

Club News

This Week's Meeting - Committee Meetings

These will be our last Committee meetings this year. So it will be a great time to plan those post Covid lockdown events next year. We can also talk about those organisations we want to support in the new year. With this in mind it is great that Stacy from Escabags will be joining the Community Committee to give us some more information about her great organisation.

And remember, to also think about ways we can use our events and support to encourage new members. It is good to remind ourselves that we don't only want new members to help sustain our Club, we also want them as we know that membership of Rotary brings its own rewards to the member. People busy with life can really benefit from joining a Club such as Rotary to given them opportunities to meet other people and to contribute to their community.

Rotary membership brings its own rewards.

Next week's meeting - Christmas Social Wed 9 Dec, 6.00pm (bowls from 7.30 to 9.00)

You should have already received an invitation from Mark to attend our face to face Christmas Bare Foot Bowling event. It is to be held at the Heathmont Bowls Club . A summer evening of food, drink, laughter and.....bowls, at the original home of barefoot bowls in Heathmont.

We will have a whole section of the club to ourselves, so a great environment to be (socially distant) with fellow Rotarians you might not have seen in the flesh for most of the year.

The last item on the Committee agenda is the importance of professional appearance at Rotary online meetings



You can bring your own dinner (there will two BBQs), splash out and have it delivered from a local restaurant or eat before you come. Children: the more the merrier. The cost will be \$10 each and drinks available at low Bowls club prices.

Did you know that Barefoot Bowls started at Heathmont. Apparently in the 1970's, a group of the Heathmont Bowls Club ladies team, on returning from celebrating at the Melbourne Cu, - a tad merry and still dressed in racing carnival attire. They caused quite a stir by kicking off their high heels to play bowls in their bare feet.

Since then bare foot bowls has grown and is emulated by bowls clubs across Australia and internationally.



Christmas Trailer Raffle

The Raffle is going well but some days in the shop are relatively quiet. So remember to keep reminding your friends, family and colleagues how easy it is to buy tickets. And how great it would be to win the trailer and gift cards - as well as enabling Rotary to continue to support our community.

To sell tickets to family, friends, colleagues or anyone you happen to meet is:

- tell them how good the prizes are (\$1,500 in gift cards from stores of their choosing and a trailer).
- sell them tickets from your phone or computer. Just log on to the website www.raffletix.com.au/maroondahrotaryraffle.
- give them the raffletix site (send it to them with your phone, write it down or give them one of the business card sized cards from the Raffle Shop)
- copy the QR code to your phone or computer and they can do it from their phone
- suggest they visit the Raffle Shop in Eastland

By the way, if they say they don't need a trailer remind them that they could always sell it or give it to a family member where they can borrow it whenever they need a trailer.

And remember if you haven't yet registered to sell tickets at the nice warm comfy shop in Eastland (if you have time) please do so. There are only a few spots left. To book a time go to

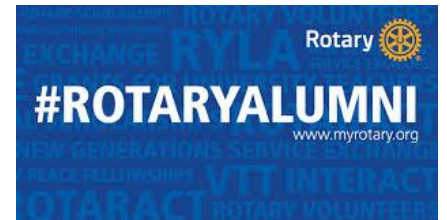
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District 9810

Rotary Alumni Updates, Calls to Action and Opportunities for Clubs

Our District is keen for Clubs to engage with their Alumni. (Note, the word Alumni means a former student or pupil of a school, college, or university. But these days it means anyone who has had a direct association with an organisation and, in our case, a direct association with our Rotary Club).



District is keen hear from Clubs about their experiences (send them to 9810alumni@9810rotary.org.au). It is also developing a Facebook page for Alumni to share their experiences, celebrate the programs & opportunities they were involved in and learn of other opportunities. We are being asked to encourage them to like or follow the page: <https://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9810alumni>. Clubs may also register details of volunteering opportunities to be passed to Alumni via the Facebook page, a new bi-annual newsletter (to be launched this month) and/or email (<https://forms.gle/t4wEyBN57JWPW8bf7>).

To support engagement with alumni District will be holding a seminar on Connecting and Engaging with Rotary Alumni and Clubs. Clubs are being encouraged to consider appointing a Club Alumni Liaison Officer/s who may like to attend this seminar. If any members are interested in joining the Alumni Committee, they should contact Chair, Kehela Vandenberg (kehela.vandenberg@gmail.com).

