

Pres Bernard Jones

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Club's Website and Club's Facebook

January is Rotary's Vocational Service month

*Tonight: Stuart Emsley Milton Hospital Director,
Judy Bond Hospital Auxiliaries and Ucki Dean Hospital Publicity Offer
Introduction: Craig Cameron
Vote of Thanks: Robin Cantrill*

Future Programs:

31 Jan; TBA

Introduction: Clive Cross

Vote of Thanks: Peter Culham

February is Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

7 Feb; Operation Cleft, TBC

Introduction: Gareth Davies

Vote of Thanks: Dom Fondacaro

14 Feb; Proposed site visit to the Community Resource Centre

March is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month

14 Mar; Proposed site visit to Simon Law's workplace

Birthdays: 29 Jan; Gareth Davies.

Anniversaries: None this week.

Club's Calendar

26 Jan	Thur	Aust Day BBQ
2 Feb	Thur	Bar Duties
4 Feb	Sat	Bar Duties
4 Feb	Sat	Bunnings' BBQ
23 Feb		Rotary's Anniversary
3-4 Mar	Fri-Sat	Milton Show - Steak Bar
17 Mar		PETS and Learning-Development, Merimbula
25 Mar	Sat	NSW State Election
25 Mar	Sat	BOF Ball Bar duties
30 Mar		PETS and Learning-Development, Orange
9 Apr	Sun	Easter Sunday, Helpers - please
10 Apr		Our Club's Anniversary
16-18 June		StoryFest
27-31 June		RI Convention Melbourne

PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Louise Garrett, 0432 091 991 loumqarr@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; 17 January 2023

President Bernard Jones opened the meeting and welcomed all as well as our guest speaker Adam Jeffrey.

19 members were in attendance, President Bernard thanked the organisers of last week's Prawn and Pizza night,

If you know of a good speaker, see Jo Jones,

It is voted on the night to scrap the Jumping Castle and to find a buyer or to donate it,

Pres Bernard mentioned the bar duties in Feb, BOF Ball in March and PETS, please see the Club's Calendar,

A volunteer is needed for the upcoming SESCA, also, for the 2024 BOF committee member,

20 floats will take part at the BOF Parade, helpers are needed.

The upcoming Melbourne RI Convention was mentioned, a position is available for an Area Governor.

Secretary Phil Brown said that membership dues invoices are being sent out.

Vocational Service Director Yvonne Young said that Simon Law's visit will take place on 14 March 2023 and a visit to the Community Resource Centre is being organised for 14 Feb 2023.

Community Service Director Geoff Johns thanked Tony Fondacaro for donating chairs and esky for the BBQs we run and circulated the roster for the Bunnings' BBQ 2 Feb 2023.

Geoff has a proposal-idea to replace the Swap and Car Boot Sale with a Car Show (Car Clubs or private cars) and motor parts Swap Meet to start in 2024.

Geoff is looking at involving businesses and finding four major sponsors, as to possible venues; Mollymook beach park, the Milton Showground, the Ex-Servos' car park or the Dunn Lewis Centre.

Almoner Bill Harris said that Gordon Young is in hospital for treatment no his ulcerated leg, best wishes.

Guest Speaker Adam Jeffrey was introduced by Phil Brown and thanked by Simon Brown, Adam covered the history of StoryFest when the Milton library was to close down and volunteered managed the library, saved it from closure and ran it, writers festival started from there. The event brings a lot of visitors and money to our area.

Adam volunteered for the 2019 and 2021 StoryFest events and he is now the director, he is a marketing strategist and lives in Milton, he said that StoryFest wouldn't exist without the vision and hard work of founding members such as Meredith Jaffé.

2019 was the first to take place and because of COVID the 2020 didn't happen, the 2021 went ahead and was moved to Ulladulla, now it will alternate yearly with the ArtFest. Our club supports the story telling competition by offering prizes.

StoryFest relies a lot on volunteers and needs more young and male attendees, Adam thanked our Club for what we do and for our support and hopes that it will continue and hopes that we can spread the word, the next event will be from 16 to 18 June 2023, he believes Richard Glover and his TGIF team will broadcast from the Milton Theatre and Peter Fitzsimons will be present.



End of report.



2023-24 presidential theme announced

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*, during the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, 9 January.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, asked members to restore hope by helping the world heal from destructive conflicts and create lasting change within ourselves. McNally told attendees he plans to make mental health a focus and emphasized continuity in advancing the goals of previous leaders, including empowering girls and eradicating polio.

From the editor with over 40 years of membership of this club;

à *It is great to hear about Geoff Johns' new idea-proposal, it sounds feasible and will bring in funds to the club and to the community.*

This is why we need new members as they rejuvenate the club with new, fresh ideas and energy, although we have a vibrant club, new motivated members are always required to rejuvenate the club with productive ideas.

It is up to all members to introduce or propose new ones, please ask yourself; when was the last time you invited a prospective member to attend a meeting and to see what we do?

Let others experience our love to serve through Rotary.

à *Attending the Melbourne RI Convention will be an amazing experience, I attended the Sydney 2014 RI Convention and have great memories of that get together, great entertainment, astounding keynote speakers and being amongst thousands of likeminded Rotarians from all over the world is an unforgettable experience. It is not just about Rotary but fun and rewarding attendance.*

Very highly recommended.