

Fitzroy

District 9800

Established 8th August 1968



2026-2027

July Rotary Bulletin 2026 Maternal and Child Health Month

Presidents Report – June 2026.

This is my last report as President for the 2025 -2026 year.

First, I thank the club's board members who provided terrific support during the year.

Secondly, thanks to all club members who attended meetings to hear and learn from our guest speakers and contribute to the fellowship of the club. Fellowship is one of the cornerstones of Rotary and for some, the primary reason for joining the club. And thanks to those who volunteered time, working at MS Megaswim, Step up for Downs, the bookshop and Geek's sporting events.

This year we have had 2 meetings where members from other Rotary clubs attended and this will hopefully continue in the future. On 24 June I attended the Collingwood changeover dinner where our club was presented with a small banner in recognition of our connection with the Collingwood club.

We have enjoyed successful fundraisers through the Cup Eve dinner and Crackerjack and contributed to community services through events such as Geek's Challenge Cup and other sporting events, Step up for Downs and the MS Megaswim.

Our club raised \$20,005 from 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026, through our participation in the Rotary bookshop at Docklands, and we have donated nearly that amount to various causes including Geek's Foundation, WaterAid,

OpenTable, Purple House, a dialysis centre in Alice Springs, (cost of postage of blankets and quilts organised by Denise) RIMERN and its specific project of Aboriginal Housing campaign, Harcourt Bushfire appeal, Step Up for Downs and Sacred Heart Primary School, and of course our annual donation to the Rotary Foundation.

The board has approved a donation of \$2,000 to **ROMAC**, which was to be presented to Minh Nguyen from the organisation at the meeting, on Monday 29th June, but we have cancelled that meeting due to insufficient numbers. Hopefully Minh will be able to speak to us in July.

Beverley's organisation of the Christmas in July event, raised funds for the First Fitzroy scouts. Beverley, who also raised funds by raffling her homemade fruitcake for the Stroke Foundation, has advised she will resign from the club, but will remain a friend of Rotary.

On Saturday 27th June Pat and I attended the **District changeover lunch** celebrating the outgoing DG, Peter Shepherd and the incoming DG Graeme Hope. Each club was recognised for one of its projects. Our club was presented with a certificate applauding the Christmas in July event. Congratulations Beverley.

I, on behalf of the club thank Beverley for her hard work over, I recall, 15 years.

Over the year I have introduced you to many leaders in the Fitzroy community so you know of what is happening locally and how you, as the individual and the club can be an integral part of our community.

Some of us are volunteering at the **Fitzroy Neighbourhood House**. Nick from **Sacred Heart PS** was pleased some of us could help in the school's homework club. I am waiting information in how our members may participate. A few of us attended the free lunch at the Fitzroy North library, run by Opentable. Lunches are provided every Saturday, starting at 1pm.

Our new President Peter Hille will take over the reigns at our club's Changeover lunch, at the Clifton Hotel Brew house, 12 noon, on 5 July. I wish Peter and the new board, which will include Kevin and Mary well for the 2026-2027.

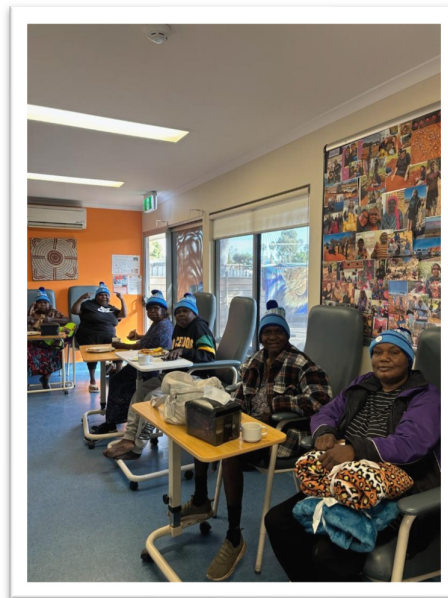
Regards
Anthea

Denise would like to especially thank Fitzroy Rotary members for their recent donation of beautiful quilts, blankets and beanies to Purple House. They have already found very grateful homes as a cool change has come through again this week in Alice Springs.

Thanks so much for your support. With love Purple House.

Denise's daughter Ellen Brunt donated all the beanies and Helen Schapper, a volunteer at the bookshop made all the quilts. Thanks to both Ellen and Helen.

The beanies and quilts being put to good use, below.



July Birthdays

Rhonda 19th July

Devi 26th July

Reminders:

- July 5 Fitzroy Rotary Changeover lunch Clifton Hill Hotel
12 pm 89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill
- Footy Lunch fundraiser 25 July
- Rotary Weekend at Queenscliff 9-11 October contact
Rhonda's email: rhondamillman@yahoo.com
- Remember, everyone who volunteers for Rotary must have a
current Working with Children Check.

Club Program and Calendar July Maternal and Child Health Month

5 Jul Fitzroy Rotary Changeover Lunch
13 Jul Rotary meeting
25 Jul Footy Lunch Fundraiser

Vivienne Nguyen, CEO of Multicultural Victoria spoke at our meeting on 15th June, where we had members from Richmond and Collingwood Rotary Clubs attend, as well as some people from the local community.



The new Board will be listed in the next Bulletin Board Members

President	Anthea MacTiernan
President Elect	Peter Hille
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