



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AND AROUND & ABOUT WITH PRESIDENT BILL

### Last Monday's meeting

On Monday we were pleased to welcome Mike Andrews as our guest presenter, a Mount Martha resident of some 12 years, who actually met Tom Goulding while supporting our Christmas raffle.

The meeting was chaired by Greg Buchanan, Mike shared his very interesting history, as an orphan arriving in Western Australia from England in the early 1950's and his terrifying early years at the Fairbridge Orphanage. Escaping as a 14 yr old, Mike soon after joined the Navy and remained there until discharge 5yrs later.

He then made his way from Sydney to Melbourne and in his late teens joined Fitzroy in VFL. Mike had the remarkable experience of meeting HRH Queen Elizabeth when she attended a match in 1970. Against team orders he actually spoke with her.

Soon after Mike was re-united briefly with his sisters and met his future wife, before settling in to business near Myrtleford.

Returning to Melbourne with his wife, he has had a varied professional career, including ownership of 2 LJ Hooker businesses and then on to Karcher (the high pressure spray people) where he remained until retirement.

Mike was a fascinating guest who gave much of himself, very openly and warmly, without requiring a Powerpoint.

Given some of the hardships he endured during his early life, Mike shared much wisdom. We thank Mike for his presentation and would welcome him to return anytime.

Merv Williams again challenged our Rotary knowledge with "Merv's Education Moment" this time he spoke of the 7 Areas of Service. From memory they are:

1. Saving Mothers and Children
2. Promoting Peace
3. Protecting the environment
4. Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene.
5. Supporting Education
6. Fighting Disease
7. Growing local economies

Phew!! I wasn't that familiar either. We are fortunate to have in our midst such experience across long term members, including our former District Governors. We will keep this segment going.

Jon and Angie Fly (new Secretary of Sunshine Reserve Committee) attended as guests of Gill Gordon, Ron Najim again as Peter Rawlings' guest and we were thrilled that Tom Goulding also attended.

Jonathan Mayne updated us on progress with the birthing kits in PNG and Bill Cummins updated us on changes to the Let's Go Cruisin' BBQ. Colin Stokes will be assisting with BBQ rosters during Bill's leave of absence.

**20th February 2023**

**Rotary Club of Mt Martha  
PO Box 342,  
Mornington 3931**

**Rotary International  
World President:  
Jennifer Jones**

**District Governor 9820:  
Paul Mee**

**Mount Martha President:  
Bill Branthwaite  
Mobile 0438 148 858  
bill\_branthwaite@mac.com**

**Secretary:  
Janet Pugh  
Mobile 0410 328 636  
secretary.rcmm@gmail.com**

**Bulletin Editor:  
Byron Groves  
Contributions required  
by Thursday 6pm each week to  
byron.groves58@gmail.com**

**Website Editor:  
Merv Williams  
mervcris@bigpond.com**

**FaceBook Editor  
Phyllis Scales  
phylscales@yahoo.com**

**These Celebrations are  
for the week's  
from 20th to 26th  
February 2023**

**Birthdays  
Wayne Norris 24th**

**Wedding Anniversaries  
Nil**

**Rotary Anniversaries  
Nil**

- continued from page 1 -

### Bunnings BBQ result from Saturday 18th February

What a great result yesterday by all the Rotary members who worked on the Bunnings BBQ.

We had takings of	\$2,565.30
Expenses of	<u>\$ 596.07</u>
<b>Profit of</b>	<b>\$1,969.23</b>

We sold 30 packs of sausages, that's over 700 of them, plus on my rough calculation about 70 drinks.

A great result and good fundraiser for the Club.

### This Monday's meeting

Members are reminded that we will induct Peter Wiltshire this Monday 20th, his wife Julie is expected to attend also.

Julia Young our Heritage and Cultural Advisor from Mornington Peninsula Shire will be our Guest Speaker and will share her role with us

### Next Monday 27th February Club meeting

On February 27 our guest speaker is Mr Barry Weller. Barry followed a career as a photographer for some 50 years plus. He spent 6 years as the assistant to Mr Norman Parkinson, the Worlds greatest fashion and portrait photographer.

Barry has travelled to all corners of the World to shoot pictures for fashion magazine Vogue. He has met the most famous and well known people that most of us only read about. He will give us a bit of "Goss" and show us some amazing pictures. He tells me he will give away a couple of his books on the night to those that can answer a simple question that he will pose, it's a bit of fun, so pay attention.

Barry assures me his talk will be very light hearted and sometimes very funny.

This is an ideal night to bring along your partner and/or friends to hear a great Speaker

### International Women's Day—Wednesday 1st March 2023

**Please see the Flyer on page 6** of this Bulletin. The weblink to book is

<https://allevents.in/mornington/rotary-international-womens-day-breakfast/10000474482007457>

If you press Control and Enter at the same time, the link will work.

