

# Rotary

Club of Geelong East



## Dispatches from the East



Rotary Opens Opportunities

January 2021  
NEWSLETTER



### LET'S CELEBRATE



## Club Programme 2021

### PROGRAMME CHANGE! (Due to Covid Restrictions)

The scheduled Geelong Cemeteries Trust event on the 19<sup>th</sup> Jan has been replaced by a *Face 2 Face Dinner*

The scheduled Geelong Art Gallery visit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb has been replaced by an *Ozzie BBQ event*.

The scheduled **Board Meetings** dates are:

16th Feb  
16th March  
20th April  
18th May

A full list of Programme Activities can be found at the back of this Newsletter!

Acquaintance Fun Networking  
Connections Ideas Opportunity Action Fair Respectful Ethical  
Understanding International Youth Integrity  
Membership Commitments United Peace Accountability Honor  
Community Education Economic Service Leadership  
Vocational Club Scholarship Friendship Fundraising Family Celebrate Expertise



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Face 2 Face Club Meeting & Dinner!

19<sup>th</sup> January from 6:30pm

The Grovedale Hotel



**RSVP** [ylg0504@gmail.com](mailto:ylg0504@gmail.com) mandatory!

## WELCOME!

Welcome to 2021! I hope you had a refreshing break, with minimal stress! We start this new year with many new opportunities for our Club ranging from grant proposals to local community projects and shared activities with other clubs within our District. Perhaps our biggest event to kick start the year will be the R100 Baton Relay. With preparations well underway, this is planned to take place in March. Whilst Zoom remains with us, let's also make the best of our face-to-face meetings as and when these are scheduled. Be sure to keep an eye out for those! We continue to welcome Rotary Clubs from far away with the Rotary Club of Armitsar, India accepting to join us for a Zoom catch up.

And as Rotarians our new years resolution should be to continue to voluntarily contribute our precious time and valuable expertise to make a difference - to help those who need it and to encourage our youth to reach theirs. Wishing everyone a wonderful and brighter new year!



Yours in Rotary  
Service  
Yannick Le Gall  
President 2020-21



# January 2021

# GRANTS

The Commonwealth Government has announced a sixth round of funding for local projects under the Stronger Communities Programme. Up to \$150,000 of funding is available in the electorate of Corio for small capital projects which improve community participation and contribute to the vibrancy and viability of local communities.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact *myself* and *Jenny Acopian* **no later than 5pm, Friday 19 February 2021.**

*The RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees added the environment as an official cause earlier this year, and clubs*



# ROTARIANS MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD!

*By Tony Alsop*

We are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Why not share this opportunity with others who see the need for change but not sure how to make it happen? **Don't keep Rotary a secret!**

Becoming a Rotarian:

1. Connects you with a diverse group of people who share the drive for positive change
  2. Allows you to discover the community's needs and creative ways to meet them
  3. Lets you expand your leadership and professional skills
  4. Catches you up with good friends and lets you meet new ones
  5. Connects you with business and social leaders from all continents, backgrounds, and occupations
- If you are not sure what to say to a prospective member then the Membership Committee can help. Just let us know.

**New members help build our club and make it stronger!**

Contact **Tony Alsop** – Membership Director  
[aalsop@iinet.net.au](mailto:aalsop@iinet.net.au)



and districts can apply for global grants in this area beginning 1 July 2021.

*I encourage everyone who wants to apply for a global grant to carefully review the policy statements to ensure that their proposed projects are eligible.*

*Learn more about protecting the environment. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Doing Good in the World.*



Sincerely,  
Abby McNear  
Director of Grants  
The Rotary Foundation  
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[Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)



## Reaching out further abroad!

Welcome to the **Rotary Club of Amritsar South, India!**



It is with immense pleasure and thanks to Satbir that we welcome the Rotary Club of Amritsar South and their President, Upkar Singh Sethi.

*"Yes, we would be happy to join in the Zoom Meeting... Please give us a timely notice so that we are able to intimate our members in time and encourage them to join. Wishing you and all your members best of health and wonderful time"*

We look forward to our first Zoom meeting with the Club!

