



Fitzroy

District 9800

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April Rotary Bulletin 2025 Environmental Month

From the President

We have had a busy month, with members doing all sorts of community and club service, as well as fundraising. The bookshop is going along smoothly with Phil Hill solving the key problem by purchasing a key lock. **A prize of a free book** to anyone not on the roster that knows when Phil's birthday is. Claire Hill is ineligible!

Sue leads the team for the Geeks BBQ, and this year it is off to a great start. Ann Cook and Anthea MacTiernan involved us in a Trivia Night at the Preston Town Hall, which raised over \$17,000 to support an Afghanistan refugee family for 12 months. Judy McWilliams spoke to the Rotary Club on how this project evolved from the CRISP initiative by the Federal Government. This encourages ad hoc groups to come together to support refugees. Ann will be hosting them in her own home.

Joy Millen invited David and Deborah from the Ballarat West Rotary Club to present the work they have done in both the Solomon Islands and Tonga, over a sustained period of time. What a difference their projects have made.

For club service, Rhonda Millman hosted a pool party on Labour Day for those who could attend. The weather was right for it, hot! And the water was perfect. Thank you, Rhonda. Rhonda is also looking into whether we can get a weekend away to Queenscliff and a trip on the Blues Train.

We are getting to the serious business time of year. Thinking ahead to our Changeover. Nominations are being sought for **President and Secretary**. Wallace has put his hand up to be Treasurer again. Thank you, Wallace. If you think you would like to be mentored into one of these positions, then please let me know. Do not be shy! You will be surprised how rewarding it can be.

NEWS FLASH!!!! Please buy raffle tickets from Jonothan Thick. This is a great initiative on his part and very generous of him to organise. This money will go towards our Club's contribution to Foundation. Foundation is the Rotary Charity, which supports many overseas projects, which may include End Polio.

**Denise Charman
President 2024-2025**

April Birthdays

Michael 6th April

Annie 8th April

Reminders:

- Jonathon's fundraising raffle for Foundation is available online. Don't forget to buy your tickets and encourage others to do so. It is drawn at the meeting on April 14th.
- Board meetings are held at the Clifton Brew Pub on the dates listed below. The meetings are at 5.00 pm and at 6.15pm members are invited to come for a meal and some fellowship.
- Remember, everyone who volunteers for Rotary must have a current Working with Children permit

Club Program and Calendar

April 2025

Environmental Month

- 5 Apr Geeks BBQ
- 7 Apr Board Meeting Clifton Brew Pub 5.00pm
- 14 Apr Meeting Bowls Club Speaker, Stephen Jolly
Mayor of Yarra
- 28 Apr Meeting Bowls Club

May 2025

Youth Service Month

- 5 May Board Meeting Clifton Brew Pub 5.00 pm
- 12 May Meeting Bowls Club
- 26 May Meeting Bowls Club

June 2025

Rotary Fellowship Month

- 9 Jun Board Meeting Clifton Brew Pub 5.00pm
- 16 Jun Meeting Bowls Club
- 30 Jun Changeover function

Board Members

President	Denise Charman
President Elect	Tba
Secretary	Pat Morton
Past Presidents	Sue Moses-Critchley/Joy Millen
Treasurer	Wallace Lehmann
Community	Anthea MacTiernan
Membership/ Youth	Peter Hille
Web & Social media	Barrie Morton
Foundation & Fundraising	Jonathan Thick Joy Millen
International Services	Phil Hill
Bulletin	Ann Haynes

Assistant: Social Services Menka Simmonds