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A Message from the Pres

Hi Everyone

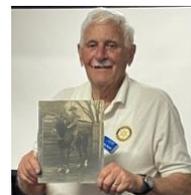
This week's meeting was all about remembering, as Remembrance Day is this week, and we wanted to mark the occasion by sharing stories, and I have to say we heard some wonderful stories of loved ones past and some still with us. We traveled across the world from PNG to Borneo and then to Egypt France and Normandy, and not forgetting Hungary Italy & Darwin. We heard the story of the HMAS Sydney that ***Telsa's** uncle was on HMAS Sydney when it was sunk, and she spoke about the memorial in Geraldton, of a beautiful canopy of birds, one for each of the 645 men who lost their lives when it was sank off the coast of



WA. ***Brian** shared the story of his 18 year old grandfather that was part of the Light Horseman when he was in North Africa 1914-18, and he suggested we don't believe all we hear about Laurence of Arabia (British Intelligence Officer Thomas Edward Laurence) and if you would like to read the true story or so they say, [click here](#) and he also brought along a very different form of Protective Clothing, thank you Brian. ***Judy B** spoke fondly of her father that served in Darwin, keeping the planes flying, and she is very fortunate to have explanation and the medal's he received after the war, also Judy had children's memento medals that were given to Australian children after WW2. Her father was station for a while at a camp in Ceres and that is where he met Judy's Mum, that was a nurse at the time living on a farm. Her dad rode his bicycle many miles to take her dancing. Also ***Andrea's** Dad was in Darwin during the bombing on 19 February 1942 which was the largest single attack ever mounted by a foreign power, on Australia, apparently he had a very close call



with a bomb. ***Ian** Aranyosi had a very different story of bravery and tenacity, of a mother and her 13-year-old son, (Ian's dad) that travelled on foot through 4 countries to escape Hungary and find a ship to carry them to safety. Finding the port and a ship and queuing with many others, only to be told she needed a husband with her as this was a "Family boat" Leaving the queue and going to the back, found a gentleman that also needed a person to make up a "family", They joined the queue once again and travelled together, arrived in Australia and then on to Norlane, billeted in those Nissan Huts, that some might remember, *that is now the area at the back of Bunnings*, and the rest is history as they say. Wonderful story Ian, thank you. ***Daryll** spoke about Diane's dad that was in North Africa and was part of the Rats of Trabuk that were under siege by Italian and German forces from 11 April 1941 and was relieved on 10 December. The port continued to be held by the Allies until its surrender on 21 June 1942. On his return to the UK he was presented a medal from King George VI. ***Aileen** told us the story of husband Ricks, Great grandfather, and grandfather. His GGF was a Methodist minister in Clunes and joined the army in 1914 at age 50, along with his two sons. He was sent to Egypt first and then Galipoli. He was in Galopili from Feb to

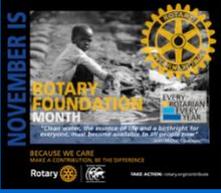


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September 1915, he returned to Australia suffering from "nervous exhaustion " His son Alfred - Ricks grandfather served in New Guinea, then Egypt in the 6th light horse in 1915 and 1916, He was sent to France- The Somme in April 1916 with the 15th Batt. 4th Aust. Division.

Dates for your Diary November

Please check the meeting roster to see if your name appears



18th OUR TRIVIA NIGHT
Geelong West Town Hall
6pm
BYO Friends Food and Drinks
of choice

**22ND IT'S ALL ABOUT
INSURANCE with Don Shields**
District 9780 Insurance officer
6.45 Mix & Mingle – meeting
starts at 7.30
Naval Association
Skene St Newtown

29th LUKE ELLIOT
Regional Coordinator Barwon
SW Amber Community
formally
Road Trauma Support Service
Speaking on
Australasian Road Safety
Conference 2022 NZ\
Also Peter Kavenagh
Speaking on Cyber Security
6.45 Mix & Mingle – meeting
starts at 7.30
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Next Bunnings BBQ

Friday December 2nd



Whoop! Apologies to
Daryll Webb, sorry I left
you off the thank you list
last week Daryll and as
always, very much
appreciate your time spent
on the BBQ last week

He was wounded in action in Pozieres on 9/8/1916, with bomb and gunshot injuries to arms and legs. When he was wounded in Pozieres in no man's land, he took a German soldier prisoner and made him carry him back to the Australian lines. He was then transferred to London where his right leg was amputated on 26/8/1916. He was promoted to Captain and after convalescing he took up a job at the war office in London. He was awarded an Army scholarship at Bailliol college in Oxford to study law in 1918. Great story Aileen, thank you



