

Fitzroy

District 9800

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2025-2026

October Rotary Bulletin 2025
Community Economic Development Month

ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2025

Greetings everyone. Pat, Barry, Val, Wallace, Tony, Kevin, and I, together with friends from the U3A bowling group, enjoyed a great afternoon at the bowling club on Saturday to watch the Brisbane Lions defeat Geelong. Commiserations to Wallace, but otherwise, I believe most people were pleased with the result.

Thanks to Sue, Kevin, and Peter Don, who manned the Challenge Cup barbecue at the Richmond Soccer Pitch on 6 September 2025.

On Monday 8 September the Club was addressed by Gillian Opie, a neonatologist who we hope will become a member of our club in the not too distant future. Among Gillian's various attributes, she is an international board-certified lactation consultant, and the Victorian Government recently named a North East Link Tunnel boring machine in her honour as a local living legend.

On 22 September 2025, our club was addressed by Dave De Brincat, the CEO of WaterAid in Australia. Dave gave a tremendous talk explaining WaterAid's

involvement internationally in providing clean water, decent toilets, and improving hygiene in third world countries, including Timor Leste and Cambodia.

Beverly has sent all members a copy of an invitation from Rotary Richmond to their business breakfast at 8.00 a.m. on 15 October 2025, at the Amora Hotel in Richmond. I will register, and I hope other members will also, as it will help establish working links between clubs.

I was approached by Ben Rodgers from the Inner North Community Foundation (who will address our meeting on 6 October 2025), requesting financial help for the Collingwood All Stars, following the murder of one of the club members, Dau Akueng, last fortnight. Our board agreed to donate \$1,000 towards the project's meetings for members of the All Stars and their families who are obviously traumatized by Dau's murder, and that of his friend. Ben sent a message which in part stated, *"The vote of confidence from Fitzroy Rotary meant we could bring in other funds. Thank you."* I advised Ben the board also supported members assisting and so on, with events including the weekly dinners they intend to provide for the children in Term 4.

Next Sunday, I'll be meeting with other Rotary presidents from our area with Gary Goldsmith, a leader in the district.

I have been approached by Jenny Farrar, a director on the Board of the Bendigo Community Bank, inviting our club to make an application for funds to assist the local schools, and that matter will come before the board on 6 October 2025.

NB. The AGM commences at 6:30 on 6 October. Please let Pat know if you're interested in taking an executive position for the 2025-26 year. Everyone

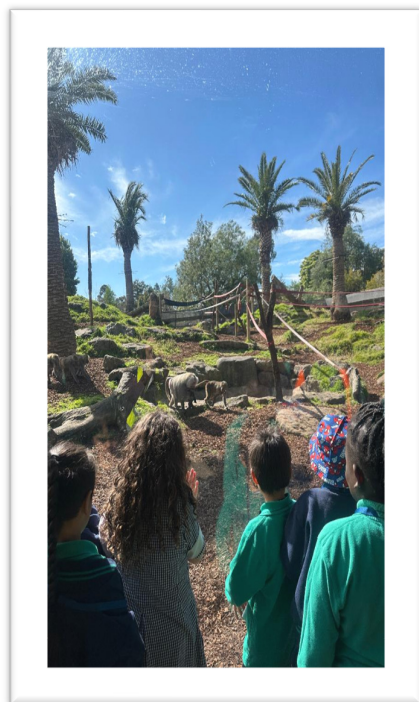
welcome to apply, and in the eight years I've been in Rotary, I don't recall there ever being an election for any position.

Hopefully, our club will proceed with a Cup Eve event at the bowling club, so please start organising friends and family to make this a worthwhile fundraiser, as well as a very entertaining event.

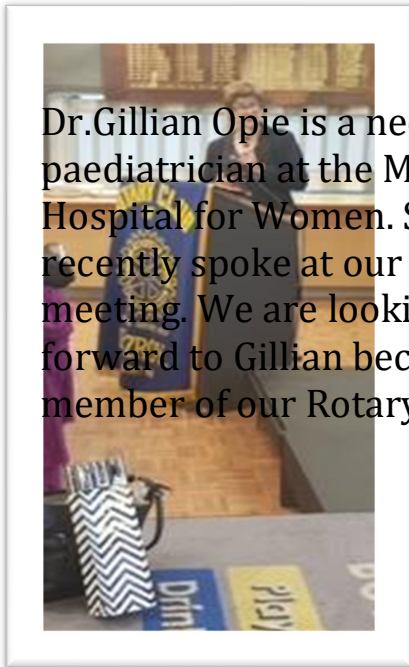
Cheers for now.

Anthea MacTiernan

30 September 2025



Above Sacred Heart Primary School students on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Fitzroy Rotary recently assisted the school with funding for their excursion program.



Dr. Gillian Opie is a neonatal paediatrician at the Mercy Hospital for Women. She recently spoke at our rotary meeting. We are looking forward to Gillian becoming a member of our Rotary club.

October Birthdays

Beverley 1st Oct.

Peter Howe 7th Oct.

Ann Davie 25th Oct.

Reminders:

- AGM 6.30pm October 6th
- Barrie will be looking for helpers for "Step Up for Down" on 19 October
- Cup Eve event Monday 3rd November. Start inviting friends and family.
- Remember, everyone who volunteers for Rotary must have a current Working with Children check.

Club Program and Calendar

October 2025

Community Economic Development Month

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| 6 Oct | Speaker: Ben Rogers Inner North Community Foundation.
Board meeting 5.30pm |
| 19 Oct | Our club will be catering for, 'Step up for Downs'. |
| 20 Oct | Speaker: Laurie Duncan on Immigration Issues |

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

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