



The Glenferrie Rotarian



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Dear Members,



We were happy to welcome two new Rotarians joining the Glenferrie family, Matt Fitton and Mithzay Pomenta were inducted on Tuesday 14th in front of our club members at our club meeting. Both Matt and Mithzay are looking forward in serving the local community. Mithzay is passionate in youth and vocational whereas Matt is looking forward to serve in any project where the club needs most."

May was the month Rotarians develop skills and learn the life of a Rotarian. On Sunday 26th of May at Tabcorp Park, Rotary District 9800 had its annual District Assembly where we farewell and thank District Governor Bronwyn Stephens for her wonderful work and dedication to the district and welcome President Elect Grant Hocking, his board and

district chairs. For our new members, District Governor Grant Hocking is a Clinical Manager for Ambulance Victoria in the Grampians Region. He has worked for Ambulance Victoria for the past 30 years. He was awarded the Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) in the 2014 Australia Day Honours. District governors provide leadership, motivation, and guidance to Rotary clubs under the general supervision of the RI Board of Directors. Governors act as officers of RI, fostering achievement in their district at the club level. We heard from Rotary International President Mark Moloney who gave a video presentation of his goals before we broke off into our sessions. There were many opportunities to learn what is happening in the District and Rotary more broadly. It was pleasing to see that two of our newest members Mitzay and Elizabeth join our other attendees and I hope that they learned a lot more about Rotary in the New Members session.

We are now approaching the final lap of the Rotary Year, the finish line is in sight but there are still some final projects and activities to complete. I have to say, the year has gone fast. On Tuesday 11th of June, the club will be attending a vocational activity organised by Michael Hills, the program is called "For a Meal" It will be an evening where we will be organising food packs for the homeless. Please see Michael Hills if you haven't indicated you are attending (see reminder on page # of Bulletin). Following by that, on the 18th we will have a Youth Night event where our Youth Committee will be showcasing their achievements during the Rotary year, this will be chaired by Youth Director Teresa Liu.

Finally, the most important event for the year, the Club's Changeover. We are starting to have some of our members RSVP for this special event. It is a wonderful evening for all club members to attend with their partners to reflect on a very successful Rotary year and celebrating the years of services and achievements.

Until then, have a wonderful week in Rotary.

Charles Tran, President

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Guest Speaker 21 May 2019

Our speaker was Cheryl Lacey. Cheryl is an educational consultant and a member of the Rotary club of Melbourne. Cheryl's topic was **Conspicuous Incompetence: The Epidemic Gripping Australian Schools.**

Cheryl decided to become a teacher as a result of how much a teacher's handling of and advice to a mis-behaving young boy impressed her. The lad was advised to utilise his significant ability as a soccer player by showing others how to play the game. At the same time this could give him a reason to belong to the group/class and experience personal fulfilment from his activities rather than being the class clown.

Together with trust, these two elements – a reason to belong and personal fulfilment - are seen by her as being vital to the pupil's success, the teacher's success and the satisfaction of parents. Much of the apparent increase in parental poor behaviour towards teachers is, in her view, due to the lack of satisfaction parents have in the education system and their frustration with the "system" in general.

Cheryl spoke about some of the challenges many teachers face, particularly the lack of adequate preparation and experience for their role. Drawing on her daughter's current situation as someone about to commence a teaching career, Cheryl said teachers appear to have the right to apply for a teaching role at any level between Prep and year 12 regardless of their experience and background.

Cheryl posed the self-evident question of how is it possible to gain fulfilment as a teacher when you may not be "up to the job". The varying approaches to curriculum across different schools was also cited as a challenge to be faced. This seems to be playing out in the number of teachers who leave the profession after only a few years because of their dissatisfaction and disillusionment with "the system".

Cheryl mentioned that there is a need for an alternative (or alternatives) approach to schooling and its funding. This is because the system is too rigid and is based on a model that lacks relevance to today's world. Broader community and business involvement and the ability for people who left school early to easily return to schooling at some later stage of their life are a couple of examples of the types of changes she believes are needed.

Thank you so much to Cheryl. She is daring to "stir the possum".