And then we have the love story ***Shirley** shared a wonderful story of love lost and found again. It's a story of a man she calls uncle and at the age of 94 was invited to speak at a Probus meeting regarding his experienced in WW2. So he wrote it down by hand and when asked recently about his time as a POW, he gave Shirley a copy of his Probus presentation. Laurie Braybrook joined up at 18 and was sent to fight the Japanese in the Solomon Islands. But before he left, he was courting a beautiful young girl called Isla, and that meant a sad goodbye. When they got news, the war was over and because Laurie was a single man, he was then involved with looking after a POW camp of 10,000 Japanese soldiers waiting to be repatriated home. One soldier became very ill with malaria and Laurie shared his medication with him. The man was so grateful he gave Laurie his medals. When he returned to Australia Isla was nowhere to be found. Moving on, he met and married a young widow called Fairlea and had a lovely life. He lost his Fairlea 15 years ago and he decided to join the tractor and steam engine group at the Geelong Showgrounds. There he heard that there was a woman in the CWA called Isla and yes it was his Isla. And today Laurie at 96 and Isla 93 are companions and are enjoying their later years in life together.



Wonderful that Laurie Braybrook shared his memories because there are so many that haven't. There are questions you would like to ask of these heroic people if they were here with us today, shame we didn't ask them at the time.

Thank you everyone for your input and making the evening so interesting.

No meeting on next Tuesday as it is our Trivia night on the 18th see you all there.

Take care and stay safe
Jo

SEEDS FOR UKRAINE



Another seed packing day was held at the Brown's home on Monday 7th. Thank you for all that attended and finished off the packing.

Aileen and Rick continue to sell seeds at Rick Vet surgery. Also It was spotted another Bee house going to new home last week.

Well done Aileen and Rick for continuing raising funds through environmental projects for the people of Ukraine.



ARISTON HOUSE

Dan Furlan and Jo will be attending a meeting at Ariston House day care centre on 17th to discuss their Christmas party in Sparrow Park on Wednesday Dec 14th

It would be very helpful if all members could help on the day in some way. Please mark the date in your diary we would appreciate your help on the day.

November
Dates to Celebrate



November 17th
Best wishes Telsa
From all your friends at
Bayside hope your day is a
very happy one

So who does Telsa share a
November 17th birthday
with?



many can you name?

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth chair Andrea Patterson will be attending a Big R Youth Chair meeting on Monday 14th to discuss the school programs of support that clubs have in Geelong. Also, to see which clubs are involved with which schools.

An award for community volunteering for secondary schools is on the agenda. Look forward to hearing a report from Andrea's after the meeting. Thank you, Andrea.



TO GO OR NOT TO GO

On 22nd Dan will be sharing his time spent at the three International Convention he has attended in the past.

And he would like to share why he feels it would be great to attend this one in Melbourne 2023. Also, there are some great volunteering opportunities available more information is included as an attachment.

Rotary International Convention
is coming to
Melbourne
in May 2023.
Not to be missed!!



RI 2023 International Convention 27- 31May 2023 Oct 2022



RICON 2023 - Exciting Volunteer Opportunities!!



<https://www.trybooking.com/CCKAD>

- Still time to book a table for a fun evening
- 100 silent auction items to be had.
- Fabulous prizes to be won.
- Who will take off the Rotary Trivia Challenge this year?
- Please remember its BYO your Eats, Treats, and your drinks of choice.
- Tickets will be available at the door for late comers
- Free door prizes
- Every dollar raised goes to our community

DATE	PROGRAM	C/PERSON	WELCOME/ CASHIER	ROOM DUTIES	SGT
November	Mix & Mingle 6.45 meeting starts at 7pm				
1 st	Board on Zoom	Daryll	-	-	-
8 th	Remember Remembrance Day	Jo	Shirley	Jo	Dan
18 th	It's Social Friday this month with our Trivia Night	Judy E	Judy E Anne Cotsell	Teams to Bump in & out	-
22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All about Insurance with President Don Shields, Geelong Central RC 	Telsa	Shirley	Jo	Dan
29 th Join us early for a BBQ snack "out the back" at 6.30 Please RSVP for catering purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual General Meeting • Guest Speaker Luke Elliott Speaking on his time at the NZ conference he attended regarding Road Safety • Peter K on Cyber Security 	Ian & Daryll	Shirley	Jo	Rick or maybe Dan?
6 th December	Board Meeting venue TBC				
13 th Dec	Christmas Break up @ Sawyers Arm Hotel Noble st	-	-	Jo	-