

# The Geelong Tatler



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## **President:**

Sue Marshman

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## **Birthdays February:-**

**Feb 22nd Barry Cooper,**  
**Feb 26th Lynne Clarke,**  
**Feb 27th Paul Edwards.**

## **The Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Geelong**

**Rotary Meeting 16th February 2021**

**Zoom was back this week. Next week Capri for lunch.**

Even with short notice Zoom attracted close to 30 members. Thanks to Barry Cooper, Jon Momonski and John Seal.

## **Plaque to recognise Rotary at the Old Geelong Gaol**



For 24 years (1995 — 2019) the Rotary Club of Geelong operated the Old Geelong Gaol as a major tourist attraction. During this period Geelong Rotarians contributed in excess of 30,000 hours of voluntary work and raised over \$1.5 million for charitable Rotary projects, emphasising that Service is the very basis of Rotary.

A plaque providing a record of The Rotary Club of Geelong's long term involvement will be placed on permanent display in the courtyard of the Old Geelong Gaol.

Approximately A4 in size and etched into stainless steel it should provide long lasting recognition. Thanks to the new owners & the operators of Twisted History. More info to follow.

## **New Dinner Badges are on the way**



To conform with Rotary International requirements in relation to corporate identity and use of R.I. logo on all things Rotary we are in the process of ordering new badges. These will measure approx 85 mm x 54 mm and are a composite of metal and synthetic making them a lot lighter than the existing badges.

## **Recommended Viewing**

"Our Dementia Choir". great viewing 2 episodes available until 4th & 11th March

## **Feed the Needy**

We are now meeting and once again paying for our lunch but those in need still need support. As the various Government support schemes come to an end this need will be greater than ever.



## **Rotary Opens Opportunities**



## Rotary Meeting 16th February 2021



**Andrew Lawson** (Acting President) opened meeting and apologised on behalf of President Sue who was unavoidably absent due to work commitments.

Andrew thanked all who were able to attend via zoom, particularly those who have not been able to attend for a while.

Happy Birthday to Barry Cooper.

### **Treasurer's Report. David Barkley**

Board resolution to continue support for Food Relief (incl Fiji) as ongoing project.

Current: Outgoing \$2600 Fiji \$1200 DIK Donations \$275 Food Relief \$600, Fiji \$200 DIK

Income \$8600 Stomping (total to date) \$2460 Hams (Net)



### **Club Matters.**

Rotary Foundation – **Michelle Van Liessum.**

- ☐ Foundation support for Fiji – noted its importance

Public Relations/Social Media – **Ray French**

- ☐ New name badges in progress.
- ☐ Plaque for the Old Geelong Gaol being prepared to note and celebrate our 24 years of involvement.
- ☐ Request in from John Seal regarding an appropriate design for a flier related the Mo-town Music Festival.
- ☐ Help needed.



### **Membership. Beryl McMillan**

- ☐ Member survey almost ready to be circulated.
- ☐ Prospective members being followed up. Time of weekly meetings may be an issue with one.
- ☐ Des has requested that the membership committee coordinate Member Profiles in the short term.
- ☐ Governing Documents sent to Club from District received. Committee to make recommendations that better reflect our Club.
- ☐ Cultural Diversity across Rotary – Dsiversitat interested in talking to President Elects re development od such.
- ☐ Rotary 100 Relay. Emails to be sent to members soon regarding structure and arrangements.



### **Program. Des Graham**

- ☐ Next Speaker – Gwenda Thomas re Deafness and Auslan.
- ☐ Following week – member profiles.

### **International Service. Ewen Urquhart.**

- ☐ Food Relief to Fiji - \$2600
- ☐ Village has been hit by 2 more cyclones and is now totally wrecked and has had to be abandoned. The Government is looking for a suitable site to relocate the village, but in the meantime are living within the School grounds in tents supplied by AusAid. The Fiji Government has recently supplied 14 mobile toilets to augment the 2 toilets and showers that were



available for the 350 residents.

- ☐ The Board has decided that, as the need is so great, help for the village will be ongoing. PNG
- ☐ A container for PNG is being prepared at DIK.
- ☐ Many donations have been arriving. The storage facilities are filling quickly.



### **Community Service. David Harris.**

- ☐ Mentoring Program showing promise.
- ☐ Bethany Superhero Awards now repurposed as Bethany Help line.
- ☐ End Trachoma project In collaboration with RC Melbourne completed.
- ☐ Funds to Corryong RC transferred for Bush Fire relief. Notional funds available if needed
- ☐ Ongoing donations for local food relief.
- ☐ Music for Dementia. Bob is continuing to investigate this. Note- ABC program "Our Dementia Choir" recommended viewing. Available on Iview.

- ☐ Possibility of running a program alongside District Conference



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Youth and Vocational. **Neil Thomas.**

- ☐ John Seal working on the Motown Music Festival.
- ☐ Looking at working with The Gordon re Apprentice of the Year.
- ☐ Possible Community partnership with Headspace Geelong (operated by Barwon Child, Youth & Family).

Future Income. **Daryl Starkey.**

- ☐ Stomping \$8600 to date with project total to reach \$12k+ Note: April has 2 meetings that cross our current Lunch Meeting times. Will need to be addressed.
- ☐ Winchelsea Antique Road Fair to be delayed until 2022 as Covid outbreaks make it too risky to hold this year.
- ☐ Thankyou to the volunteers for the Steampacket market. Operates First Sunday of the

Month.

- ☐ Motown posters need to be prepared. Have had minimal feedback from Music staff at this stage.
- ☐ Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser date not yet announced. Will have a different time allocated this year.
- ☐ New Ideas needed.



Acting president Andrew thanked all Committee Chairpersons for their report and after a brief discussion closed the meeting to the sounds of Dianna Ross and the Supremes "Someday We'll Be Together."

**Special thanks to PETER MONK for this weeks notes.**

## Fiji Update from Joy Baxter



I am hopeful the club will consider helping our friends who are in crisis  
I have spoken to them to assess their present situation and what is crucial for them.

FOOD is in such short supply for the 350 or so refugees from their village. At present they are depending on contributions from other villages or buying what they can afford from the shop. All crops and fruit bearing trees were ripped from the ground by the 3 cyclones in 1 week.

ACCOMODATION . They have been living in the classrooms of the high school ( up to 4 families in 1 room) . School must resume so they have to relocate. TENTS are arriving via Ausralia Aid and a temporary location in the grounds of the local AOG Church (Assemblies of God ) is the next step.

I asked what hygiene facilities will be there -- 2 toilets ( 1 male , 1 female)  
2 showers.

Tents will be small and large. The large tent will have to accommodate several families. Eg. the small tent can take say 4 people and Esala's family consists of 5 adults and 3 children.

The government is tasked with finding a suitable site for a new village.

THE HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF THE FACILITIES ARE OF HUGE CONCERN AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THERE.ie lack of toilets and showers for possibly 350 people

No practical government immediate help seems to be coming.

Ewan and David you have both met the Labasa Rotary and they have been to the village when we invited them after one of our projects there. I wonder if through Rotary they also may be able to help at least with food.

Food is something agencies can help with and i am hoping the club will assist and provide this help as the situation for them is grave

Thank you for considering this request.

Joy Baxter ( former Rotarian and International Committee Member)

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Joy Baxter

15th Feb 2021



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