



APRIL 2024

President: RICHARD SPEEDY
Secretary: KELVIN ROGASH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

The big Rotary event in March was the District Assembly . Stephen O'Connell (DGE) with his wife Carol laid out a framework for excellence which will be very helpful to guide our strategic action for the next 12 months.

Look out for the Community Tree opening celebration. Nothing decided yet but the plaque is being made right now and when it is ready we will have some fun

This is the last year for a new International Governor's theme. Stephanie Urchick has chosen 'The Magic of Rotary'. She emphasised that it's not waving a wand but the magic that can happen because of the size and experience of the whole Rotary organisation. I saw it this week where \$18000 USD equal to \$27000 Australian dollars came out of thin air to boost our Global Grant in Cambodia. Districts 9810 and 9830 each contributed \$5000 District Funds which with the 80% add on from Rotary International gives the new figure. Pretty much the Global grant has taken the \$10,000 that was raised at the 80's dinner last year and converted into nearly \$150,000 of toilets in Cambodia. It has not

been approved yet but we have reason to hope it will.

Golf day is nearly here and thanks to Kel and his team for organising. All hands on deck for the day.

Well done to all members we have raised over \$50,000 dollars this year and will decide the disbursements at the April Board meeting. Talk to Board members about your ideas of projects and programs we could support. With \$30000 allocated to the Exercise Equipment project we have approx \$30,000 to disburse.

Thanks to Greg and Bill for the interesting guest speaker program.

With so much to do, including planning for a membership drive we are having an open Board meeting in May. You are all welcome. Details later.

Yours in Service
Richard Speedy

WHATS ON IN APRIL

M Apr 8	Club meeting	Parenting on line	World Health day 7/4
F Apr 12	Event	Stuart Davidson Memorial Golf Day	
M Apr 15	Club Meeting	Discussion on Conference Involvement	
F Apr 19		Conference Activity day	
Apr 19-21	Event	District Conference- Shepparton	
M Apr 22	Board	Disbursement	Day of creativity and innovation 21/4
M Apr 29	Special TBC	Maybe a vocational tour of Foote Waste	
			Immunisation week 24-30 April
			Malaria day 25/4
			Jazz day 30/4

MAY 11th WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Mooroopna
invites you and your partner
to celebrate the club's

60th
Anniversary
Saturday May 11

Royal Mail Hotel
McLennan St, Mooroopna

6.30 for 7.00 pm

\$30 pp. Dress semi-formal.

RSVP May 1st
Kelvin Rogash
PO Box 95, Mooroopna, 3629
info@rotarymooroopna.com.au
0427553655

Make sure you let Secretary Kelvin know if you are coming to the celebration

MIND BLOWING FACT

If you could fold a piece of paper 42 times it would reach the Moon.

The moon is 384,00 kilometres from earth. It's easy to presume that a lot of folds - thousands or millions would be needed. The answer is only 42 times.

It's all because of the mindblowing power of exponential numbers.

One sheet folded becomes 2 and 2 becomes 4 and so on. Of course it would be impossible to fold a sheet that many times but, if you could, by the time you have folded it 9 times it would be a ream of paper thick. By the time you fold it 20 times it's 10 kilometres high.

MIND BLOWING

From the book Mind Blowing by Dan Marshall



Photos from District Assembly

COMMUNITY TREE

The second group of leaves and bark are being laser cut in March and will be on the tree soon. The people and groups you will see soon include:

Larry, Amanda, Ty, Joel Penno, Probus Club of Mooroopna, Jim and Nola Douglass and Family, Tallisman menswear, Janelle East-Jeffs, The Gooiker Family. Bill, Leeanne, Hannah, Jayme, Chloe, Bailey & Connor, Peter Diane Dow - Mooroopna Mobile Engineering, Banfield Family, Bernie Broadhead, Mooroopna Uniting Church. The Tree will be officially unveiled when we receive the plaque currently being made. Date to be advised.

10 cent CAN COLLECTION

Please consider saving your cans and bottles that have the 10 cent refund on them. These are drink cans bottles and some flavoured milk cartons. Just check it has a 10 cent recycle info on the container. Please also ask your friends and neighbours to save their cans. You can take bottles and cans to the Rotary shed for us to get the refund for the club. If you have difficulty with this please talk to Ken Faulkner and he will arrange collection for you. This can become a good money raiser but more importantly it's encouraging people to recycle.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Zoe continues to have an enjoyable time in Czech Republic. In March we met Mim Ford and her mother Mary-Lou Ford. Mim is applying for Rotary Exchange to travel in 2025. While at our meeting she met a couple of the students who attend the homework club she assists. They were having family dinner at the Royal Mail.

