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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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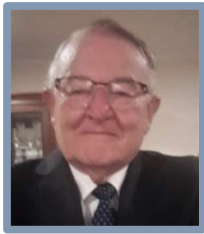
Date & Time:	Thursday 1st October [Kick off at 7.00]	Thursday 8th October [Kick off at 7.00]	Thursday 15th October [Kick off at 7.00]	Thursday 22nd October [Kick off at 7.00]
Venue:				
Program:	District Governor's Visit	CLUB ASSEMBLY & HAT DAY "Lift the Lid" 	VOLUNTEER FOR KNOX	STROKE SAFE
Speaker:	Alma Reynolds	N/A	Sally Dusting-Laird	Kevin English
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Email Brian received from Gordy (our UK visitor last week)

Brian, Really enjoying my visit to your Club. Such a friendly group of people. It may be small but it is clearly strong - and motivated to do well in a variety of ways.
It was particularly lovely to see you and Fran.
I will be back!
Gordy

<i>Birthdays:</i>	5th October – Christine Anderson
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Our meeting on 8th October will be themed for members **to wear a hat**.

It being a fundraiser for Australian Rotary Health Lift the Lid. You will remember this fundraiser when we collected money at Bunnings and railway stations, and a lot of money was raised. On the night members will be asked to make a donation which will be forwarded to Australian Rotary Health.



With the Baton Relay in April-May next year we need to give some thought as to how our club is going to get involved. Whether it is planned as a club or a committee be formed to organise this event.

Something I picked up from the Emerald and District newsletter was the passing of Linc Reed-Nickerson. Linc was a member of our club having joined in April 2015. As he was living up near Emerald, he later joined Emerald and District. In the past few years Linc lived in Vietnam before returning to the USA for treatment and to be with family.

STAY SAFE

Graeme Aspinall

President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 24th September, 2020

Past District Governor Shia presented the club with the Rotary International Citation, she commented that the club deserves the award, for being such a small club we punch well above our weight.

2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION PLATINUM



We had an international visitor attending our club meeting, Gordon McKenzie from the Rotary Club of St Andrews in North Scotland. Gordon (Gordy) is a close personal friend of Brian and Fran Mandergeddes; they attended each other's wedding. Brian and Gordy went to school together, (apparently Gordy taught Brian how to play soccer!!) Gordy went on to become a school principal and head of the Education Association. (Given the time difference Gordy would have just finished a late breakfast while we were beginning dinner)

Our speaker was **Mark Anderson** from the Rotary club of Beecroft in suburban Sydney. Mark gave us a very detailed rundown on the Worldwide Activities of the **Rotary Foundation**, particularly in our corner of the world.

As part of his talk he explained various levels of donors to the foundation. One of the ways a small club can contribute to the foundation is to work towards becoming a Centurion Member which can be done in small incremental amounts over a 12-month period. This is an ideal way to become a Centurion Member as many Rotarians these days are either retired or nearing the end of their working life and not necessarily in a position to donate large sums of money to the foundation.

It is pleasing to see that we have 6 Centurion members in our club.

The top level of donation is to become an 'Arch Klumph' awardee, this is someone who has donated \$250,000 to the foundation. Apparently, we have two of them here in Melbourne, a member of the Rotary club of Doncaster and a lady who lived in Noble Park bequeathed \$250,000 to the foundation.





Club Foundation Engagement Plan

1. **Foundation Committee**
 - Club Foundation Chair
 - Club Polio Chair
 - Club Personal Giving Chair
2. **Commit a portion of Clubs Fundraising to The Rotary Foundation**
 - Annual Fund – suggest 10% of your fundraising.
 - Polio Fund – US\$1,500
 - Endowment Fund – US\$500
3. **Members to become personally engaged supporters**
 - Centurions – Join through **THE JOY OF GIVING** or online
 - Paul Harris Society
 - Benefactors (Bequest Society)
4. **Explore opportunities for District and Global Grants**
 - Attend Grants Seminar
5. **Use “Rotary Club Central” as your Clubs Foundation Management tool**
 - Submit and monitor your goals in “Rotary Club Central”



DATES TO DIARISE

Event	
8-Oct	Hat Day Lift the Lid for Australian Rotary Health
15-Oct	Volunteer for Knox - Sally Dusting-Laird
22-Oct	Stroke Safe Talk - Kevin English
29-Oct	East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid - Peter Sindrey
6-Nov	CLUB ASSEMBLY
12-Nov	Melbourne Cup - Oaks Day
19-Nov	Living with CKD – Gary Braddock
	District event
	Club event

RANTS AND RAVES

“Rave” received from Fran on the local bakery who recently won “Australia’s Best Pie”.

Bri and I went to a bakery called “Country Cob” in Boronia last week and had 2 of their many varieties of pies, all made on site apparently.

This Bakery won several first prizes at a recent Sydney Bakery competition, and not for the first time either. Bri had a chunky beef, and I a chicken and veg, they had plenty of veg options too.

Both pies were absolutely delicious- full to the brim of the prime ingredient, no fat or gristle, and a lovely sauce. Loads of veg in mine too. Yes, they were a bit more expensive than we usually pay - around \$6.50 each but so worth it. We were licking our fingers after eating them!

The bakery is on the corner of Dorset Road and Mountain Highway, Boronia, diagonally opposite a petrol station. But don’t go there between 12 and 1 pm - the queue was out the door and halfway down the car park! We skipped it for that reason the first time and went about 1.20 pm the next day.

But - ignore their cakes - obviously bought in and far from enjoyable. Give them a try and support a local business that deserves it! 👍👍👍

Rotary

District 9810



Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia with the Baton Relay

District Governor Alma has the Baton – and is seeking your Club's support to Pass the Baton forward

EVERY CLUB – EVERY COMMUNITY: Our vision is to have every club in D9810 participate. Involve your community, bring local colour and culture to your celebration of 100 years of Rotary service with the R100 Baton.

WHEN: The event is scheduled to take place in District 9810 in April – May 2021. Your date will be the most convenient to you during this time frame (Covid-19 regulations permitting), but we need to begin planning now.

WHERE: We are looking to have multiple batons culminating in a gathering promoting your Club's achievements at a centrally located venue e.g. Jell's Park has been suggested.

WHO: Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interact & Earlyact Clubs, local personalities, Councilors, community leaders, community groups, and everyday people carrying the baton of service, and passing it forward.

HOW: We have a blank canvas. The decision is yours!!! Your Club or Cluster. Walk or jog through your local shopping centre, around your parklands, sporting oval or even have a prominent static display promoting 100 years of Rotary in Australia

MEDIA AND ADVERTISING: We will work with you to advise local media & community radio stations, post on your Club facebook & website, shire office, post on notice boards in your community and ask your club members to self promote.

SIGNAGE: When we know how many Clubs are participating we will look at banner and flag requirements.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR CLUB? R100 Baton Relay provides the opportunity to showcase Rotary in your community, a celebration that actively engages multiple parts of the community, community groups and business partners. You may even attract new members.



Your event is a fun way to expand your club's social network and build healthy community relationships.