Newsletter of the
Rotary Club of Mansfield Inc.

28th 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

Tonight we are toasting the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires which turned 100 in November 2019.
The club was chartered in 1919 with the patronage of the Rotary Club of Montevideo and from there the history of Argentine Rotary begins. With around 600 Rotary clubs in the country the club has maintained a membership of more than 200 members and today they are 280 with leaders in their respective areas.

NEXT MEETING:

11th November 6:30 for 7:00pm at Delatite Hotel

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

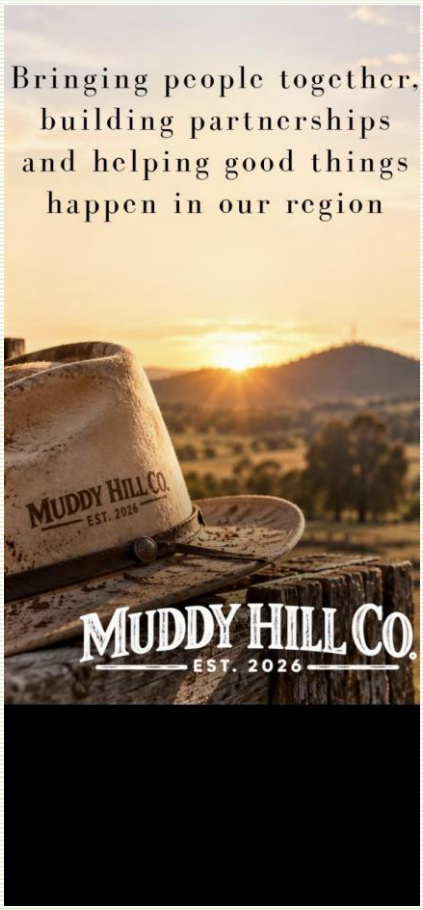
11th November 5:30pm at Delatite Hotel.
Rohan from SWOOP will talk to the Board about a program to do all our administration work for community volunteers.

Steph's Scribblings

Our meeting on the 25th was great and we were very happy to listen to Mandy Wolbers talk about how they could help us raise money without having to do BBQ's all the time. We are hoping Mandy and her business partner Genevieve will come and elaborate more on how they can do this.

I am really happy to say that our BBQ's on Friday 30th and Sat 31st were extremely busy, we sold out of the Kranskys on the Friday and the Bacon and Egg rolls on Saturday, they were really popular, given we had such bad weather on Saturday it was lucky we took our large Rotary pergola down and we all managed to keep ourselves dry as well as our customers.

Guest Speaker Mandy from Muddy Hill & Co



We are again doing a free BBQ on the 4th December down on the median strip near IGA, we are teaming up with WINE (women in North East) who are going to be doing the Dear Her and pink packing of bags from 5 - 9, there will be guest speakers and music so it will be a great afternoon down in town. I hope to be interviewed again by radio and we will have fliers in all the shop windows. We are happy to say this event will be sponsored by the Mansfield Shire council.

We are still finalising our venue for our Christmas party.

Happy November everyone.

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Guest Speaker – Mandy from Muddy Hill & Co.

Genevieve and Mandy have started the company Muddy Hill & Co in order to help community groups get members and raise monre funds.

Their vision is; * Good ideas don't stall
* Turn ideas into reallity
* Focus on generating funds from other activities.
* If we have a problem they will find a solution.

Mandy is a great writer of grant applications that help to bring in funds for the community.
Jen is an educator, marketing and communications consultant.
Muddy Hill & Co are event organisers as well and can value add to a function with guest speakers, auction items and promotion.
Mandy said we need to think about;

- What are our fundraisers in the next 12 months
- What are our best fundraisers
- What Youth Programs we participate in
- Our relationship with local schools
- Marketing and event
- Does the community know what we do?

It was unfortunate that Mandys partner Genevieve was sick on the night so we hope we can meet again to further discuss the above items with them.

