



April Bulletin 2022

Dear Rotarians,

It is with some trepidation that I produce my first Bulletin using the digital format that Pragya Kapil has been using over the last couple of years.

We have been fortunate that Pragya Kapil took over the editorship of our Bulletin and established the digital version following years of loyal service by Diane McGrath who produced a Bulletin in PDF format.

As mentioned in her last Bulletin Pragya has a teaching appointment in Dubbo and she is no longer able to fulfill this role. She has kindly spent time on Zoom teaching me to set up the reports on our website that then become our Bulletin. The content may be limited until I get the hang of the format and there have been many drafts in producing this edition!

Sincere thanks to Pragya for her work and we extend our best wishes to her as she begins her teaching career.

Since the last Bulletin we have had:

- a visit from DG Dale Hoy and AG Tony Laycock
- a presentation on hydrogen powered cars from Toyota
- a fundraising golf day at Sanctuary Lakes.
- A presentation from Daniel Santangeli Artistic Director and Co CEO of Footscray Community Arts Centre.

Unfortunately, we have received the news of the passing of Past President Ron Austin on March 24th.

At our meeting on April 21st our speaker will be Kat Bekemeier who was an exchange student from Germany (Bochum), hosted by the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst in 2007/2008. She was one of District 9800 Youth Exchange Students in the year the Rotary Club of Footscray hosted District Conference in Shepparton. Kat is now a back in Australia as an executive with ALDI.

Hopefully you have all had a pleasant Easter.

Graeme Thompson

Editor

The President's column April

January and February have slipped by,

"Like the snow falls in the river,

A moment white, then melts forever."

This Rotary year also seems to be melting away. Further, the Covid-enforced lockdowns have robbed us of many activities, perhaps to the relief of the program director and some committees. But now we have a short sprint to the end.

Recent meetings have been well-attended and lively. A 70% attendance is much healthier than a 30% attendance. I am in awe of members like Kevin Field who come from long distances to contribute to fellowship. To share in lively chatter is to inhale the dynamism of our club.

There were times at Croatia House when I felt apologetic about turning up to ruin the peace of the room and finding the few brave souls who turned up regularly.

In 2022 we've had three good meetings with great speakers, the highest profile one being Dr Mukesh Haikerwal on January 20. He told us probably more than we'll ever read in the papers about behind the scenes in managing the COVID pandemic. Like generals who learn how to fight past battles, perhaps future politicians and bureaucrats will learn how to fight the next pandemic by seeing where we went wrong this time.

At the first meeting in February, Tim Owens of Nextgenjobs.org.au spoke about the placement of apprentices and giving young people their first steps in making careers. This was a valuable background and promo for the following meeting at which the Evan Phillips Apprenticeship Achievement Award was given. This award commemorates a revered former member of our club who lived a life of Service above Self. Evan occupied just about every position in the club but was for many years a quiet and efficient secretary. Come to think of it, our club has been blessed by a series of these including the incumbent secretary Rodney Johnstone.

The Evan Phillips Award is worth \$2500 and we are grateful and honored that Evan's daughter, Judi Pepl, has donated funds to this year's award. The winner was Jacob Korparic who works at Brimbank Council's heavy vehicle maintenance department. He is a young man who has overcome a lot in his short life and fortunately his training involves recognition that internal combustion engines are giving way to electric ones. At least he wasn't learning to be a saddler or stirrup maker.

The main speaker for the second meeting was Yvonne Farquharson, a school teacher by training, who has developed a program to educate young children about the function and health of kidneys and especially the link between kidneys and fizzy drinks in the diet which can lead ultimately to type 2 Diabetes. Lessons are age appropriate and she visits many schools delivering the message.

I hope that this reaches you before the visit to our club by District Governor, Dale Hoy. You may be encouraged to turn up and give your opinion about anything at all. Let a hundred flowers bloom, as has been said. DG visits are an exchange between a club and its district;

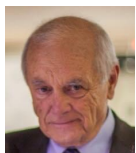
a lively one I hope. Numerically we may be smaller than before but our pulse beats strongly and we still engage with our community.

To return to the opening simile, let's enjoy and commit fully to the remaining months, the fellowship of meetings, the functions like our Golf Day (March 25), and the food of social gatherings.

We are blessed by peace in this country; let's use it to enrich the lives of others and take satisfaction from that.

Jamie

Legend of Rotary



Congratulations to Lawrence Atley. April marks 50 years of his association with the Rotary Club of Footscray as a member and honorary member. A full report on his significant contribution to Rotary will feature in the next Bulletin.

Vale Ron Austin



Past President Ron Austin passed away recently. Ron was President 1987-88 and received Paul Harris recognition in 1994.

During his tenure as President the Probuc Club of Footscray was chartered and he later became a member.

Our condolences to Ron's family.

Golf Day



A very successful fundraising Golf Day was held at Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club on March 25th.

Forty four players registered and hit off after breakfast in the club house, competing using the Ambrose format.

The winning team was led by Nick Barker of BTR Constructions whilst the team of Rodney Johnstone, Phillip and Adam Caruso and John Casey were runners up.

