

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

Incorporated

## **CLUB MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**

### **SPEAKER- BERNHARD GOSS**



**President Philip thanks Bernhard Goss for his talk**

Chairperson PP Michael Page welcomed members and our guest speaker Bernhard Goss. Michael has known Bernhard for 28 years when Michael taught him photography. In 1995 Michael introduced Bernhard to the Rotary Club of Sale Central. Bernhard was an active member holding a number of Board positions, including International Director, Community Service Director, and Vocational Service Director. He was very involved in the ‘Go Youth’ program and acted as the paramedic for the program at Mt Hotham and Licola for many years.

Bernhard has been a paramedic for more than 40 years, and has been awarded a 25-year certificated of appreciation by the Ambulance Auxiliary. He is President of the Victorian Ambulance Union and founded the ‘How are you travelling?’ program to support mental health. He is a volunteer with St John Ambulance.

Bernhard said that he had many fond memories of his time in Rotary. He then

went on to talk about his life. He was born and raised in Sorrento, one of 8 children. He was a good Catholic boy, and enjoyed being an altar boy.



**Michael Page introduces our guest speaker Bernhard Goss, with Trevor Watt looking on.** When he was 16, his father, who had been a master builder, died. Bernhard went to work for his cousin in his barbershop. He also had a stint of working as a barman and in a nightclub. At 16, he started an apprenticeship as a butcher. He worked very long hours, starting at 4am! He completed his apprenticeship and worked as a butcher for 16 years, managing two shops.



**Bernhard addresses the meeting**

He was very active in the community, playing cornet in the local brass band and was a member of the Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad and was involved in a number of rescues on land and sea (and body retrievals). He was a founding member of Sorrento Rotoract at age 18, and had a ball! Later on, he joined the Rotary Club of Sorrento. Later on, he had a great time in the Rotary Club of Sale

Central, and was Sergeant and held directorship, and was involved in Youth Programs for more than 20 years. He was relieved that in all the years of 'Go Youth' there was only one serious injury (a girl who broke her leg trampolining).



**Laurie Smyth, Elisabeth Hutchinson and Alan Lewis pay attention.**

Bernhard switched from butchery to being a paramedic, starting in the Peninsula Ambulance Service. He worked all over the Peninsula and also flew in the Angel of Mercy helicopter. He taught First aid for many years, and was first on the scene (after moving to Sale) when ESSO blew up. He was also involved in the response to the Ash Wednesday bushfires in the early 1980's. He is vice president of the Sale ambulance Auxiliary which raises money to buy non supplied equipment, and has been a member of St John's Ambulance for 23 years.



**Mike Smith and Rod Exton listen attentively.**

His qualifications have enabled him to be involved in some very enjoyable events including the Melbourne Commonwealth Games and the World Youth Days in Sydney. Bernhard started the 'How are you travelling?' program to support the mental health of current and retired members. They have a focus for each

meeting to stimulate discussion, and share pizzas, and support each other.

After a break for dinner, Bernhard answered members questions, before being presented with a pen by President Philip Davis. The raffle was won by Nicole O'Connor. Graeme Dyer was wished a Happy Birthday. President Philip spoke about being a Bishop Arthur Jones' funeral today. The roster for Saturday's Bunning's BBQ was circulated. Trevor Watt announced that the Book Sale would probably be held for two weeks in October. Board meeting will be deferred for one week because of clash with Rotary Club of Yarram's handover meeting.

**A Happy Birthday to Graeme Dyer 1<sup>st</sup> August**



### **HUMOUR**

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "throw this and wherever it lands - that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August- POSTPONED -Yarram Changeover tentatively rescheduled to 25<sup>th</sup> August-** message to those who had booked- Anyone who has already paid on-line may be reimbursed upon request, but otherwise the Rotary Club of Yarram will hold your payment for the actual Changeover Dinner (or reimburse you if it never happens.....). Uncertain times!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August- club night with speaker at Sale Greyhounds (as long as restrictions have lifted).**

**25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 District Conference Gippsland Performing Arts Centre Traralgon**

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**Next Rotary meeting- Tuesday 17th August  
Sale Greyhounds 6pm**

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
Mani <sup>PP</sup>	Raj	Tracey
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
Versloot <sup>PHF</sup>	Andy	Debbie
Watt <sup>PP</sup>	Trevor	Liz
Webb	Carmel	