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WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 27 th January [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 3 rd February [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 10 th February [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 17 th February [6.00 for 6.30] |
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| Venue: | FTG Bowls Club | FTG Bowls Club | FTG Bowls Club | FTG Bowls Club |
| Program: | Guest Speaker | Team Meeting | Guest Speaker | Guest Speaker |
| Speaker: | Kevin Bridle | | Angelique Edwards | Marlene Sinclair |
| | Community Policing | | Tamminya House | Junior Speech Competition |
| | Partners Welcome | Partners Welcome | Partners Welcome | Partners Welcome |
| Vote Of Thanks | Graeme A | | John F | Christine A |
| Scribe: | Mike S | | Alan T | Fran M |

Future Diary Dates

Sunday Feb 6th CFA Bushfire Awareness Display & Talk at Quarry Reserve & BBQ

Friday Feb 11th Bunnings BBQ

Sunday Feb 13th Greek Picnic BBQ at Ferny Creek Reserve

Sunday Feb 27th Rotary Storm Relief Festival at Monbulk

Saturday Mar 5th Knox Festival

Friday Mar 11th Bunnings BBQ



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



January Rotary International Theme is
“Vocational Service Month”

Hello Everyone,
“Happy Australia Day” to all hope you can celebrate in some way.

Last Friday at the District Presidents meeting several items were on the agenda
Firstly

On 14 January 2022, a very large eruption on Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha’apai, an uninhabited volcanic island of the Tongan archipelago in the South Pacific Ocean, began. It reached a powerful climax the following day on 15 January
As Tonga is a part of Rotary Zone 8 and we have seen the devastation caused RAWCS has set up a fund to assist. This will be on the agenda at this week’s meeting 27th for discussion.

There are still District grants available for this Rotary year for Humanitarian and Educational (not low-level scholarships) this will also be an agenda item this week.

A Big thank you to all the salt dough ladies that have been busily baking over 760 Australia animal shapes for our upcoming community projects, what a great effort.

A request from Foothills Community Care for slices and soup commitments for 2022 plus a voucher system they have set up will also be discussed this week.

Our guest speaker this week is Kevin Bridle talking on “Community Police” this will give us a wonderful opportunity to ask all those questions that sometimes we don’t seem to get the answers to on social media.

We look forward to seeing you all including partners either on Zoom or in person on Thursday

Take Care and Stay Safe

Graeme and Christine



That Was The Week That Was

The meeting commenced at 6.35pm.

Co President Graeme

welcomed members, our friend Graham Harrison and mentioned that Garry, Fran and Brian would be joining by Zoom.

Co President Christine introduced Graham Crichton (representing the local (CFA) and indicated that he would speak of proposed arrangements for the Anzac dawn service.

Graham said that he, Seamus Smith and Christine had met and discussed the service which had run for eight years at the quarry but had been cancelled for the past two years because of Covid. It had been decided therefore that the CFA and Rotary could run it this year. He said that Karen Orpin had been chosen to MC the event, with Chris Marwick and Des Higginbotham as speakers. A safety officer (Rodney)

has also been appointed. Graham said that Karen, Chris and Des will discuss their roles. He also indicated that he would speak to police.

Christine indicated that she would arrange the printing of brochures and see if the coffee shops in the village could open to provide a service following the dawn service.

Graham said that Lyle would be the bugle player.

The outlays for the event (covering torches, high viz vests and floodlights would amount to \$1465 and des will approach the Community Bank to ascertain if it will fund the costs.

Graham said that Seamus will arrange the PA system and the CFA has flagpoles. He said that he will approach St Johns church to ask if its car park can be used. He will also ask if its hall can be opened after the ceremony to serve tea and coffee. Graham said that he will also enquire if the St Johns choir can perform the national anthem.

Mention was made of invitations to MPs and some discussion took place concerning transferring wreaths to the Arboretum following the ceremony Also of individuals being given the opportunity to lay wreaths. Christine said that she would approach the scouts and girl guides about the ceremony.

Finally, Graham referred to a proposed BBQ at the CFA information night set down for February 6th. He said that there was a problem in that the CFA had been instructed not to join with other bodies for such nights but that in any event the evening may not go ahead.

