



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.

April Birthdays

30th – Charlie Cunneen

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -

April 3 rd	Citreon Car Club BBQ – EXTRA HELPERS NEEDED FROM 10.30AM
April 7 th	Club Meeting
April 10 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Geoff Adcock/Lindsay Walkington
April 14 th	PP Ron Payne – Presentation on the Rotary Foundation with PDG Julie Mason
April 17 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am - 12noon – Alison Bacon/Sarah Wainwright
April 18 th	President Elect Training Session
April 24 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12 noon – Lyn Cooper/Alf Thorpe
May 1 st	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Mick Costello/Carolyn Robinson
May 1 st	Club Bonfire
May 1 st & 2 nd	Multi District Conference
May 8 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Charlie Cunneen/Ron Payne
May 15 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Brian Fitzpatrick/Trevor Lock
May 22 nd	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Gary Frank/Mary Preston
May 22 nd	District Assembly (Online)
May 29 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – Geoff Gallagher/John Jones
June 5 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon – John Gurr/Doug Harrison

President Mick's Report

Well it has been a busy week this week and isn't it great to see we are getting back to work in our Community!

Monday night we helped out Bendigo Violet Street Primary School by cooking a BBQ for their Fathers night, catering for 70 Fathers and their Kids with a Guest Speaker on the night, Rodney Eade AFL player and coach. A big thanks goes to Lindsey Walkington and a friend of mine Bernie Marslen who expertly manned the BBQ on the night.

Tuesday night we had the final night of our Community Bowls competition, Needless to say we never came away with the chocolates, but we had fun and most importantly wore our uniforms and increased our profile in the community. Well done on everyone who took part in this and we all enjoyed meeting and talking with others from our local community. I personally had a number of people asking about Rotary and what we do.

Wednesday Night we had a special night to Celebrate Roy Parker's 54 years of service to Rotary Roy invited us all out to his place in Goornong to view his incredible collection of old English Motorbikes, at 94 years of age he is still restoring another bike.

On arriving at Roy's he was saying the farmer next door had the gate open and some sheep in the paddock he was going to "jump on the bike and go and shut the gate", I looked shocked at this and next thing I see Roy taking off over the paddock on his 4 wheel motorbike.

I asked Roy how the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk got started (as Roy is the last active Charter Member of our Club). It was very interesting, I hope Geoff Adcock was taking notes of his talk so we can put his memories in the Bulletin in weeks to come.

One thing that stood out to me was Roy saying it was very competitive to get on the board of our Club he had to be nominated over 3 years before he was elected to the board, how things have changed!



We presented Roy with a Certificate acknowledging his 54 years of service and the fact he is the last active Charter Member of our Club.

I salute you Roy and thank you for all you have done for the Eaglehawk community over the years. Well done Roy.
As well as Roy we had a new member join us on the night in Eric Smith, welcome to the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Eric and I look forward to working alongside you on projects for our Community.

Thursday and Friday we have a rest from Rotary. But Saturday we are catering for the Citroën Car Club show and shine in the McRae Street Car Park, so all hands on deck again.

With things getting back to some kind of normality next week's meeting will be a Club Assembly where we can look with a little more certainty into future projects. Hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter and we will see you next Wednesday.

Mick Costello,
President 2020-2021



Mick's Quote of the Week

Barbecue may not be the road to world peace, but it's a start.

- Anthony Bourdain



President Elect, Gary Frank has provided the following summary of the contribution made by Roy Parker as an Electrical Contractor throughout the local area and beyond -



W R Parker (Roy)

Roy did his apprenticeship at Howard Electrical Bendigo and I believe he worked on number 10 shed at ADI and Mulwala and other government places during WW2 as he was too young to join, but served his country by wiring many factories.

Roy went out on his own and worked doing remote electrical on farms and his big break came when he tendered on the Cohuna Secondary College for the Public Works Department.

Apparently Roy's tender was the cheapest and the supervisor rang him to confirm whether he could complete it – of course his answer was yes.

Roy worked hard on that job and got some local labour to help him. The supervisor was happy with his work which put

Roy on the Public Works Department list in Victoria. This in turn led to him doing many government jobs throughout country Victoria.

