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ROTARY'S NEW THEME FOR 20/21

Rotary, providing us with the opportunity to make a difference

A Message from the Pres



We had a very informative presentation on Tuesday evening, from PDG Stephen Lamont.

Steve is on the organizing committee for the 2023 Rotary international convention in Melbourne. Melbourne will be a very busy town with between 20,000 and 35,000 Rotarian visiting our city from around the world.

The bid to host, was down to two cities, London and Melbourne, and I think, maybe the deciding factor was Steve's sense of humour.

It will also be an honour, to have joining us on this occasion, Rotary International first female President, Jennifer Jones. Read more about Jennifer by [clicking this link](#)

What a privilege to showcase Melbourne this way, with many fabulous special events on the program.

Volunteers will be needed, approximately 1000, to meet and greet, and help with the many different tours that will be available to our Australian and international guests.

Let's hope, all the disruptions from Covid will be a thing of the past in 2023, and all the plans for this convention, will move forward as expected.

It can all seem a long way off, but when you consider it will be 2021 in just a few weeks, we had better start thinking about making plans and booking accommodation for May 2023.

As this will be the last message for the year, I would like to wish you and your loved ones, a happy and safe Christmas, and I hope the Jolly Fat Man has your name on his "nice" list.

Stay well & Keep smiling
Jo

Dates for your Diary
ALL ONLINE

**Please note changes to
dates**

Dec 25th

Merry Christmas

to members partners, family and
friends. Best wishes for a
beautiful day.

**Jan 12th Welcome back,
Picnic in the Park information
attached 7pm.
Social gathering with our Friends of
the Club**

**Jan 19th Planning & projects
Committee evening 7.15 for 7.30
Venue TBA**

**Jan 26th Possible movie night
More information soon.**

Feb 2nd Board meeting

Feb 8th Project & Planning

Feb 15th Guest Speaker evening

Feb Sunday 21st

**Fundraiser for
Indigenous Literacy
Foundation**

**High Tea Garden Party, more
information coming soon**

**Always feel free to invite friends
or family to hear any of our
speakers,**

**For an invitation to attend the
zoom meetings email Peter at
peter.kavenagh@gmail.com**

A BLAST FROM THE PAST just for fun

As this came up in conversation at our Tuesday night's meeting, thought
you might like to see what it was all about

This is from the PDG Steve Lamont's Be Bold district conference,
we were dressed for
DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL





Gift Giving is on everyone agenda at the
moment, but just checking to see if you have
registered to give the gift of life with organ
donation.



Did you know, while age and medical history will be considered,
no one should assume they are too young, old or unhealthy to
become a donor.

Only a few medical conditions (such as transmissible diseases
like HIV) may prevent someone being a donor.

The most important thing to do is to register and talk to your
family about your wishes.



Let's put a smile on your face

Oh no, Christmas is cancelled

- No Nativity this year because the 3 wise men face a travel ban.
- The shepherds have been furloughed.
- The inn keeper has shut under stage 3 restrictions because of a slump in bookings.
- Santa cannot work as usual as he would break the 5 people rule.

As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.

Thanks, to Daryll for sending this in.



WHY DO WE SUPPORT

The Christ Church meals program.

Because of the Covid restrictions some of our newer member to the team haven't had the opportunity to be involved with this great program. So, a visit was organised.

On Wednesday, Aileen Brown, Andrea Patterson, Shirley Marendaz, Rick Berry, and Ian Aranyosi, met with Jan McGowen to see how it all works, and why, we, Bayside, likes to be involved with this worthwhile cause.

They discovered just how generous the people of Geelong are, giving their time, energy, and food to support people, that are a little less fortunate than some. It was explained that there is no Government funding and the program survives on donations only.

Breakfast is served every day, and hot evening meals on Monday and Wednesdays.

Jan also explained that it's not just about the food, it's the contact with others that is so important, she said, sometimes it the only time they have any conversation at all.

The program is running with 2 teams of five people at the moment and its only take away hot food packs that are being supplied.

In the past, they could serve up to 150 people in one sitting, as present they are suppling approximately 50 hot meals a night.

Everyone was in agreement, it is a great cause, and are happy that we continue to support this program.





IN THE PARK

Hold the date Tuesday

12th January

Let's get together with our

Friends of Rotary

at 6.45 in the Eastern

Gardens

(our normal spot)

To say thank you to our

friends of the club

and

Celebrate the new year.

Please bring a savory or sweet
plate to share

A summer punch will be
provided



Can you make it? Please call
Jo 04191551183



The fundraiser for the
Indigenous Literacy Foundation
has been booked for
Sunday 21st February 2pm to 5pm
It will be held in a beautiful garden in
Newtown

Flyer and more information will be sent soon

As you can imagine we will be needing a lot of helpers on the 20th for preparing the food, and organising tables and chair etc: Plus, help on the day looking after the many people that will be attending.

There will be a "job list" coming out soon and if you can let us know when you are available and what job you can do to help out, that would make it so much easier for all concerned. This is a tight timeline project so would be great if everyone is onboard with this one.

The owner of the garden, Gwen Anderson has been so helpful and given us ideas, recipes and suggestions for the setting up. As Gwen has had functions in her garden like this before, it is so helpful to have her expertise.

Would really appreciate it if all members can mark the dates in your diaries now. This will be like a

COGG day only a little more upmarket 😊

