



# ROTACT

23 November 2020

## Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Geelong West

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Secretary	Kasia Quail	0437 957 943
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WE ARE ALSO AT:

[www.facebook.com/rotary.geelong.west](https://www.facebook.com/rotary.geelong.west)

[www.geelongwestrotary.com](http://www.geelongwestrotary.com)

## ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

Holger Knaack  
RI President 2020 - 2021

Notes in no particular order:

Freda welcomed all to the meeting and especially PDG Jane Cox who was to report on Australian Rotary Health.

David Dadds gave the invocation and toast to Rotary and the People of Australia.

He reminded us that the Christmas Night would be on Wednesday 9 December and that it would be 'FACE TO FACE'

Kasia gave us some news:

- TJ and family have written thanking the Club for its support
- Board has determined that a donation of \$1000 would be made to the "Peace of Mind Foundation". They may need volunteers to deliver hampers
- Board has determined that a donation of \$1000 would be made to "One Care" to help finance Christmas hampers.
- Board has determined that donation of \$1000 would be made to "Geelong Mums

Kasia reported that the Kokoda Youth Program is morphing into something bigger. She needed volunteers to attend the breakfast as he and Freda were not available.

**Working with Children checks are becoming mandatory and members should get them. It is an easy on line process. Lorraine Sawyer has details.**

**Jim Marendaz notes that a potential member's identity form has been distributed. (If you ain't got one; ask him) Please think of a person who might benefit from and benefit to Rotary, fill in the form and return to Jim. He'll do the rest**

Members on leave of absence:  
None known

From your President. (21/11/2020)

Two more meetings and lots of book sorting to go and then hopefully a brand new year where life can be more normal than this year.

A reminder that the AGM will be by zoom on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Annual report has been circulated for comment in readiness. We then have managed to organise a Xmas get together face to face on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Kasia will be sending out the invitation. We had to do this on a night different to our usual meeting night as venues are just not open on Mondays and often Tuesday as well. I hope with adequate notification we can get most of our members to attend with their partners. What a great night that will be!

On Monday last week the Past Presidents met to discuss two issues. The first was the future leadership of the Club and the formation of future Boards. The lack of new members, the aging of most of our current members and the structure of Rotary in Geelong were discussed. We all agreed that, despite the push from RI and the District to promote membership, new members will not automatically resolve the issues and that Rotary, especially in Geelong, needs to be looked at with new vision and there needs to be leadership from the District to do this. The Past Presidents did not rule out amalgamation of clubs if it meant that Rotary would survive in Geelong. The result of this was that we have written to DG Phil Beasley and our AG, Vici Furnell, and invited them to come and listen to the views of the members. We have asked them to attend on Monday 1 February and Jim, representing the Past Presidents, and myself will meet with them prior to the meeting.

The second discussion item was the celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia next year in March. The R100 group decided that the event would take the form of a baton relay, now reduced from two days to one, with possibly three batons moving in from Torquay, the Bellarine and Lara, possibly using Harleys from the Ulysses Club. The batons would pass through Geelong and be handed on from Club to Club, with small events at hand over stations culminating in a gathering of Rotarians in Johnson's Park with an address from the Mayor and our AG, and maybe an invitation for organisations helped by Rotary, to attend. The Past Presidents felt that this was going to be a huge effort for possibly small reward, especially so soon after our Book Fair in February. They were also concerned that glorifying Rotary and its achievements without trying to fund raise was not why we joined Rotary and doubted if the event was going to have any impact. As the R100 group need Club buy in by the end of November, I have sent an email to the organisers to let them know that we will not be participating but that we will be advertising the Book Fair as a celebration of 100 years of Rotary and asking Clubs to have their banners and any other information about what they have achieved on display at the event.

Take care everyone and I hope to see you on Monday.

### UPCOMING, FORTHCOMING AND SOON TO HAPPEN EVENTS:

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Geelong Combined Rotary Clubs are supporting a project to increase Blood Donations in Geelong. SO GET OUT AND DONATE OR ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE DONATIONS. After all there is always the possibility you, or someone you love, might need it.

