

The Geelong Tatler



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14th June David Barkley,
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The Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Geelong

Rotary Meetings 18th & 25th May 2021

Making the News...



Werribee's Barry Cooper says it is a good thing for retired people to give back to the community. Mr Cooper started volunteering at Little River Primary School at the beginning of the year, after retiring from his job as a professor of accounting at Deakin University.

He volunteers on a weekly basis through EdConnect Australia, to help pupils in grade 3 and 4 with their class work. Mr Cooper said the students he volunteers with are

about the same age as his grandchildren.

"I think the kids appreciate someone who can link with them and emphasise, be comfortable with them and explain things to them," he said. "The kids just want someone who will listen to them and provide a little encouragement. "You can be a retired plumber or a retired professor, it doesn't make a difference – the kids don't mind as long as you can help them." Mr Cooper said he believed children at the Little River school also enjoyed having a male role-model, with only one male teacher and a male principal working at the school.

"It's a lovely school with a great culture, you can feel it when you walk in," he said.

"I remember when I first drove into Little River, I hadn't been there for some years. It was like a country town like Werribee used to be – it was like going down memory lane."

Mr Cooper said he would encourage other Wyndham residents to think about volunteering.

"This has been a really enjoyable experience for me and I highly recommend it," he said.

For more information about the EdConnect volunteering opportunities see

www.edconnectaustralia.org.au, email edconnect@edconnect.org.au

or call 1800 668 550.

Rotary Magazine Photo of the Year

In a time of separation, our winning photographers used their cameras to make connections

It was a challenging year for photographers. Once the pandemic hit, travel plans had to be changed or canceled. That was reflected in many of the submissions for Rotary magazine's 2021 photo awards: Many more photos than usual were taken close to home, sometimes as close as the backyard.

Our judge, photojournalist Barbara Davidson, evaluated the photographs with an exacting eye. "I look for use of color as an element of composition, I look for degrees of tones in black-and-white images, and I look for strong composition and an advanced level of photography as craft," Davidson says. But the technical achievement has to be in service of something.

First place

Photographer: Hansruedi Frutiger

Rotary Club of Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Location: Yuanyang County, Yunnan, China

See enlargement page 4. For full story and more photos visit My Rotary - Rotary International



Save the Date...

Tuesday 29th June

Rotarians and guests are invited to attend the Changeover Dinner at Capri Receptions. 6.30pm for 7pm. This replaces the lunchtime meeting.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Donations for Fiji

There is an immediate need to assist the people of Nabavatu Village. It has been completely destroyed. Food, shelter and sanitation needs are desperately required.



Rotary Meeting 18th May 2021



In the absence of President Sue (battling severe influenza) President Elect Beryl opened the meeting.

With State Government funding, Barwon Health is constructing a new building at McKellar Community Rehab Centre partly on the site of White Cottages. — a major service project of our Club initiated in 2009. A total of almost \$ 174,000 was provided by our Club for this project plus glass donated by Ewen Urquhart. Our Club will be acknowledged in the new building.

Announcements/ Committee Updates

Frank Thompson: Members reminded that a plaque recognising the Clubs major Old Geelong Gaol service project will be unveiled at the Gaol on Saturday June 5 (9.00 am) followed by morning tea. All Club members are urged to attend. For catering purposes please confirm your attendance with Frank ASAP.



Tim Farley: Outlined an idea to conduct a Zoom Meeting open to all Rotary Clubs in Australia with a key presenter (eg Alan Finkel). Could be a major fund raiser for all Clubs involved.



David Barkley:

Recent payments: \$500 (Indigenous Literary Project); \$3,000 (BYCF (Barwon Youth); \$700 (Ongoing local food relief); \$1,100 (Upstart Environmental Project); \$1,100 (DIK Rental); and \$4,100 (Payment to Crown Containers as part of matching grant application). A very generous donation of \$10,000 was received from format Club Member Peter Newland., Only \$490 in donations for Fiji food relief has been received since January. Current net profit from the Pie Van is \$3,086 and with two more games scheduled, final profit should exceed \$5,000. Proposed Member Subs for 2021/22 to be considered at next Board Meeting.



Ray French:

Tatlers being produced and distributed. Invitation drafts for Changeover with Beryl. A drop banner design for 2021-2022 circulated to board yesterday and will be produced in time for changeover. 2021-2022 letterhead has been completed. Frank Thompson has had a meeting with Mandy Oldham who wants a price for 1000 copies of her booklet with changes.



Beryl McMillan:

Membership Committee reconsidering suggestions from earlier Membership Survey., Average attendance at Club Luncheons has fallen to just below 27. Member at present on extended Leave of Absence: Di Noble, Charmaine Carthew and Michele Van Liessum.



Ewen Urquhart:

From a combined effort of our Club and the Rotary Club of Warrnambool a container will be leaving tomorrow with water pumps, tank, roofing materials and woodworking machinery for Popondetta Secondary College and hygiene packages, Covid masks and screens from Barwon Health for Popondetta Hospital. Ewen also acknowledged the very generous donation of \$10,000 from Peter Newland.



