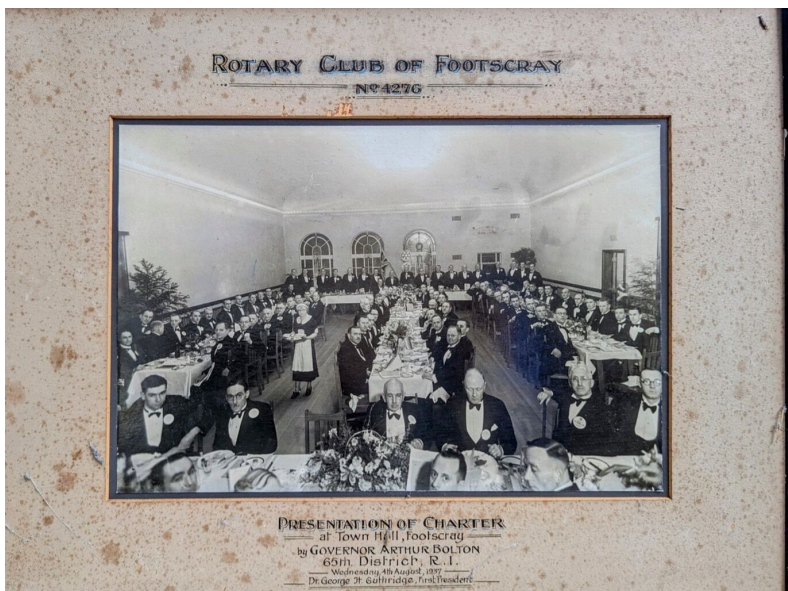




## President's Report May

Our Rotary Club has now been in operation for 86 years. The club was chartered on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1937. During that time we have truly made a difference in our local community as well as internationally with projects ranging from countries in Africa, Pakistan, Vanuatu, Samoa Timor Leste, Vietnam to Papua New Guinea. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of past members and current member of our club who have worked to improve the lives of people for 87 years.



This email arrived during the week and I would to share it with you.

Dear President Maria Silber ,

*This is Suren Poruri, Regional Chairman - Grants, RI District 3150, from India. Your Rotary Club of Footscray was chartered on 17/5/1937, which is today.*

*Your club completed 86 years service today in RI District 9800 in serving the communities across the world. I would like to extend my warm wishes to you and to all your club members on this joyous moment. Rotary is the only organization which has global foot print and is working towards happy communities across the world with it's noble initiatives. Thanks to our Rotary Club Founder Paul Harris, we are able to make a difference in the communities where we live.*

*Suren Poruri, Regional Chairman-Grants, District Best Club President 2017-18, District 3150*

The Rotary International Convention in Melbourne begins this week. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May you can take part in the End Polio Now Walk from Federation Square to Rotary Peace Park from 2:00 to 4:00pm

Five of our members are attending: Emanuel, Jama, Suzanne, Graeme and myself and we will be able to report back on the highlights of the event.

The two meetings held in May celebrated young people in the workplace, with the awarding of the Evan Phillips Award and the Mambourin Awards.

As the Rotary year comes to an end please note the details of the Club Changeover on June 29<sup>th</sup> and District Changeover on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on June 1st.

**Maria**

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## Meeting May 5th

At the Meeting on May 5th the **Evan Phillips Award** was presented to Rebcca Ann Grange a young woman who is undertaking an apprenticeship in Certificate 3 Light Vehicle at Footscray Nissan.

This award is set up to remember and honour Evan Phillips a powerhouse in the club from 1969-2010. Thanks to Emanuel and Fred for their organisation of a very worthy recipient for this Award. I would also like to thank Evan's daughter Judy Pepi and son in law Michael for their generous donation towards this award.

Congratulations to Rebecca Anne Grange and we wish her well in her career.

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## Meeting May 18th

### The Mambourin/Rotary Club of Footscray Disability Worker Award

This award is jointly sponsored by Mambourin and the Rotary Club of Footscray and acknowledges the contribution that support workers make to the day to day lives of people living with a disability.