Roy had about 15 Apprentices over his time and one was Ken Pitson who still sees Roy and does his electrical at his house to this day.

My first business partner, Leigh Straub, did his apprenticeship with WR Parker Electrical. Roy would be at work early each morning, but would be on the BROOM himself cleaning the workshop when his staff arrived. Roy wired many schools around Bendigo and country areas, including the Eaglehawk Secondary College, coincidentally, I undertook the second new building many years later.

Roy did a lot of work with JWHenderson builders before going on to sell his business in 1989 to 4 employees. Sadly they could not repeat his long career together and it was over a few years later.

W R Parker Pty Ltd is still in the phone book. Roy employed up to 50 men at some stages and I would rank Roy's business in the Top three ever Electrical Contractors in Bendigo.

'NURTURING ROTARIANS'

Article by PDG Euan Miller, Rotary Foundation Cadre, President RC of Norwood

In business when we open an account for a new customer, this is a red-letter day. While most business success relies on repeat business from existing customers, it is the new customers that provide growth. We nurture these new customers with extra attention and care because we know how important it is for our business success long term.



In Rotary clubs we should do exactly the same. Sadly we seem to miss the mark so many times. Most resignations from Rotarians occur in the first three years of membership. What was sold to these Rotarians when they joined clearly was not what was delivered. A lot of work goes into attracting new members – when we lose them so soon, we not only waste those resources, but we send potential service volunteers back into the community with a poor public image of Rotary.

In my experience such Rotarian resignations occur because we have not nurtured these new members. We have not embraced them, supported them and helped develop them as if they were new members of our family. Every member has to play their part to build an ongoing friendship with every new member. It is so common for members continue to socialise with their particular fellowship group within the club without recognising there is a new member left on their own.

Secondly, we haven't asked the new member what they really want to get out of Rotary. We haven't placed them on a committee or project necessarily that reflects their service interest or even asked them is there a project they really want to do that the club could marshal its resources to assist achieve it? In my 40 odd years in Rotary I have never found a Rotarian who has joined just to cook or serve sausages.

Thirdly sadly, Rotarians resign because they have not been treated kindly and with respect by all members of the club. Women particularly have found it difficult to have happy and productive experiences in Rotary. Male members have belittled them, often inadvertently, through inappropriate comments.

While it may be delegated to the Membership Director to ensure new members are nurtured and embedded happily into the club, it is clearly the President's responsibility to ensure this happens. Effective leaders are not just there to set and achieve goals. They are there to ensure the tone of the club is such that every member is included, valued supported and most important of all, is treated with respect. If a disturbance occurs, it is dealt with and resolved immediately to ensure harmony is maintained.

