

Lara Hearsay

Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Lara District



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The Rotary Club of Lara District was chartered on the 4th of March 2013.

We currently meet at 6:30 PM on most Wednesday nights via Zoom meetings, and once a month as a supper club at the Lara RSL, McClelland Avenue, Lara, Victoria 3212 Australia

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**CLUB
MEETING**

10 March 2021

Lara RSL

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**MARKET
DAY**

14 March 2021

Lara RSL

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**CLUB
MEETING**

17 March 2021

Zoom



Hello Hearsay Readers,

This issue ended up being delayed by a week due to all our energies being focussed on the Golf Day last week. There being only so many hours in each day the Hearsay became a lower priority as last minute Golf Day preparations were completed late into Thursday night.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pierre Debets

I'm very pleased to report that the Annual Charity Golf Day was a success, with a net profit of over \$16,000 made from the event. The weather was kind (although a little cool), all 90 of our registered players turned up, and we managed to run pretty much on time with the schedule of activities. The generosity of our players and other attendees resulted in almost \$6000 being raised on the day. Our fundraising activities comprised an auction of sports memorabilia and other high value items, a bumper raffle comprising 8 prizes worth over \$1200 in total, a coin toss competition to win a bottle of Scotch Whiskey, and the very popular 'chip a golf ball in the boat' challenge at the 10th hole. A big thank-you to everyone who contributed to this result.

In particular I would like to thank our 26 sponsors, without which we would not have a Golf Day. Firstly a huge thank-you to our Major (Diamond) Sponsor Phoenix Freight Management. In addition to their very generous sponsorship, Phoenix Freight also donated over \$500 worth of prizes for our raffle, while its golfers purchased a great number of raffle tickets as well as several auction items. The support of our Platinum Sponsor Ritchie Bros. Auctions was also invaluable this year, including the numerous items they again provided for our player gift bags. Long term sponsors such as these provide the foundation upon which the success of this annual event is built.

A very big thank-you also to our seven Gold Sponsors (Boomaroo Nurseries, DB Blinds, Drummond Golf, Lara Quality Meats, Morris Finance, Ray White Lara, & Red Star Real Estate), our ten 10 Silver Sponsors (Bendigo Community Bank Lara, Combined Waste Services, Dennis Family Homes, Fiducian Financial Services, Geelong Insurance Brokers, Panther Tyres, Mick Anic Wholesalers, SNF Australia, Villawood Properties & Whitehorse Trucks), and our eight hole sponsors (Lara Hotel - 2 holes, Brush of Bolger, Crawford Maintenance, Jaydee Maintenance, Metaltech, Steel Solutions Melbourne, Tuckers Funeral Services & Villawood Properties/Coridale Estate Lara).

I would also like to thank club members Chris Kinley and Eryn Bastin for their many hours of work leading up to and on the Golf Day, as well as the behind the scenes efforts of Helene Witthaus and the rest of the Lara District Rotary Club. Last but not least, we extend big thank-yous to Kathy Ryan from Corio Bay Rotary for supervising the Hole in One, and Trish Roberts (a Friend of Lara District Rotary) for selling most of our raffle tickets and operating the EFTPOS machine with aplomb!

While the Golf Day is now behind us there's no time to rest on our laurels. Our full attention has now turned to the resumption of our Monthly Community Market on Sunday week (March 14). Almost 50 stalls have been booked to date, with another 10 or so bookings expected. Cindy and the Market Team are diligently fine-tuning arrangements to ensure as good a market as we can produce first up after a 12 month hiatus. We also have the Rotary Australian Centenary commemoration

coming up a week later on Sunday March 21. Ray continues to coordinate our Lara based activities for the morning before we join the other Geelong Region Clubs for a joint afternoon celebration at Christ Church Geelong. We have also started the serious work on our annual Fred Grove Memorial Emergency Services Awards Dinner. Helene is leading this work, with a tentative date of Wednesday May 12 for the event.

Since the last Hearsay edition our February 17 & March 3 meetings were held on Zoom, while we met in person at the RSL Hall last week (February 24) for detailed planning of the market stallholder sites. This was followed by the induction of two of our three new members elect (Brendan & Cindy) and the usual delicious supper prepared by Ray. Next week (March 10) we'll be back at the RSL Hall for final market preparations and the induction of another new member Michael. This will bring our membership up to 15, with some innovative plans in the works by Helene (Membership Director) and Bethany (Public Relations Director) to recruit more. The market resumption provides a great opportunity for us to engage with our local community and promote what Lara District Rotary does, and has to offer its Members and Friends.

Well that's all for another edition. Enjoy the photos from the Golf Day and other recent events further below !

Until Next Time,
Pierre



Some things just get
better with age

– Rotary Centenary Event
kicks off at 11:00 AM
Sunday 21/03/2021 with a
free barbecue and
collection of classic cars at
the Lara RSL, which will
then escort the Rotary
baton into Corio. Come
celebrate 100 years of
Rotary with us !

Golf Day 2021



‘Chip a golf ball in the boat’ challenge at the 10th hole





The Ray White No. 2 Team



The Mick Anic Wholesalers & Panther Tyres Team



We Rock the Spectrum Gym & Autism Walk Geelong



The leading Rotary Club Team (Kardinia)



Fourth Placegetter Phoenix Freight Star Track A Team
with DB Blinds Director Dale Butler (2nd from left)



Second Place Lara Quality Meats with Ritchie Bros.
Regional Sales Manager Cody Watson (right)



The Winning Team from Phoenix Freight Management
with Phoenix Freight Director Scott Crawford (right)



**TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED
OUR 2021 GOLF DAY,**



**SIMPLY PUT, IF IT WEREN'T FOR FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS
LIKE YOU, WE WOULDN'T SUCCEED. SO THANK YOU FOR
SUPPLYING THE FUNDS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO STRUGGLE
RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ACROSS THE GLOBE.**

***Our tremendous sponsors who support our efforts year to year
and who allow us to do so much.***

***We thank you and recognize your generous commitment
to our club and our community.***



Our Other Great Sponsors:
Metaltech Engineering & Fabrications
Lara Hotel
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