The raffle for a large tool cabinet and tools, donated by Kincrome, was won by Vince Mezzatesta who has been a great supporter of our golf days and always manages to win a prize!

Over \$300 was raised for our local projects. Thanks again to our sponsors.

Speaker 7th April



We welcomed Daniel Santangeli as our speaker April 7th. Daniel is Artistic Director and Co CEO of Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC). He spoke about the Centre, its history, mission, staffing, funding and plans for development. The centre is a highly sought after space for exhibitions with a waiting list of two years. Programs supporting artists from First Nations heritage and those with disabilities were highlighted. Bern Fitzgerald the Senior Producer at FCAC also attended and participated in the Q&A that followed Daniel's Presentation. The links between the Rotary Club of Footscray and FCAC are appreciated.

RYPEN



A successful RYPEN Camp has just been completed. 16 students, 5 Supporters and 3 Rotarians attended. The students were 15-17 year olds in years 9, 10 or 11. The supporters are the enthusiastic young people who voluntarily give up their weekends to act as team leaders for the students, and the Rotarians are the members of the RYPEN Committee including Suzanne Zammit.

Suzanne found it such a breath of fresh air to be at Doxa encouraging the students to explore and step into their potential and they so do. The gains the students make from participating in the activities are amazing and it feels like 16 new people said sad farewells to their new friends and headed home on Sunday afternoon.

Mambourin Awards



At our meeting on May 5th the club will make three awards to clients and staff of Mambourin enterprises.

"Mambourin (<https://www.mambourin.org>) has been supporting people with a disability for almost fifty years with the purpose of connecting people to every opportunity and supporting them to get what they want out of life"

Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality night



Monday 29th May 2023 is the Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality night

Rotarians who are registered for the Convention can apply to host between 4 and 8 international and interstate guests in their home for dinner. Priority for hosting will be given to Registered Convention attendees but non-attendee Rotarians are also welcome to apply.

It is the responsibility of the Hosts to arrange transport for all their guests to and from your home. It is for this reason that we ask that only Rotarians who live within an approximate 15 km radius of the CBD should apply. Pickups will be from 6 p.m. unless otherwise agreed with guests.

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/home-hospitality>

Paul Harris Society



The latest newsletter from District 98009 Foundation Chair, PDG Julie Mason, can be read by clicking [this link](#). Members of the Paul Harris Society contribute \$US1000 annually and can allocate their donation to the annual Fund, End Polio Now or approved Global Grants. There are 144 members from 44 clubs in District 9800.

Next Meeting 21st April

April 21, 2022, 6:30 pm to April 21, 2022, 8:30 pm

At This week's meeting the speaker will be Katharina Bekemeier a former exchange student from Germany (Bochum), who was hosted by the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst in 2007/2008. She was one of District 9800 Youth Exchange Students in the year the Rotary Club of Footscray hosted District Conference in Shepparton. After her exchange, Katharina returned to Australia twice by way of a working holiday and a year of work experience after her Bachelor degree. In 2015 Katharina decided to move to Australia permanently. She completed her Masters at Monash University, worked in the events industry for several years and is now an Area Manager for Aldi.



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An evening with Kevin Sheedy

May 9, 2022, 6:00 pm to May 9, 2022, 9:00 pm

The Rotary Club of Altona City invite all to a special event special event: an evening with football legend Kevin Sheedy.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=880706&>

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Date: Monday 9th May 2022
Time: 6:00pm to 6:30pm
Cost: \$50.00 per person including a 2-course meal.
Venue: Altona RSL
31 Sargood Street, Altona

Bookings close: 4th May unless sold out prior
<https://www.trybooking.com/RVCVJ>

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A wonderful evening not to be missed

Shine On recognition Awards

May 14, 2022, 1:00 pm to May 14, 2022, 3:00 pm

The 2022 Shine On Awards, which focus on the abilities of those with disability will be held on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 1PM

at Templestowe Baptist Church Hall, 103-105 Anderson Creek Rd Doncaster East 3109.

Please RSVP to Charlie Speirs by 1 May 2022

Email: speirscharlie@gmail.com Mobile: 0428 761435

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Night of Stars

April 28, 2022, 6:30 pm to April 28, 2022, 9:00 pm

The Night of Stars featuring a range of sporting personalities will be held on Thursday 28 April, from 6.30pm at the Powerhouse on Albert Park Lake. Fantastic sporting greats, entertainment, silent and main auctions, raffles and prizes, all hosted by MC Tony Jones (Channel 9). A two course meal and drinks are included. Proceeds to the Les Twentyman Foundation, Team Sports 4 All and other Rotary Club Brighton Charities. For further details please see the attached flyer. Bookings via TryBooking <http://www.trybooking.com/BYGV0>

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Powerhouse on Albert Park Lake - Thursday 28 April from 6.30pm

Tickets: £10 (incl. refreshments)
 Children: £5 (incl. refreshments)
 Family: £20 (incl. refreshments)
 Corporate: £100 (incl. refreshments)
 All proceeds go to the Widnes Rugby League Foundation

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