RC of Beaumaris Art Auction (Sat 12 Dec) The ideal opportunity to buy some fantastic art from renowned local artist Joy Lea. To view the paintings: [click here](#). To find out more <https://beaumarisrotary.com/in-touch/a-lifetime-of-painting/>

NewGen's Rockin' Photobook. New Gen's VP Kiel Egging has released a photobook to raise money for music industry workers hit hard by the coronavirus outbreak. It features pictures of more than 50 of his favourite acts and bands which he's taken over the years. From Silverchair to Slayer, John Farnham to the Foo Fighters, and AC/DC to Aqua. Kiel is donating \$5 from the sale of every book to Support Act, which provides mental health support and services for Australian musicians. Books are \$20 and if you use the code 'FREESHIP' at checkout, he'll send it free. To buy a book for \$20 go to <http://snappedbykeggs.square.site>



Rotary Down Under (Dec - Jan 2020 - 2021)

If you receive the digital edition it should have arrived on 1 December. (Not sure when the hard copy is posted.)

As always it is a great read, one to enjoy and learn. So if you don't have time to read it all, just open it up and have a look at an article or two when you stop for a coffee.

To wet your appetite for it here are a few items.



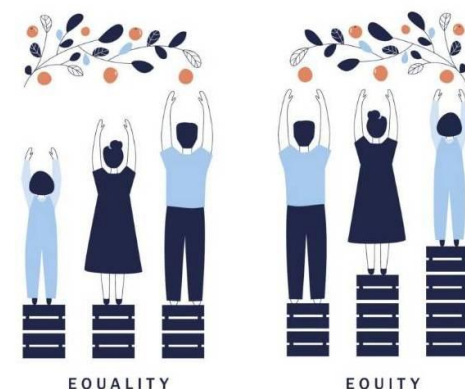
Vincent, his mother and Sandra Goldstraw

- Vincent goes home. Vincent was born in the Solomon Islands with a gap between his stomach and oesophagus so he could get no food. Thanks to ROMAC and after 16 months he is now home. During the time he was in Australia his mother stayed with Sandra Goldstraw, the ROMAC District 9705 Chair
- information on the Rotary Peace walk in March 2021 as part of the Rotary 100 year celebrations
- information on the Rotary Health Lift the Lid program
- Information on Shelter box including a comment that during 2020 more than 15 million people have been made homeless due to disaster and conflict
- some great information on diversity, part of

Rotary's core values. There is also a task force being set up as a resource for clubs to help recognise those who have not felt welcomed or valued. And a related article on diversity, equity and inclusion in practice

- An article on young Australian's - more concerned about discrimination than Covid
- some valuable stories about people supporting the Polio Plus program.

And many more



Rotary Zone 8 Rotary on the Move Newsletter

This has many interesting articles on helping to move Rotary into the Future. If you don't receive it please contact John L and he will send you the email with the link.

It has articles such as:

- How Engaged are your members? by RI Director-Elect Jessie Harman
- Succession planning by ARC PDG Brian Coffey
- Staying connected by Marilyn Rayment, District Membership Chair D9570
- Recharge your branding to attract members by PDG Brian Coffey
- Capitalise on your strengths for membership satisfaction by Carol Coffey, District 9670 Membership Chair



Rotary Zone 8 Public Image Newsletter

This has interesting articles on maintaining and developing our public image. Some highlights include:

- Is your online presence up to scratch
- Be Aware Of What You Share
- Public Image in the age of COVID-19
- Promote your club as people of action
- A video clip competition



A copy of the Newsletter is attached.

It's Wacky Wednesday - Time to put up your Christmas Tree

Its December, that means is it nearly Christmas. And as the lockdown is further relaxed we can all go out and visit friends and they can visit us (currently up to 15 visitors per day but after Sunday 13 this is likely to rise to 30 people per day.

So it is time to put up your Christmas decorations - or is it?

The Christmas tree tradition started in Germany in the 16th century, when devout Christians would decorate trees in their homes. However, Christmas wasn't the celebration it is now. It wasn't until the Victorian period that Christmas was celebrated in a way more similar to what we do today. At that time the Christmas tree was put up and decorated late in December, usually the afternoon of Christmas Eve.



Save the environment no tree, hanging tree

But what do we do now? In America, many families put up a tree on the first Friday after Thanksgiving, at the end of November. Some Christians choose to put the tree up on the first day of Advent (the first Sunday of the four Sundays preceding Christmas Day) which falls somewhere between Nov 27 and Dec 3.

Of course Christmas decorations appear in shops and shopping centres from early October in Australia but for most of us setting up your tree on 1st Dec or on the first Sunday or second Saturday in Dec is now the common date.

So it's time to set up your tree. And why not do something different?



Book tree



It's been an upside down year so an upside down tree



Wooden stick tree



Champagne bottle tree



Bookshelf tree