Exchange Students:

Fidelia von Massow;

On Saturday, Bob brought me to Benalla Station where I took the train to Melbourne with the other exchange students. We slept in an airport accommodation and flew to Airlie Beach early Sunday morning (photo). It was so warm and the air felt sticky! On Monday we took a boat out to the Great Barrier Reef and snorkelled there (photo). It was amazing! I saw so many colourful corals, fish I even saw a turtle! And I could hear the fish eating! On Tuesday we had a full day to explore Airlie Beach, spend time at the pool and get to know each other. We also fed birds, which was amazing! (photo) On Wednesday we did a crocodile safari where we saw so many crocodiles, babies, but also very big ones (photo). On Thursday we again explored Airlie Beach and also did a scavenger hunt which was really fun! In the picture you can see how we built a Rotary wheel sand sculpture! For dinner on that day we had party pies and sausage rolls because it was one exchange student´s birthday, and I tried

my first fairy bread! On Friday we went rafting! It was so much fun to speed over the ocean, with music on and everyone was singing along! We went to Whitehaven Beach which was just beautiful and then we snorkelled in the Reef. This time it was even more stunning than on Monday because we were surrounded by fish swarms, the corals were even more colourful and I just tried to burn this moment in my memory. We even saw a shark, a Wobbegong (not dangerous!) I think the snorkelling and rafting was my highlight of the trip! On Saturday we flew back and I really feel like we became a very strong group in this one week! On Sunday I helped at the Barbecue for the Venilali Ridge Walk which I also enjoyed! Now I am back in school!









Erin Mahoney;

Recently , my district in Japan has a huge gathering, hundreds of Rotarians came and the other exchange students and I got on stage and spoke. It was nerve wracking but after we finished, we got free time before the rotary dinner and went bowling and to a Japanese Photo Booth (Puri Kura)!! I love getting to the know the new exchange students better!!

Recently, my host family and I had Takoyaki!!

It is a popular ball-shaped Japanese street food made from a wheat flour-based batter. It is one of my favourite Japanese meals!! My host family also got a new Wii sports game that my host siblings and I have enjoyed playing together on!

At track and field I also got to meet Hitomi Nakajima. A top-ranked sprint hurdler who shattered the Japanese women's 100m hurdles. It was such an honour to meet her!!

My friend also got tickets to see a soccer game and invited me!! It was so much fun!!

With rotary, we went to National Printing Bureau, Hikone Plant

We visited the Taga Taisha Shrine and also the Hikone Castle and it was so cool, we got to see inside a traditional Japanese castle and see how Japanese yen is made

I'm with the same host family, I have been sick with a cold that someone in my class gave to me but I'm better now

I have been a little homesick, I don't really do anything about it. If I'm homesick than I just feel home sick for a bit then think about something else. I think it's good to be a little homesick.

I moved up to the next level with my after school Japanese class!! Which I'm very happy about

My friends at school have been taking about how I shouldn't leave and how I should just live in Japan 😳 I'm really going to miss everyone I've met





Birthdays

Maurie Walsh celebrated his 80th Birthday

Raffle Winner;

The winner of the raffle was won by Peter Briscoe - No Jackpot won.

Thought for the Week;

You don't lose your enthusiasm when you get old; you grow old when you lose your enthusiasm.

CAR RAFFLE;

Books have been given out to members so please try and sell them and return the buts to Robyn.

Mansfield Festival;

We had a very busy Friday evening cooking sausages and serving all the customers enjoying a great time in the centre of Mansfield.







Mansfield Market Day;

We continued on from Friday's festival with a very rainy Saturday Market BBQ. Luckly the trailer could be left in the same position for both events opposite IGA. It started a bit slow at 8am cooking sausages and egg and bacon rolls but by the time the parade came around we were very busy. Robyn reported that over Friday night and Saturday we sold $3,014.40 plus $39.40 in donations. Thanks to all who help over the two BBQs.



Up Coming Events;

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 – Venue TBA

Make a difference. Make friends. Join Rotary.

Because in a country town like Mansfield, we look after each other.

Rotary Club of Mansfield

Why become a Rotarian?

Rotary gives you the opportunity to:

- **Meet great people** and make lifelong friendships.
- **Give back to our community** and support local causes.
- **Make a difference** locally and around the world.
- **Support our young people** through scholarships, youth programs and opportunities.
- **Enjoy good times** fellowship and community events.



Whether you're new to Mansfield or have lived here all your life,
there's a place for you in Rotary.

Come along. Meet us. See what Rotary is all about.

You don't need to have lots of time or special skills. Just a willingness to get involved and help where you can.

Real people. Local projects. Lasting impact.

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