

Fitzroy

District 9800

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November Rotary Bulletin 2025
Rotary Foundation Month

ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow members.

Hopefully, everyone has received **the questionnaire** compiled by our member Kevin Sharp. It's requested that your completed report be submitted by the end of October so the board and the club can improve what we offer members and the community. Thanks to Kevin for compiling questionnaire and Peter Hille for initiating the project.

On 5 October, I attended the home of **Gary Goldsmith**, the Regional leader with presidents of some other clubs, but no presidents from our old heritage group. There is nothing exciting to report arising from that meeting.

Ben Rodgers, EO of the **Inner North Community Foundation**, addressed our meeting On 6 October concerning the activities of this not-for-profit organisation with \$13 million under its supervision. Ben reported \$500,000 was distributed to community groups in the past 12 months. Earlier in the year, Ben invited me to join a community panel to select successful applicants for funding under the **Pathways to Employment**, administered by the INCF and I attended to the distribution of those awards on 13 October. There is scope for volunteer work with these organisations.

Beverley, Rhonda and I attended the **Richmond Club's fundraising business** breakfast on 15 October.

Our volunteer work at the **Rotary bookshop**, injected \$2,340 into our club's account for the month of September.

Thanks to Pat and Barry for shopping and setting up the barbeque for **Step Up for Downs**, and thanks also to helpers who included Peter, Hille, Tony, and retired member Joy. We ran out of sausages, but just towards the end and were able to raise \$999.71 for the organisation, which we will round up to \$1,000.

Our club members were entertained by **Laurie Duncan** at the meeting on 20 October. Laurie spoke of his very interesting escapades whilst an officer in the Immigration Department, under its various guises and now working as an immigration agent.

Thanks to **Rhonda** for organising a DJ for the Cup Eve event on 3 November and securing a donation of \$250 towards the cost of the DJ, from the bowling club.

Members will recall Dave de Brincat, CEO from **WaterAid Australia**, addressed our club in September, and we have forwarded a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the club.

Further, the board has agreed to fund entertainment for the next Geeks BBQ at Atherton Gardens, on 13 December, which the Mayor of Yarra, Steve Jolly, plans to make into a family day celebrating the tenants in the high rise. Thanks to Sue for her endeavours in keeping our club's involvement with these events under, at times, trying circumstances. Sue sends out a request for a couple of volunteers for the 13 December.

Our **Christmas lunch** will be held at **Rhonda and Geoff's home** in Preston on **Sunday, 7 December**. All attendees will be requested to contribute to the food for the day. We'll provide more details on that later.

By the time you receive this message, I hope we have had a successful **cup eve event**.

Cheers,
Anthea

Upcoming (CC) & Yarra Towers Celebration Day (YTCD)

Chris McGeachen (Geeks) put through a special request for Fitzroy Rotary to be involved in, and to assist with last CC for this year to be held at Atherton Gardens – Fitzroy on the 13th December.

For this Cup they have teamed up with the City of Yarra and will together celebrate living in Yarra Public High Rise Housing with a special event involving a number of Yarra organisations and groups.

Chris hopes that we will be involved in this joint venture, showcasing the young and not so young communities living in Yarra Public Housing.

2.Geeks

Organising a soccer competition day between St Joseph's P S and Sacred Heart PS -Fitzroy

When: Tuesday 2 December

Where: St Joseph's Primary School

Time: 1.30-2.30pm

Sue needs help working the BBQ on the day -2 volunteers needed

November Birthdays

Denise 29th

December Birthdays

Rita 3rd

Peter Don 6th

Phil Hill 11th

Claire Hill 30th

Reminders:

- Cup Eve event Monday 3rd November. Invite friends and family.
- Geeks BBQ at St Joseph's PS Collingwood. Sue will require 2 volunteers from 1.30 – 2.30 pm

- December 13th Soccer Cup at Atherton Gardens and a special celebration for the Yarra Towers organised by the Yarra Council
- Remember, everyone who volunteers for Rotary must have a current Working with Children check.

Club Program and Calendar

November 2025

Rotary Foundation Month

- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup Eve function
 17 Nov Fitzroy Rotary will host District Governor Peter Shephard

December 2025

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 1 Dec Guest speaker will be Sergeant Peter Given, Police
 2 Dec Geeks BBQ at St Joseph's PS Collingwood. Sue will require 2 volunteers from 1.30 – 2.30 pm. This involves St Joseph's PS and Sacred Heart PS sporting activity
 7 Dec Christmas lunch at Rhonda and Geoff's
 13 Dec Yarra Towers Celebration Day and Geeks Soccer Cup
 15 Dec BBQ at the Bowling Club Steve Earl to organize
 (This is to be confirmed)

Board Members

President	Anthea MacTiernan
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Secretary	Pat Morton
Past President	Denise Charman
Treasurer	Wallace Lehmann
Community	Anthea & Sue
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Foundation & Fundraising	Jonathan Thick
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