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TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2023 – SPEAKER BRUCE FOLEY ON SCAMS 28TH MARCH- CLUB PLANNING MEETING



Ted Pickering thanks Bruce Foley for his interesting and informative talk

On 21st March, Bruce Foley from the ANZ bank was our speaker. He has previously worked for Southern Rural Water and the RACV. He said that in 2022 \$500 million was scammed from Australians, in January 2023 alone \$53 million with 27,000 scams reported to Scamwatch.

Some of this growth was caused by people during COVID lockdowns looking for ways to invest money, going online and finding ‘fantastic deals’ and getting scammed. He warned that there are some very realistic looking prospectuses online that are scams. Also, Bitcoin scams are prevalent, as are romance scams. Gaming websites are often a place where romance scams are set up. These scams may fund terrorism and wars, and are a means of money laundering.

People also get caught up in money laundering where someone offers you money to pass on in return for some sort of reward.

Need also to watch out for emails with links, such as the Amazon scam. Don't click on links unless you are totally sure it's genuine email.



PDG Don Ripper

Many people are getting caught with the 'Hi mum, hi dad!' messages where someone pretending to be your child claims to have lost their phone and needs money. Also, check all bills carefully to ensure they are genuine and that bank details are correct.

Phone calls are frequent way of scamming, Bruce knows of people in Yarram scammed of 2 X \$49,000 by false OPTUS calls. Don't be fooled by those supposedly ringing because of 'problems' with phones, computers, etc. Watch out for false ads on internet, including those purportedly from Norton with contact phone numbers promising to resolve your hacking and other problems (Norton doesn't advertise a phone number, they work online).



Sue Hopkins listens intently

Spoofing is when someone's phone number or email address is hijacked. Beware of phone calls where they try to get your identity or numbers. Beware that they may try to get into your photos to find pictures of your Passport or Driver's License. Need to be very aware, and very reluctant to believe anyone.

Scammers often create a sense of urgency to try to push you to act, on the other hand they will also sometimes come back and back trying to create a scenario where you will let down your guard.

If you are scammed, you most probably have lost your money as you have given details or given access to details. Banks will only help with cases of fraud, where for example, non authorised payments have been made from your account. Can be worthwhile getting Credit Score or Credit Savvy personal credit scores to check no unexpected transactions/ loans listed against your name.



Mike Smith is amused

On 28th March we had a club night, with the main business of the night being final arrangements for Sunday's Rotary Race the Rubeena.



Sponsor's board for Rotary Race the Rubeena 2023

PP Philip Davis was chairperson, and he invited those in charge of each section of the race planning give reports and invite questions to ensure that each club member understood what they were doing on Sunday.

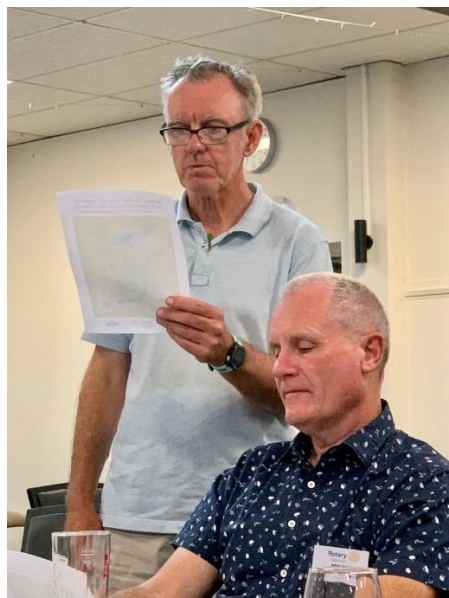


Philip Davis leads the planning meeting



Laurie Jeremiah organises the bus transport for RRR

The race route this year is going through the Sale Common as water levels have dropped sufficiently, so race director Gez Callinan ensured that everyone understood the logistics of the race.



Race director Gez Callinan goes over the race route

After the planning session, Keith Miller won the raffle. John Cartledge gave a report on progress with the cemetery project and shared some concept pictures of features planned for the Children's Memorial Garden, and announced that the next cemetery working bee is on April 29th (not 22nd as previously advertised).



John Cartledge gives a report on the cemetery projects

Sandra Houghton announced that we would be having a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday 13th May, and that we would be having a tour of the new TAFE campus on Wednesday 3rd May. President Rob McKimm encouraged attendance at the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne. Colin Adams won the game of Heads and Tails.



**Happy Birthday to Neil Ross on March 7th, Danny O'Brien on 2nd April,
Ted Pickering on 4th April, Michael Page on 13th April,
and John Castle on April 16th**

MARK THIS DATE!

On 29th April 2023, Districts 9810 and 9820 are joining together to celebrate our amazing Rotary Foundation. Although planning is in its infancy, please mark your diaries so that you will be free to join us for a night of inspiration, fun and fundraising.



FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Tuesday 4th April 23, 6pm for 6.15pm Greyhounds Club, speaker Julian McIvor

Tuesday 11th April, 6pm for 6.15pm, Greyhounds Club, club night

Saturday 29th April, 9am Sale Cemetery working bee, followed by BBQ lunch

Special meeting Wednesday 3rd May visit to the new TAFE campus

Saturday 13th May Bunnings BBQ

Meeting bookings contact Adrian: Mob. 0408 517 062 (Text or call) Email arijs47@gmail.com

Any queries re program for meetings contact Sandra Houghton or Mike Smith.

***Next Rotary meeting- Tuesday 4th April
at 6pm **book with Adrian Rijs*****