Helen St John

Members asked to note the date of our Changeover Dinner: Tuesday June 29, 6.30 pm for 7.00pm.

Two opportunities for members and their partners to enjoy great food from the expert chefs of Feed Me Bellarine, Geelong and Surf Coast while supporting a very worthy cause.

Friday June 4 at 7.30 pm (one table for 10) and Friday July 9 at 5.30 pm (one table of 10). Cost: What you wish to pay keeping in mind the professional excellence of the meals and the fact that proceeds help the disadvantaged. To book a place please contact Helen without delay.





Daryl Starkey

Stomping: Approximately \$10K raised to date and hopefully a further \$2K by end of this Rotary year. A volunteer is needed for this Friday (May 21).
Antique Fair: Hopefully can get underway next Rotary year.
Steampacket Market: Volunteer needed for Sunday June 6.
Motown Music Project: Considered a project with good potential and John Seal still hoping to get underway.
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: On hold.
Other Ideas being considered: Speaker Forum; Running Belmont Sunday Market; Visit to Community Gardens in Geelong and a Christmas in July Event.

Conclusion

Andrew Lawson announced that the Guest Speaker for our next luncheon is David Tudor of Bendigo Community Bank. His topic: "Bank Support for Local Communities".

Special thanks to ALEC HAND for this weeks notes.

Rotary Meeting 25th May 2021



Chair **Anne Kavanagh**, called Members and guests to order and gave the Invocation, before asking President Sue to Welcome everyone.

Pres Sue welcomed Anne's return from leave and in particular the Guest Speaker David Tudor of Bendigo Bank and Henry Brockman the President of (Kardinia ???). Sue noted that recent meeting had been attended by various Members including Presidents of other Rotary Clubs from the District and encouraged Members to reciprocate. Member Fred LeDeux suggested this would be more easily done if everyone was provided the names, dates, times, and venues of Clubs' meetings – noting that the "Blue Book" had provided this information, but was no longer available.

Frank Thompson encouraged Members to attend the Plaque unveiling ceremony commemorating Rotary Club of Geelong's long, proud and successful history with the Jail during which some \$1.5M was raised and contributed to community projects. The unveiling is scheduled for 10.00am on Saturday 5th June in the forecourt of the main Jail entrance.



Helen St John advised that there are still four places available for the 1st Wasted Dinner on Friday, 4 June 2021 at 7.30pm. The 2nd Wasted Dinner on Friday, 9 July 2021 is fully subscribed. Helen also promoted attendance and early registration for the Annual Change-over Dinner at Capri at 6.30/7.00pm on 29th June at \$45/person.



Sue noted that the husband of Di Crawford was to be buried at 10.00am on Friday 28th May and those interested could view the service on-line through Tuckers Funeral Services.

Anne Kavanagh then introduced the Guest Speaker David Tudor, the Regional Manager of Bendigo Community Bank.

David has an impressive 35 year employment history with the Bank, having held numerous Executive roles during that period and with support of his wife and two adult children.

David spoke of some key aspects of the Bank probably best captured by his statement that it was an institution "not about Banking, but more about the Community". Supported by various graphics and visual slides, David explained that the Bank had a 160+ year history, having evolved from the Capital Building Society in 1992 following which it became a Bank in 1995. With over 2 million customers and 7 thousand employees, the Bank enjoys an enviable reputation which places it in the top 20 most trusted brands in the country. It is a top 100ASX listed Company, with 110,000 shareholders with a key focus on stakeholder needs.

A feature of Bendigo Bank is its ongoing substantial commitment to the (Geelong) Community illustrated by its philanthropic donations of \$14M over the past 20 years, while contributing \$50M to local shareholders. It has 17 Branches in Geelong with 200 staff, serving 84,000 customers. Its revenue is shared 50/50 with Communities, with 80% of profits directed to the Community.

David predicted :

- Low interest rates to continue
- Housing market to increase
- Job market to improve
- Continued growth in Regional districts

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- Positive outlook for Agribusiness
- SME to be resilient

Overall, he voiced positivity and projected continued buoyancy for the Bank and its engagement with the Community – especially in the Greater Geelong Region.

During question time, he noted that

- the Banking Royal Commission resulted in ensuring no commission payments are being paid to Banking Staff,
- low interest needs to acknowledge safety of deposits VS returns
- unlikely to see significant growth in establishment of new Bank branches
- inevitability of more cash-less transactions and reduced face to face engagement

Anne Kavenagh thanked David for his presentation with a small gift gesture and acknowledged Bendigo Bank for its Community contributions and focus which mirrored Rotary Club of Geelong's own philosophy with supporting the community and which reflects our use of Bendigo Bank.

Meeting was concluded by President Sue and with Helen winning the Entry Voucher.

Special thanks to ROBIN POVEY for this weeks notes.

