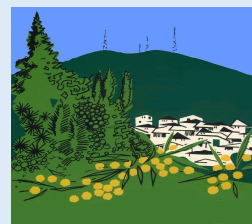




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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Start time for Meetings held by Zoom will be at 6:00pm with link to members advised on the day . Please log in by 5:50pm.


BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

DATE	Tuesday 15 th September 2020 at 6:30pm
SUBJECT	Board Meeting
SPEAKER	Christine Anderson
CHAIR	Carol Lawton
DATE	Tuesday 22 nd September 2020
	NO MEETING – Members attending the Foundation & International Meetings 25 Sept
DATE	Tuesday 29 th September 2020 at 6:30pm
SUBJECT	DG Alma Reynolds Visit - (via ZOOM)
CHAIR	Carol Lawton

PLEASE NOTE:

It is the responsibility of The Chair for the night to write a small summary of the night, 2 to 3 paragraphs and email to the editor so it could be printed in The Chronicle.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Contd.)

SUBJECT	Celebrations for Rotary Health HAT DAY 13 October 2020. 
	Marlene Sinclair
DATE	Tuesday 13 th . October 2020 at 6:00pm
SUBJECT	Gippsland Fire Relief
SPEAKER	Pearl Finlay-James - East Gippsland Rotary & Fire Relief and
CHAIR	Viv Baum
DATE	Tuesday 20 th October 2020 at 6:00pm
SUBJECT	Club Board Meeting
DATE	Tuesday 17 th November 2020 at 6:00pm
SUBJECT	Club Board Meeting

A reminder to all members: - If you are unable to attend any Tuesday night meetings, please notify Jean Stuart.

(except for those with special circumstances who instead advise when they will be attending)

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

MEMBERS' CORNER

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Greeter for September: Carol Lawton

Warm Birthday wishes to all those celebrating their special day during September.

Ruth Bode	8 th September
Pat Gander	10 th September
John Anderson	21 st September
Cheryl O'Neill	29 th September



THERE ARE NO ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED THIS MONTH

Chronicle contributions and any articles of interest are invited from all members and persons that have an interest in the promotion of Rotary International.

By emailing

president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au

By close of business on Friday.





Presidents' Report

14-09-2020



Hello Members and Friends,

On Tuesday, 25th August we welcomed Peter Hitchener, a very popular news reader on Channel 9. Peter spoke to us about the years he has spent as the most popular and much-loved newsreaders on Channel 9. Peter, born in February 1946 was awarded the 'MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)' in the 2017 Australia Day Honours.

Peter started to read the news on Channel 9 in 1965. He worked with Eric Pearce from 1975 to 1977. After that, Peter worked with Brian Naylor until eventually, Peter headed the news desk in 1998 as the chief news presenter for GTV-9 on their flagship bulletin, Nine News Melbourne. There are about 100 people weekly, involved in putting the news together and trying to make stories interesting. Peter also

Peter loves his three cats and likes walking his neighbour's dog.

Peter spoke to Kiel Egging from New Gen, giving him a few pointers on journalism, saying, 'Do what you believe in, network and follow your dreams. People will always want news of any sort, no matter whether in print, social media, TV, radio or the Web'.

Also present on the night were, Kevin Walker, President of NewGen Club, members from the Knox Rotary Club, Southbank Rotary Club, Peninsula Rotary Club and others.

Viv and I are happy to inform you all, that Our club obtained a **Rotary Citation with Presidential Distinction – Silver** for the **2019-2020 year**. This is an amazing result. We would like to thank Presidents Stephen Bode, Eric Thomas and the Late Dr. Joy Varughese for their submission for this award.

Our guest speaker last Tuesday 1st September was Past President Roger Paul who is a member of the Lilydale Town, Action Group or for short, LTAG which started up in 2018. It is an independent voice for the people of Lilydale and co-ordinates with different groups and council and can act as an advocate for businesses and community groups like the historical society Lilydale, beautification group and Friends of the Olinda Creek to mention a few.

Roger also spoke about the work being done to tidy up the Main Street, a new bus shelter proposed opposite the Post Office and the re-introduction of a Lilydale by-pass. He also told us about the new station and rail-line which is to be elevated but according to plans, will not include an escalator or ramp for disabled or elderly citizens, instead, a lift and stairs will be added. The old station which was built in 1882 is heritage listed and therefore cannot be removed, but it does have a function room which could be utilised in some way in the future.

Below is a rough impression of the envisioned changes to the Lilydale train station.



