



Smoke Signals

Issue #08 27th September 2023



Welcome

Apologies: Sarah, John, Richard

Guests: Søren, Viktoria, Trinity

Birthdays:

Happy birthday to the club- 69th anniversary.

8th October- Ron Bau

President's Report:

Revote by district. 86.2% of clubs said no

Secretary report:

Email from men's shed regarding possible upcoming courses.

- We are looking for interested participants in the first aid course and of course males for the men's Health

No dates as yet set, because we need numbers to lock in the tutors

We want the first aid course to focus on more senior members of our community. (As I say if older husband / wife has a turn then the other partner need to know basic first aid and how to call ambulance etc.)

- Roger Morgan from Kilmore - dinner to support a school in Madagascar.
- Myrtleford Show Gates. Saturday 28th October – there will be 2 entry points this year. Also online ticket sales.

Treasurer Report:

- Purchased a new computer for the secretary.

Member reports:

- Evan - Lions borrowed Apex trailer and Bain Marie.

3 Min Speaker:

Alan, thanked those who sponsored legacy walk. Passed around photos.

Guest Speaker: Søren

Birthday 23rd December

Soccer is a big hobby and have travelled overseas to see games.

Why did I choose to go on exchange? I have always travelled, but with parents. This gives me a new experience. I like to explore the world. Comment of the night "I didn't come here for school."

Have experienced the magpies swooping while riding.

Major differences between Denmark and Australia.

We have mountains, lots of animals, beaches and you see very few people when travelling on the roads in Australia in comparison to city life in Denmark.

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Programme

Wednesday 4 October:

Toast: Ken

Chair: Sarah

Sgt. Evan

Guest Speaker:

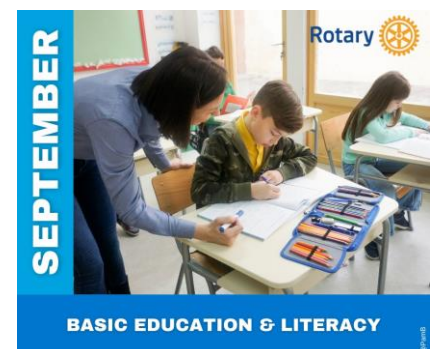
Sunday 8 October

**Joint club lunch at Club Savoy
for DG's Visit**

12pm-1pm

Wednesday 11 October:

NO MEETING



The Rotary Club of Myrtleford

Reg No.: A0020847W • Chartered 27
 Sept. 1954

ABN 87 356 430 283 • Club # 18284

DISTRICT 9790

Meetings: Wednesdays 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Venue: Club Savoy, Myrtleford

Postal Address: PO Box 395, Myrtleford,
 Vic. 3737

2023 — 2024 BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: John Forsyth

Secretary: Helen Hunter

Treasurer: Magda Macdonald

Pres. Elect/Club Service:

Immediate Past President: Evan Jones

Rotary Foundation: Alan Garside

Public Relations: Vanessa & Gail

Service Projects:

OTHER OFFICERS

Community & Vocational Service: Alma Adams

International Service: Phil Macdonald

Youth Service: Surrey Hunter

Membership.....Carla Bau

Sergeant-at-Arms: Rotational

Fellowship:

Programme:

Public Officer:Ken Johnston

On to Conference: Evan Jones

Bulletin Vanessa Leonard & Gail Robertson

Community Bus Richard Dean

Book Fair Sarah Deas

BBQ Trailer..... Sam Crisci

Wood Raffle..... Alan Garside

District Governor:Neta Kirby

Assistant Governor.....Patrick O'Shea

**President Rotary International
 Gordon R. McInally**



Inception.... Soren presenting at this week's meeting.
 Carrying the torch... Alan at the Legacy Torch relay in Bendigo



Rotary

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a Rotary meeting being held someplace in the world every hour of every day. If you attended one meeting per day, it would take nearly 80 years to visit all of the more than 46,000 Rotary clubs in the world, and by that time, no doubt, there would be thousands more new clubs to attend



Chartered on 27th September, 1954



The Rotary Club of Wangaratta made preliminary investigations regarding the formation of a Rotary Club in Myrtleford in April 1954.

Rotarian Arch Green, of the Wangaratta Rotary Club, was appointed by Governor Eric Stinton as Governor's Special Representative, and in his survey of the Myrtleford area, he was assisted by Rotarians Len Greenwood, Watty Smith, Joe Larkins, Norm Nunn, Spence Ross, Vic Walker, Tom Purdy and others. Since that time we have had many happy associations with these and other members of our Mother Club.

The Reverend S.G. Titler then the Minister of St. Paul's Church of England, arranged for the Parish Hall to be made available for the first meeting of probable members in June 1954.

