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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 16 th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 23rd March (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 30th March (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 6 th April (6.00 for 6.30)
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Speaker	Conference Attendees	Jacqueline Coyle		Team Meeting
Program	District Conference Report	Hearing Testing	Bunnings Easter Activities & BBQ	
Vote Of Thanks		Rob D		
Scribe:	Graeme A	Graeme H		Graeme H





FRAN'S FAIRYTALES

Hello everyone,

I am sure you will have heard by now that our Rotary Conference was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The speakers were all amazing, extremely varied in their content and, at times, engendered both feelings of amazement at their achievements, and those of shock and grief at their suffering.

And dinner at Parliament House was a real treat: the band had almost everyone throwing caution to the winds and dancing their hearts out, the mood was one of delight; new friendships were made, and old ones renewed. Thanks to all from our club who attended, it was a real bonus to spend a very special time with you all!

Now it's time for us all to come back to earth and get on with our projects and goals for the rest of the Rotary year, and look forward to continuing to make a positive impact on our community and the world at large.

Let's keep up the good work and continue to show everyone how we mean business in our efforts to "make that difference."

Warmest regards to all.

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Our Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings last Friday was very successful. Profit was \$840.

A big thankyou to those who helped out.

Our next Bunnings Sizzle will be on April 14th.

MARCH MILESTONES

Birthdays Margret Hurst

Inductions Fran Mandergheddes March 4th

Wedding Anv Brian & Fran Mandergheddes March 15th

A Facebook posting of our visit to the Boronia Rotary Club last night.



Rotary Club of Boronia

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Tonight's meeting was a presentation by Christine Anderson and Graeme Aspinall from the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully about a Knox cluster group project to be run in partnership with Knox Council, several government departments and agencies in the Knox area.

The project is a youth based program for young people between the ages of twelve and eighteen. And primarily will focus on safety both at home and in public areas, community connection and inclusion, cultural awareness and respect, reducing substance abuse and associated harm and supporting positive mental health.

The program is still in its infancy but everything is being developed and set up ready to go.

Pictured below are left to right

Christine Anderson, Graeme Aspinall and Lance Deveson who gave the vote of thanks for the presentation.



Future Dates:

March 30 th	Bunnings Easter Ativities
April 2 nd	Vintage bikes BBQ
April 14 th	Bunnings BBQ
April 25 th	Anzac Dawn Service
May 12 th	Bunnings BBQ
May 16 th	60 th Anniversary
May 27-31	Rotary International Convention - Melbourne
June 29 th	Changeover

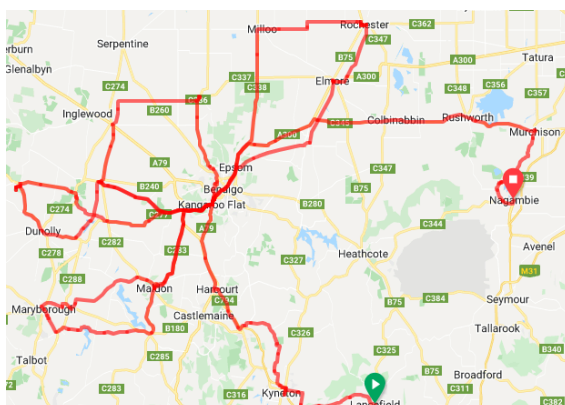


2023 Ride for
Medical Research



APPROXIMATELY 590KM OVER 6 DAYS

- Day 1: Lancefield to Harcourt - 78km
- Day 2: Bendigo-Bridgewater-Bendigo - 92km
- Day 3: Bendigo-Dunolly-Moliagul-Bendigo - 112km
- Day 4: Bendigo-Maldon-Maryborough-Bendigo - 108km
- Day 5: Bendigo-Elmore-Rochester-Bendigo - 123km
- Day 6: Bendigo to Kirwans Bridge (Nagambie) - 86km



District

Next week I will be joining the team of riders taking part in the 2023 Ride for Medical Research as a lead driver for one of the teams. Leaving from Bayswater early Sunday morning the riders will commence their ride from Lancefield to Bendigo. We will be based in Bendigo with riders each day completing a different circuit riding approximately 590km over the 6 days.

Over the past 36 years the ride has raised over 1 million dollars for medical research through Australian Rotary Health.

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Our next major fundraiser will be for the Vintage motorcycle Club of Victoria being held at the National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd, Scoresby, on Sunday April 2nd

We will be cooking Egg and Bacon Rolls, Hamburgers and Sausages and selling drinks for up to 800 – 900 attendees.

At tonight's meeting I will be seeking volunteers able to give sometime between 7.00am – 1.00pm.

WHY IS THE GLOBAL ERADICATION OF POLIO SO COSTLY?

PDG MURRAY VERSO, END POLIO NOW COORDINATOR — MAR 9, 2023

Between 1988, when the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was formed, and 2021, more than US\$18 billion was spent on trying to rid the world of polio. The money has resulted in a 99% reduction of polio cases, and there is good evidence that we may see the last cases in 2023. However, it is estimated that another US\$4.8 billion will be required to complete this historic task. Why is so much money required?

Article by PDG Murray Verso, End Polio Now Coordinator

More than one hundred public and private donors have given to the global programme to eradicate poliomyelitis since it was begun by Rotary in the early 1980s. In addition, national governments have contributed to their own polio eradication efforts. The expenditure of US\$18 billion and the diverse funding base underscores the global desire to eradicate polio world-wide.

The top three donors have been the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (USD 4.6 billion), the United States government (US\$ 4.0 billion) and Rotary International (US\$2.3 billion). The Australian government has provided US\$150 million during this time.

The estimated cost of US\$4.8 billion to reach complete eradication is based primarily on cost drivers such as:

- immunization activity in the two remaining endemic countries,
- ongoing surveillance and containment in non-endemic countries when polio outbreaks occur,
- producing and maintaining a stockpile of oral poliovirus vaccine,
- awareness and education campaigns,
- identifying and addressing gender-related barriers to immunization and disease surveillance,
- political advocacy to ensure support for immunizations and outbreak responses,
- funding of staffing at WHO and UNICEF country, regional and headquarter offices to support eradication.

A fully funded polio eradication effort means 370 million children will be vaccinated each year for the next five years. It also means continuing global surveillance in 50 countries to detect any poliovirus from any source. It means the end of the line for the poliovirus.

Economists have estimated that this investment in polio eradication may cumulatively save an estimated US\$33.1 billion in health care costs by 2100.

Each year, Rotary International commits to raising US\$50 million to end polio. This is matched by US\$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). RI and BMGF have agreed to maintain this combined support at least until 2026. However, last year's fundraising efforts saw us fall several million dollars short of our \$50 million target and the balance had to be made up from the Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

If every Rotary district, every club, and ideally every Rotary member, contributed to the cause each year, we would have no trouble reaching our \$50 million target.

The marathon to eradicate polio is on its final lap. After millennia of living with poliovirus and suffering the paralysis it causes, the finishing line is in sight. But the final stretch is the hardest. The *Polio Eradication Strategy 2022–2026* is a well thought out and well supported strategy but it is costly. As the pie chart below indicates, it involves more than simply funding vaccinations. Please ensure that your club contributes to End Polio and if possible, make a personal contribution yourself.

US\$100 donation

