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ROTARY'S NEW THEME FOR 20/20

Rotary, providing us with the opportunity to make a difference

A Message from the Pres

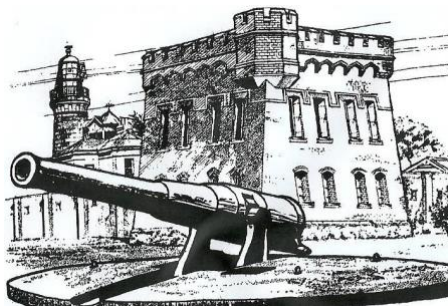


Hello everyone,
Another great evening spent together enjoying a Work Place Visit at Fort Queenscliff. Twenty-four members partners and friends gathered at the fort at 6pm, where we were met by our guide who explain the workings of the fort in the past and today.

Interesting fact were shared regarding, when the fort was built in 1860, how the first shot in WW1 was fired from that location, also, the part the fort played in mail deliveries at that time to the Western part of Victoria.

We heard about tea dances at the weekend in the drill hall for some relaxation for the soldiers, and to meet the lovely ladies of Queenscliff, to a cannon fire demonstration in 1988 that broke all the windows around the parade ground and left a few VIP being blown from their seats, but so much more as well.

Today the fort is the military record centre for Australia. Up until 9 -11 the fort was open to the public to come and go as they pleased, bringing picnics to share overlooking the bay, but as many things did, unfortunately that has changed now. Thanks to Telsa for organising this great evening, well done. Also, thanks once again to club photographer Andrea for photos on page 4.



One last thing, last November the End Trachoma team headed by Shirley Marendaz, were busy packing all the 50 toiletry packs for the Woolowra primary school in the NT. Happy to say Shirley received a phone call from the school on Tuesday to tell us they have arrived. Hopefully we will be receiving some more information about the children and maybe a few photos.

Take care & keep smiling
Jo



SOME EXTRA DATES TO SAVE.

April 19th
John Birrell Police Awards dinner, more information on page 2&3.

April 20th
Join the team at DIK north Geelong at 10.30

April 21st
Official 100year birthday of Rotary in Australia. Get on Zoom for the cutting of the cake
More info -Watch this space.

May 1st & 2nd Multi District Conference
More information to come

Meeting Dates for your Diary

April 13th
Project & Planning night
On Zoom

April Monday 19th
John Birrell Police
Awards Joint Dinner
Meeting with Bellarine
North RC at Leopold
Sportsman's Club for
the Presentation
Evening, more info on
next page.

April 20th Board Meeting
on Zoom 7.15

April 21st Official 100
birthday & Cake cutting
ceremony on Zoom

April 27th Guest Speaker
night with polio survivor
Gary Newtown at Waurn
Ponds Library 7.15

Always feel free to invite
friends or family to hear any
of our speakers, and to see
what Rotary is all about

"I HAD A PRETTY BLOODY GOOD YEAR COMPARED TO SOME"

Conor Brown 2nd April 2021

Conor's amazing 2020

Conor Brown escaped bushfires at Mallacoota just weeks before boarding a flight to Germany on January 18, 2020.

The 17-year-old from East Geelong remembers orange skies, distant flames, thick smoke and "sirens all through the night" during his family's camping trip, before boarding a navy ship for Melbourne on January 3.

He "hadn't heard too much about COVID-19" when he left for a Rotary-sponsored exchange trip to Germany.

When the pandemic hit worldwide, Conor and his parents were "on the fence" about him returning immediately, but had confidence in Rotary and Germany's health system, he said.

Conor endured Germany's first lockdown in April, and lived in three towns between Dortmund and Cologne.

He even travelled to France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria as the pandemic abated during the European summer.

But "things really started getting bad"

mid-October with 10,000 to 15,000 cases daily and strict lockdowns.

The exchange program's insurance enabled him to fly home on November 2 and he had a row to himself with about 30 people on the plane.

His sister picked him up from Sydney airport and, as an unaccompanied minor, he was permitted to quarantine with her in Wagga.

With the NSW-Victoria border closed, he had to walk across a bridge at Albury-Wodonga to reunite with his parents.

"I felt overwhelmed and happy to see them," he said.