Graham raised the matter of notice boards at the entry points of the village listing service clubs and bodies to instil pride in our village. It is a matter which he said he is following up.

Paul Wilson moved a vote of thanks to Graham.

Paul advised that RYLA has been postponed because there were too many cases of Covid. He said that in June or July there will be a Zoom program.

Graeme referred to the recent Bunnings and BMX sausage sizzles and indicated that Bunnings Community Officer Karen had indicated that there were a number of failings in our operation of the sizzle. The major concerns were in the manner in which we served the sausages and our having five persons in the tent rather than four. John Flemming said that initially Gracie had insisted that we have five and he thought that he still had the instructions on line. He said that he would follow the matter up.

Graeme reported that our two recent efforts had resulted in \$578 from Bunnings and \$1465 from the BMX day. He also indicated that he would be absent from the March 11 sizzle as he will be on the Rotary bike ride

Paul McAloney suggested that the club might invest in a freezer but Graeme expressed the view that the recent problem was a one off when Bunnings double booked the day and generally a club freezer would not be warranted. Graeme reminded members that the Greek festival day is on 13 February and they have asked us to get 300 sausages. He said that this year they will not be serving souvlakis.

Paul Wilson moved a vote of thanks to Graeme and John for their efforts with the sausage sizzles.

Christine reported on the bubble and bake of "animals" for storm relief and Knox Festival. Paul Wilson reported on the updating of the club webpage and said that he had give Alex written instructions but had no action as yet.

Brian said that he had paid for the club Rotary Down Under subscription.

Rob Hurst reported that he had no speakers beyond February 17. Graeme asked members to therefore refer to their advice last year on possible speakers.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Scribe John Flemming



RI president-elect announces 2022-23 presidential theme

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, *Imagine Rotary*, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Jones, who will make history on 1 July by becoming Rotary's first female president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary's annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly. The assembly was rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and will now be held virtually 7-14 February.

Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year. At first unsure how she could help, she relied on "that certain Rotary magic" and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. Less than 24 hours later, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.

Engaging members through meaningful responsibility

To better engage members, Rotary needs to "adapt and retool," Jones said, using her hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings left thousands without work, the city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, preparing for new parts or a new model. Now, Jones said, Windsor is a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, "finding the right 'part' to engage each member should be our core function," Jones said. "It comes down to the comfort and care of our members."

Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion," Jones said.

Imagine, a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

RI President-elect Jennifer Jones

District Conference 2022

The theme behind this Conference will be

HEALTHY WORLD and HEALTHY PEOPLE.

and the theme for the gala Dinner

'FAMOUS FAMILIES'

Please contact Colin with your costume ideas.

See the program and other relevant links at

<https://dg9810for2021-22.org/conference-program/>

- at the Caulfield Racecourse on March 25th and 26th.
- Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=809916&>
- program and other relevant links at

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February Milestones

Birthday: February 1st Graeme Aspinall

Wedding Anniversary: February 12th Paul & Jill Wilson








Rotary Storm Recovery Festival



SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022

10.00am - 4.30pm

Monbulk Recreation Reserve, Moore's Rd, Monbulk

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

STALLS. AMUSEMENTS. FOOD. PLANTS. DISPLAYS.

Food Stalls. Crafts and Gifts. Ice Cream. Coffee. Devonshire Teas. Live Music. Petting Zoo. Plant sales. Kids Zone. Amusements. CFA and SES Displays. Give-Aways.

Proceeds Directed to Rotary Storm Recovery Projects.



Tonga Disaster – RAWCS has setup a fundraiser to raise 1 million dollars for humanitarian programs to assist the people in Tonga recover from the volcano and tsunami disaster.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S FOUR CHALLENGES

I would encourage all members to join in rising to meet the **FOUR CHALLENGES** I have posed for your Presidents and Clubs.

1. **CLUB EXCELLENCE** – How are YOU making YOUR club and its activities attractive to potential members and also retaining your current Rotarians?
2. **CLUB INNOVATION** – How are YOU building a culture of innovation and willingness to take safe risks in YOUR club?
3. **ROTARY FAMILY** – How is YOUR club maintaining, nurturing and extending our Rotary 'Family'?
4. **ROTARY SUPPORT** – Is YOUR club doing all it can to support the work of Rotary in YOUR community and the wider world?