

**Rotary Clubs of Sale**[www.rotaryclubofsale.org.au](http://www.rotaryclubofsale.org.au)**Rotary District 9820**

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## **CLUB MEETING – MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

### **FOCUS ON YOUTH WITH SPEAKERS- Meg Capurso, Orlando Davidson and River Mayman**

The Community Youth Page on the Wellington Shire Website states: Youth Councillors provide strong, positive leadership and are instigators of positive change, acting as role models and leaders within the community. Importantly they also act as a youth voice within local government. Youth Councillors are given many opportunities to improve their leadership skills, develop a greater understanding of their community, and to work together on great projects which encourage youth participation.

Wellington Shire Youth Council consists of up to 18 motivated young people aged between 12 - 25 who live or work in the Wellington Shire and strives to represent the community demographic.

Notes of Rotary Club of Sale Meeting Tuesday 11 May 2021 - Topic - Wellington Shire Youth Council

Chair – Lisa Burgess welcomed Wellington Shire’s Youth Liaison Coordinator - Meg Capurso, Youth Mayor - Orlando Davidson and Deputy Youth Mayor - River Mayman.

Lisa introduced the guest speakers, then Orlando spoke about himself and his role in the Youth Council. He is 22 and has always lived in the Wellington Shire, first in Stratford and now in Sale. He is working at Findlay and Weymouth but plans to continue further study in the near future. Orlando explained that the purpose of the Youth Council is to be a bridge between the youth in the shire and the Wellington Shire Council thereby communicating to the Council what the youth need. This is an important role because even though many young people leave the area to study at universities, many return to the area because they find the cities claustrophobic.

River is a 19 year old indigenous queer woman from Longford who began her talk with the Acknowledgment of Country. She told us she left school after year 10 and joined the Youth Parliament and Youth Leadership Program. This is her second year in the Youth Council and she sees her role as giving young people a voice in Council. River indicated that Wellington Shire has a plan for youth and that she will be at a workshop in Yarram this week. She also expressed a hope that the Youth Council will be able to run events at the Sale Agricultural Show later this year.

Next to speak was Meg Capurso who informed us she has been in the area for 8 years. She finds it a privilege and a responsibility to work with young people, by WHO definition, 12-25 year-olds. She pointed out that leaves the 10 – 12 year age group in a gap. She said that some of the youth programs are funded by FReeZA, a program initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services, which supports art/culture events such as music groups and film festivals. It also funds activities proposed by the youth councils. A major project supported for 4 years by Vic Health is a program for maintaining mental wellness for young people.

To a question posed by Alan Lewis as to what aspirational project the youth counsellors would like to see achieved, River was very clear about addressing and finding a solution to homelessness. Orlando said he would like to see more young people be in a decision-making position and have a better line of communication between youth and Council working together.

Ted Pickering asked how close the Youth Councillors worked with the Shire Councillors and if they ever attended the meetings. Orlando answered that they did attend the meetings sometimes but Council meetings were streamed on-line.

Jeanette Henwood put a question about how the Youth Counsellors get elected which was answered by Meg. She said Youth Counsellors are elected for two years. They need to fill out an application form and undergo an interview. The aim is to get representatives from all the schools with a mix of genders and cultures. Two recent vacancies have been advertised.

Laurie Jeremiah asked the Youth Councillors what personal aspirations they have. River replied she would like to support people with issues and connectivity while Orlando would like to get into politics and leave the world a better place.

Philip Davis also questioned the young guest speakers as to how they engage

with the homeless. Orlando said he would contact the SRC at schools to find homeless youth but admitted that it is difficult with homeless people of no fixed address. River suggested going to Outreach Centres.

Mike Smith had the final question about how achievements are tracked. Meg answered this and said that watching the growth of confidence of the young people was very evident and rewarding.

At this point Lisa thanked the speakers and President Philip presented a pen to each of the speakers and a photo opportunity to the budding politician. Meg was asked to draw the raffle and picked out Philip's ticket.

Next week's speaker is Laurie Jeremiah who will talk about the Sale and District Agricultural Society. Keith will chair the meeting.

Club President Philip Davis will report on last week's Board Meeting including the opportunities identified for more members to step up and share some of the responsibilities in support of Club Service.

An update on progress with the Wetlands Trail Project will be provided. Of particular interest will be the decision to give notice to hold a Special General Meeting to fill some looming Board vacancies. There will also be a Club Assembly scheduled to prepare for the incoming Board and resolving how the Club should operate into next Rotary year.



**Birthdays for May – Happy Birthday to  
Mike Smith 7<sup>th</sup> May, Rachel Strauss 17<sup>th</sup> May,  
Keith Miller 24<sup>th</sup> May and Kerry McMillan 26<sup>th</sup> May**

### **FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Laurie Jeremiah Sale and District Agricultural Society – Leadership of volunteers in the Community Not for Profit sector. Discussion on the processes and success factors that have led to the Sale and District Agricultural Society being successful for over 150 years**

**District Changeover is on Sunday 27 June and RSVP by 16 June.**

**Our Club Changeover is on Tuesday 29 June at the Criterion.** Please book your place early and let Secretary Adrian know how many guests you will be bringing.

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**Articles for next Bulletin need to be submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

***Next Rotary meeting- Laurie Jeremiah  
Tuesday 18th May- 6.00pm Sale Greyhounds  
You must book with Adrian by midday.***

Last Name	First Name	Spouse/ Partner
Burgess	Lisa	Paul
Callinan	Gerard	Jenny O'Neill
Cartledge <sup>PP PHF</sup>	John	Liana
Castle	John	Pam
Davis <sup>Pres PHF</sup>	Philip	Elizabeth
Dyer <sup>OAM PP PHF</sup>	Graeme	Alida
Exton <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Rod	Gillian
Henwood <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Jeanette	
Houghton <sup>PHF</sup>	Sandra	
Hutchinson	Elisabeth	Alan Lewis
Jeremiah	Laurie	Helen
Lewis <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Alan	Elizabeth
MacRaild <sup>OAM PHF</sup>	Don	Meg
Mani <sup>PP</sup>	Raj	Tracey
McDonald	Andrew	Leanne
McKimm <sup>PP</sup>	Robert	Kathy
McMillan <sup>PHF</sup>	Kerry	Don
Miller <sup>PHF</sup>	L. Keith	Gwen
O'Brien	Danny	Vicki
O'Connor	Nicole	Patrick
Page <sup>OAM PP PHF</sup>	Michael	Jan
Pickering <sup>PP</sup>	Ted	Margaret
Rijs <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Adrian	Louise
Ripper <sup>PP PDG PHF</sup>	Don	Jude
Ross <sup>PHF</sup>	Neil	Maree
Smith <sup>PHF</sup>	Mike	
Smolenaars <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Daniel	Norissa
Smyth <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Laurie	Jill
Strauss <sup>PP</sup>	David	Rachel
Strauss <sup>PP</sup>	Rachel	David
Thomas	Jenni	
Tulloch <sup>OAM PP PHF</sup>	David	Judy
Vassiliou	Catherine	Wayne Gray
Versloot <sup>PHF</sup>	Andy	Debbie
Watt <sup>PP</sup>	Trevor	Liz
Webb	Carmel	
Wilson	Shae	Ben