

**Fitzroy**

**District 9800**

Established 8<sup>th</sup> August 1968



**2025-2026**

**February Rotary Bulletin 2026  
Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Month**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2026.**

This is not so much a report, as a note to say hello to all club members and to wish everyone a happy 2026 and onwards.

Since the New Year Sue has organised 2 bbq's for Geeks at Atherton gardens. Many of us assisted including Rita, Ann C, and Kevin. The shifts involved Matty a resident at the high-rise who was known to many of the children. We have encouraged Geeks to involve residents from the high-rise, so Matty's presence is progress.

The bookshop continued to open over the holiday period except we didn't work between Christmas and New Year, and on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> when it reached 44 degrees.

**MEGASWIM;**

Hopefully you all received my email calling for volunteers for the MS 24 hour Megaswim, which commences at 6 pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February and continues until 6pm Saturday. For those unfamiliar with the project, MS usually raise more than \$150,000 at these events and the money is distributed as scholarships for those with MS.

We provide catering for the event, although we don't operate between midnight to 5am, however I am happy to review that if members or your friends or neighbours would like to take on that task. For many years Tony and Kevin worked that graveyard shift..

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. [If you haven't responded and are able to help for any period, please contact me.](#)

**CRACKERJACK.**

**The rinks at the bowling club have been booked for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 6 pm.** More information will be provided in February.

**SLEEPING BAGS.**

As mentioned in December the Rotary Melbourne Central club will start collecting **sleeping bags** soon, to distribute to the homeless before winter.

Please hunt through your garages and wardrobes for sleeping bags, which I will collect for the appeal, closer to the call.

**ROTARY DISTRICT INFORMATION SESSION.**

I sent new and newish members a flyer concerning the District's information session on **14 February 2026.**

The education session is a good opportunity to learn more about Rotary and how you can become more involved.

I have registered and invite you to contact me if you are interested in attending or would like me to resend the flyer.

**FIRST MEETING.**

Our club's first meeting is at the bowling club on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February commencing at 6.30.**

Hope to see you then

**January Birthdays**

Belated greetings to all our members who celebrated a birthday in January

Kevin 9th

Val 11th

Mary Guiney 13th

Wallace & Ross 14th

Menka 15th

Pat 18th

Ann Cook 19th

Anthea 21st

Maddy 26<sup>th</sup>

## February Birthdays

There are no birthays that I know of in February.

### Reminders:

- **Volunteers are needed for Megaswim on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February. Let Anthea know if you can help.**
- Remember, everyone who volunteers for Rotary must have a current Working with Children Check.

## Club Program and Calendar February

### Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Month

- 30 Jan Board meeting Anthea's place 2pm  
Other Club members join in at 3 pm  
BYO drink and some food to nibble
- 2 Feb Meeting Bowling Club  
Kevin to present the results of the Club survey.
- 20-21 Feb Megaswim volunteers required

## March

### Water Sanitation and Hygiene Month

- 2 Mar Rotary meeting tbc
- 13 Mar Crackerjack Bowls Tournament

### Board Members

President	Anthea MacTiernan
President Elect	Tba
Secretary	Pat Morton
Past President	Denise Charman
Treasurer	Wallace Lehmann
Community	Anthea & Sue
Membership/ Youth	Peter Hille
Web & Social media	Barrie Morton
Foundation & Fundraising	Jonathan Thick
Bulletin	Ann Haynes

**Assistant:** Social Services Menka Simmonds