followed by High Tea at 2.30pm
VENUE: - Camp Getaway
161 Axedale – Kimbolton Road
Axedale
COST:- \$25 per person
Please pay direct debit if possible & include your surname: -
BSB 633000 Account number 103497236
BYO DRINKS Wine tastings available from Mallee Edge Winery
RSVP **Heather Nixon 0427 343320 or hnixo@yahoo.com**
by March 21st
THEME – *Dress for a Royal High Tea and Hats encouraged*

**Funds raised go to support our Clubs scholarships for 4 High School girls in
Timor Leste**