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## March is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month

*Tonight; Operation Cleft, Rosemary Castle, the District Ambassador for Operation Cleft*

*Introduction: Dom Fondacaro*

*Vote of Thanks: Clive Cross*

### Future Programs:

14 Mar; Visit to Simon Law's workplace

21 Mar; Captain Scott Phillips, HMAS

Introduction: John Hozack

Vote of Thanks: Jo Jones

28 Mar; Club Assembly

### April is Rotary's Environment Month

4 Apr; TBA

11 Apr; TBA

18 Apr; Sean Phillips; Returned Servicemen's League

25 Apr; NO MEETING? (ANZAC DAY)

### May is Rotary's Youth Service Month

2 May; TBA

**Birthdays:** 9 Mar; Jenny Cantrill

**Anniversaries:** None this week.

### Club's Calendar

12 Mar	Sun	Bunnings' BBQ
17 Mar		PETS and Learning-Development, Merimbula
25 Mar	Sat	NSW State Election
25 Mar	Sat	BOF Ball at the DLC Bar duties
30 Mar		PETS and Learning-Development, Orange
31 Mar		Preregistration discount ends for the RI Convention
8 Apr	Sat	Taste of the Sea, Civic Centre Bar duties
9 Apr	Sun	Easter Sunday, Helpers - please
10 Apr		<b>Our Club's Anniversary</b>
25 Apr	Tues	Anzac Day Dawn Service and March
25 Apr	Tues	NO MEETING?
16-18 June		StoryFest
27-31 June		RI Convention Melbourne
30 July	Sun	Milton Mollies, Bar Duties
10 Oct		Hat Day, Lift The Lid on mental illness

**PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Louise Garrett, 0432 091 991 [loumgarr@optusnet.com.au](mailto:loumgarr@optusnet.com.au) by NOON ON MONDAY.**

**If you don't notify your non-attendance, the club will need to charge you.**

**If your attendance is in doubt, please apologise and if you turn up, the caterer will not mind extras.**

**If a member nominated for a duty is unable to fulfil this function, or does not wish to do it, PLEASE arrange a replacement and let the Bulletin editor know.**

## Meeting Report, 28 February 2023

President Bernard Jones welcomed all, 21 members, 6 partners (Sarah Trescowthick, Liz Fondacaro, Deb Fondacaro, Julie Porter, Jan Shalhoub, Jenny Cantrill), the guest speaker Bronwyn Adcock, Merwyn and Paul Adcock, Lurline Gainsford, Meryl Marsh, Janis Gordon, Martha Boye, Karen Richardson, Alasdair Stratton, Leonie Smith, Michelle Treweeke, Debbie Short, Jan and Brad Bradshaw, Cathie and Sophie Bleicher.

Pres Bernard, Ed Zonneveldt and Phil Brown will attend PETS.

IPP Tony Fondacaro gave the Club Service report.

Secretary Phil Brown; spoke on the Milton Follies, Türkiye-Syria and NZ disasters, DGN nominations for 2025-26 now open.

Leonie Smith; will need help for the crowd control on Easter Sunday, the Parade will start at 10:30.

There will be markets, cooking demonstration and a band on the Warf.

Taste of the Sea; Sat 8 April at the Civic Centre, 5:30 for 6:00pm start, \$100 per person with live music, sea food and a drink on arrival, members will look after the bar, with tables of 8. The Fishing Coop are donating the seafood.

Leonie, Avril Pryor and Louise Garrett are present at the Princess Ball rehearsal.

**Yvonne Young** said that Gordon Young is in hospital, Yvonne thanked Glenn for the plant sent for Gordon and urged all males to seek medical advice when it is needed, such as if you have a sore, see a GP.

**Bronwyn Adcock the guest speaker** was invited to talk about her experiences in researching and writing her book 'Currowan' and the bushfires of 2019 and 2020. Bronwyn, born in Ulladulla, was investigating the circumstances of the catastrophic bushfires in the Californian towns of Paradise and Concow which were almost completely destroyed in 2018, each losing about 95% of their structures, more than 18,000 structures, mostly within just four hours.

In 2019 Bronwyn was a freelance journalist and a writer, and was interested in fire behaviour and the role of climate change when the fire season started on the NSW East Coast in August 2019. In November that year Bronwyn drove from Canberra and saw smoke in Nelligen from the Currowan fire and was heading to her home west of Bawley Point to prepare her house for the advent of the fire travelling north, which soon swept through her property.

In February 2020 Bronwyn wrote a feature article about the fires and her personal experiences in a journal called 'The Monthly' and soon after was asked to create a book about it. She spent many months searching through maps, charts of temperature, wind, humidity and fire behaviour. Bronwyn interviewed numerous affected residents and RFS volunteers and saw men crying while telling their story. After 18 months the book 'Currowan' was ready to go to the publishers for which she won the Walkley Book Award in 2022.

Bronwyn was impressed with people's kindness after the fires and spoke on PTSD which affected residents, fires and the volunteers. She urged us to look after our planet to minimise the effects of climate change. An excellent address which captivated the entire audience.



*End of report.*

**ROTARY MONEY SPINNER TOTALS**

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	Total	Gross to Date Total
12/01/22	\$446.80	\$446.80
15/03/22	\$304.80	\$751.60
21/06/22	\$386.00	\$1,137.60
28/09/22	\$406.95	\$1,544.55
21/12/22	\$460.15	\$2,004.70
23/02/23	\$480.25	\$2,484.95



Landcare BBQ, Friday 24 Feb 2023. Photo supplied by Geoff Johns.