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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 24th February [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 3rd March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 10th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 17th March [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTGully Kitchen & Bar	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Program:	Social Night	Team Meeting	Guest Speaker	TBA
Speaker:			Terrence Baker	
	40 Forest Rd FTGully		Mobil Mission Maintenance	
	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Vote Of Thanks			Mike S	
Scribe:		Paul W	John F	

Future Diary Dates

Sunday Feb 27th Rotary Storm Relief Festival at Monbulk
Saturday Mar 5th Knox Festival
Friday Mar 11th Bunnings BBQ
Sunday April 10th Car Rally
Monday April 25th Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Quarry





February Rotary International Theme is "Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution"

Hello Everyone,

You would have all received an email from President Graeme re Gary Braddock, What wonderful news that a Kidney donor has been found for Gary after all these years. We wish him all the very best and our thoughts and prayers are with him and Nadia, for the best outcome.

Lovely to listen to Marlene Sinclair District 9810 Junior Speech Competition last Thursday explaining the simplicity for us if we wish to offer this Youth program to our local primary schools, we encourage all members to give some thought to establishing this program with in all local primary schools in our area. More discussions will take place at our team meetings

This week all members and partners will be meeting at the FTG Kitchen and Bar, where we will celebrate the induction of our new member Graeme Harrison also to acknowledge the support to our club not only by Graeme but his wife Sue.

We are all on track for a super day at the Dandenong's Storm Relief fun day at Monbulk, this Sunday. A huge thank you especially to the partners with all their help, can't wait to see how kids great and small enjoy it

Have a great week enjoy the sunshine

Take Care and Stay Safe

Graeme and Christine

PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH



Meeting 17/2/22- FTG Rotary Club

Attendance – John Flemming, Graeme Aspinall, Paul Mc Aloney, Brian Mandergeddes, Paul Wilson, Mike Spark, Christine Anderson. Graeme Harrison (Pending Member)

Zoom- Gary Braddock, Fran Mandergeddes

Guests Kay Mc Aloney (Partner), Marlene Sinclair (Speaker) Rosie Massey (Salvation Army FTG}

Apologies- Rob Hurst & Alan Tierney

Speaker -Marlene Sinclair

Subject – Primary School Speech Contest

Started in 2005 under RC Mash now 18 years on it has it has progressed under Toastmasters Liason.

There are currently 12 groups which are judged by Specialist Judges from Toastmasters & Rotary who critique

Each contestant gives a 3 minute speech by Primary School Children from year 5 &6.

Who choose 2 contestants

The winners go via group to regional finals.

Benefits -Skill & confidence

- Raises Rotary awareness in community
- Link to Toastmasters for possible Rotary members

If we want to proceed we will have to obtain manual, decide on a date engage local school

The cost Room Hire. Refreshments, Program. Winners book vouchers, Judges gifts and \$35 contribution to district finals.

There is also a Four way Test for high schools whose slogan is – Be the Inspiration.

Treasurer update - approx. \$ 500 profit from Bunning's sausage sizzle.

Community -Greek festival Sunday @ Ferny Freek BBQ

- Theatre night 23/2 @ 1812 cost \$15
- Dinner 24/2 social
- Storm Relief Day 27/2
- St Patricks Day -Oak Tree Tavern no bookings
- Knox festival theme Australiana display
- Tamminya House total cost to be \$70k friend of rotary to supply used Kitchen whitegoods as they are updating

Foundation- Mike still collecting we hope to reach \$800

Meeting closed 7.30 for dinner and conversation.

Scribe Brian Mandergeddes

AN EXAM AN EXAMPLE OF GROWTH

PDG STEPHEN LAMONT — JAN 27, 2022

From ten members to thirty eight, it took all club members to embrace a strategy ... and to follow it through.

Article by PDG Stephen Lamont

I wish to share an example of how a Rotary Club decided that they needed to grow to survive. It was down to ten members - they now have a membership of thirty eight. Importantly, it took all Club members to embrace a strategy ... and to follow it through.

I recently had a chat to the effervescent PP Caroline Rickard from the Rotary Club of Bellarine North to find out their secrets for growth:

"Our strategy to increase membership is:

- ***Every member** in our Club is responsible for Membership with a Membership Secretary and /or a small committee overseeing the smooth transition of growth and retention.*
- *When you are out in the community, talk about Rotary and your experience and what attracted you to join at every opportunity you get.... **start a conversation.***
- *Our members have been successful chatting to people as they are out walking their dog. They have met people new to the area and **invited them along** to meet other people.*
- *Wear your badge proudly out; it is always a good conversation starter.*
- *Explain that you don't have to have any special skills just come with your ideas and an open mind.*
- *Invite them to a Club project or a Club meeting that would have an interesting guest speaker.*
- *Keep weekly meetings relaxed.*
- *The most important part of the whole process is to get their details and **FOLLOW THEM UP.** Make regular contact even if they are not quite ready to commit.*
- *Our Club takes people out for coffee and answer any questions they have and ask what their interests and passions are.*
- *Introduce them to members with similar interests to start forming **relationships.***
- *Use local papers and local magazines for publicity about the Club / Rotary in general. Make contributions regularly, editors appreciate surety they will get an article and hence more likely to ensure there is space.*

