



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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# Rotary Club of Eaglehawk



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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

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

### Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sorting of Club Shed at the Mechanics – 10am start
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Leadership Course
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Club Meeting – at Roy Parker's (see President's Report for Details)
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Citreon Car Club BBQ
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Geoff Adcock/Lindsay Walkington
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	PP Ron Payne – Presentation on the Rotary Foundation with PDG Julie Mason
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Book Shop 10am - 12noon – Alison Bacon/Sarah Wainwright
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	President Elect Training Session
May 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Multi District Conference
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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

It was very nice to see we had 3 partners of members who decided that our meeting was worth coming along to, we had Lola Frank, Laurie Preston and Mandy Costello join us this week.

Thanks for making the effort to join us and you and others are always welcome to come along.



### Mick's Quote of the Week

"The power of radio is not that it speaks to millions, but that it speaks intimately and privately to each one of those millions."

- Hallie Flanagan

This week our guest speaker was John Pearce (better known as Pearcey) and his Partner Nicole Ellerton - another partner - we are setting a trend here.

Pearcey was supposed to talk to us about his involvement in Phoenix FM radio station, he did talk about this but also got sidetracked onto his favourite subject, Eaglehawk and how great a Community we are so privileged to live in. For someone who doesn't live in Eaglehawk his heart is definitely well entrenched in our Community.

It was nice to hear from someone who is as passionate about our Eaglehawk Community as we are.

It is good to see things are getting back to normal post the COVID lockdowns, Thursday we cooked a BBQ for the Victoria Stroke Association Bowls Day (by reports went well), Monday Night we are cooking a BBQ for Bendigo Violet Street Primary School, this is a special night to encourage fathers to show greater involvement in the Children's Education.



Pearcey studies his gift to make sure it matches the last one – he is aiming for a set!

Easter Saturday we are catering for the Citroen Car Club Show and Shine event in town (further info to follow). Also Saturday we had a cleanup of the shed at the mechanics hall and we have achieved a great deal of space and a lot of good stuff has been put aside for our forthcoming Garage Sale

Next Week's Meeting we are hitting the road going to Roy Parker's Home 1362 Epsom Barnadown Rd. Goornong. Roy has kindly invited us out to see his collection of old Motorbikes and whilst there we are going to acknowledge the fact that Roy was our last Founding member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, 54 years of Service to our community, **What an achievement !**

We will meet at Roy's at 5.30pm to look at his bikes while there is still daylight followed by our Dinner which the Caterers will provide and we will take it out with us and serve it up ourselves.

Anyone who wants to come along and help celebrate Roy's 54 Years as a member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk is most welcome just let me know so we don't run out of food.

Bowls - It is the last week of bowls next week so I will be chasing up some bowlers for our teams, preferable some who can bowl as we are ranked 21 and 27 out of 28 teams.

Mick Costello

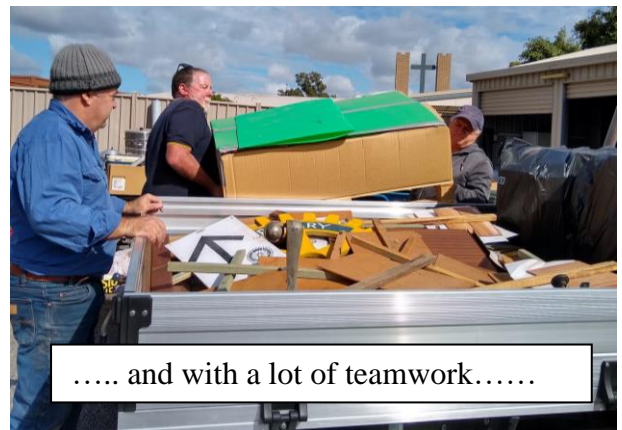
President  
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk



Believe it or not - but all of this came out of the shed – the shed is not that large.....



We did a lot of this .... And clearly we had a lot of fun!



..... and with a lot of teamwork.....



**We achieved this Amazing Transformation**

**Good job Team !**





## Rotary Book Shop

Our book shop is a treasure trove of second hand books – and Rtn. Rita O'Brien does a brilliant job running it and organising all of the stock. The importance of this club program has often been mentioned so it's been decided that to recognise and appreciate the efforts of Rita we need to give more of a hand. So, each week two members will be rostered on to work with Rita Saturday from 10am – midday. We fully appreciate that we are all quite busy so if you are rostered but unavailable it would be great if you could swap with another member. This is a great opportunity – pop on your rotary shirt and come and enjoy Rita's company, give her a hand.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Which Direction is the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk going?