Recently, Conor joined the Geelong leg - featuring 13 vintage cars - of a nationwide relay celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

"I had a pretty bloody good year compared to some people," he said. "[Bayside Geelong Rotary Club] sponsored me and I will be forever grateful to them."

Luke Voogt

4 GEELONG INDEPENDENT Friday, 2 April, 2021



Main: Conor Brown in the Geelong leg of a nationwide relay celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia. Above: The last days of the Brown family's camping trip in Mallacoota; Conor, rear right of centre, joins other Rotary-sponsored students in Germany. (Pictures: Supplied)

John Birrell Police Awards Monday 19th April
Please note, as this is to replace our regular Tuesday meeting night.
You will need to let Jo know before Monday 12th if you
are NOT attending. Thank you



Donation In Kind

As the Lucy project is coming together well, thought it might be a good idea to visit the DIK premises in Roseneath street North Geelong, to see where we can deliver the school items that we have collected for this PNG project.

DIK is open on a Tuesday morning. As we have school furniture to pick up as well, Shirley is organising a convenient time with the school to collect these items. If you are available to help, please let her know.

Lucy Loko will be visiting the Geelong DIK site on Tuesday 20th. It is interesting to see the sorting and packing process that happens out there, before the containers are shipped overseas, the 20th would be a perfect time to visit the site, catch up with Lucy, and also, a good time to grab a bite of lunch after at the Café Bear & Scoobs in Thompson road. Sounds like a plan? hope you can make it.



Just a little reminder of why we are collecting

When Tuesday 20th April at 10.30am
Where: 75 Roseneath St North Geelong
RSVP: to Shirley before Friday 16th please.

THE LUCY PROJECT TIME LINE REMINDER

Follow up with schools on 19th

Remind them on 22nd of collection day

Collection day 26th April

The Dr John Birrell Road Safety Practitioner Awards

Information regarding the Joint Dinner Meeting with Bellarine North Rotary Club

Date: 19th April

Time: 7pm

Venue: Leopold
Sportsman's club.
135 Kensington Rd
Leopold.
Ph 52502250

Cost \$30 per
person
including
2 course meal
Drinks at bar
prices

Payment can be
made at the door,
eftpos is
available.
Invitation has
already been
emailed with RSVP
information to Jo
before 12th April
please

For more
information
regarding these
awards, who
started them, why
and when? click
here to read an
article from a
Warrnambool paper

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.



As you know, from July, Rotary's seventh area of focus will begin, and we have an opportunity to partner up with the Rotary clubs in the Geelong region for a group project to support our youth and an environmental.

This will be partnering with the Upstart Challenge, [read more](#) about the challenge. Getting on board with this project will be beneficial to all. Our Youth, the Environment, and great PR for Rotary.

The Upstart Science and Innovation Challenge 2021



Open to all Geelong Schools, Yr 8-10



- Delivered within the Australian Government National Science Week (August 14-21)
- 5 key themes, including **Environmental and Sustainability** for students to select, research, explore and develop solutions to the problems they care about
- Live workshops hosted by Upstart, including take away resources for teachers
- Subject matter experts and online mentoring
- Culminates in live pitching at schools



- Submission of **Environmental and Sustainability** theme ideas to Upstart judging panel including Rotary representatives
- All ideas available to Rotary to inform potential future projects



- Winning **Geelong Environment and Sustainability** idea selected, with prize of \$500 awarded to school / student team to advance the project
- Showcasing of ideas generated on Upstart website

What's in it for Rotary?

- Named sponsorship of the **Geelong Environment and Sustainability** Challenge within the Geelong Upstart Science and Innovation Challenge 2021.
- Achieve Environmental and Sustainability outcomes through project selection and enablement.
- Active involvement in sustainable projects / mentoring.
- Brand prominence and recognition of Rotary within the community.
- Greater awareness and understanding to a young audience of Rotary themes and work within the community.
- Partner feature article in National Upstart newsletter, social media channels and website blog.
- Shared media opportunities.

As I said, a great opportunity to be involved with this program. I am endeavouring to have a representative there at our Project & Planning evening on the 13th to answer any questions you might have.

A global
movement of
empowered
young people
solving
tomorrow's
biggest challenges
through science
and innovation.

SAVE THE DATE
May 1-2nd
More information to
come