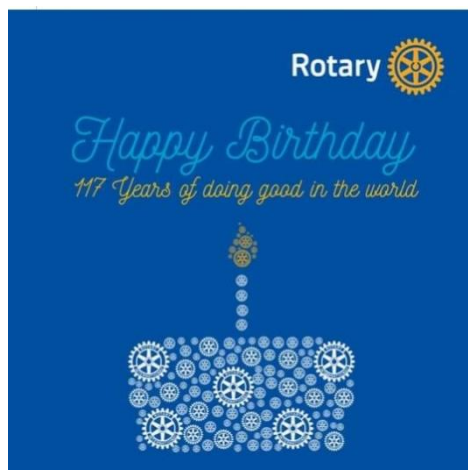
- *Our Club provides a fun and relaxing environment for people to commit to the organization that gets things done here and overseas."*

Caroline sums things up by saying "I guess in summary we follow the four-way test and make people feel welcome."

It is important to acknowledge that the growth success has come about by a team effort. A team that wished their Club to not only survive but progress and grow by becoming a more diverse and welcoming Club. It also took commitment and not to be afraid to get a few knock backs. It is also built on a premise that members form relationships based on friendship, common interests and passions.

Well done Rotary Club of Bellarine North - you are a wonderful example of how you can grow Rotary.

The above article was published in the February edition of Rotary On the Move, a Zone 8 newsletter



On February 23rd Rotary celebrated 117years of doing good in the World



Next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Friday March 11th 9.00am – 4.00pm



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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Storm Recovery Festival

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022

10.00am - 2.00pm

**St George's Anglican Church Paddock,
Main Street, Monbulk**

'A Time to Heal - A Time to Thank - A Time to Help'

STALLS. AMUSEMENTS. FOOD. LIVE MUSIC. DISPLAYS.

**Food Stalls. Crafts and Gifts. Coffee Van. Live Music. Amusements. CFA and
SES Displays. Pop-corn. BBQ. Yarra Ranges Information tent. Give-Aways.**

(Formalities commence at 12 Noon)

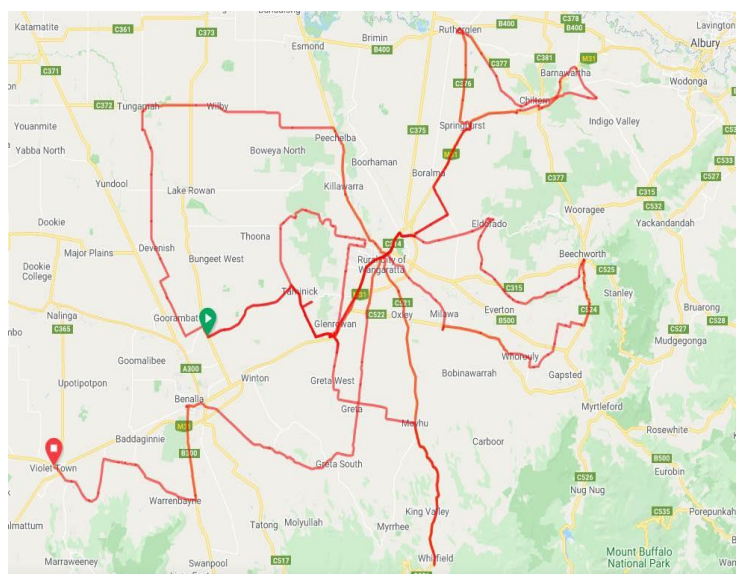
Gold Coin Entry donated to CFA and SES

Festival Proceeds Directed to Rotary Storm Recovery Projects

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**2022 Ride for
Medical Research**



The 2022 Kelly Country Encounters tour.

Day 1: Benalla – Wangaratta

**Day 2: Wangaratta – Rutherglen –
Chiltern Loop**

**Day 3: Wangaratta - Peechelba –
Painted Silos Loop**

**Day 4: Wangaratta – Eldorado –
Beechworth Loop**

**Day 5: Wangaratta – King Valley –
Greta Loop**

**Day 6: Wangaratta – Benalla – Violet
Town. Return to Melb**

This years ride will be from March 6th – 11th. Riding out each day from our base in Wangaratta, we will spend six days exploring the North – East of Victoria. Riders will ride generally 100 km each day. Three groups of up to 15 riders of similar fitness will undertake each days ride. This will be the fourth ride I have part of as a support driver, a challenge in itself driving 100's of km at 20kph. Graeme A