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A Message from the Pres



Hi Everyone,

I was unable to attend the Barwon Region Presidents' Meeting held on the 15/02/2025. I would

like to thank Telsa and Dan for attending in my absence, and by all reports a very well conducted and informative meeting. Some of the main discussion to come out from the meeting was that many

Clubs are in a similar situation regarding membership and the cost of belonging to Rotary.

In relation to the costs associated with Rotary membership, at length discussion was held at a special Board meeting held on Tuesday 25th March (before our regular Club Meeting). Board members were handed a precis of the Barwon Region Presidents' Meeting, followed by a lengthy discussion regarding Membership and Rotary costs. The purpose was to discuss these issues with no decision on the night. Board members were asked to review the precis of the meeting with the view to discuss it further at the Board Meeting to be held 04/03/2025.

Rotary in Geelong 100th Anniversary Ball. Saturday 18 October, The Italian Club 515 Bellarine Hwy Moolap, 2 course meal, excellent cover band for lots of dancing, estimated cost of \$95 pp.

Ian represented the Club at the Volunteers night held at Bunnings on Wednesday 5th between 5-00 and 7-00pm March.

The Friend in Me Family Fun Day at the Racecourse highlighted additional requirements that we need to meet in setting up our Gazebo. Ian has been able to address our obligations in relation to ensuring that the Gazebo will be stable when in use. Well done Ian and thank you.

The commitment of members, partners and Friends of Rotary in conducting the BBQ's over the last several weeks has been a terrific effort and establishes a sound financial start for the next Rotary year.

The District Conference will be held over the weekend 21 – 23 March 2025, with Telsa (Days for Girls) and Ian (Donate Life) setting up displays in the House of Friendship.

Club members have been requested to consider nominating for positions on the Club Executive and all Board Positions for the next Rotary Year.

The President Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) will be held on Saturday 24th May in Horsham, with online training available before attending. This will be followed by a District Assembly on Sunday 25th in Horsham.

Stay Safe
Rick

THANK YOU TO
OUR SUPPORTERS



International Inbound Youth Exchange Students

Where are they now?

The year was 2010 and we welcome Fredrik Jespersen from Denmark.



Fred as he affectionately became known was a memorable student that we were all sorry to say goodbye when the time came.

Recently Daryll Webb made contact with Fred to see what he has been up too.

Fred says Back in 2019, we started as interns at [Obsidian Digital](#).

Fast forward 5.5 years to today, and I am officially joining the partner group at Obsidian as an Engagement Partner.

It's fair to say it feels longer when I think about how we've grown as a company.

Over the years, I've seen Obsidian grow from 25 to 400 people, we've gone from 0 to 10 acquisitions, and I had the opportunity to live abroad for 1.5 years in Bosnia while also opening an office in Montenegro.

If any members past of present, are in touch with any of our Inbounds or Rebounds, please get in touch as we would really like to know what they are doing and where they are today.



This year 2025 Bayside is supporting ShelterBox – What is ShelterBox ?

“The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives.”

– John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International



ShelterBox believes that no one should be without shelter after disaster.

However, increasing numbers of people around the world are being forced from their homes by disaster and conflict. As such we work to provide emergency shelter to the people who need it most. To read where and what is happening [Click here](#)

Report from Environment Chair Aileen Brown

A lovely evening was spent at the Geelong City Council offices where the Green team,



Barb Sheehan, E&S Chair, Warren Norton, Lynda Carr & Aileen Brown enjoyed this year's **COGG Community Grant Presentation**

A joint application by Highton RC, Bayside Geelong RC,

Geelong East RC and Greater Geelong RC, were successful in our application for a Community Grant for the amount of \$4700, this will be used to plant 20 nature strips using COGG's new guidelines.

pictured above with Deputy Mayor Ron Nelson



And Barb, and Aileen with Peter Mercouriou the COGG environment officer .



NATURE STRIP BLITZ!

Come and join Rotary's project to plant 20 Geelong nature strips in 6 months.

