

## BULLETIN

changeover meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

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### *August is Rotary's Membership and New Club Development month*

The much-delayed Changeover Dinner finally occurred last Tuesday night. Retiring President, Tony Fondacaro opened proceedings, welcoming Fiona Phillips MP and Adam deToth, Rotary District 9705 Governor, Matt Dell from the Apex Club of Milton, and all the Members' friends and spouses present.



Fiona gave the Acknowledgment of Country and International Director **Tim Tescowthick** delivered the Rotary toast in honour of all the countries and peoples of the earth who do not enjoy safety and freedom in their lives. **Adam** responded to the toast with one of his own to all the components of Rotary, to those in the office and back-of-house, and those who serve more visibly – they are all us and we are Rotary.

Tony then thanked his directors for their help and service during his year in office, and touched lightly on some of the accomplishments of his year as President – the storage shed / Bunnings BBQs / we now operate the bar at DLC / tree plantings / charitable donations and more he could not then name, but would rely on treasurer **John Goggins'** report to flesh out.

John's report referred to the achievements of Tony's year: over \$30,000 in cash donations to defibrillator signage / Laptops to Learn / Beyond Blue / Landcare / Tonga volcano relief / school speech day prizes / the mountain bike club / a water project in Guatemala / Operation Cleft / Shelter Box / Ulladulla ambulances / Noah's Ark / Jindelara / Safe Waters / Yurana Homes for Cancer kids / Prostate Cancer research / Eyes for Africa / the north coast flood relief and, finally, the biggie – the conclusion of over \$250,000 in cash and kind given to the Lake Conjola bushfire victims, spread over the two years since the fires. Certainly a record to be proud of, more so because most of it was done in the teeth of the pandemic with all the disruption that caused.

President Tony went on to thank his directors individually with **certificates of appreciation** for each, mentioning particularly Bev Nicholas' and Louise Garret's lovely table settings for the night. He also mentioned, almost casually, that Louise is the **Rotarian of the Year** for 2022. Her reaction was priceless! He finished up by bestowing **Paul Harris Fellowships** on Ed Zonneveldt and Ian Tibbles who were applauded by all present as very worthy recipients. His last act was to give **Gail Dunn** and the Dunn-Lewis Centre a donation of \$10,000 in appreciation of all she does for Rotary. A standing ovation then ensued.



**Fiona Phillips MP** then gave a short address, thanking Rotary for its efforts to make the world a better place, and expressing admiration at the achievements we make for a small club.

President Tony's last act was to hand over his chain of office to incoming president **Beck Cameron**, who introduced her new board of directors: president elect: Bernard Jones; vice presidents: John Hozack and Emile Jansen; treasurer: John Goggins; Secretary: Phil Brown; assistant secretary: Nathaniel Woodcock; youth: Avril Pryor; vocation: Yvonne Young; international: Tim Trescowthick; community: Ian Tibbles; environment: Peter Hodge. Other non-board roles are dinners: Bev Nicholas; guest speakers: Jo Jones; almoner: Bill Harris.



The Rotary International symbol for 2023 was designed by a young indigenous boy from Queensland, and represents a meeting place populated by people who are there to collaborate and work (the bar at the bottom is a digging stick)



## CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND PLACE
30Aug22	fifth Tuesday: restaurant dinner	TANOSHI Japanese restaurant
06Sep22	normal dinner meeting	DLC 6:00 for 6:30pm
13Sep22	breakfast meeting	Breakers Cafe, Mollymook
20Sep22	special dinner meeting	DLC 6:00 for 6:30pm guest: Defence Intelligence Col. Scott Gills (ret.)
27Sep22	committee meetings	self managed
26Nov22	COMEDY NIGHT	Milton Theatre - details soon
29Nov22	Fifth Tuesday: Barefoot Bowls	Mollymook bowling club - details soon

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS ... and ... ANNIVERSARIES

Issa Shaloub	27th	Sylvia Franklin	28th		
Leonie Smith	27th	Rose Brown	30th		

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please notify guests and absences to **Bev Nicholas** on 0450.392.967 or [beverley\\_nicholas@hotmail.com](mailto:beverley_nicholas@hotmail.com)

If you do not come to notified dinners (ie at the Dunn Lewis Centre) and do not tell Bev, we have to pay for wasted dinners. ***The Board has determined that we must pass it on to you, and the treasurer will send you an invoice for the costs thrown away as a result.***