# ***An extract from Rotary International President, Holger Knaack***



January is finally here. As we look forward to 2021, our thinking doesn't have to stop at the end of these 365 days. Are you thinking ahead about what you will be doing in 2022, 2023, and beyond?.....We want to enrich and enliven our clubs with new discussions and ideas. But how do we attract the diverse professionals, from different backgrounds, ages, and experiences, who are all driven by as strong a sense of integrity as we are?.... Each club is different, and each club's value will be unique. During the planning process, clubs may also find that some of the activities they used to do are no longer relevant or attractive. Once your club makes a strategic plan, it's time to take action and carry out the necessary changes. When we do that — as we engage members in vibrant and active clubs that not only have fun but also serve their communities with projects that have real and lasting impact — our clubs grow stronger. And when we discover what makes our own clubs unique and build upon those core values in all our efforts, Rotary Opens Opportunities to enrich the lives of everyone."



Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather an invitation to endless opportunities

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ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES Rotary



## Local Activities



A BIG thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Party and donated a car boot full of Christmas items!

Your kind Christmas Food Donations were well received



by Christchurch Meals who were able to include the items in a number of Christmas Hampers.

These were then distributed on a as needs basis with some going to refugee families, a grand mother caring for 3 grand kids and an unwell pregnant daughter as well as a long term guest with a terminal illness.



## Polio Project at Geelong East Primary School

*By Jenny Acopian*

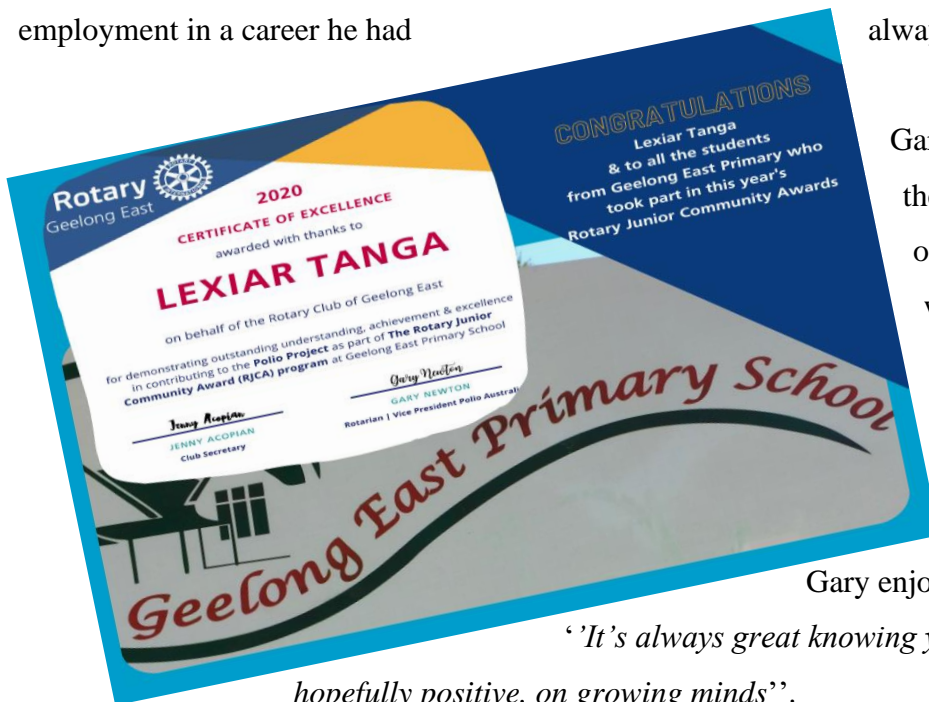
For many years Geelong East Primary School students have participated in the Rotary Junior Community Award (RJCA) program. In this year of COVID-19, students found it

impossible to conduct a hands-on community project and instead undertook to research polio and Rotary International's effort to eradicate the disease.

This initiative arose from a suggestion by Rotarian Gary Newton, a polio survivor, and Vice-President of Polio Australia. On 9th December 2020, Gary was invited to the school to speak to the RJCA students about polio and present a certificate of excellence for the best polio project. To his surprise the teachers had arranged for all Grades 5 and 6 students to hear his story. The students and their teachers were captivated from the start and listened intently as Gary told of contracting polio at the age of 15 months, causing him to be isolated in an infectious disease hospital in Melbourne, with no parents allowed to visit for 32 days. It was awful! He explained that when the polio virus hit the community, schools, swimming pools and other community spaces were locked down, much like the corona virus restrictions today.

