

2022-2023 President's Changeover

21 June 2023

Flemington Kensington

Rotary





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Rotary's Vision Statement

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

**IN THE 2022-2023
ROTARY YEAR,
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
JENNIFER JONES
INVITED US TO
“IMAGINE ROTARY”**

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, Canada
- Zone 8 Director, Jessie Harman, Ballarat
- District Governor Amanda Wendt, Melbourne
- Assistant Governor Tony Laycock, Canterbury
- President Shraddha Sharma
- Secretary Lesley McCarthy
- Treasurer Edith Chen
- Board members Sandy Belcher, Cody Bettanin, Lyn Borghouts, Melina Caccetta, Anne Heyes





Fellowship

OP SHOP



- Manager Melina Caccetta and her team of volunteers have continued the work from the previous year and refreshed and revitalised the space.
- Sales have continued to grow
- The shop is accredited with CentreLink to accept Job Seeker benefit recipients.
- A new partnership has been established with JobFind.
- We also accept Work Experience students.
- This year Melina has established a Food Pantry.



**100% of the profits from the Op Shop
are spent on our community projects.**

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Rotary Inner
Melbourne
Emergency
Relief Network

- Our club is a foundation member.
- Members volunteer on the 4th Thursday of each month.
- We have a symbiotic partnership with the op Shop for excess goods/rags.



NATIONAL TREE DAY



- July 30 at Canning Reserve Avondale Heights.
- District Governor Amanda Wendt attended.



PLAYGROUNDS TO PORT BLAIR, INDIA



Another successful playground installation, this time at Long Island. The park was inaugurated by Rotary Club, Port Blair in association with Gram Panchayat, Long Island. This project was inaugurated by President Shraddha.



PLAYGROUNDS TO NEPAL



- Not so easy when there isn't a port!
- With support from the RORP team, PP Peter Cribb, Sam Nicol and Shraddha Sharma, the first container of playgrounds shipped in August. It then travelled overland and over mountains, often by manpower, to reach Kathmandu.
- The playground was installed at the Gram Sudar School, Gokarneswor.



CLUSTER EVENING



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- Members from the Gateway East cluster clubs combined for the District Governor visit. At the evening, we compiled For-a-Meal packs through Canterbury Rotary.
- DG Amanda presented Mentor/Mentee awards to:
Peter Cribb/Shraddha Sharma; Edith Chen/Melina Caccetta;
Lesley McCarthy/Yvonne Farquharson.



BBQS



- Op Shop Open Day in September
- Carols by Candlelight



KENSINGTON CITY SOCCER CLUB AWARDS



- The club has sponsored women and girls from the local community to allow them to participate in soccer – assisting with funds for fees, uniforms and games.
- Charter member Geoff Cawsey was delighted to present awards.
He and Dulcie joined Shraddha, Melina and Alex.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

- We gathered at Maribyrnong Park Bowls and Croquet Club for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Thanks to Dulcie Heard for catering again.
- Students from MAC joined us as did representatives from Kensington Soccer Club.
- We presented Dulcie Heard with an Honorary Membership for the 35+ years of support for Rotary and Geoff.



INTERGENERATIONAL MAPPING PROJECT



- In conjunction with Professor Maureen Ryan and Dr Iffat Khatoon from VUT and MVCC, members participated in this project at Debney Meadows Primary School. Over 3 after school sessions volunteers worked with children from year 2-6 to collect their ideas about places of value in the community, their knowledge and understandings of the history of Flemington, and the importance of recreational and open spaces.
- Thanks to Sheila Byard, Yvonne Farquharson, Karolina Sevcikova, Lesley McCarthy and Anne Heyes for their help.



[Intergenerational Maps Project | Public Pedagogies Institute](#)

FEEDING THE STREET CHILDREN - MANILA



- Member Lorry Rowe has been supporting an orphanage in Manila and working with to fight hunger and poverty. The club has supported her work for several years and this year, contributed towards a Food Bank in conjunction with Edwin Nombre, **True Manila Street Kids** and the **Rotary Club of Bial-na-Bato**, Quezon City .
- Lorry and Michael Redding from Werribee Rotary visited in December 2022 to provide funds and assist with the work.
- Funds have also been used to create a store employing 4 people and providing low cost basic food to the community.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS



- We successfully nominated a student for 2022 NYSF.
- The Del King Scholarship at MAC: Nasteho Salaat
- The Ted Frank Vocational Award: Anh Tran
- The Eugene O. Awards at KCHS: Clay and Eden
- Ascot Vale Heights Special School: Sebastian
- Awards were given to year 6 students at Ascot Vale West, Debney Meadows and St Brendan's.
- Jules Borghouts and Sarah Briggs attended RYLA.



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY - MOONEE VALLEY COUNCIL



- We were delighted to return to the Clocktower for this inspirational event.
- The club sponsored 8 students from Mount Alexander College:
- Rotarians in attendance were Shraddha Sharma, Melina Caccetta, Karolina Sevcikova, Yvonne Farquharson,
- The Op Shop was represented by Barbara Ryan, Debra Ryan, Frances Stratford and Alex De Bortoli



DEFIBRILLATORS FOR SCHOOLS



1,000 STORIES PROJECT



- Members continued to support this project which collects picture storybooks for disadvantaged children.
- These are distributed through our 2 local maternal & child health centres: Wingate Avenue and Hopetoun Avenue
Our tally to date is in excess of 5,000 books over 5 years!



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THE 1000 STORIES PROJECT

Providing books for children 3 months to 5 years from disadvantaged and refugee backgrounds in the Ascot Vale, Flemington & Kensington area, through Maternal & Child Health Nurse visits.



For many of these children, books in the home are rare; and results in them starting school without the recommended 1,000 Books before school or 5,000-word vocabulary identified as a necessary learning base.

Can you help us with good condition used books?

Labelled books may be dropped off at one of our Op Shops:
444 Racecourse Road Flemington or
135 Railway Avenue Wertheim or call for pick up

Lesley – 0417 532 259 Lillico2009@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID



- Through a grant received from the Federal Government, we sponsored Mental Health First Aid for Teens this year.
- Several members and Op Shop volunteers joined with attendees from Jobs and Kensington Neighbourhood House.
- Presenters Deb Penglase and Jeremy Burke were excellent.



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FILTER YOUR FUTURE – THE MUSICAL



- The Board was pleased to support member Yvonne with her project on Kidney Health education through a musical performance.
- The event held at the Floridia Club in May drew attendance from local schools and community members.
- The musical focusses on educating children on the importance of water/sugar in the diet. Kidney health through a fun, entertaining promotion.
- Yvonne also had a booth at RICON where she caught up with Jimmy Musiime.



RICON23 HOSPITALITY EVENING









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