Farm Zoe visited



TOWN HALL MEETING

The next Town Hall meeting is on April 17th at MEAC. The clear intent of these meetings is to find ways to improve Mooroopna. Jan Phillips and Lea Campbell are providing a lead but all who love Mooroopna can contribute their ideas and energy. It would be great if Rotarians can attend.

Come to the 2nd Mooroopna Town Renewal meeting

on April 17th 2024 at 7 pm sharp,
@MEAC, 23 Alexandra St, Mooroopna.

Meet, discuss and network with well-known and not yet well-known Mooroopunians about what we want next.

The world belongs to those who show up...



Follow us on Mooroopna Community Notice board

Birthdays April

Kelvin Rogash	April 8
Bill Porter	April 11
Marg Rogash	April 13



Anniversaries April

Ken & Kaye Faulkner April 29



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In support of DG Neta Kirby the Mooroopna Rotary club agreed to organise the Friday activity day. With strong support from members and the conference committee it is turning into a huge success. Particular thanks to Laurie Fagan who has pulled the day together very well.

Some of the new activities include visits to MOVE, the Botanic Gardens and Sam, Art in the bush and a guided tour of the Flats to learn of local indigenous history. Golf and bowls have good numbers of entrants as well.

All members and partners are welcome to celebrate District Conference with a meal together at Bicaró's on Friday night. Contact Laurie Fagan if you would like to go to the dinner, even if you aren't attending the conference.

We will promote the Car Raffle and the Toilets project in the House of Friendship using our new banners.

Below are the banners we will use to promote our club projects

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**
Example picture only. Model and make may change.

Our Car Raffle Your Fundraiser

Rotary Club of Mooroopna Community Car Raffle

We organise all prizes, permits, ticket printing, posters and posters.

We supply you with books of 25 tickets, posters and club name and an online presence.

You sell tickets, paper or online, return the unused books and receive 60% of the revenue you receive.

NO RISK

First prize is a small car valued approx \$25,000
Prizes 2, 3 and 4 are winners' choice of \$1000 supermarket or hardware vouchers

Drawn New Year's Eve
Tickets sold September to December

Tickets sell at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

THANK YOU  **THANK YOU**  **THANK YOU**

WASHROOMS
A safe and dignified space for women and children to wash
Protects privacy and wellbeing

ROTARY CHANGING LIVES
Rotary is constructing 350 Washroom Toilets in Cambodia

WASHROOMS
A safe and dignified space for women and children to wash
Protects privacy and wellbeing

Use correctly
Water
Drinking water
Health
Time at work and school

QUALITY OF LIFE

**THANK YOU ROTARY
ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Rotary Mooroopna
Rotary - Cambodia Toilets Plus (RAOAF) Project

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS

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QR CODE
To Donate

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS INCLUDE

By the time you read this bulletin the Stuart Davidson Memorial Golf Day will have happened. All reports are that we are in for another good year of golf. Kelvin reported last meeting that we should raise around 10 thousand dollars.

The suggestion is to buy a premade pergola from Bunnings for the kitchen garden at MPPS. The club could erect it.

Support tree planting at the Botanical Gardens, and the One tree per child donations to local primary schools.

The 13 Station Outdoor exercise equipment project is well underway with applications to council being processed. The club has decided to put in \$30000 towards the project. This way be spread over two years if needed.

The club has decided to pay for the installation of a plaque at the cenotaph to commemorate 100 years of Legacy. Legacy has paid for the plaque.

DONATIONS:

We have given recent donations to the DG's Family charity Life's Little Treasures, and the Love your Sister charity.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

We have had two excellent speakers over the past month. On March 20 Tony and Steph James from Upper Northern Beaches RC in Sydney shared a very interesting and moving story of their involvement in the Build Your Future Today charity in Cambodia.

On April 8th we heard from Tahna Leader who is running online parenting programs. She reported how the program was progressing and thanked the club for its role in auspicing the money she received through the council grant. As an aside Tahna was an exchange student when she was 15 when she went to France.

WHATS COMING UP IN MAY & JUNE

M May 6	Club		Youth month
S May 11	Special	60th Anniversary Dinner	
M May 13	Social	No meeting due to 60th Dinner	Migratory Bird 13/5
M May 20	Club Meeting		Bee day 20/5 Tea day 21/5
M May 27	Board		
M June 3	Club Meeting		Rotary Fellowship month
			Bicycle day 3/6
M June 10	Social		Oceans day 8/6
M June 17	Club Meeting		Blood Donor day 14/6
M June 24	Changeover	Annual Reporting dinner/AGM	



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in the WORLD**

*If you have photos or information you would like in this monthly newsletter please pass it on to Ken Faulkner
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