### Clean Up Australia Day

**When:** Sunday 5th March - 9.00am

**Where:** sign in at the BERG desk outside Ritchies IGA

**What you will be doing:** We have been allotted the area along Balcombe Creek from the Rotunda to the bottom end of Henley Avenue

**What will be provided:** We will be given bags but apparently, they are in short supply, so if you have some bring them (ideally hessian or similar – not plastic!)

**What you need to bring:** Gloves and tongs for those items you don't want to touch or are out of reach. Be mindful of weather conditions e.g. water and/or rain coats and sturdy shoes!

Yours in Rotary

President Bill

**FEBRUARY IS PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH**

Mon 20 Feb **RCMM Club Meeting** - Guest Speaker is Julie Young - Heritage & Cultural Adviser at Mornington Peninsula Shire

Fri 24 to Sun 26 Feb **District 9820 Conference**

Mon 27 Feb **RCMM Club Meeting** - Guest Speaker is Barry Weller - Topic is Royal and Celebrity Photography with Royal tours etc. Chair is David Wheeler. This will be a partners night as Barry has some great stories to tell.

**MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH**

Wed 1 Mar **International Women’s Day Breakfast** - **see Flyer on page 6**

Sun Mar 5 **Clean Up Australia** commencing at 9am

Mon 6 Mar **RCMM Committee Meetings**

Tue 7 Mar **Let’s Go Cruisin’ BBQ** - **see Roster on page 4**

Wed 8 Mar **RCMM Board Meeting**

Mon 13 Mar **No Meeting** - Public Holiday

Fri 17 Mar **Bunnings BBQ** - **see Roster on page 4**

Mon 20 Mar **RCMM Club Meeting** - Pride of Workmanship Awards - Chair is Barrie Sweeney

Mon 27 Mar **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA

**Rotary Club of Mount Martha (RCMM) Environment Statement**

RCMM acknowledges the importance of protecting and preserving the environment. RCMM is proactive in promoting environmentally sustainable projects. RCMM ensures that at all current and future Rotary projects and events, consideration will be given to:

- Reducing Waste
- Promoting Recycling
- Reducing the Environmental Impact


**OUR COMMUNITY & CLUB SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL**

Community Bank  
Mount Martha

 **Bendigo Bank**


 **Rawlings Featherstone**  
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

  
**Warlimont & Nutt**  
PENINSULA REAL ESTATE  
SINCE 1952

  
**OBrien Real Estate**

 **Progress Signs**

  
**HILLVIEW QUARRIES**

 **Choices**  
Flooring  
by Smiths  
Cnr Bruce Street & Tyabb Road, Mornington **5975 2600**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS**

**BUNNINGS BBQ'S**

**8 to 11am**

Rob Davies  
Greg Buchanan  
David Wheeler  
Peter Warren

**11am to 2pm**

**Friday 17th March 2023**

Byron Groves  
Carol Allen  
Wayne Norris  
Ray Martin  
Anne Shaw

**2pm to 5pm**

Gordon Morriss  
Phyllis Scales  
Barrie Sweeney  
Colin Stokes

**Saturday 8th April 2023 (Easter Saturday)**

Rob Davies  
Wayne Jenkins  
Peter Warren  
Tom Barrett

Peter Rawlings  
Roger Annear  
Anne Shaw  
Ray Martin  
Bruce Ranken

Byron Groves  
Phyllis Scales  
Barrie Sweeney  
Gordon Morriss

**Friday 19th May 2023**

Rob Davies  
Merv Williams  
David Wheeler  
Wayne Jenkins

Roger Annear  
Peter Rawlings  
Wayne Norris  
Ray Martin  
Anne Shaw

Byron Groves  
Tom Barrett  
Peter Warren  
Colin Stokes

**Friday 16th June 2023**

Rob Davies  
Merv Williams  
Tom Barrett  
Wayne Jenkins

Peter Rawlings  
Peter Warren  
Carol Allen  
Ray Martin  
Anne Shaw

Bill Cummins  
Barrie Sweeney  
Phyllis Scales  
Colin Stokes

**If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Colin Stokes (acting BBQ Convenor) and Byron Groves (Bulletin)**

**LET'S GO CRUISIN'**

**Tuesday 7th March 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm**

Roger Annear, Tom Barrett, Wayne Jenkins, Colin Stokes, Tim Jolly, Bill Cummins, Rob Davies, Carol Allen

**Tuesday 4th April 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm**

Byron Groves, Ray Martin, Wayne Jenkins, Tim Jolly, Colin Stokes, Gordon Morriss, Phyl Scales

**If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Colin Stokes (acting BBQ Convenor) and Byron Groves (Bulletin)**

## A TALE from PNG that just grew and grew

Hospital orderly, Moses Pulop, was telling a patient how the water supply to his village of Komea in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea had been devastated in an earthquake. The patient's visitor heard the story and relayed it to his neighbor, PDG David Crane who passed it on to his Rotary Club of Mount Martha who then invited Moses to visit and tell the club his story. The then Mount Martha President, Roger Skipsey, recommended the restoration to the board as an International project.