BENEFIT OF NATURE STRIPS

- ✓ Cools your house environment
- ✓ Reduces water consumption
- ✓ Builds relationships in your neighbourhood
- ✓ Attracts pollinators
- ✓ Adds beauty to your neighbourhood

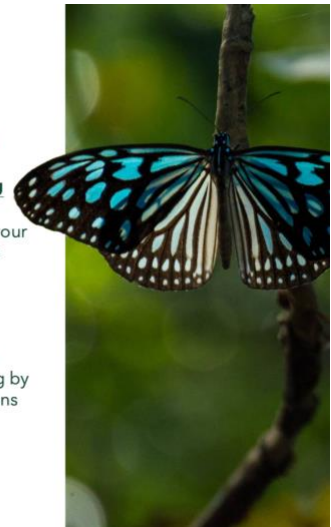


PROJECT BENEFIT TO YOU

- ✓ No charge at all to have your nature strip in the project
- ✓ Professional landscaper planting designs
- ✓ No more mowing
- ✓ Use water-wise planting
- ✓ Enables individual action
- ✓ Meet new people passing by
- ✓ Contribute to Council plans

https://youtu.be/4_G6EwRU9SM?si=FgVBI5SILVe7VkuX

To express your interest either as a home owner or volunteer please contact **Aileen Brown**



Aileen Brown ricknell@bigpond.com

And from the District Environment Committee

Hi Aileen,

I am pleased to advise that the District Environment Committee has approved your application for a Silver Enviro Award for your club. Congratulations on all your environmental work!

Awards will be presented at the Friday evening function at District Conference, which runs from 5pm to 7pm. It would be terrific if a member of your club is able to attend the function to receive the award from the District Governor. If not, please let me know.

Regards,
Barb

GREAT JOB BAYSIDE

REPORT FROM FUNDRAISING CHAIR – Ian Aranyosi

“What a month it has been for BBQ’s.”

We started off with our regular Bunnings BBQ on 7/2/25, followed by Friend In Me BBQ at the Geelong Racecourse on 15/2/25, Lara Pool the next day 16/2/25 and Kardinia Pool (attempt 2) on Sunday 16/2/25.

My sincere thanks to all members, partners and friends who made this month successful and very profitable

FYI

BUNNINGS BBQ DATES

Thursday 24th April. Friday 23rd May. Friday 20th Jun
Register on Clubrunner

REPORT FROM Judy Beasley

Dr. John Birrell Road Safety Practitioner of the Year Award 2025

I met with Inspector Sean Drew, Leila Stetcher and PE Sue Riminton from Bellarine North RC last Thursday at the Leopold Sportsman’s Club.

We have selected a date – **Tuesday May 5th**.

Venue: Leopold Sportsman’s Club – as it is central to both clubs and guests.

Sean will investigate a Guest Speaker for the evening, who will speak on Domestic and Family Violence in our local area.

Bellarine North RC are the hosts for the event this year. Our club will contribute \$1500 towards the community program nominated by the winning police officer.

We will run a raffle again and the money will go to a group supporting” Say No to Domestic and Family Violence.”

REPORT FROM Youth Chair - Andrea Patterson

Thomas Galan will also speak to the club on the 18th of March about his wish to attend the London International Youth Science Forum. We pleaded him \$500 a long as he spoke to the club before and after the event .

The forum is a 15 day trip held at the Imperial College London from the 23rd of July to 6th of August. During this time he will be attending lectures by world leading scientist, Noble Peace Prize recipients as well as visiting top UK university departments.

REPORT FROM Community Chair – Jo White

A new Pull Up Club Banner has been purchased regarding how long Bayside has been serving the community and will be arriving very soon.

Also date has been set for the Free BBQ for the Homeless in the Christ Church Garden area, booked for the 31st March, this will be added to clubrunner times 3:30 – 6:30

Catering for 50 meals. Price of Meat , sausages and hamburgers, will come out of budget set, Hopefully salads supplied by member that can be reimbursed as required

On this
International
Woman's day

LET'S
celebrate

The Ladies who
joined Rotary in
March

Congratulations to

- Judy Beasley
March 31st,
2009
- Judy Eyles
March 1st
2016
- Jo White
March 2nd,
1998



Happy International
Woman's Day

What a Good Idea



WASHNEWS
WASH ROTARY ACTION GROUP

In too many places, water still has to be carried in a container every day. Until a longer-term solution becomes available, finding a better way to get water from the water source to the home is important.

Adrian Brewer, Rotary Club of Vectis Sunrise Newport, Isle of Wight, UK, has been involved for twenty years in the creation of an easy-to-pull 30-liter plastic barrel. The Rotary Water Barrel is currently being made in Nairobi, Kenya. They estimate that there are over 11,000 of the Rotary Water Barrels being used throughout the world.