Gary didn't attend school until the age of seven and then it was at the Yooralla Hospital School for Crippled Children. He didn't attend a 'normal school' until he was 15 years of age. After finishing school, he found employment in a career he had

always wanted: as a radio announcer.



Gary urged the students to always pursue their dreams and never give up. At the end of his presentation Gary was inundated with questions. Finally, he presented the Certificate of Excellence (shown in picture) to Lexiar Tanga who was cheered enthusiastically by her classmates.

Gary enjoyed the experience and reflected that,

*'It's always great knowing you're making an impact, hopefully positive, on growing minds''.*



**OUR PARTNERSHIP  
WITH THE BLUEBIRD  
FOUNDATION**

*By Jenny Acopian*

The Rotary Club of Geelong East has developed a wonderful relationship with the Bluebird Foundation, a community arts organisation creating and delivering quality arts programs that make a real difference in people's lives. The partnership





began in late 2013 when together we successfully applied for a Community Arts Grant funded by the City of Greater Geelong. The project was the first in what became known as *Athena's Guild*. The initial program matched experienced professional visual artists with artists with a disability. In the private studios of the professional artists, the pairs worked together during a series of



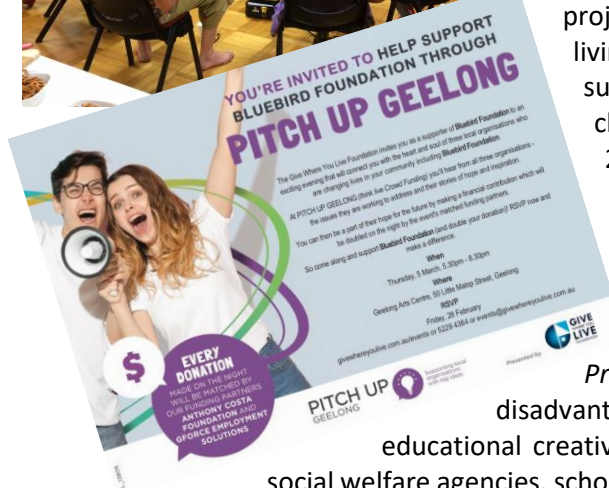
mentoring sessions with a minimum requirement being for both mentor and mentee to produce a portrait of their partner. A highly successful exhibition entitled *Pair Shaped* was held at the Karingallery from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Other versions of *Athena's Guild* followed. In 2015–2016, the *Open House* project matched experienced professional musicians with young people experiencing hardship. Once again the pairs worked together, composing music and songs, culminating in a sold-out public concert at the Courthouse Youth Arts on 25 May 2016. Rotarians helped out at rehearsals, promoted the event and assisted on the night of the concert in various capacities.

In 2016–2017 professional musicians/songwriters were paired in a mentoring relationship with a youth experiencing homelessness in a project entitled *Life After Park*. Their work was showcased in a sell-out concert held at the Courthouse Youth Arts on 31 May 2017. Once again Rotarians helped out where they were needed.



On 5 March 2020 Geelong East Rotary participated in *Pitch Up*, an innovative event hosted by *Give Where You Live*. The Bluebird Foundation was one of three community organisations chosen to argue their case to a packed audience as to why they should receive financial support. Donations made by those present were matched by funding partners of *Give Where You Live*. Representatives from Geelong East Rotary attended and helped raise over \$30,000 for the North Children's Choir, another Bluebird project making a real difference in the lives of children and their families living in the northern suburbs of Geelong. Our club received a 2020–2021 District 9780 grant to support Bluebird to convert one of their proven art programs from face-to-face to online access. *Propeller Online* supports



disadvantaged young people across the City of Greater Geelong to engage with educational creative arts workshops. The students were recruited through a network of social welfare agencies, schools and other community organisations. Online resources and interactive tools will maintain educational opportunities, social interaction, mentoring and peer relationships throughout the COVID-19 crisis when face-to-face workshops are not possible. We look forward to hearing about the outcome of *Propeller Online* once it's been evaluated.

The Rotary Club of Geelong East is proud of the positive difference we are making in people's lives through our ongoing association with the *Bluebird Foundation*.



