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September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month



VALE Past President Rob Powell, PHF

21 May 1950 – 7 September 2025

Rob joined our club on 1 November 1991

Rotary Foundation Recognition (PHF) 2004-05

Club President 2007-08

Honorary Club Member 2025

Members to form a Guard of Honours.

*Funeral service on Monday 15 September 2025, 11:00am at the Mollymook Surf Club
please bring a chair or a picnic blanket.*

Our thoughts are with Kim and the family.

Tonight; Peter Webster; Blood Bikes storey

Introduction: Tim Trescowthick

Vote of Thanks: Ross Wade

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

23 Sept: Rex Russell; Recruiting.

Introduction: Bernard Jones

Vote of Thanks: Ed Zonneveldt

Rotary 5 minuter: Yvonne Young

30 Sept; **10 Pin Bowling Night and dinner at DLC**

For members, family and friends. A Fun Night.

Lions and Apex Clubs will join us for a bowling game and a meal. \$30 for dinner only, add \$10 for two games if you wish to play.

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month

7 Oct: Honorary Member; Mayor Patricia White

14 Oct: Club Assembly.

21 Oct; **HAT DAY**, members, family and friends – Fun Night – **PLEASE WEAR A HAT**, 100% of the money raised goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses. Guest Speaker; Ilona Gray, the 2025 Milton Show Young Woman.

28 Oct; The Wedding, fun night.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

3 Nov; Monday Melbourne Cup Sweeps?

4 Nov; NO MEETING

CLUB CALENDAR

20 Sept	Sat	Milton Markets BBQ
27 Sept	Sat	Beer Festival – Milton Showground
29 Sep	Mon	Skin Cancer Check, Civic Centre BBQ 8:00am to 4:pm
6 Oct	Mon	Board Meeting
12 Oct	Sun	Bunnings BBQ
18 Oct	Sat	Milton Markets BBQ
22 Oct	Wed	Driver Ed BBQ
24 Oct	Fri	World Polio Day
25 Oct	Sat	Tree Planting
29 Oct	Wed	Driver Ed BBQ
25 Nov	Tues	DFV Purple Day
28 Nov	Fri	Domestic and Family Violence Day
5 to 14 Jan		NYSF, Canberra
21-22 March	Sat-Sun	Fun Run, 5 and 10kms run

Birthdays;

17 Sep; Jo Jones.

Anniversaries; None

11 Nov; Remembrance Day, **Guest Speaker TBA – any advice?**

18 Nov; **TBC** - Matt Potter; Resuscitation, Partners, Family and community members' Night – **TBC**

25 Nov; No guest Speaker?

December is Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

2 Dec; AGM

9 Dec; TBA

16 Dec; Club Christmas Dinner

23 Dec; meeting?

PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to [Ed Zonneveldt 0407 958 516 ed.zonneveldt@icloud.com](mailto:ed.zonneveldt@icloud.com) by NOON ON MONDAY.

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

9 September 2025 meeting's report, by Yvonne Young

President Geoff Johns opened the meeting welcoming members and guests Claire Davies, Bill Martin and guest speaker Lisa Preston.

President Geoff requested members stand for a minute silence for **PP Rob Powell**, Honorary Member and friend to many. PP Rob passed away on 7th September 2025. **Kim Powell** has requested no flowers and instead people can donate to the Cancer Council.

PE Tim Trescowthick reminded members of the Community Expo to be held at the DLC on Thursday 11th September 2025.

Community Service **PP Phil Brown** OAM thanked members for their efforts at the Bunnings BBQ raising funds for the MRHV **Ed Zonneveldt**, **Jeff Franklin**, **Geoff Johns**, **Louise Garrett** x 3 shifts, **Gareth Davies**, **Tim Trescowthick**, **Jo Jones**, **Craig Cameron**, **Dale Wilford**, **Kylie Ferguson**. PP Phil continued the thank you for the crew at Willinga Park who were **PP John and Kerry Hozack**, **PP Phil and Rose Brown**, **President Geoff Johns**, **PP Dom and Liz Fondacaro**, **Jason and Rex Russell**, all who attend were worked off their feet. **Milton Markets'** roster has gone around and is full. Thanks to all members who have put their names down. Deliver stage for the **Apex Beer festival**, **PP Phil Brown** and **President Geoff** only need to supervise the setting up of the stage. Next BBQ is Monday 29th September for the Skin Cancer check only a couple of names needed for this BBQ. The next Bunnings BBQ is Sunday 12 October & Milton Markets is Saturday 18th October.

Youth Director **Yvonne Young** thanked **Craig & Janey Cameron** for driving RYPEN students to Capital Country Tourist Park at Sutton for the RYPEN camp. Organising for the students who attended RYPEN to attend a meeting in the future to talk on their experience at the RYPEN camp. Huge effort for all committee members attending the camp. Yvonne to follow up with enquire regarding a youth exchange student from Ulladulla High School.

Environmental Director **Craig Cameron** has 8 tickets for the tree planting on 25th October 2025. Tree planting is now a wait list.

President Geoff Johns thanked members for their efforts over the weekend. President Geoff attended the Community Connect set up instruction night. President Geoff has sent emails prior to his trip overseas regarding the memorial for the RAAF's pilot during WW11 is moving forward. SCC to be contacted regarding traffic management courses. President Geoff is following up with business cards. **Reminder to members to contact PP Ed Zonneveldt on the Monday prior to the meeting.**

Bill Harris is doing well.

Guest speaker Lisa Preston spoke on her journey with being an adopted child, Lisa's brother was also adopted. Lisa spoke on her life with her adopted parents. Lisa's adopted father was in the NAVY both in England and Australia. Lisa's story began 25 years ago, when Lisa paid a detective in England to find her birth mother. The detective found her birth mother within 3 days. The detective contacted Lisa's birth mother, but was not willing to contact Lisa at the time. The detective encouraged Lisa to send Christmas card every year. Lisa's brother also used the same the detective to find his mother, though unfortunately his mother passed away before Lisa's brother could meet her. Though Lisa's brother has since contacted his aunts and established a relationship with his aunts.

Lisa decided to contact her mother and father. Lisa just continued to try and contact her birth mother. Lisa and her husband decided to fly to England to meet her mother and father. Lisa has established a relationship with her birth father. Lisa to this day has only met her birth mother once. Lisa is hoping one day to have a better relationship with her birth mother. Lisa's story is one of determination, persistence and not taking no for an answer. Members were blown away with Lisa's story.



Thank you, Dale for the pic

End of report by Yvonne Young. Thank you, Yvonne.



2025 D9705 RYPEN - Victory pose 7-9-2025

Thank you, Yvonne Young, for all the hard work you have put in towards the success of the camp.



Willinga Park 7-9-2025

Thank you, Geoff Johns, for the photo and Thank You to all involved on Father's Day.