Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Mansfield Inc.

14th October 2026

***National* Song: All**

***Loyal Toast:* Australia and it's People**

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

International Toast

NEXT MEETING:

28th October 6:30 for 7:00pm at Delatite Hotel
Partners Night – Guest speakers Mandy and Genevieve from the Muddy Hill Marketing Co talking about **Promoting Rotary opportunities locally**.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

11th November 5:30pm at Delatite Hotel.
Rohan from SWOOP will talk to the Board about a program to do all our administration work for community volunteers.

Rededication Ceremony for Police killed by Ned Kelly



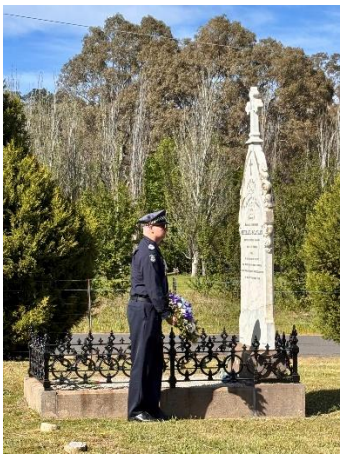
Steph's Scriblings

Well here we are in October and into our busy cooking season for Rotary.
We had lots of helpers at the Venilali BBQ in the botanical gardens today. Thanks very much to Laurie, forever reliable, picking up the BBQ and then cooking for hours, We cooked 250 sausages and sold a few as well. Unfortunately I couldn't work out how to use the Square so I hope someone with knowledge on how to use it will be available on the 30th October to at least show a number of us how to use it properly.
Thanks to all of the members and their families for coming along and cooking and serving the snags, your help was certainly appreciated.
Everyone said the ridge walk was fantastic and they were very appreciative of the sausages, onions and coleslaw.
Our meeting last Wednesday was very small, we all really enjoyed it and were happy to welcome visiting Rotarian Ian Vesey, who we hope to see again as well as his wife Marg next time they are up from Melbourne.

Our Christmas party will be on the 9th December, we are still exploring options and will keep you all in the loop.
Our next meeting will be on the 28th October, this is a partners night and we have a number of visitors from the Benalla Club as well, so please come along and bring an extra guest, please let Bob know you are coming as well.
We do have two guest speakers talking to us about marketing and how we can value add to our club.

Yours in Rotary
Stephanie Hart

Rededication ceremony of the graves of Sergeant Michael Kennedy 2009, Constable Michael Scanlan 2118, Constable Thomas Lonigan 2423 Victoria Police, Police Veterans


BBQ for Venilali Ridge Walk

Around 250 people participated in the Venilali Ridge walk on a loverly fine day that concluded with one of our sausages with onions.





Exchange Students:

Fidelia von Massow;

In the holidays I went to Canberra with Kelly, Alex and Darcy! We saw the parliament houses, a beautiful tulip garden, had a great view from Mount Ainslie and had fun in the Questacon! (photo) Then Matt, Kelly, Alex, Darcy and me went to Swanhill, where we had a tour on the paddlesteamer (photo) and we also saw Echuca! I returned for one day to Kirsten and Neil, met their son Leon and we played Catan and a lot of other board games, which I really enjoyed! On the last day of the holidays I was very lucky and experienced a true highlight: Kelly, Darcy and me flew while sunrise in a hot-air balloon over Mansfield! (photo) It was beautiful!!! Then school started again and I played Netball for the first time! I am playing with the girls from my school in the Spring Competition. It was so much fun! I also helped Matt with a little bit of farmwork (photo), which is a very new experience for me, and I really enjoyed it! In Food Tech we made Tim Tams this week (photo), which is great, because then I can still eat them when I return, although we don‘t have them in Germany! Now I am sooo excited for the Tropical Trek!!!











Erin Mahoney;

“Recently, I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Hikiyama Festival in Toyama, and it was honestly such an incredible experience! The festival has a history stretching back hundreds of years and originally began as a way for local merchants to show their wealth and success by creating huge, beautifully decorated wooden floats called *hikiyama*. These floats feature detailed local woodcarvings and gold leaf, making them amazing to see up close.

During the day, teams of people pull the enormous floats through the streets while musicians play traditional flutes and drums to create an exciting atmosphere. The other exchange students and I were lucky enough to participate and help pull one of the very heavy floats. It was so much fun, and I even got interviewed on live TV!

My favourite part was definitely seeing the floats lit up at night. Hundreds of paper lanterns illuminated each float, creating the most beautiful sight. There were so many people gathered around, music playing and an incredible atmosphere throughout the town. Once the lanterns were lit, people began pulling the glowing floats through the streets, and it was amazing to see them moving through the night.

Afterwards, the other exchange students and I headed to the market, which was just as lively! There were at least 40 different stalls lining the streets, all filled with customers. As we walked around, we even came across the glowing floats again. It was so much fun experiencing the festival at night and seeing how the whole town came alive.

I really enjoyed this trip and feel so lucky to have been able to experience such a special part of Japanese culture. I also loved meeting the new exchange students and sharing these memories with them. A huge thank you to Rotary for making these opportunities possible.









Martin Robinson;

As below, Martin will be going to District 1450 in Central Jutland Denmark.

Rotary District 1450 covers the central Jutland (Midtjylland) region of Denmark, spanning an area bounded roughly by Aarhus, Lemvig, Esbjerg, Ribe, Hedensted, and Samsø. Facebook

Key Details about District 1450

- **Clubs & Membership:** Includes approximately 49 to 50 local clubs with over 1,500 total members. Rotary Danmark +1
- **Activities & Focus:** Local community projects, vocational visits, guest speakers, international aid (such as medical shipments and clinic support), and youth exchange programs. Rotary Club of Willetton +2
- **Official Website:** More information and a full club directory can be found on the District 1450 website. Rotary Danmark

Martin and Leila participated in separate bands at the Mansfield Battle of the Bands. Martin on the Drums and Leila on Bass Guitar.






Birthdays

Nil for October

Raffle Winner;

The winner of the raffle was won by President Stephanie – No Jackpot won.

Thought for the Week;

Don't watch the clock; do what it does, keep going.

Joke of the week;

My ex-girlfriend just told me she wants us to get back together again.
Man, I sure am lucky!
I mean, first I win the lottery and now this.

CAR RAFFLE;

We have received car raffle tickets for members to sell. Book will be issued at the next meeting.

Up Coming Events;

October 30th – Friday 5pm-9pm High Country Festival BBQ in median strip for CFA and fireworks.
October 31st – BBQ on Saturday in Median strip 8 – 12noon
November 14th – Share the Dignity – pack bags with personal needs
November 21st – A&P Society loaning BBQ trailer for Mansfield Show.
November 25th – Guest Speaker – Amanda Jamieson – Marj Coombs Scholarship 2025 recipient.
December 9th – Christmas meeting