- **Tuesday May 28th:** Russel Howcroft (from ABC's *The Gruen Factor*)
Russel is known for his role as a panellist on the ABC's *The Gruen Transfer*. He is a businessman and former CEO of advertising agency George Patterson Y&R. He has considerable experience in media and advertising. Russel will entertain us I am sure with many tales – this is a partners and friends night.
- Steve Bell "What's Your Story"?
- **Tuesday June 11th:** Vocational Visit away from Kooyong "ForAMeal Project" – MCC Kew
- **Tuesday June 18th:** Youth Night
- **Tuesday June 25th:** Glenferrie ChangeOver

Meeting of 14 May 2019

Our guest speaker, Alister Boyd spoke to us about the many issues confronting Australian and Victorian farmers. He now works with the Victorian Farmers Federation and specialises in grain production.

Alister covered not only the issues confronting farmers but covered the points that there are many good solutions that will assist farmers and others with whom they do business.

Alister's talk generated many questions from the audience. Some issues Alister talked about included:

- 1 The great variability in financial returns to farmers caused by factors such as good, bad and so-so seasons over 10 year periods, fluctuating , the power of supermarkets and processors to force down farm gate prices which can make production non-viable
2. The inability amongst tens of thousands of farmers to agree on best courses of action for improving their businesses
3. Mental health among farmers and many suicides
4. Live sheep exports
5. China claiming Australia is dumping farm products in China at below cost
6. Enormous increases in stevedoring and port charges
7. Road and bridge capacities being insufficient for efficient transport of farm products

8. The Pros and Cons of the herbicide RoundUp.
9. Growing rice in parts of Australia where water is a scarce resource.

Alister's talk was very informative and of great interest to all of us. It would certainly make each one of us reluctant to advise a grandchild to become a farmer.

The meeting was also an occasion to induct two new members to the Rotary Club of Glenferrie. We welcomed Mitz xxxxxx and Matt Finton to our club both of whom are part of the amazing membership drive conducted by Robert Winspear.



Hands-On Away from (Kooyong) Activity Night of 11 June 2019

EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

Have you booked yet? Places are filling fast. We expect the night will be fully booked well before the original closing date of Saturday 1 June.

Instead of a normal weekly meeting, we'll be combining with a number of other clubs to prepare emergency food packages for use following natural disasters in the Philippines – a well-known disaster zone.

A few quick facts about the night:

- It's being organised by the Rotary Club of Canterbury
- It will run from 6:30pm to around 8:30pm. Registration commences at 6pm
- There's no cost to attend on the night
- There won't be a hot meal. Tea/Coffee, scones and sandwiches will be available
- **Location – Kew Bowls Club 397 Barkers Road, Kew note new address**
- We have **24** places available. **THEY ARE FILLING FAST SO BE QUICK**
- Partners & people looking to join Rotary are welcome. Club members have first priority
- Bookings will close no later than **Saturday 1 June 2019**

How do I get on the list of people wanting to attend? Contact Michael Hills, Vocational Services Director, at mjihills@gmail.com or at the Cashiers' table on meeting nights.

Rostered on.....

Farmers Market Roster May 18th 2019



Early Shift	Ian Dobson (Captain), Mark Howlett, Alex Marshall, David Fallick, Liz Andrews, Lyn Kneale, Wayne Worladge, Boroondara Cares
Late Shift	Richard Blakeman (Captain), Don Heath, Michael Hills, (Volunteer needed)** , Natalie Opie, Janet Hills, Boroondara Cares

Salvation Army Bread Run



30/05/2019	Don Heath	Peter Moore
06/06/2019	Michael Hills	Elizabeth Dumonic
13/06/2019	Helena Wimpole	Liz Andrews
20/06/2019	Jane Gilchrist	Wayne Worladge

Club Meeting Duty Roster



	<i>Set up/Down and Welcome</i>	<i>Cashier</i>	<i>Cashier</i>	<i>Chair</i>
04/06/2019	Mike Berry	John Suriano	Don Heath	Thelma Hutchson
11/06/2019	Away – meeting at MCC Kew with RC Canterbury - ForAMeal			
18/06/2019	Carol Benson	Bob Carey	Newton Langford	Teresa Lui
25/06/2019	Club Changeover – Chaired by Pres. Charles and PE Thelma			

All rosters for the year are now available in the => [Member's Area of the club website.](#)



Please check the roster and if you can't fulfil a duty for any reason, please find a replacement and **let the rosterer know.**

**** Note for the June Market, volunteer(s) are needed, please contact Robert or Miffy Hogan if you can assist.**