There were three awards:

**1 Most outstanding disability support worker** of the year with a **minimum of 5 years** of service to the sector but preferably 10 or more.

**Alem Yale Tirunhe** was the recipient with almost 12 years of service. She is a facilitator at the Melton Hub.



**2. Most outstanding supported employee/trainee** of the year was **Ben Eldridge**

He was the person who has shown the most progress towards achieving his goals over the past 12 months. Ben is a horticulture assistant from the Sunshine Garden Crew.



**3. Most outstanding disability support worker** of the year with **less than 12 months** experience was **Marie Imanishimwe**. Marie began as a student in 2022, then moved to being a casual and now is on a full-time contract

Each of the recipients expressed a joy in their daily work and have a feeling that they have found their niche and that they are in the right job. Family members came along to share in the celebration. Alem and her family wore traditional dress and added some color to the night. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to present these awards and share in the pride and happiness of each of the families.

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## Social Event

Our final social activity planned by Ron and Kevin was on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We went to see ***Catch Me If You Can*** at the National Theatre in St Kilda. Everyone really enjoyed the afternoon and it was a fabulous performance. If you weren't able to come on Sunday it's well worth the effort to go and see it before it closes.



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## Jama the Beekeeper

Did you know Jama has developed an interest in bees? He has recently completed Victorian State Honeybee Response Team training. He is involved with Werribeeks, a group for Beekeepers in and around Werribee and surrounding Suburbs that shares information tips and ideas.



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## District Assembly

With District Assembly taking place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May you know that one Rotary year is close to finishing and another to starting. **Gordon R. McNally of Scotland** will be 2023-24 Rotary International President. Gordon is a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland. The theme for the coming year is **"Create Hope in the World"**.

I attended the Public Image breakout session and two programs were introduced that have the potential to help us with our web pages, social media and written publications. They are also worthwhile having a look at for your own use and both are free.

Canva – [Canva.com](https://www.canva.com)

The other program is ChatGPT and there will be information session. You can scan the following QR Code to register your interest in a workshop. You can scan with phone camera with no need to print the page.

**Maria**

Register for the ChatGPT4



## Bike Hub in Parliament

Federal MP for this area Daniel Mulino, recently spoke about the Community Bike Hub in Federal Parliament.

Video of his praise of the Bike Hub can be viewed [here](#).

### Club Changeover

June 29, 2023, 6:30 pm to June 29, 2023, 10:00 pm

#### Save the Date

Changeover Dinner at the Yarraville Club on Thursday June the 29th.

Join in this important night in the Club year as Bob Newman begins his second term as President of the Club. It will also be an opportunity to show our appreciation of the excellent work of Maria Silber over the last year.

A two course dinner will be available at \$55/head. RSVP to Bob Newman [catbbobnewman@hotmail.com](mailto:catbbobnewman@hotmail.com) by Thursday June 22nd and include any dietary requirements.

Payments by EFT to Rotary Club of Footscray BSB 633-000 Account number 156948531

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### District Chageover

June 24, 2023, 12:30 pm to June 24, 2023, 3:30 pm

Save the Date for District Changeover:

Saturday 24th June at 1230

Hyatt Place Convention Centre

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### Next Meeting

June 1, 2023, 6:30 pm to June 1, 2023, 8:30 pm

Our next meeting is on Thursday 1st June 6.30 at Plough Hotel, 333 Barkly St Footscray.

Speaker : Dr Akram Abdullahi. Akram is a dentist in Kensington - a graduate from the University of Melbourne. As a student he became involved in the Teddy Bear Hospital - a mock health check-up with a child's teddy to help familiarise children with healthcare environments and help promote a healthy lifestyle.  
RSVP Maria Silber by Wednesday.

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### Upcoming Meeting

June 15, 2023, 6:30 pm to June 15, 2023, 8:30 pm

Thursday 15th June 6.30 at Plough Hotel, 333 Barkly St Footscray.

Preceding the normal meeting there will be a meeting of outgoing and incoming Board members at 6pm



There will be reports on the various activities during the year over dinner.

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