*"A project of the Rotary Club of Melbourne in partnership with the Rotary Club of Sydney and Districts of Australia"*

## Sunday 21 March 2021!

On **Sunday 21st March** sometime around 1:45pm, the Drysdale Rotary Club will turn up on a Harley Davidson to hand over the R100 Baton Relay baton to our Club. We will be the last in the chain with Torquay starting the relay, followed by Ocean Grove, Drysdale then us. There are 3 Relay Groups (shown below)

By 3pm Clubs from District 9 & 10 will be expected to make their way to Johnstons Park where the Batons will be handed over to the City Mayor.

The END OF DAY EVENT at JOHNSTONE PARK will include VIPs, MEMBERS, GUESTS, SPONSORS, BENEFICIAIRES.

### RELAY GROUPS



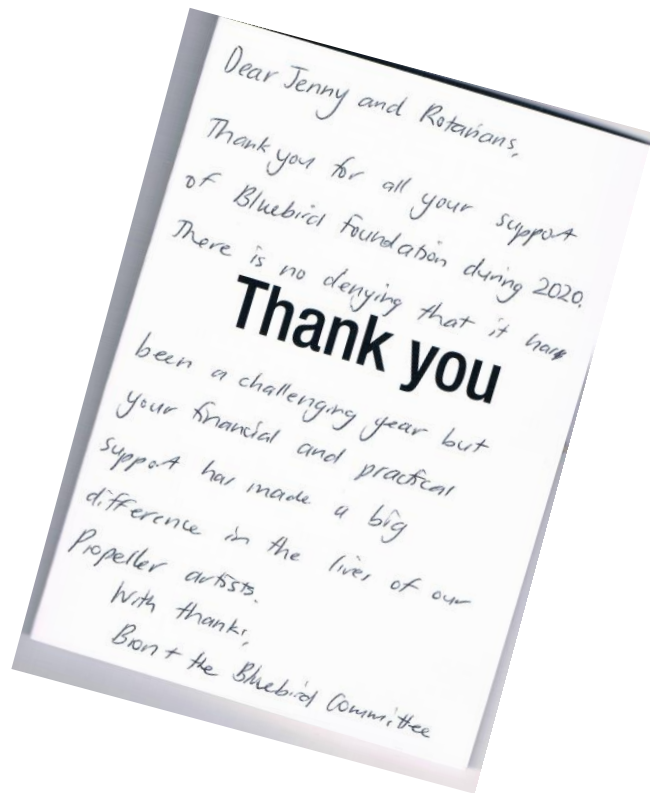
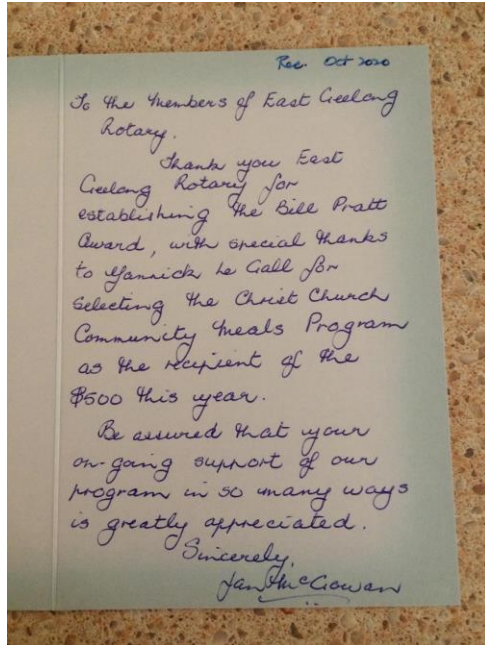
Regular updates will be provided during our Club meetings. In the meantime, if you would like more details on this event, please contact the nominated lead for East [Gordon King](#), [grkat225@gmail.com](mailto:grkat225@gmail.com)







# ROTARIAN AT WORK



Community Committee Chair, Peter Cook, provided

much relief to some recently re-housed residents by

offering to upkeep the cutting the lawns. This programme is a 3 months trial providing support by offering a lawn mowing service to **Neami National** guests, a community based organisation which amongst other things provides housing and homelessness services to people who need to find a place to live.

