



WHAT'S HAPPENING AND AROUND & ABOUT WITH PRESIDENT BILL

Great Outdoors and 4 x 4 Expo:

I want to pay special mention to Roger Annear for his remarkable effort in assembling a group of volunteers to undertake parking duties during the recent Great Outdoors and 4 x 4 Expo.

I am sure Roger will elaborate on the success of this endeavour during our meeting on Monday evening. All members should be in attendance on the evening, as a show of respect for Rogers efforts, with thanks also to those Rotarians who gave up time on their weekend to help.

An interview with Rotary International President Jennifer Jones:

Program director David Wheeler has confirmed that an interview by Past International President, Ian Riseley with the current Rotary International President Jennifer Jones will be shown during our Monday evening meeting. This interview was screened during the event District Conference and from accounts, was both entertaining and informative.

With the Rotary International Conference in Melbourne during May, this is an apt time to gain some insights.

Fusion Gala Dinner

The Fusion Gala Dinner is being held on Saturday 1st April at 6pm at the Peninsula Community Theatre in Wilsons Road, Mornington. A Flyer advertising the Dinner is on page 6 of this Bulletin. I will highlight this Dinner again in more detail in next week's Bulletin.

Yours in Rotary - President Bill

GREAT OUTDOOR & 4X4 EXPO CAR PARKING

Well done, thank you all for terrific effort over the Labour Day long weekend. Friday was busy, Saturday much busier, Sunday mega busy and Monday just a constant stream of cars to park.

There were over 11,000 patrons who visited the expo which would be over 4,000 cars plus the exhibitors cars, say another 1,000 or more.

The management of GTR Events were pleased with our car parking results which helped make their event a pleasant one for their patrons and successful one for the company.

A special thanks to those from outside our Rotary Club who gave valuable support on all four days including Ron and Merryn from VMR, David, Jon and Catriona from Repower, Lynne and Nikki from MMLSC. Also a special mention to Past President Tom G, Andrew K (friend of mine), Ruth, Lyn's sister who did two of the 4 hour plus 7:30am morning shifts and my wife Lyn. Also to Colin Stokes who handled three shifts and Ann Shaw who wielded immense control over the incoming vehicles and the wandering pedestrians, more power and fun than that of the Mayor of Mornington Peninsula Shire.

You all pitched in and made it so much easier and I am sure it will be a successful result for our Rotary Club and the beneficiaries who we support in our community.

Thank you again - Roger Annear

20th March 2023

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**These Celebrations are
for the week from 20th
to 26th March 2023**

**Birthdays
Anne Shaw 23rd
Bill Brathwaite 23rd
Bill Cummins 25th**

**Wedding Anniversaries
Nil**

**Rotary Anniversaries
Peter Rawlings 20/2006
Mary McIntyre 26/2018**



VALE = DAWN CONBOY PAUL HARRIS FELLOW 2011

It is sad to report that Dawn Conboy who was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by the Club in 2011 passed away at the end of February.

Dawn was a country girl from Tatyoon near Ararat who dedicated her life to nursing, her family and her community. After moving to Mount Martha in 1974 with husband Bruce and sons Cameron and Lachlan after nursing in PNG, Dawn continued nursing at the Hastings Bush Hospital for 17 years then 10 years home nursing for Veterans Affairs. She still found time to serve her community. Mount Martha Pre-School and Primary School committees, Mount Martha Scout Group (35+ yrs), Schnapper Point Venturer Unit, Mount Martha CFA (40 yrs), and a Dromana Presbyterian Church Elder (35+ yrs). Those organisations all benefitted from Dawn's attention and leadership.

Dawn made an untiring service to our society. In response to being awarded a PHF Dawn commented that *"she was surprised by the award but would not change any of her past experiences and commitments to her nursing profession and volunteerism in the community"*.

Sadly Dawn will be missed by her family, community, and her friends. - PP Roger Annear

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA 2023



Rotary Club of Mt Martha once again took part in the clean up around the Beach and Estuary.

We were assigned by BERG the area between the estuary picnic ground and the start of the Board walk.

The two members present Rob and Colin filled a couple of large bags with rubbish, and in the picture are seen at the BERG station where the sorting of rubbish was taking place. A hot but worthwhile effort.



REPOWER MORNINGTON PENINSULA EXPO IN MOUNT MARTHA

On Saturday 18th March, Rotarians Wayne J, Rob D, Peter W and Anne Shaw supported the Repower Expo in Mount Martha conducting a Rotary BBQ selling Sausages, Drinks and Egg and Bacon Rolls. We also had offers of support from Colin Stokes and Peter Warren.

