

**Rotary Clubs of Sale**www.rotaryclubofsale.org.au

Rotary District 9820

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CLUB SOCIAL MEETINGS 28TH SEPTEMBER & 5TH OCTOBER 2021

With COVID restrictions eased, 20 members of the club enjoyed a meal on the **25th September** in the outside section of Graze bistro. It was Jeanette Henwood's birthday, and Laurie Smyth's the previous weekend, so both were wished a hearty Happy Birthday and two birthday cakes were shared for dessert.



Jeanette Henwood cuts her birthday cake at Graze bistro (red lighting due to the heaters)



Laurie Smyth cuts his birthday cake

Members were updated on the details for Operation Archibald. A new gazebo has been purchased as well as the new BBQ to facilitate the sausage sizzles.



Arrangements were also being made to refresh the shop window display.

On the **5th October**, 17 members (10 inside and 7 outside) met for a social night at Graze bistro. No business was conducted except to finalise arrangements for the first weekend of Operation Archibald.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Applications NOW open!

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a transformational leadership conference for 18 – 30 year-olds. The Rotary Club of Sale is seeking inspirational young people from our community to sponsor to attend RYLA in 2022.

It focuses on

- Developing young leaders who celebrate diversity, create sustainable change, and become service-minded global citizens.
- Personal development, leadership, and teamwork.
- Provide conflict resolution strategies alongside leadership training.
- Emphasize professional development and connect participants with opportunities to serve the community through Rotary.
- Combine leadership development and vocational training to help young people discover their potential and hone skills.

There are both in-classroom theory activities and outdoor practical activities.

The next Rotary Youth Leadership Awards will be held on 17-22 January 2022 at Rawson Village (residential program).

Applications are now open for participants until November 30.

- click on the link below or scan QR code to apply

For further information or to express your interest please contact
Rotary Club of Sale Youth Director Lisa Burgess
lpburgess@bigpond.com

More information can be found

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ryla9820>

Emailing ryla98210@gmail.com

Web <https://www.9810rotary.org.au/Page/ryla>

Full sponsorship is available for successful applicants.



1st Prize Tree



Door Wreath

Mantle Garland

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE

\$5.00 Tickets available now from Raffle co-ordinator Ms Elizabeth Hutchinson on 0435 951 716 (dplatypus1317@gmail.com).

All Rotary Club of Sale members need to collect their books of tickets to sell from Jeanette Henwood.

Raffle to be drawn on Saturday 27th November 2021 at The Gippsland Centre Sale and results will be published in the Gippsland Times on 30.11.2021.

CONFERENCE 2022 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

District Governor Bill Degnan 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 : R I District 9820

Centenary House celebrates 15 years!



In 2003 Rotary International was making plans to celebrate the organisation's 100th anniversary and a call was made for Rotary Clubs to plan a 'Centenary Project' to coincide with the date in February 2005. While Rotary District 9820 covers Gippsland, the Mornington Peninsula and into south east Melbourne, it is divided into seven clusters for organisational purposes. The Latrobe Group (as it was in the 2002-2003 year) consisted of Rotary Clubs from Drouin to Traralgon and was supervised by Assistant Governor Ken Peake. A meeting was held with all the Club Presidents to discuss planning a project; hence Gippsland Rotary Centenary House was born.

For several years the GRCH Committee worked tirelessly to gain support and raise funds to build what would be the first stage. Originally the purpose of the House focused on providing accommodation for paediatric oncology patients and their families, however, most children having cancer treatment attend a Melbourne hospital. So, the plans evolved to accommodate adult patients attending the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital for outpatient chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Latrobe City purchased a block of land adjacent to the hospital (leased for a peppercorn rent) and with grants from the federal and state governments, philanthropic organisations and local business and groups, building commenced in 2005. Officially opening on 2nd September 2006, the House had six self contained guest rooms and communal facilities including kitchen, dining, lounge, laundry, reading and computer areas.

It was quickly apparent that six rooms were not enough to meet the needs of the community so two additional rooms were created by converting volunteer spaces to make eight rooms available to guests in stage 1. Planning also commenced on a second stage with original architect Auden Pederson designing the extension. We were fortunate to obtain a significant grant from the federal government that when combined with donations from Rotary Clubs and philanthropic trusts funded our costs for stage 2. A tender was established, with local builder Kingbuilt contracted and commencing work in 2011.

Stage two was officially opened by Rotary District 9820 Governor (2011-2012) Tony Spring on 23rd November 2012. The extension contained nine guest rooms, communal areas and a community room for use by GRCH committees and local groups. The 17 guest rooms available continued to meet the demand for several years.

In 2016 we held an afternoon tea to celebrate our ten year anniversary. A commemorative tree was planted by then GRCH Chairman Ken Peake. The plaque for the tree was updated when Ken stood down from the GRCH Committee of Management in 2019 to acknowledge his long term dedication to the House, having served as inaugural chairman for 15 years. Another grant from the federal government in 2018 allowed us to commence building our third and final stage. Kingbuilt was again contracted to complete the work, adding 13 guest rooms, a lounge room and a laundry to the facility. This took the total number of rooms to 30, which will hopefully meet the needs of the community well into the future. Stage 3 was officially opened in 2019 by The Honourable Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland .

In the past 15 years, the GRCH Committee of Management, staff and volunteers have been proud to provide safe, supportive and affordable accommodation to over 7000 individuals from across Gippsland and further afield. One of the biggest contributors to our success has been and remains the service provided by our volunteers. With only three staff, volunteers are essential to our operations. Our volunteers contribute in a wide variety of ways including through the Committee of Management, fundraising, cleaning, lawns, gardening, maintenance and administration. As current GRCH Chairman Dave Swainsbury stated “Without the dedication of our volunteers we would not be financially viable, we would probably have to close our doors tomorrow.”

The responses received from our guest surveys is testimony to the high level of assistance and comfort provided to those going through a stressful period associated with specialist medical care. We would like to pass onto every person or group that has supported us over the past 15 years the sincere appreciation expressed by those who stay at Centenary House.

“Gippsland Rotary Centenary House sets the standard for how community accommodation should be provided to cancer patients. I do not believe you will find many other facilities comparable to Centenary House anywhere else” stated GRCH Operations Manager Carol Crewe. Thank you to all those who have assisted our “project for the community, by the community” over the past 15 years. We look forward to serving the Gippsland community into the future.

Reprinted from Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Newsletter Spring 2021

**Happy Birthday to
Laurie Smyth 25th September & Jeanette Henwood 28th September
Noel Langley 8th October & David Strauss 15th October**



FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Tuesday 12th October at 7pm at Graze- limited numbers, please book with Adrian

**Tuesday 9th November Friends of the Wetlands AGM
Tuesday 16th November Rotary Club of Sale AGM**

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

Any queries re future meetings contact Adrian: Mob. 0408 517 062 (Text or call) Email arijs47@gmail.com

Please send Bulletin contributions to Sandra at sandrah@vic.australis.com.au by 14th October

**Next Rotary meeting- Tuesday 12th October
At 7pm at Sale Greyhounds- *limited numbers you must
book with Secretary Adrian Rijs***

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	