To take part, contact Peter on [petercook61@icloud.com](mailto:petercook61@icloud.com)



# CLASSIFIEDS



## Rotary Shirt Travel Challenge – Summer 2020-21

Your next challenge (should you choose to accept it) is to submit a photograph of you wearing your new Rotary Club of Geelong East shirt before the end of Summer.

### Recognitions:

- Distance from Geelong categories:
  - Furthest distant shirt
  - Almost most distant shirt
  - Good try but not most distant or almost most distant shirt
- Highest above sea level categories based on ground level at the location provided (aeroplanes, balloons, hang gliders and the like will be considered cheating)
  - ANO Highest (Almost Needs Oxygen highest)
  - NB Highest (NoseBleed highest but not as high as ANO)
  - Pretty high but not as high as NB high
- Each of the above in category a. will receive a certificate and be added to our Hall of Fame. All the above will be acknowledged in our Bulletin and on our website.
- All entries will receive a "Challenge Completed" label (to be used later)



### How to enter:

Take a photograph of yourself (or have someone else take it for you) and email it to [aalsop@iinet.net.au](mailto:aalsop@iinet.net.au) before the end of February 2021 (midnight on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021).

Entries are open to all members and partners of the Rotary Club of Geelong East.

### Rules:

- The photograph must be of YOU
- You must be wearing your new RCGE shirt
- You may submit as many photographs as you like
- The photograph file size must be under 1Mb
- You must state in your email your location as accurately as possible as this will be entered into Google to provide a distance from Geelong as the crow flies (except we have ravens in Australia) and the height above sea level
- Judges decisions are final.

PS – look out for more challenges. How many can you complete?



Rotary Shirt Travel Challenge Summer 2020-21 Flyer V2 – Dec 2020

*Let's keep in touch & find our common ground.*

## COFFEE CHAT CLUB

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2PtOPj9>

Staying connected has never been so important.



The **Stan Deans Agricultural Foundation** is seeking to build a skill-based Board. It is not expected that each Board member will have the full complement of experience and skills being sought, but the following listing of skills and experience needs to be available within the Board.

**If you believe you are able to commit the time involved in being a member of the Foundation Board, please send your reply to this address [aalsop@iinet.net.au](mailto:aalsop@iinet.net.au) confirming your interest.**

**The sooner we can have a Board in place the sooner we can put the Stan Dean Scholarship to action!**



fill an old shoe box or compostable satchel, once you do, if you send in a package you can get a \$15 voucher to spend on their site. Not sure what the postage is going to be both ways - but hopefully better for the planet!

From Phil Beasley's facebook page

<https://banish.com.au/pages/recycling-program>

What to do with many of the annoying things that don't go into the recycling bin? Toothpaste tubes, floss containers and old plastic toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, contact lens blister packs and cases etc. etc.

Wait until you've got enough products to



Take a look and get collecting! <https://banish.com.au/pages/recycling-program>

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Mad March Cycle Challenge 2021

### Mad March Cycle Challenge 2021

March 1 @ 12:00 am - March 31 @ 11:30 pm | Free

#### Details

**Start:**  
March 1 @ 12:00 am

**End:**  
March 31 @ 11:30 pm

**Cost:**  
Free

**Event Categories:**  
Bike Ride, Fun Run, Fundraising Days, Rotary Club Fundraising Events

**Event Tags:**  
Australian Rotary Health, Event, fundraising, health, Mad March Cycle Challenge, medical research, Ride, rotary district 9810, run, swim, walk

**Website:**  
<https://madmarchcyclechallenge.raise.ly.com/>

**Organiser**

Rotary District 9810 are hosting the "MAD March Cycle Challenge" - Ride, run, walk or swim to Make A Difference.

How far can you cover in the month of March 2021 — 50km or 1000km?

Challenge yourself in your regular exercise routine or start a new one to improve your health. Set a target distance and fundraising goal, seek sponsorship. Challenge your friends to join you.

This event is raising funds for "Australian Rotary Health" to sponsor medical research. Independent research by Australians, for Australians in Australia. Donations are tax deductible.



