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A Message from the Pres.



Guess the language

G'day you Blokes and Sheila's,
Hope the bloody Easter Bunny has hopped into your joint and dropped off some ripper Chockie Bunnies and Googie Eggs.

How good was it to see our amazing member Jane Myers on Tuesday night. It was the first time I have heard Jane speak and only the second time I have seen her. What a special lady Jane is. Such a committed and intelligent lady who spends her life helping girls who would otherwise not be able to care for their babies in the correct way, due to isolation, poverty, or just lack of knowledge and family support. Thank you, Jane, for sharing some of your story with us. (What a ripper Chick)

Good to hear Brian is at home. Hope you are going ok young fella.

Telsa, not sure you are resting your foot as much as the doctors would like. You and your personal Chauffer Dan seem to turn up at all our club activities. Thank you for your commitment. (A real trooper)

Just a reminder that we need a server for the mornin shift and a server and Cashier in the arvo for Fridy the 5th of Aprils barbi.

Sundi the 14th extra barbi, we need a full house, so let's pull our fingers out and sign up please.

Remember no board meeting this Tuesdi, hope to see ya all at the RSL on Wednesdi at 6pm for a bit of grubb and a chin wag.

Catch ya later cobber,

Ian

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

DIZZY TOYS



Tuesday Guest Speaker Educator & Rotarian Jane Myers

Jane joined Rotary in Jan 2010 but she is a lady on the move.

In the past few years Jane has been working in places like Alice Springs, Doha, & Mongolia over the past few years, now back in Australia in Tennent Creek but there have been many place in between. Jane is an educator for woman's health, and some places she says, are a little challenging.

Jane shared with us that NT gov realised the huge impact of not exclusive breastfeeding on women and families living in remote communities so a large part of my work is travelling to remote communities to offer clinical consultations, support education and information to support promote and prioritise the breastfeeding infant.

Travel to remote communities can be by small aircraft or by car depending on the distance.

Most clinics in remote communities have a residential staff or remote area nurses and Aboriginal health workers.

Visiting specialists come and stay in the community from Monday to Friday.

Health promotion and community engagement and community lead programs are a large part of the work. These programs are multi-disciplinary including various stakeholders and community elders and residents.

No woman births on country at this time in Remote communities so women require a lot of support when they go to town to deliver and when they return from community. Families are very connected in community and look out for each other but often resources can be sparse when many family members share.

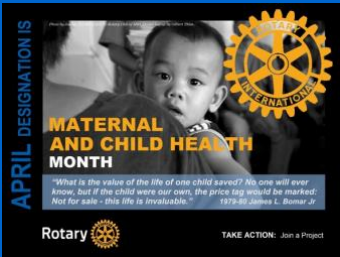
Weather is a big determining factor around service delivery especially when it is wet many roads become impassable.

It's a very rewarding position working with the Aboriginal Strong Women, Strong Baby, Strong Culture Women to ensure culturally safe programs and participatory events. Life can be challenging living remotely many love the wonderful landscapes, camping, hiking and numerous community events and all the animals particularly dogs. For others the work is what keeps you working in extreme heat at times and the everyday up and downs including the flies!



Quite a remarkable woman, sometimes working under extreme circumstances, but she obviously enjoys her work. The question was asked, can we give some support in any way. Yes, Jane needs Baby clothes, can members start collecting items for Janes next visit south as she will be driving down next time, maybe we can organise a few boxes for her return trip. [And how appropriate April is Maternal and child health month.](#)

Thank you, Jane such an interesting presentation, and so good to catch up. – Jo



APRIL
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
No Meeting on Easter Tuesday

WEDNESDAY 3rd
Combined, all Geelong clubs
dinner meeting at the RSL
Belmont 6 for 6:30
Please register, details are
on bottom of next page

Friday 5th Bunnings BBQ

Tuesday 9th 5:30 for 6:00
Board dinner meeting at
the Gold Digger Hotel

Tuesday 9th 7:15 for 7:30
meeting Naval Club
Reports from the Board
and recap from Wednesday
3rd Meeting

Thursday 11th
Joint Meeting with RC of
Highton - Speaker Marie
Casey on Domestic
Violence – details attached

Tuesday 16th
Social Tuesday Let's get
together at the Charles
Darling Hotel 6:30.
Please book with Jo

Tuesday 23rd TBC

Tuesday 30th
Stephen Davey – The
Bee Man



THANK YOU, TELSA,
We have new BBQ aprons



Telsa noticed the old ones were looking a little tired, so out came the sewing machine again (does it ever go away)

Great job Telsa thank you from us all. We will all look very smart at the next BBQ on the Friday 5th April. Always good to be noticed.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY CHAIR -JO

Last Wednesday 27th the team swung into action once again to organise the Christ Church free client BBQ.

Such a wonderful day, for two reasons, one, a day to give the regular volunteers a night off from the kitchen duties preparing food for people in our community that maybe are not as fortunate as some. Secondly a night to give a little back, and in doing so we all come away a little weary but with smiles on our faces for a job well done.

To hear words of thanks like, you made the sun shine for me today, & you made a difference to my day. Little things can mean a lot.

Thank you, Ian, Aileen, Jo, Andrea, Telsa and Daryll for the beautiful homemade salads. Thank you to our cooks Dan & Ian. To friends of the club David & Robbo for jumping in where ever needed. And the BBQ trailer doesn't get there on its own, thanks Ian, always appreciate your help with trailer duties.



Great Job everyone,
and you made a
difference to some
members of our
community that
maybe need a little
TLC sometimes



A SNIPPET FROM MARCH ARH



Congratulation DG Ian



ARH Chair, Stephen Humphreys recently presented a Companion Award to DG Ian McKay. We are incredibly grateful to Ian for his continual support to Australian Rotary Health!
Pictured L-R: ARH Chair, Stephen Humphreys, DG Ian McKay and wife Sherril McKay



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FRIDAY 5TH

Please register on clubrunner ASAP



PLEASE REMEMBER APRIL 3rd

Looking for as many members as possible to attend Rotary Combined Dinner at RSL on the 3rd April. Please click on the link below to register just so they know numbers.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotary-geelong-combined-dinner-6-630pm-3-april-2027-tickets-852088167647?aff=oddttdcreator>

No cost to attend but you can order dinner if you so choose.

Also

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER
Be the change to stop the violence and end the silence.
You can make a difference to your community by raising awareness.

Highton Rotary invites you to join us to hear our Guest Speaker Marie Casey
Deputy Managing Lawyer at Victoria Legal Aid Geelong office, who plays a crucial role in providing legal assistance and support to families affected by family violence.

Date: 11th April 2024
Venue: The RSL, Barwon Heads Road, Belmont
Time: 6pm for a 6:30 pm start
Cost: Free of Charge - Purchase your own meal and drinks if desired.

Register:
<https://hightonrotary.com/event/sayno2family-and-domestic-violence/>

Together we say
NO to **DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**
and
YES to **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

Bayside members have been invited to attend a combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Highton To hear speaker Marie Casey on Domestic Violence