**SOON TO HAPPEN  
AND IN A RETURN TO A VAGUE  
NORMAL  
TO BE ADVISED**

**SATURDAY 11.00 to 5.00 pm**

**SUNDAY 11.00 to 5.00 pm**

**Bring your own masks  
Social distancing a must  
Numbers are to be limited so let  
Michael know if you are available**

### Upcoming Meetings

**ZOOM MEETING  
30 November 2020**

**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING  
COME AND SEE HOW THE  
YEAR WENT  
(Reports have been circulated)**

**CHRISTMAS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY**

**9 December 2020**

**A face to face meeting  
after nearly nine months**

**At Ebony and Ivory  
189 Moorabool Street,  
Geelong**

**7.00 pm till whenever**

**Bring Guests  
Please get your  
acceptance to Kasia ASAP**

## Rotary Club of Geelong West

**Meets at: The 19th Tee, Queens Park Golf Course, 6.00 for 6.30 pm Monday**

**Apologies of Members or attendance of Guests should be advised via Whoozin by 10.00 am Monday**

**It is understood that members who have not apologised will pay the dinner cost**

### Meeting 23/11//2020

We welcomed guest speaker PDG Jane Cox (2015-16) who following her year as Governor was nominated to the Board of Australian Rotary Health.

ARH began in 1981 at the RC Mornington where member Ian Scott proposed an organization to do original research into SIDS. In 2000 the focus moved away from SIDS research, which was becoming well funded and better understood, and onto Mental Health Research to the point where ARH is now the largest research funder behind only the Government.

Jane told us that a major focus is now Young Australians with research into:

- Brain training
- Mood and young people
- School interaction study (bullying).

ARH is not a project of RI rather it is a project of the Rotary Clubs of Australia and financed within Australia by clubs and bequests. You may recall the Hat Day for ARH. This has now morphed into 'Lift the Lid' walk for mental health which is planned for next October (see article in latest RDU p55).

Another area in which ARH is active is in providing Indigenous Health scholarships. The scholarships are given in nursing, health and allied professions and interestingly are not available to first year students. Rather second and later students are eligible as the drop out rate of all university students appears to be high in the first year. This program has now been funded by Government for four years.

Finally Jane mentioned that ARH is linking into the 'Purple House' project in Northern Australia as there is a mental link...

Thanks to Jane for her information.

Further info at: <https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

Guests at the meeting:  
PDG Jane Cox

Puzzle No 1205

**Can you write down a four-letter word that is the same read forward, backwards or upside down?**

### MEETINGS:

#### 30 November 2020 Zoom Meeting

Invocation and Toast:

**STEPHEN YEWDALL**

Rooms, Fellowship & Badges:

**NOT REQUIRED**

Sergeant:

**NOT REQUIRED**

#### 9 December 2020 CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Invocation and Toast:

**DARYL McLURE**

Rooms, Fellowship & Badges:

**NOT REQUIRED**

Sergeant:

**NOT REQUIRED**

**PLEASE ORGANISE A MEMBER TO REPLACE  
YOU EVEN IF YOU ARE ON LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

Answer 1205  
The answer is NOON

Attendance on 23/11/2020:

Total 10

RCGW 9

Guests 1

### FACTS OF THE WEEK

The most common headphones issued on aeroplanes create a humid environment in the ear canal that is ideal for breeding bacteria. Wearing such headphones for an hour will increase the number of bacteria in your ear by up to 700 times.

Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations in the United States deems it illegal for citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles.

Refrigerating rubber bands extends their life.

Peanuts are among the many ingredients of dynamite.

The national anthem of Greece comprises 158 verses. No one in Greece is known to have memorized all 158 verses.

### BIRTHDAYS

Herman Rockefeller 16/11/2020

Mark McColl 30/11/2020

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Paul Bell 15/11/2020

### JOINED ROTARY

Barry Solomon 15/11/1995

Steve Mackay 23/11/1994

Paul Bell 27/11/2008

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**