



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Mansfield Inc.

13th May 2026

Youth Services Month

National Song: All

Loyal Toast: Australia and its People

Rotary Grace: For good food, for good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary – we give thanks.

THIS WEEK - Duty Roster

Cashier: Maurie

Chairperson: Robyn

Regalia: Laurie

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

12th August 5:30pm at Delatite Hotel.

Stephs Scribings

Well April has gone and we are now into May.

We inducted Andrew Robinson into Rotary on the 22nd April 2026 and we are very happy to have another new member, if you haven't already met Andrew please make yourself known to him when you get a chance and give him a big Rotary Club of Mansfield welcome.

On Friday the 1st of May we cooked a free Sausage Sizzle for our "Say No to Domestic and Family Violence" walk for the Action against Family Violence for the Month of May. This was very well attended by our members, plus Let's Talk and RAR group who walked with us. We were lucky to have Councilor Mandy Treasure speak to the crowd, plus Michelle Padbury from Lets Talk. We had about 50 people join the walk. We are very grateful for SIAG to have funded the BBQ

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*Guest Speaker Polly Ritchie from
Delatite Winery*



and enable us to buy more t-shirts in the sizes we had run out of.

On Saturday 2nd May we went down to the Merton Racecourse to cook a BBQ at the racecourse, this was a fund raiser bush fire recovery BBQ. We had offered to pay for the BBQ but another group had offered. It was a really great afternoon and the steak sandwiches were certainly a hit, as well as the veggie burgers and the sausages.

Sunday brought us to the Delatite Hotel for lunch for Ninni for her 18th birthday which was on the 29th April, it was really lovely for Ninni to feel so special with so many people coming for her birthday. It was a really great day and thanks so much to Kathy Croughan for organizing it.

On Wednesday 6th May we will have our May board meeting as I am leaving on the 7th May for four months.

Our next meeting is on the 13th May when we will host the Recreational Rotary Fellowship Club who are staying at the caravan park for 4 days. This meeting will be a partners evening so please all come along. We will also be cooking dinner for them on the 16th May at the caravan park. This will be a good fund raiser for our club. Please get involved if you can.

See you all in September

Steph.

Last Meeting:

President Stephanie inducted a new member, Andrew Robinson. Everyone welcomed Andrew to the Club and we hope he has a long and enjoyable membership.



We also had a guest speaker, Polly Ritchie from the Delatite Winery. Polly the winery was started by her grandparents Robert and Vivienne Ritchie in 1968. Robert was a farmer and got the idea of growing grapes for Brown Brothers then it snowballed.

In 1980 her Aunt Ros became the winemaker and they built a small cellar door. Ros was one of the pioneer women in the wine industry. Polly moved back to Mansfield during Covid and kept doing marketing part time.

In 2021 Polly became assistant winemaker while still doing marketing while they started to build the new cellar door and dining room. Twelve months ago I became the Hospitality Managers position. Polly oversees the branding, design and marketing for the Delatite Winery. Polly plans to stay in the industry, to stay at Delatite. It's a great industry, hard work but a chance to meet people all over the world.

This week 13th May 2026:

It is a partners night.

Joining us is 40 members of the Rotary Recreational Club who are visiting Mansfield.

Our guest speaker is David Mayne from the Bendigo Bank.

We have a special raffle of a triple bottles of **wine from the Peppin Ridge Estate Winery – Serenity in a bottle.**

EFPOS will be available.

Next Meeting; 27th May 2026

PARTNERS NIGHT;

This is a partners night with a special guest speaker, Our Finish Exchange Student Ninni. She will give us a wrap up of her fabulous year in Mansfield Australia.

Come along and enjoy the meeting and fellowship.

Birthdays this Month:

Liz Bannister 3rd May

BBQ's

Say No to Domestic March and BBQ



Merton Recovery BBQ



Exchange Students:

Ninni Helenius;



For her 18th birthday Ninni received a surprise video from her mother, sisters and dog. Ninni had a laugh while watching the birthday wishes.

Ninni with her birthday cake and with her host families.



Erin Mahoney;

Erin has just moved to her second host family. They are only a couple with no children at home so it is like living with grandparents. They don't speak a lot of English so Erin is doing well with learning Japanese. At school she is the track and field manager and has a great group of school friends.



Erin visiting a UNESCO village with her host parents it is in her home village of Toyama and her school excursion to Heisenji Hakusan Shrine with a "Modern Wish" display in the background.



Erin went to the Hikiyama Festival in Nagahama. The creation of the floats began 450 years ago to celebrate the birth of a samurai son.



A few of us went to the District Assembly at Benalla

Thought for the Week; WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID

Club Programme;

No Meetings During Winter;

Due to the lack of members being around during winter the Board made the decision to **Cancel meetings from and including the 10th June** through to the 1st meeting in August. **Meetings will commence again on the 12th August.**

Up Coming Events;

May 10th -22nd – Ninni going on Safari to Central Australia

May 13th – Partners Night - We are hosting the Rotary Recreational Club. Special Raffle with wine from Peppin Ridge Winery – EFPOS available

May 16th Rotary recreational Club - Showgrounds Numbers? Quoted \$25/head

May 27th – Partners Night with our Exchange Student Ninni Helenius giving her farewell talk

May 28th – Womens Health Conversation 5-6pm at MACE

June 22nd – Ninni will depart Australia by QANTAS Flight AY5022 at 10:15am

October 24th – Love your Sister – Samuel Johnson guest speaker