

Fitzroy

District 9800

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March Rotary Bulletin 2025 Water Sanitation and Hygiene Month

From the President

We started the year well, with a convivial afternoon at the home of Ann Cook. Thank you Ann, for hosting such a lovely gathering, even though it was very hot! DG Michael La Pina came to the Club on February 10th, and he assisted in inducting Kevin Sharp as our newest member.

Congratulations, Kevin.

DG Michael gave a great talk on the benefits of being a member of Rotary and was roundly applauded for his contribution. February 24th saw Steve Earl host a fundraiser for Yarra Wild Beasts. Steve generously provided the meat and cooked it for us. We raised over \$400, with thanks to Steve and our other contributors who brought salads of all kinds. It was a great night. Steve talked about sport involvement for social cohesion and crime prevention.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the death of Biruta Don. Biruta came to our gathering at the home of Ann Cook. She was a vibrant partner of Peter Don. We extend our most heartfelt condolences to Peter and their daughter Monica and her family, including the three grandchildren.

As our next meeting date falls on a public holiday, Rhonda has kindly offered to host a luncheon at her place on Monday, March 10th. She is seeking contributions similar to those at Ann's gathering.

Fitzroy was invited to join the Rotary Clubs of Albert Park and Carlton to operate the Rotary Charity Second-hand Bookshop in Docklands. Fitzroy will receive a portion of the profits each month. This will ensure Fitzroy has a steady income to fund its good works. We thank those clubs for letting us join them. We especially thank those members who are volunteering regularly at

the Bookshop, including Sue M-C, Anthea, Tony, Valerie, Phil and Pat and Barrie. There are times when one or more will be unavailable (holidays, other commitments), so we are always seeking other members who would be interested in being "trained up" so they could fill in, if and when needed.

Of great significance is the annual raffle organised by Jonathan. He generously donates a wine fridge each year and this year, Tony has donated a dozen bottles of wine! Please support this raffle. We aim to raise \$1500 from this and the money will go to supporting Rotary Foundation. The Foundation does such important work around the world. In this current political situation, the work of Foundation is even more important.

A few other points from the Board meeting on Monday, 3rd...funds raised from Beverley's cake raffle will go towards Coles vouchers and donated to VACCA. Dinner costs will need to be raised to \$30. It has been \$25 for the last 10 years! We regret any inconvenience that this increase may cause.

If you have any ideas for speakers, for projects or just something for the Board to consider, please contact Pat Morton or myself and we will put it on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Don't forget, you can join the Board for dinner after every Board meeting.

Denise Charman
President 2024-2025



In remembering Biruta here is a picture of her and the winning team from the most recent Bowls fundraiser. Biruta always enjoyed these Bowls evenings and seemed to be a regular in the winning teams.

Below are some of our merry helpers at the MegaSwim. Thanks to Anthea again for all her organization and enthusiasm in getting us all along to help.

Thanks also to Barrie and Pat for all their involvement in picking up food, preparing it and transporting it to the pool. Also thanks to Steve for organising food contributions for the event. Thanks also to our many other helpers.



March Birthdays

Albert Bloom 28th March

Michelle Earl 30th March

Michelle Bootes 14th March

Reminders:

- Lunch at Rhonda and Geoff's on 10th March at 222 Tyler St. Preston
- Jonathon has launched his fundraising raffle for Foundation. Tony has contributed a dozen bottles of wine for this year's raffle.
- Board meetings are going to be 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

Listed below are the dates for meetings to the end of June. At this stage speakers are yet to be finalised for specific meetings.

Club Program and Calendar March 2025

Water Sanitation and Hygiene Month

3 Mar Board Meeting Clifton Brew Pub
10 Mar Function at Rhonda's place
17 Mar Meeting Bowls Club
31 Mar Meeting Bowls Club

April 2025

Environmental Month

5 Apr Geeks BBQ
7 Apr Board Meeting Clifton Brew Pub 5.00pm
14 Apr Meeting Bowls Club
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
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Secretary	Pat Morton
Past Presidents	Sue Moses-Critchley/Joy Millen
Treasurer	Wallace Lehmann
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Foundation & Fundraising	Jonathan Thick Joy Millen
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Bulletin	Ann Haynes

Assistant: Social Services Menka Simmonds