As you may remember, the RCGE is a current member of the Chamber. They can provide the following type of assistance to our members:

1. Two free calls to our Workplace Relations Advice Line, and
2. Credit towards training by the Chamber.

If you would like to take advantage of either of the above, please contact **Tony Alsop – Membership Director**  
[aalsop@iinet.net.au](mailto:aalsop@iinet.net.au)

# BUY, SWAP & SELL

ROTARY MEMBERS ONLY!

*Use this space to advertise your items in our Monthly Newsletter!*

*For more details contact Yannick [ylg0504@gmail.com](mailto:ylg0504@gmail.com) or Tony [aalsop@inet.net.au](mailto:aalsop@inet.net.au)*

Sellers are asked to donate 10% of the sale price to RCGE Fighting Fund

## LAWN MOWER



Publish Date:

**Price** **\$50.00**

**Contact:** 0438 745040

Electric Lawn Mower



# Club Recognitions

## Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Farnaby, Harrie	22 Jan
Norton, Warren	29 Jan

### Spouse Birthdays

Name	Spouse Of	Date
Carroll, Glenda	Carroll, Michael	09 Jan
Koch, Claire	Koch, Adam	31 Jan

### Anniversaries

Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
Fleet, Graeme	Lyn	59 years 0 months	06 Jan 1962
Fleet, Lyn	Fleet, Graeme	59 years 0 months	06 Jan 1962
Dawson, Keith	Gail	18 years 0 months	12 Jan 2003
Alsop, Tony	Mawson, Chris	47 years 0 months	19 Jan 1974

### Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
Bailey, Bill	10 years 0 months	01 Jan 2011
Ramondetta, Sam	14 years 0 months	01 Jan 2007
Funston, Peter	25 years 0 months	09 Jan 1996

# Club Attendance

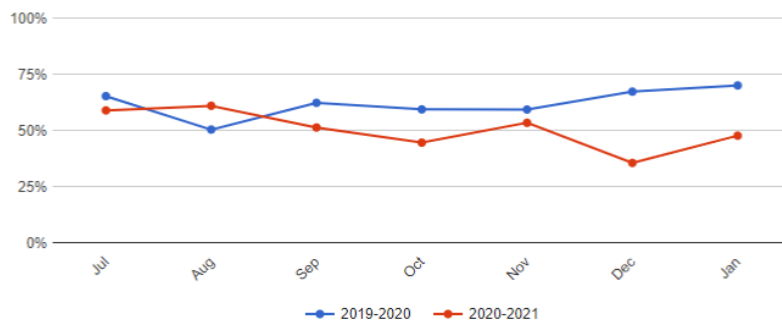
We thank *Satbir* for his excellent work in maintaining our attendance records to the highest standard.

You don't need a mirror to check your make ups....just go to the "Attendance" tab in Club Runner then "Meetings and then "Makeups".....and if you end up with "Hiccups"....you only have yourself to blame!

## Dashboard

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### Attendance History Report



Statistics are based on today and past meetings, both open and closed without including makeups.

Last Meeting's Attendance  
Jan 12, 2021

50.00%

### Recent Meetings

Jan 12, 2021	20 / 42	<div><div></div></div>	50.00%
Dec 15, 2020	18 / 41	<div><div></div></div>	51.22%
Dec 08, 2020	11 / 41	<div><div></div></div>	31.71%
Dec 02, 2020	15 / 42	<div><div></div></div>	35.71%
Nov 24, 2020	24 / 43	<div><div></div></div>	55.81%
Nov 17, 2020	27 / 43	<div><div></div></div>	65.12%
Nov 10, 2020	17 / 41	<div><div></div></div>	46.34%
Oct 27, 2020	24 / 41	<div><div></div></div>	58.54%

Statistics are based on today and past meetings, both open and closed including makeups.



# Leave of Absences

There are NO leave of absences

## Make Ups (12 Nov 2020-12 Jan 2021)

Name ▲	Makeup Date ▼	Makeup Description ▼	Meeting Date ▼
Acopian, Jennifer	Nov 30, 2020	Meeting Funding Opportunities for DIK	Oct 13, 2020
Acopian, Jennifer	Nov 30, 2020	Zoom Recognitions' Committee Meeting	Dec 15, 2020
Alsop, Tony	Nov 30, 2020	Zoom Recognitions' Committee Meeting	Nov 10, 2020
Bolton, Jane	Nov 30, 2020	Meeting Funding Opportunities for DIK	Oct 13, 2020
Le Gall, Yannick	Nov 30, 2020	Zoom Recognitions' Committee Meeting	Oct 13, 2020
Loughnan, Eddie	Nov 30, 2020	Zoom Recognitions' Committee Meeting	Sep 15, 2020
Taylor, Ross	Nov 30, 2020	Zoom Recognitions' Committee Meeting	Dec 08, 2020
Thomson, Graham	Nov 30, 2020	Zoom Recognitions' Committee Meeting	Dec 08, 2020
Wheeler, Robert	Nov 30, 2020	Meeting Funding Opportunities for DIK	Oct 13, 2020

