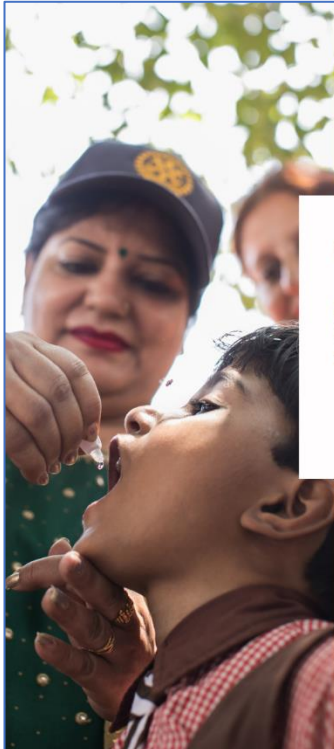


News and Updates

Highlights

Our next meeting: Wednesday 28 October. 7.00pm



Rotary
Portland Bay

END POLIO NOW

LATE EFFECTS OF POLIO
Why it is so important to keep working towards eradication

Polio Australia
Representing polio survivors throughout Australia

Join us on
Wednesday 28 October at
7.00 pm on Zoom.
Register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/126691416437>

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SOCIAL CLUB ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER: 7:00 AM
MEETING FOR BREAKFAST IN COMMITTEES
various locations –
watch your email for details

We have had feedback regarding Club Assembly, also looked at our past attendances for this monthly event and realise we need to shake it up a bit. While we can't all meet face to face as a club as yet at the Blue Room, we can meet in smaller groups face to face. So please join us for a social breakfast, you will be emailed details ASAP.

October: Economic & Community Development Month

Meetings COVID19 Schedule

Please note schedule subject to change – if unsure, please contact the President or Secretary

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 7.00 pm

Register link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88437220404?pwd=WmpBcIVxK0duYVhKVkdXRnRZbW5MQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 3722 0404
Passcode: 926126

We welcome visitors and guests. Please advise our Attendance Officer by 1:00pm on Wednesday should you wish to bring a visitor. **Members are obligated to register an apology should they be unable to attend.**

Leave of Absence or Excused

- Peter Lyons
- Graeme Coysh
- Susan Antony
- Lynne McCabe
- Kylie Huf
- Susanne Johnstone

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 28 Oct: Polio Day
- FACE to FACE Club Assembly
- 18 NOV: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND BAY

Annual General Meeting

18 NOVEMBER 2020
7.00 AM via ZOOM

Rotary
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| | 28 th October 2020 |
| Meeting Number | 1083 |
| Chairperson | Deb Jones |
| Programme | 7pm Zoom meeting – Guest Speaker – Polio Speaker to be confirmed |
| 3 minute Speaker | N/A |
| Meals on Wheels | Meals on Wheels 7th November Kerry Arnott |
| Birthdays | 29th Peter |
| Anniversaries | |

October 2020

Providing Great Tasting Water to Portland, Port Fairy and Heywood



The Great Tasting Water Project is looking for feedback from the community. Fill out the online survey here:

<https://wannonwater.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/great-tasting-water>

Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life forever.

Amy Poehler

Providing *Great Tasting Water* to Portland, Port Fairy and Heywood



What we are committed to:

Our ambition is that customers have water that is not just safe and secure, but also tastes great. This project aims to deliver long-term community health and commercial benefits. It provides an opportunity to build new water treatment infrastructure which enhances the quality and taste of tap water.

The *Great Tasting Water* project

The *Great Tasting Water* project is focused on enhancing the lives of residents in Port Fairy, Portland and Heywood by reducing the mineral salts in the town water supply.

We know from feedback that many of our customers don't like the taste of water in these three towns. The water is sourced from deep underground. Once treated, it is safe to drink, but it has naturally occurring mineral salts which impact the taste. The mineral salts also cause scaling of water appliances, which in turn affects households and businesses.

To reduce the mineral salts, our existing water treatment plants need to be upgraded to include desalination technology. This uses high pressure to force water through an ultra-fine membrane filter, allowing just the pure water to pass through - not the mineral salts. This process doesn't require any additional chemicals to be added to the water. The treated water would then be blended with groundwater to produce a better tasting tap water.

The *Great Tasting Water* project is still in the early planning stage where we are investigating the costs and potential benefits. Our consultants, GHD, have completed a preliminary feasibility report which shows a reverse osmosis plant would be expensive to build and operate. However, our research indicates the overall benefits would outweigh these costs.

It is important to note that we haven't secured funding

for the project. Funding opportunities will be sought based on the final feasibility report and the community engagement feedback.

What are the benefits?

We partnered with Deakin University Obesity Centre, Jaguar Consulting and GHD to assess the issues and potential benefits. Much of the research showed positive health outcomes for local communities.

Our work to date has found that:

- Residents in Portland, Port Fairy, and Heywood drink less tap water than the state average
- Bottled water consumption in the three towns is significantly higher than the state average
- Reducing the mineral salts will improve the taste, and encourage more people to drink tap water (instead of bottled water or sugary drinks)
- Increased water consumption reduces rates of obesity, diabetes and dental-related issues
- People who don't drink tap water are also missing out on the recognised benefits of fluoridated water
- Reducing the mineral salts will minimise the scale on machinery and appliances that use tap water
- Increased tap water consumption will reduce bottled water purchases, and in turn reduce the amount of plastic waste in our communities.



Feedback to date

We've met with stakeholders including the State Government, local government, regional and local organisations to discuss the *Great Tasting Water* project. The feedback has been very supportive of the concept, with many key stakeholders keen to see the project become a reality.

One suggestion of note was to further investigate and assess potential environmental benefits created through a reduction in waste (primarily single use water bottles).

Stakeholders agreed that improving the taste of water would strengthen the reputation of each town involved, supporting the tourism industry and reducing costs spent on bottled water purchases.

The need to engage with each community was also seen as important. This will allow us to understand individual issues and perceptions, and explain the benefits of the project.

Why should I get involved?

If you would like to see this project go ahead, you need to become involved. We need to demonstrate overwhelming community support so the project can be considered for funding.

This is your chance to make a difference.

Over the next few weeks we'll be talking to the communities of Portland, Port Fairy and Heywood about the *Great Tasting Water* project. We're inviting all members of the community to contribute to this important discussion.

Your contribution will help us better understand the costs and benefits associated with the project, in particular the impact on household budgets. We'll be seeking feedback on your taste preferences for tap water as well.

We'll also be speaking with local businesses to understand their current costs related to the existing tap water quality, and how this could be improved.

Join the discussion

From Monday 21 September to Sunday 8 November, there will be a number of opportunities for you to contribute to the *Great Tasting Water* discussion:

- Visit our website to learn more about the project
- Complete the short online survey
- Have an informal chat with one of our team members.

Further information

Visit wannonwater.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/great-tasting-water

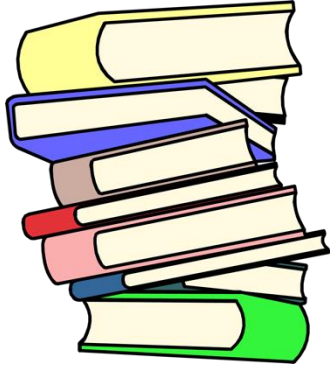
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Second Hand Book Sale

**As well as
Art and Craft by local Artists
Home Grown Garden Produce
And Plants**



**Saturday 31st October 10 am – 4 pm
Sunday 1st November 10 am - 2 pm**

**At the Warrnambool Club
86 Kepler St, Warrnambool**