An ecstatic Joel Martin, a member of the Rotary Club of Croydon & Montrose as well as an educator at the Swinburne Croydon TAFE, emailed the club after having received the great news that the **2020/21 Maroondah COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Grant** had been won by Swinburne Croydon TAFE.

This is a \$5,000 grant to support mental health through improving fitness for young apprentices living in the Maroondah LGA. Congratulations to Joel Martin and Swinburne Staff for their efforts involved in winning this grant.

Viv and I would like to thank Stephen Bode for stepping up to take on the position of the Club Foundation Role which was held by the late Dr. Joy Varughese, until we are able to find a suitable candidate.



On the 13th of October, we will be celebrating '**LIFT THE LID**' on mental illness. It is the Australian Rotary Health's National annual fundraising day for mental health research. Each year approximately 1-in-5 Australians will experience a mental illness and in order to help future generations of young Australians, we need to look ahead through research and find out how we can prevent this type of illness occurring.

You can support this wonderful initiative by making a donation by contacting, Eric Thomas

Stay Safe!

Kind Regards,

Presidents Jean Stuart & Vivienne Baum

Election of the First Female International President of Rotary



Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on the 1st October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary's Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary's impact.

"As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that *our ability to adapt* would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history," Jones said in her vision statement. "Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today's reality."

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich,

Rotary congratulates African Region on becoming Wild poliovirus-free!!

This week the World Health Organisation announced the official eradication of wild polio virus in the whole of the African continent. Congratulations Rotarians! This is another huge step forward in the battle we have been raging for 35 years. No time now for “battle fatigue”, let’s keep going and beat this horrible disease once and for all. **Clubs are asked to make a particular effort to increase their donation to the fund this year as it is the District Governor’s Partner’s (Rtn. Greg King) project for 2020/21.** To see the RI media release for this momentous event, please go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-congratulates-african-region-becoming-wild-poliovirus-free>.

Five out of six World Health Organization regions are now wild polio-free

EVANSTON, Ill. (June 23, 2020) — Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are proud to announce an historic public health achievement as the World Health Organization’s African region is now certified wild poliovirus-free.

The milestone comes four years after Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – recorded its final case of wild poliovirus following decades of effort from GPEI partners, local and national leaders, and health workers throughout the African region. Over the course of the effort, 9 billion doses of oral polio vaccine have been administered, hundreds of millions of children have been immunized, and 1.8 million cases of wild poliovirus have been averted throughout the region.

Today’s announcement is in part a result of the cumulative actions of Rotary and its members, who have contributed nearly US\$890 million—and countless volunteer hours—to eliminate polio in the African region.

“In the face of a pandemic, the world has had very little good news to celebrate in global health this year, and the challenges ahead are formidable,” said Rotary International President Holger Knaack. “That is why we must recognize this great achievement and commend all of the people who played important roles in eradicating wild polio in the African region. It took tremendous effort and partnership over many years. I’m particularly grateful for the Rotary members throughout Africa and around the world who have dedicated themselves to making polio a disease of the past.”

The road to the African region’s wild poliovirus-free certification has been paved by the dedication of health workers—mainly women—who traveled by every form of transportation imaginable to reach children with the polio vaccine; those who found solutions for reaching children in regions rife with conflict and insecurity; those leading surveillance activities to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus, and the leadership of all 47 countries in the African region.

Polio vaccination efforts throughout the African region must continue, and routine immunization must be strengthened to keep immunity levels high so the wild poliovirus does not return and to protect children against rare occurrences of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. The wild virus continues to circulate in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and as long as it circulates anywhere, all children are at risk.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to fight polio, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the GPEI with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent. Visit [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) and endpolio.org for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio.



Feel the Energy in Taipei

The 2021 Rotary International Convention will be here before you know it, and it's one you won't want to miss. Join us in energizing Taipei, Taiwan, 12-16 June, to connect with people of action from around the world. Together, we'll discover opportunities to expand our potential through motivating sessions, inspiring speakers, lively entertainment, and much more.

Help us build a program of inclusive breakout sessions to provide new ideas for service, strengthen membership, and celebrate Rotary's diversity. We're seeking proposals in Chinese, English, Japanese, or Korean. [Submit your proposal online](#) by **Wednesday, 30 September**.

We hope you'll join us to Feel the Energy in Taipei. Explore the official [Facebook event page](#) and click to show that you're interested or planning to attend. Then, you'll receive updates and be able to connect with other attendees. Download and use our [promotional materials](#) to encourage your network to attend.

REGISTER TODAY

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