# Club Programme

DATE	MTG #	ACTIVITY	INFO	VENUE	CHAIR/HOST	SERGEANT	ROOM / HOSTING	CASHIER	MEETING	LOA
2021										
Tue, 5 Jan 2021		NO MEETING								
Tue, 12 Jan 2021	2492	CATHERINE EAGLESON (TBC)	TBC							
Tue, 19 Jan 2021	2493	F2F DINNER	TBC	A SHLEIGH HOY	Ellen Verrier					
Tue, 26 Jan 2021		NO MEETING: AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY								
Tue, 2 Feb 2021	2494	OZZIE BBQ								
Tue, 9 Feb 2021		COMMITTEE MEETINGS WEEK	Zoom or Director de signated locations							
Tue, 16 Feb 2021	2495	RUDI			Anna Fletcher					
Tue, 23 Feb 2021	2496	RTYAUS/NZ 100	Foundation		Graham Thomson					
Fri, 5 Mar 2021	2497	TWILIGHT PICNIC		EA ST GEELONG GARDENS						
Tue, 9 Mar 2021		COMMITTEE MEETINGS WEEK	Zoom or Director de signated locations							
Tue, 16 Mar 2021	2498	EA ST GEELONG NEWS/AGENCY								
Fri, 19 Mar 2021		MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE - ONLINE								
Sat, 20 Mar 2021										
Sun, 21 Mar 2021										
Tue, 23 Mar 2021	2499	CONFERENCE REPORT								
Mon, 29 Mar 2021		CHRISTCHURCH MEALS 4:30 TO 6:30PM								
Tue, 30 Mar 2021	2500	GREAT BARRIER REEF	TBC	Tony Alsop	WYLDE GREEN	MUMBAI	PHILIPPINES			
Tue, 6 Apr 2021	2501	GREG HOLT - EA ST GEELONG FRUIT MARKET	6.30PM	FEA ST CAFE (TARTAN DAY)						
Tue, 13 Apr 2021		COMMITTEE MEETINGS WEEK	Zoom or Director de signated locations							
Tue, 20 Apr 2021	2502	PAUL HARRIS B/DAY	Foundation		Graham Thomson					
Tue, 27 Apr 2021	2503	CHRISTINE ALSOP - RSL RESEARCH	TBC		Tony Alsop					
Tue, 4 May 2021	2504	NERD NIGHT	TBC	STAR WARS DAY						
Tue, 11 May 2021		COMMITTEE MEETINGS WEEK								
Tue, 18 May 2021	2505	BE PREPARED (SCOUTS)	TBC							31 May
Tue, 25 May 2021	2506	SUDANESE	TBC	AFRICA DAY						
Sun, 30 May 2021		DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - STAWELL, TBC								
Mon, 31 May 2021		CHRISTCHURCH MEALS 4:30 TO 6:30PM								
Mon, 31 May 2021		SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE TBC								
Tue, 1 Jun 2021										
Wed, 2 Jun 2021										
Thu, 3 Jun 2021										
Fri, 4 Jun 2021										
Tue, 1 Jun 2021	2507	MUMBAI ROTARY	TBC		Satbir Chug					
Tue, 8 Jun 2021		COMMITTEE MEETINGS WEEK	Zoom or Director de signated locations							
Tue, 15 Jun 2021	2508	MOVIE NIGHT	TBC							
Tue, 22 Jun 2021	2509	SOLAR SPEAKER	TBC	WINTER SOLTICE						
Tue, 29 Jun 2021	2510	LOCKDOWN LEGENDS	TBC							
Tue, 6 Jul 2021	2511	CHANGE OVER DINNER								