The club secured an MOU from the village elders, a quote from a supplier in Mount Hagen for guttering, piping, taps and cement on which to set the tanks and the project was underway. The villagers of Komea led by Moses' brother, Pastor/Teacher, Timothy Pulop, built a holding tank by a spring and piped water to tanks and ran pipes to taps throughout the village of 1000+. The villagers were amazing and hung the guttering on the few tin roofs to enhance water capture, dug the trenches, laid the pipes and installed the taps. It was completed in a month and all for less than \$10,000.

So excited at having running water they held a celebration and came back with a request. "We have clan connections in the village of Sigri. They have no water. Could you help them?"



Sigri is mainly a Christian village of about 1,500 but had no immediate water supply. Water had to be brought by hand in buckets from a river 2km away. There are structures in the village with tin roofs but no guttering, thus all rainfall is lost. In collaboration with PNG National, Moses Pulop who lives in Torquay and his brother Pastor Timothy, we formed a plan to paint the roofs, install guttering, down-

pipes, and ran piping into 4 x 9,500 litre tanks and then onto taps throughout the village. A visiting local Government official was so impressed by what he observed happening in Sigri that he provided a fifth tank and we put in an extra \$2,000 for more piping and supplies. Money was also donated by Moses for transport, the Rotary Club of Warrnambool Central: \$2,500, and the board of Dragon Boats Australia: \$2,000 through PP Jonathan Mayne and Douglas Sinclair to bolster the Rotary Club's contributions, then another \$1,350 was able to be paid direct to the Trading Company to get more supplies in time to complete the task for the celebrations on New Year's Eve.

The villagers brought the supplies from Mount Hagen, then in bare feet, with a bamboo ladder work commenced. A villager had a fall from that ladder but fortunately wasn't hurt. We then paid for a better ladder and they installed the guttering, downpipes and also painted the roofs to ensure the water runoff was clean. The women and even children carried water from the river to mix cement for the tank bases. The men dug the trenches, laid the piping, set a series of taps in place and now for

the very first time the villagers of Sigri, like their clan folk in Komea, have clean, running water on tap.

The entire operation in Sigri was completed by the villagers in under a month and cost less than \$12,000. On seeing the photos and hearing the story, a Mornington councillor remarked, "If that was done here it would have taken 6 months in review, 3 years to complete and cost half a million dollars".

Ingin consists of some 3,000 villagers, mostly in scattered huts with thatched roofs but some have tin roofs. There is a school for up to 800 children where Timothy teaches with no toilets and no running water. To fetch water is a round trip to a creek almost 1km away. Rotary is committed to resolve this situation, so with Timothy's help we will set in place an MOU, get a plan of how this water capture may be achieved and a quote for all the tanks and materials required. Like the villagers in Komea and Sigri the villagers in Ingin will apply guttering to tin roofs, install all the downpipes, dig the trenches and lay a network of pipes and tanks to provide running water throughout the village.

Ingin is also where Poppy, the local midwife is located and she lives and works from a small hut with a thatched roof and no running water. She has modest qualifications in midwifery and for more than ten years has been assisting in the birth of babies all over the region in a completely voluntary capacity.

Timothy, our point man onsite lives in Komea, studied at the Bible College near Sigri and teaches at the school in Ingin, a school that has no running water or toilets. Poppy cried and jumped for joy when told she was getting the birthing kits. Without Poppy's help, what often happens in the remote highland villages is that when a lady is about to deliver she goes out into the bush,



finds a comfortable spot on the ground and with traditional help of an older woman from the village her baby is delivered.



PNG has an appalling loss of newborn babies and sometimes the mother is also lost due to infection which is a serious risk factor in such unhygienic situations.

The Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia produce and distribute kits all over the world and many of their kits go to PNG. The kits consist of a plastic sheet to provide a clean surface on which the expectant mother is placed. There are gloves, string to tie the cord, a sterile blade to cut the cord, gauze, soap and disinfectant, all packaged for A\$5.00. The Rotary Club of Mount Martha was short of funds when Moses and I visited Warrnambool Central to thank them for their financial support and share with them what we had achieved with their help and what more we hoped to do. Without hesitation they chipped in \$500 which allowed us to order and send 200 birthing kits through Timothy for Poppy.

Our next project is to develop a water catchment system for Ingin. Take advantage of the existing metal roofs, install a few more, including a hut with tin roof and elevated tank for Poppy,

Jonathan Mayne PP PHF — Coordinator - 16 February 2023



Presented by the Rotary Clubs  
Mount Eliza, Mt Martha & Frankston North

# International Women's Day Breakfast

*#Embrace Equity*

**Wednesday 1st March 2023**



## Our Guest Speakers:



Diana Sayed

Chief Executive Office  
at the Australian Muslim Women's Centre  
for Human Rights



Suzanne Nielsen

BPharm BPharm(Sc)Hons PhD MPS  
Professor (Research) & Deputy Director  
Monash Addiction Research Centre

## Mornington Racecourse

**6:45am-9am Tickets: \$55**

**Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets**