



Rotary Clubs of Sale

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Rotary District 9820

Incorporated

Chairperson: Trevor Watt

Sergeant: John Castle

CLUB MEETING – 17th August 2021
SPEAKER- Craig Gaffee,
Policing in the Wellington area



President Philip thanks our speaker Inspector Craig Gaffee and presents him with a pen
After the formalities, President Philip announced that this year's Sale Agricultural Show has been cancelled. This has freed up Keith Miller to use his rostering skills on the rosters for our contributions during the Archibald Prize exhibition at the Art Gallery. We'll be co-ordinating car parking on three of the busiest weekends, including a 5 day weekend on the Melbourne Cup weekend. It is anticipated that we will be rostered from 9.15am to 4.45pm on those days, with two people for most of the day, but an extra two during the peak hours. Those participating in the roster will be rewarded with a free double pass to the exhibition. We'll also be running a BBQ on these days.



Youth Director, Lisa Burgess, talks about RYLA

Youth director, Lisa Burgess, then talked about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) which will be held on 17th to 22nd January 2022 at Rawson. Our club has agreed to sponsor at least one young person (aged 18 plus), but we need to cast our net wide to try to identify young people who would benefit from this opportunity (see article below).

Trevor Watt then talked briefly about possible locations for the Book sale in November, before introducing our speaker, Police Inspector Craig Gaffee. He said that Craig is a local boy who attended St Thomas's and St Patrick's schools. As a police officer, Craig was first stationed in the western suburbs of Melbourne, before going to Bendigo, before being promoted to Inspector in Sale where he is responsible for eight police stations in Wellington. He is also the recipient of a Police Medal.

Inspector Gaffee then addressed the club and briefly told us about his Police career which began in the western suburbs of Melbourne in Footscray. This was an eye-opener for him, although he enjoyed the experience and even learnt some Vietnamese. He then moved to Bendigo where he worked for 25 years, the last eight of those years as Officer in Charge. Two years ago he was promoted to Sale, where he, almost immediately, had to face the challenges associated with the Gippsland bushfires in 2019-20 and then the issues around COVID 19.

Craig said that he loves country policing as country people know their neighbours and watch out for them and they support their coppers. Wellington,

he said, is a “safe” place, in the bottom five in Victoria for offences. However, the situation with family violence is not good, but in the last two years there has been an increase in service agencies and increased access to support.

There is also high rates of property damage such as damaging letter boxes, shooting signs, and kicking holes in fences. There also are high levels of fraud and deception scams, although with low levels of people reporting these crimes despite the high levels of success with prosecution of these crimes.

He is very concerned about a recent increase in road trauma. Last year there were four fatalities in Wellington, but this year there has already been four road deaths. Last year there were 28 people badly injured in road trauma, and this year 40 badly injured already. The largest increases have been in motorbike accidents, with the highest numbers associated with men aged 40 – 49, on roads, in the bush and on tracks. He postulated that this might be due to blokes, who may have ridden bikes when they were young, getting motorbikes again after their kids had grown up.

In response to questions about issues around illicit drugs, Craig said that ‘ice’ was causing enormous damage to families, often with violence. ‘Ice’ is mostly used in social settings and is everywhere, but has profound long-term effects. However, alcohol is still the number one drug, and cannabis is also widely used.

President Philip thanked our guest speaker and presented him with a pen.



Laurie Jeremiah addresses the meeting, watched by Craig Gaffee

Kerry McMillan was then invited to tell the club about her recent holiday in Darwin. Kerry found all the history in Darwin very interesting- including bombing of Darwin in World War II, the tunnels under the city, and Cyclone Tracy, and said that the museum was well worth a visit. But the lovely warm

weather was the best thing. However, she was not impressed with the dirtiness of the city, and she was very concerned for the number of Aboriginal people who appeared to be homeless. She enjoyed the beautiful sunsets, and the markets, and the wonderful sculptures on the beach of dragons.



PDG Don Ripper

Neil Ross won the raffle. Next week (since cancelled due to COVID lockdown) the program is to include the recipients of the Nursing Scholarships made possible through the Jennings Trust. Mavis Jennings turns 100 on 25th August, with Bill not far behind.



The Rotary Club of Sale board has decided to support young enterprising future leaders from our area to participate in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) in January 2022.

This event will take place in Rawson between January 17th to 22nd. There will be opportunities for our club members to get involved in various ways with this event, but I need your help now to spread the word about this fantastic opportunity.

Perhaps you know an outstanding young person in your neighbourhood, other clubs or organisations? If you do, please talk to them about RYLA. You might

like to direct them to the web page where they can find the application or ask them to email me directly at lpburgess@bigpond.com
The link is <https://www.youth.rotary9820.org.au>

We should have more details about the actual program shortly, but I would like us to begin to start looking out for potential candidates as soon as possible. They will be interviewed before selection.

Thanks for your support, Lisa Burgess, Youth Director



Young leaders enjoying their RYLA experience.

CONFERENCE 2022 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

District Governor Bill Degan and Judy, together with the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central, invite you and all your members to come and join us in beautiful Traralgon, where the D9820 Conference will be held on the weekend of February 25-27, 2022, in the new Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

Registrations are now open, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the Valley for a conference filled with inspiration, fun and fellowship.

This conference will focus on environmental sustainability and what part Rotary can play.

We also have Dr. Fiona Wood, AM FAHMS, as our keynote speaker. Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive **surgeon** and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine. Professor Wood's greatest contribution and enduring legacy is

her work pioneering the innovative 'spray-on skin' technique, which greatly reduces permanent scarring in burns victims.

Friday activities will be a Golf tournament, a winery tour and self-drive drive tours of the beautiful Latrobe Valley.

Saturday night's 'Celebration 101' will be a dinner dance at Morwell's Kernot Hall, where we will be entertained by The Baker Boys. Dress code is 'Cocktail', so bring out your pretty party dresses and suits for a night of fun.

Further information about our speakers, tours and entertainment will be posted on the District Conference Facebook page and the District Website.

Thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsors, Maryvale Private Hospital and Latrobe Health Services, and Latrobe City Council, for their support and assistance.

We look forward to seeing you all in February,
DG Bill, Judy and the Conference Committee

**PDG Don Ripper | District Secretary 2021-2022 : Rotary International
District 9820**



The following letter came attached to the spring newsletter for Operation Cleft. It makes interesting reading. If you would like to read the newsletter, I can forward it to you.

The question so often asked of one another these days is, how are you surviving the pandemic? There is not one of us who has not been significantly impacted through these unprecedented times! The same question is often asked of me regarding how the Operation Cleft Australia program and our friends in Bangladesh are handling this difficult and prolonged challenge.

It continues to be extremely challenging times with extended lockdowns, high infection rates, and sadly, a very high death toll across Bangladesh. One of our Surgeons came down with COVID-19 earlier this year but is making a good recovery.

The most positive aspect coming out of this just concluded 2020/21 year, from this Australian end, is no doubt the way you, our supporters, have so faithfully and generously continued to embrace this life transforming surgical program. This includes more than 65 faithful Rotary Clubs who, despite the many obstacles to their fundraising activities have dug deep and continued to give. Their hard-won support has provided the cleft suffering families and children of Bangladesh with a smile and a hope for the future.

The 2020/21 end of year report, due out shortly, will confirm the best news possible. While Bangladesh faced and continues to face every challenge imaginable from this pandemic, Operation Cleft Australia together with our partner Deutsche Cleft Kindelhilfe (DCKH) have completed over 1,600 life changing surgeries for this 12 past month period. This was only possible because of the 'never give up' attitude and commitment of our deeply dedicated capable surgeons and supportive Hospital teams.

Our In-Country manager, Muhammad Bakee comments that the mums and dads (and families) of the children who have undergone surgery over this past year are even more grateful and appreciative because they understand the difficulties the surgeons, hospitals and the broader community have gone through to achieve this remarkable outcome. All give thanks for the hope, healing and smile provided for their child made possible by the surgical team.

You will understand that it has been a most challenging year, but the amazing outcomes are only possible because of your interest, partnership, and support. Thank you

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**Happy Birthdays to Graeme Dyer 1st August, Don Ripper 17th August,
Sandra Houghton 18th August, Jenni Thomas 26th August
and Rob McKimm 27th August.**



Congratulations to all celebrating Birthdays.

On 25th August President Philip delivered flowers and a card congratulating Mavis Jennings on her 100th Birthday Celebration. As most of you know Bill and Mavis have been active in Club affairs for many years and more recently (nearly 2 decades) have generously sponsored the Medical and Nursing Scholarships. Mavis made it clear her enthusiasm for Rotary is undiminished by the progress of time telling Philip that "Rotary is a wonderful organisation."

When your holiday has been cancelled by the coronavirus but don't want to give up the dream



FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Yarram Changeover - CANCELLED
Tuesday 24th August – CANCELLED

Tuesday 31st August- 7pm ZOOM meeting, link from Jeanette Henwood, Speaker- Rob McKimm on Rotary's investment in seeking to eradicate Polio via vaccination.

25th to 27th February 2022 District Conference Gippsland Performing Arts Centre Traralgon

Any queries re ZOOM meetings contact Jeanette Henwood
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Please send Bulletin contributions to Sandra at sandrah@vic.australis.com.au by 2nd September

Next Rotary meeting- Tuesday 31st August
Via ZOOM 7pm

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