The profits on the day will go to the Mount Martha CFA.

This was an incredibly important public relations exercise, particularly endorsing our Environment portfolio. We must never underestimate the power of our presence in our community. Thank you for the tremendous effort!! We had both Local and State Government representatives attend the event, that is a great indication of Community support.

A great opportunity for strengthening our new connection with Repower Mornington Peninsula which no doubt will grow in the future. This is why I joined Rotary, to support our volunteer organisations and our community.

Anne Shaw - Community Service Director

MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH

Mon 20 Mar **RCMM Club Meeting** - PIP Ian Riseley interview with current International President Jennifer Jones - Chair is President Bill
 Mon 27 Mar **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Apr 1 **Fusion Gala Dinner** - see Flyer on page 6
 Apr 3 **RCMM Committee Meetings**
 Apr 8 **Easter Saturday - Bunnings BBQ** - see Roster on page 4
 Apr 10 **No Meeting - Easter Monday**
 Apr 13 **RCMM Board Meeting**
 Apr 17 **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA
 Apr 24 **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

May 1 **RCMM Committee Meetings**
 May 8 **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA
 May 10 **RCMM Board Meeting**
 May 15 **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA
 May 19 **Bunnings BBQ** - see Roster on page 4
 May 22 **RCMM Club Meeting** - TBA
 May 29 **RCMM Social Night (5th Monday)**

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

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

8 to 11am

11am to 2pm

2pm to 5pm

Saturday 8th April 2023 (Easter Saturday)

Rob Davies
Wayne Jenkins
Peter Warren
Tom Barrett

Peter Rawlings
Carol Allen
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

Carol Allen
Peter Rawlings
Wayne Norris
Ray Martin
Anne Shaw

Byron Groves
Tom Barrett
Peter Warren
Colin Stokes

Friday 16th June 2023

Rob Davies
Gordon Morriss
Tom Barrett
Wayne Jenkins

Peter Rawlings
Peter Warren
Carol Allen
Anne Shaw
Byron Groves

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' BBQ

Tuesday 4th April 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm - BBQ TBA

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)

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

TEMPORARY FUNDS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF

As a Rotarian, you can now support immediate relief for people affected by the devastating floods in Pakistan, the war in Ukraine, and the destructive earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Catastrophic earthquakes have devastated parts of Turkey and Syria, killing tens of thousands of people and destroying countless homes and other buildings. Rotary members are people of action, so when calamity strikes, they want to help. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have authorized contributions to the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund through 31 March to be directed to humanitarian relief efforts to help people in urgent need of housing, medical care, and other necessary basics.

Before that, the Trustees also established two temporary funds to respond to the flooding in Pakistan and the ongoing war in Ukraine. In Pakistan, devastating flash floods last year affected more than 33 million people, washing away 2 million homes and displacing 8 million residents. About one-third of the country was submerged. In Ukraine, around 18 million people, or 40% of the country's population, required humanitarian assistance by the end of 2022, according to the United Nations.

Contributions to both the Pakistan fund and the Ukraine fund will be accepted through to 31st December. The funds will be available to districts through grants until 30 June 2024. After that, any funds that haven't been spent will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund to be used for disasters worldwide.

To help these communities, you members can:

[Donate](#) to one or more of the funds

[Contribute](#) your District Designated Funds to any of the efforts

Learn more about the response funds to help [Turkey and Syria](#) and [Pakistan and Ukraine](#)

Use [Raise for Rotary](#) to fundraise among your colleagues, friends, and family



SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023 6PM

Peninsula Community Theatre
91 Wilsons Rd, Mornington

FUSION PRESENTS

ORDINARY BRAVERY

GALA DINNER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

COMMUNITY BANK MOUNT MARTHA

Join us in celebrating the everyday moments of ordinary bravery in our community.

This year's Gala Dinner is an opportunity to hear stories of hope for a brighter tomorrow and to choose to see the best of humanity in our community. Support us to raise vital funds that allow us to continue to house young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, offer mentoring support, education opportunities and more.

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

3 course Gourmet Dinner,
Mocktails, Local Live Entertainment
and Silent and Live Auctions

TICKETS \$85 PER PERSON
OR \$800 TABLE OF 10

DRESS Cocktail

Book via our website morningtonpeninsula.fusion.org.au/events
or scan the QR Code. Tickets are limited so book today!

Please note this is a dry event (no alcohol) held for guests aged 15 and over
All enquiries can be directed to paula@functioningtogether.com.au



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