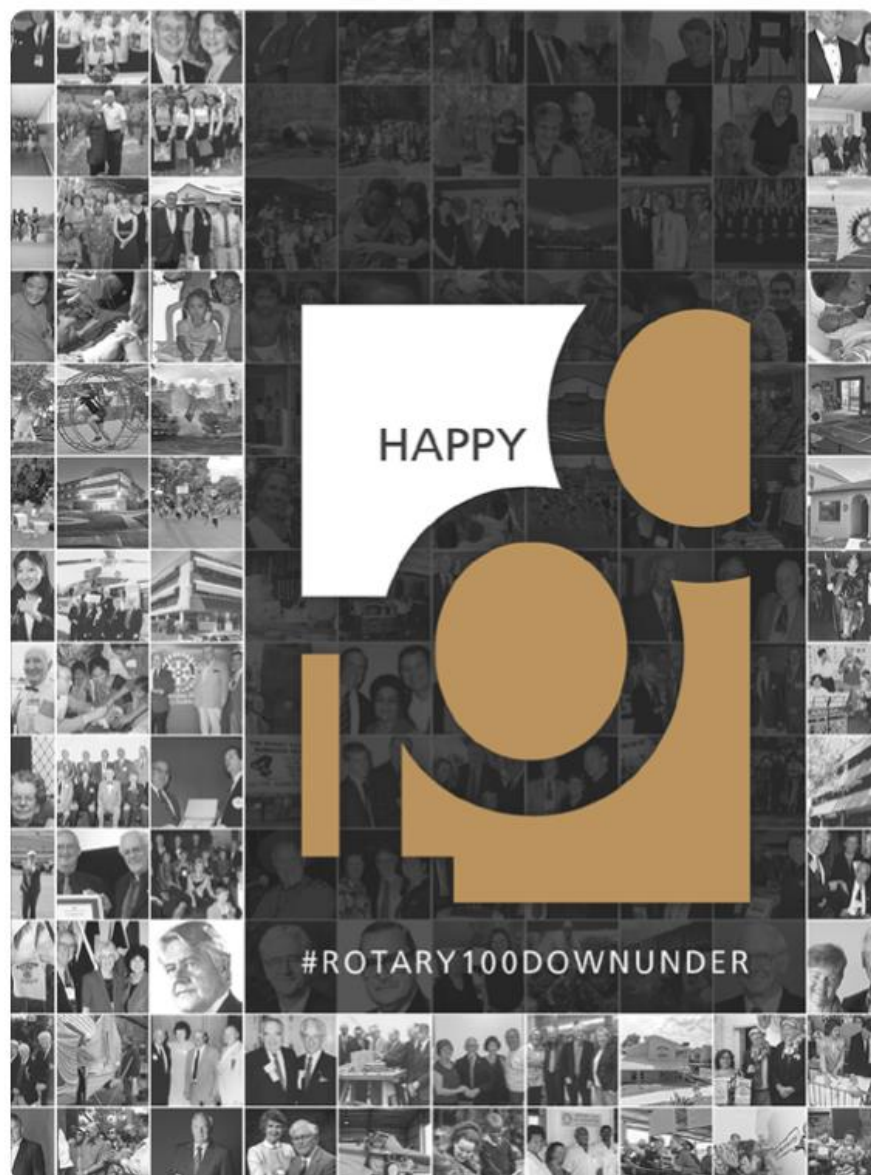
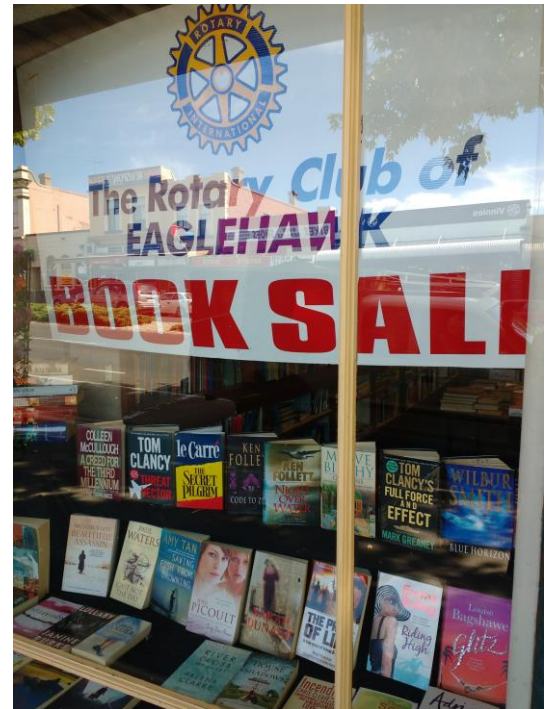
Clubs should only lose members at death. If they are unwell, they should be contacted and visited regularly and supported back into the club in whatever form their incapacity allows. If they relocate, they should be supported as members until they re-join a new club. Again it is our obligation to help them select a new club with a culture that will continue to support and fulfil them.

Treat new Rotarians as customers or family and you will keep them for life!

Rotary Book Shop

Bulletin readers will recall last week's article about our new roster for members to lend a hand at the Book shop – please join in this initiative and together we can all help Rita, who does a marvellous job. See the calendar at the start of the bulletin to check for when your name comes onto the list!

Perhaps you could check with Rita and take her a coffee, I think she is partial to a nice Latte or is it a Cappuccino!.... ?



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.
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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.

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!

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.***