

Fitzroy

District 9800

Established 8th August 1968



2025-2026

May Rotary Bulletin 2026 Youth Service Month

Presidents Report – April 2026.

Hello fellow Members.

Just a short report this month, as I was away until 19 April.

On 30 April I sent all members an email asking you to respond to.

1. Request via Sue for volunteers to work on the Geeks BBQ on 26 May at Collingwood SC.1.30 to 2.30. If you are able to help please let Sue know ASAP please - alfredcres@gmail.com
2. Expressions of interest from those wishing to form a group/s to attend a Saturday free lunch at the Fitzroy North Library organised by Open Table.
3. Invitation to the District 9800 Changeover lunch/event at Hawthorn Arts Centre on Saturday 27 June 2026.
4. I would like to organise a **tour and lunch at the Islamic Museum, Anderson Street Thornbury**. Entrance fee is \$12 for adults and \$10 concession. Please let me know if you are interested in attending on a date in June.

At the club meeting on 13 April, Peter interviewed our newest member Mary, in a Behind the Badge session. Mary has a wealth of experience to offer our club.

If you have not been interviewed for the BTB session, could you let me know please?

Monday the 13th was also the first night for our new caterer Ruby and this change is working well.

We were saddened to hear our caterer for more than a decade, Steve, was badly injured in a motor vehicle accident at the end of March. I have sent him best wishes for a speedy recovery. The Club will send a bouquet of flowers.

On Monday 27th April Peta Christansen from Open Table, spoke of that charity's work and as mentioned in the email sent to you on 30 April, Peta extended an invitation for us to attend the free Saturday lunch at the Fitzroy North Library.

I was hoping we would hear from representatives at the Department of Fairness, Families and Housing (DFFH) and the Council in May 2026, but they have cancelled once before and are now not responding to calls and messages. If anyone has suggestions for guest speaker for May and June please let me know.

I forgot to mention in my last report that we made more than \$2,500 from the Crackerjack event, which was great. Thanks to everyone who played and/or assisted. Our participation in the Rotary bookshop at Docklands, every Tuesday and Wednesday continues to provide good fundraising.

We will probably have an end of financial year lunch at the Clifton Brewhouse. [Pencil in Sunday 5th of July.](#)

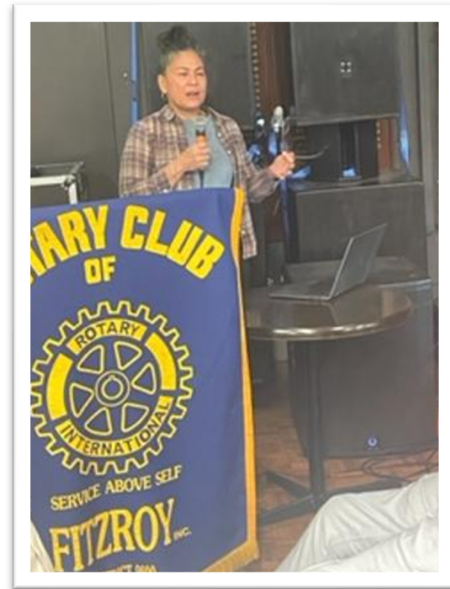
Some of those who completed the club's questionnaire said they would like more involvement with broader Rotary. I would like to organise a table of our club members to attend the [Rotary District changeover lunch event starting at 11.30 on Saturday 27 June, Hawthorn Arts Centre.](#) The cost hasn't been advertised but will

probably be about \$55. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

The Board will meet in the not too distant future, probably in the week commencing 11 May. Please let me know if you would like to add matters to the agenda.



Mary 'Behind the Badge' with Peter.



Peta from Open Table.

Rotary Weekend at Queenscliff

Rhonda is keen to organise a weekend away for the Club to Queenscliff on either of the first 2 weekends in October. The choice of going on the 'Blues Train' is also an option.

Please let Rhonda know if you are interested and which weekend suits, so she can book accommodation and the Blues train for those interested.

Rhonda's email: rhondamillman@yahoo.com

Birthdays

Barrie Morton 2 May
Clive Wilson 12 May

Stefan Vutov 28 May

Reminders:

- **Sue requires 2 volunteers** for the St Sacred Cup # 3 @ Collingwood Allstars Indoor Basketball Courts, 10 McCutcheon Way, behind Collingwood College.
When: Tuesday 26 May, 2026 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Remember, everyone who volunteers for Rotary must have a current Working with Children Check.

**Club Program and Calendar
May Youth Services Month**

- 11 May Fitzroy Rotary Meeting
 Speaker: tbc
- 27 May Fitzroy Rotary meeting
 Speaker: tbc

June Rotary Fellowship Month

- 10 Jun Rotary meeting
- 24 Jun Rotary meeting tbc
- 27 Jun District 9800 Changeover Lunch

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