We are confident that the new direction is now clearly in sight.  
What a great time to be a member, and involved in our Club!

# The Rotary / Days For Girls Partnership

By Rowan McClean

Partnerships allow Rotary to 'do good in the world' beyond just its own capacity. Here is a great example.

Days For Girls International (DfG) is an award-winning Non Government Organisation that works to shatter stigma and limitations associated with menstruation for improved female health, education, and livelihoods. Since 2008, DfG has reached over two million women and girls in 144 countries with menstrual health solutions and education, trained 200 enterprise leaders, and mobilised over 1,000 volunteer chapters, teams, and clubs.



An American woman, who saw the need to help girls in Kenya that were prevented from attending school during their menstrual cycles, started DfG about 12 years ago. At that time, thirty-eight per cent of young girls were not able to attend school. Providing hygiene kits consisting of brightly coloured materials that can be laundered and used for up to three years, has resulted in that figure being reduced to just seven per cent. Previously, girls were often embarrassed, isolated and unable to access or afford sanitary items.

DfG Kenya Enterprise Leader, Alice Wambui Mwangi recently observed: "We are making washable menstrual kits that help keep girls in school and give them hope for breaking the cycle of early marriage and childbirth. An educated girl can break the cycle of poverty and empower her to follow her dreams."

An Australian offshoot is now responsible for the Pacific area. In 2016, two North Balwyn Rotarians and two Rotarian partners visited the Solomon Islands where the club had been conducting community support projects for some time and knew there were some sewing machines. Jane Pennington and Bev Sofra in particular progressed the project.

Bev told *Networker*: "We taught girls from a boarding school in Henderson, and a truck load of girls from the Tetere community an hour away, how to make kits. Many of the school sewing machines needed attention."

A new overlocker machine was arranged by the club and taken to the school on a second trip about two years later. Rotarian "Mr Sewing" Brian Thomas and his wife Bev joined this team, and a thorough review of machines was conducted, repaired and a local man was trained in maintenance. For the other Rotarians in the team, the focus was on train-the-trainer for the teachers at Henderson and from surrounding missions and schools. Twenty leaders were trained in appropriate sewing techniques.

Rotary North Balwyn has funded some project expenses, including a third visit, as well as supplies and materials. Brian Thomas has recently funded the purchase of four sewing tables, two cupboards, a bookshelf and a wardrobe to support further training.

The North Balwyn DfG group has now produced more than 1,000 kits. Other partners such as World Vision and No Roads (in Papua New Guinea) often handle distribution.

Local enterprises will be encouraged to commence to make and distribute the kits, and a traffic light grading system by country has been adopted to identify where local businesses have commenced so as to avoid unfair competition. To avoid 'treading on toes', DfG checks in the traffic light orange-coded countries with the authorities responsible to see what specific approach is required. DfG can either supply direct, or distribute the kits through local enterprises.

"The Solomon Islands have a few small start-up groups, but they cannot produce anywhere near the volumes needed so there are currently no restrictions," Bev advises.

With Melbourne's COVID lockdowns lifted, the North Balwyn DfG group has recommenced sewing days. Other Rotarians are planning to join the group, so the future of this valuable partnership is assured.



# 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.***



Deputy Secretary Commonwealth Dept Health

# Prof John Skerritt

***Don't miss this in person event,  
the Centenary Angus Mitchell Oration:  
"The COVID-19 pandemic response in Australia and the region:  
vaccines, medicines and masks...where to from here ?"***

*Rotarians and their guests are invited to join  
the Rotary Club of Melbourne  
lunch on the occasion of the Club's  
Centenary Angus Mitchell Oration.*



**Dr Skerritt will deliver the 51<sup>st</sup>  
Angus Mitchell Oration on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

Dr Skerritt has a high national profile dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. In his current role he is also responsible for the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Office of Drug Control.

An eminent public servant with strong personal links to Rotary having been awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship at the University of Michigan, USA. He was honoured by Rotary International with the 2012 "Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award" for contributions in research in health, agricultural and environmental sciences plus achievements as a leader of Australia's overseas development assistance (aid) program.

***With such an extraordinary range of skills,  
experience and plus his sustained connections to  
Rotary, we are privileged that John Skerritt is the  
Centenary Angus Mitchell Orator***

Date: **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
Time: 12.40 for 12.50pm start till 2pm prompt  
Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Dining Rooms, Sofitel Hotel on Collins Melbourne  
Cost : \$55pp two course lunch  
Book: <https://events.humanitix.com/angus-mitchell-oration>  
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John has been a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton and visits regularly when home on the weekends from Canberra.