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To learn more about these barrels visit: <https://rolloutthebarrel.org/>

A Message from IYE Mum Lyn Corby

Mietta has taken a while to settle into Mussomeli. She is starting to understand more Sicilian and is gaining her confidence in speaking too. My text messages from her are a combination of English and Italian!!

She is now with her second host family Roberto and Monica Di Leo and their 19 year old son Fernando, pictured with the Australian Flag. She has been made to feel very welcome.

Last week, Italy celebrated a 4 day festival CARNIVALE. Mieta needed 4 costumes. Lots of dressing up, late nights, and dancing. Mieta is pictured here in a stunning red Venetian Mask with 2 Rotaract members and as a unicorn with her host brother The Joker.

She has attended Sunday lunch at The Good Kitchen with Danny McCubbin, an Australian who set up a community kitchen. She met lots of young volunteers and enjoyed a warm welcome from Danny. You might like to follow him on Instagram - thegoodkitchen and dannyforgood

Some differences Mieta has noted include

- No-one walks anywhere. She has found this very hard as she loves to go for a walk.
- Despite all the great Italian food, she misses my cooking especially Butter Chicken
- 6 days per week at school, which leaves only one day to rest and explore
- Let's meet at 7pm, could turn out to be 9pm, or later. Just running to Sicilian time!!
- They start dating quite young, many of her classmates have been in a relationship for 3 or 4 years
- She has pasta for lunch everyday

She gets on well with her classmates and is developing a network of friends. – Lyn



THE SPEAKER SEEKER – Jo

Over the next few months we will be hearing from

11 March – Sally Dell – End Trachoma

18th March Lucy Loko and John Oswald regarding the progress in PNG. Plus Thomas Galan possible candidate for the London International Youth Science Forum

25th March – Club assembly and Changeover

15th April Micheal Donohue Commander at the Queenscliff Rescue Boat Centre, we will be having our meeting at their premises in Queenscliff.

29th April – Mitch Hodgson from Kieser meeting will be held on their premises

WHY NOT



Good to connect with Mietta, she's met some of the young people who volunteer in the kitchen, and we had a lovely lunch yesterday - Danny McCubbin The Good Kitchen

Happy Birthday to Friend of Bayside, Bev Burch .

Report from Telsa Stubna

Bev's 90th was a lovely day with marquee and beautiful decorations done by niece Megan.

About 40 people were there with perfect weather to help Bev celebrate her day. The speeches were good and she loved the flowers that Bayside sent to mark the occasion. - Happy birthday Bev from all your friends at Bayside.



please read carefully as there maybe changes to the regular dates and times in this month's calendar
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO FILL YOUR JOB FOR THE NIGHT,
PLEASE CONTACT & CHANGE WITH ANOTHER MEMBER.

MEETING ROSTER. March 2025

First Tuesday board meets at the Belmont RSL 6pm

Second and fourth Tuesday meeting at the navy club 90 Skene st Newtown meeting 7:00 for 7.30 start. all welcome

Third Tuesday is Social Tuesday partners and friends welcome to join us.

DATES	PROGRAM Mix & Mingle 6.45 meeting 7.15pm for 7.30	CHAIRPERSON	WELCOME/ CASHIER	ROOM DUTIES	SUPPER	Door Prize
4th MARCH	18:00 BOARD MEETING RSL	RICK & TELSA	-	-	-	-
11th	SALLY DELL END TRACHOMA	DAN FURLAN	PETER H	DARYLL	PETER K	JUDY E
18th	JOHN OSWALD AND FRIENDS WITH UPDATE ON PNG Plus we will meet THOMAS GALAN possible candidate for London International Youth Science Forum	JUDY BEASLEY	BRIAN B	JO W	TELSA S	DAN F
25TH	Please note Changes to this week's program We will be having a CLUB ASSEMBLY and also, we will say Thank you to President Rick and welcome President Dan at the Navy Club 7.15 for 7.30 start	DARYLL WEBB	JUDY E	JUDY B	JO W	PETER H

BBQ Date for your Diary

Christ Church BBQ for the needy -- Monday 31st March 3:30 – 6:30 please, if you are available, volunteer on Club Runner . More information to come regarding Salads for the day

All BBQ times dates and locations are on clubrunner for your convenience.