



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**President
Gail Robertson**

Hi Everyone,

You know some people leave you spell bound. Last week out guest speaker was so passionate, interesting and informative that he left us all thinking seriously – how can we help? He was not looking for money – but a greater understanding of the homeless and indigenous issues.

I attended RLI on the weekend – it is wonderful and enlightening to hear what the various clubs are doing – their directions moving forward and how they cope with challenges.

It left me wondering - as I further my Rotary journey, how can I help improve the path for others, in their Rotary journey? How do I assess my own experience and growth in Rotary and how can the Rotary Club of Rosanna further its Rotary journey? What will the future of the club look like in 2, 5, 10 years? Clearly it is not going to be the same. As I look back over the last 26 years Rotary has changed probably not as fast as the rest of the world but it is changing.

Which brings me to the AGM – next week’s meeting.

Secretary Barrie has not received any questions so the Annual and Treasurers Reports will be taken as distributed. There will be a call for the board positions for next year.

I am looking forward to hearing from our Guest Speaker Zac Ray – talking about Young Endeavour and Sea Shephard

Questions last week were

- the Eiffel Tower has how many steps > 1,792.
- Christmas trees originated from > Germany.
- Do you burn more calories sleeping or watching television > sleeping
- the doorbell was invented in > 1831.
- **How much saliva does your mouth produce each day > 1 litre.**

Thought of the Week:

Action may not always bring happiness – but there is no happiness without action!

Rotarians Remember - ‘Rotary Connects the World’



Gail

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

AUSTRIAN CLUB DECEMBER 18th

We have asked Father Christmas to present our KK's so please bring along a KK to the value of \$10.00 each.

Report on Meeting 20th November

The Viking influence of Sergeant Peter returned due discipline and timing to our meeting and President Gail welcomed 20 members and our guest speaker, Rev. (Ret.) David Peak OAM, to one of our more challenging meetings of the year.

The usual suspects entertained us. Ian reminded members of the Bunnings BBQ commitment on 1st January 2020. Community Service Director Glenda is off to the Zoo on 16th January 2020 and needs volunteers to herd the kids (Working with Children Accreditation needed). The Club was a successful applicant through local member, Kate Thwaites, for a Commonwealth Grant of \$4,000.00 towards the cost of computers at the Fire Station Neighbourhood House. Eltham Men's Shed completed the Food Bank container for the House and Bill O' and Peter T volunteered as pile drivers for the construction (in lieu of mechanical equipment). Brother Harry's Christmas hampers should be delivered to the Austrian Club on our Christmas meeting on 18th December 2019

Stan drew our attention to a pilot program for recycling municipal playground equipment to be dispatched overseas through "Donations in Kind" organized by the Rotary Club of Ivanhoe at Bundoora on 27th November 2019 which could be used as a template. Vocational Service Chair Brian noted that a Year 12 student from Parade College will be speaking at the 27th November 2019 meeting on his challenges on being a crew member of the "Young Endeavour" on its voyage from Geelong to Melbourne in early 2020. And yes, the Annual General Meeting will be held on 27th November 2019. The Club is seriously solvent and members who fail to attend will do so at their peril!

Chair Rona then introduced our speaker **David Peak** who, by any standard, has led a life of exceptional public service.



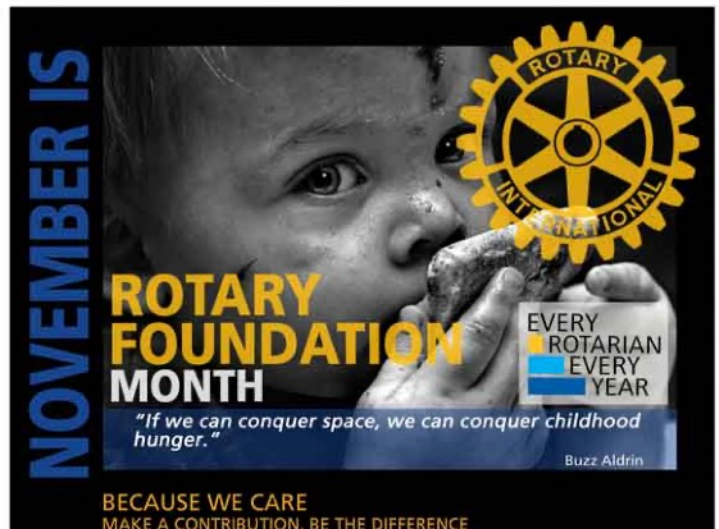
In 1969, he was introduced to Rotary as a RYLA participant whilst working with Hexter & Eddy, Preston, having previously been a student at Thornbury High School. Further theological studies led to his first appointment in the social welfare field as a Probation Officer at Glenroy and

so began a 30-year involvement in the welfare of young people in general and aboriginal youth in particular. An Industrial Chaplain between 1986-2000, he was the CEO of

Phillips' Gate for 7 years and had been the Executive Director of MALPA from 2012 until his recent retirement.

David's theme was essentially to invest in our youth. They were the victims of family breakups and domestic violence and their alienation would often spread over three generations of welfare dependent families. Street children were a byproduct and their hopelessness spread to drug abuse and crime and entry into the revolving door of the justice system. This was magnified within the aboriginal communities where basic needs of clean water, sanitation and accommodation were often absent in the outback. The program at MALPA was to educate children at mid-primary level in the needs for health and hygiene and in later years, for them to act as ambassadors within their communities to spread those messages. Time constraints limited David's ability to develop these themes but those present were impressed with quality of both the message and humanitarian who presented it which was acknowledged by both Rona and President Gail. David did acknowledge some association with "Two-UP" in the lanes of Thornbury in his youth but that was insufficient to guarantee him a return under the stewardship of Sergeant Peter. Not a lot of happiness but that might have been reflective of the mood of the meeting after a sobering message.

BJW



A bit of a Giggle

I have CDO.
It's like Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, only in alphabetical order like it should be.

"Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination." -Oscar Wilde

Rotary Club of Rosanna Inc.

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Meetings

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6.00 for 6.30 PM Start

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Have you checked out the website lately ?

Next Meeting

Wednesday 27th November 6.00 for 6.30pm Start

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Zac Ray
Young Endeavour & Sea Shepherd

Chair: Gail Robertson

Sergeant at Arms: Florin Pintile

Welcome: President Gail

Cashier: Kel Cocking

Regalia : Florin Pintile

Club Reporter: Barrie Williams

The Following Meeting

Wednesday 4th December 6.00 for 6.30pm Start

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Speaker:

Chair: Gail Robertson

Sergeant at Arms: Florin Pintile

Welcome: President Gail

Cashier: Stan Gorr.

Regalia : Florin Pintile

Club Reporter: Barrie Williams

Other Important Dates

Friday 29th November Bunnings BBQ

Thursday 19th December Bunnings BBQ

Wednesday 1st January Bunnings BBQ

20 -22 March 2020 9790 Conference Albury



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2019-2020
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