The Rotary Club of Myrtleford was organised on 18th August 1954, the Charter was granted on 27th September, 1954, and the Charter was presented on 20th November, 1954 by the District Governor, Alex Sellars, at the Charter Night held in the R.S.L. Hall.

Charter members, in alphabetical order were: Ken Alexander, Bert Attridge, Peter Barnett, Arthur Clayton, Jack Cleeland, Eddie Dean, Jack Gaylard, Geoff Heberle, Perc Jackson, Dooley McIntyre, Norm McGeehan, Tom McGeehan, Les Milbourne, George Powell, Frank Rees, Tom Rinaudo, Reg Robertson, Bert Semmens, Ern Shears, Harry Smith, Ron Steel, Stan Theobald, Chas Toner, Arthur Treloar, Jack Wacker. Cyril Westacott.

When the Club was organised, the members present elected Les Milbourne as their President; Ern Shears as Vice-President; Geoff Heberle as Secretary, and Arthur Treloar as Treasurer.

As this was Rotary International's Golden Jubilee Year, five Directors were elected, the fifth being in charge of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. The five Directors elected were: Bert Attridge, Eddie Dean, Peter Barnett, Reg Robertson and Ron Steel.

At the Charter Dinner, President Les Milbourne appointed Dooley McIntyre as Sergeant-at-Arms.

As Les Milbourne's year would not have been a full twelve months if he had retired at the end of June 1955, he continued as President until the end of June, 1956.

Gifts received from other Rotary Clubs included:- Gong and Gavel from Wangaratta; Rotary Wheel Signs from Footscray; Fines Box from Wodonga, Lectern, photo of Her Majesty, the Queen, Plaque Box and cheques.

Clubs represented at the Charter Night Dinner were: Seymour, Melbourne, Essendon, Wangaratta, Benalla, Albury, Wodonga, Yarrawonga, Mulwala, Bendigo, Frankston, Footscray and Euroa.

Regular meetings of the Club were at the time held in the old billiard room at the Myrtleford Hotel.

During this period, two new members were admitted - Hugh Price on 29th June, 1955, and Clarrie Rootsey on 15th February 1956.

First official Governor's visit to the Club was made by District Governor Frank Ayre on the 18th April 1956.

During its first year, the aim of the Club was to consolidate, and the first projects were limited in character.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Worthy of special mention in this history is the part the Rotary Club of Myrtleford has played in the Student Exchange Scheme.

Here we must make special mention of Past President Peter Barnett who has been one of the leaders in Student Exchange in the District. Peter was appointed to the Rotary Foundation Committee in 1959, and was the first one-man committee to form Student Exchange on a District basis, and in the next two years was a member of a three-man committee. In 1960, Peter presented the first Student Exchange session at a District Conference.

In 1959 Myrtleford hosted its first Exchange Student - John Rogers from Nebraska, U.S.A. In the years which followed, several students from overseas have enjoyed the hospitality of the Myrtleford Club. In return, the Rotary Club of Myrtleford has sponsored Myrtleford district students for overseas. From these exchanges many firm friendships have been created, and we are confident that our actions in this regard have contributed towards a better understanding with the countries involved.

Names and details of students hosted by this Club, and of those we have sponsored for overseas study, are listed below.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS : Inbound			EXCHANGE STUDENTS : Outbound		
2019/20	Ricky Matsumoto	Japan	1960	Majorie Price	Scotts Bluff Nebraska USA
2015/16	Oscar Sjöden	Sweden	1961	Vonnie Tsitimbinis	Scotts Bluff Nebraska USA
2013/14	Simone Bonafini	Breno Bresica Italy	1962	Cathy Bianco	Philippines
2009/10	Riley Smith (Ms)	Scotts Bluff Nebraska USA	1963	Ross Walker	USA
2008/09	Arthur Francois	France	1963	Meryl White	USA
2007/08	Tommy Jensen	Denmark	1964	Margaret Doodeward	USA
2006/07	Jaqueline Barni	Brazil	1969/70	Allan Terrett	Philippines
2004/05	Fernanda De Luz	Brazil	1971/72	Lyn Felsted	Philippines
2000/01	Aapo Nurmi	Helsinki North-East Finland	1976/77	Mark Pape	Canada
1997/98	Trish Lusk	Wasilla Alaska	1982/83	Kristina Torpey	Port Dickson Malaysia
1995/96	Miriam Wlomert	Rotenburg Germany	1984/85	Gabrielle Maliocco	Le Mesa Tijuana Mexico
1993/94	Masako Takada	Funabashi Japan	1985/86	Anita Goodman	McCook Nebraska USA
1991/92	Andy McDermott	Illinois USA	1986/87	Rachael Armstrong	Japan
1990/91	Maria Sjoe	Denmark	1986/87	Michael Robinson	Japan
1989/90	Mia Notko	Iisalmi Finland	1987/88	Leon Walker	Johannesburg South Africa
1988/89	Erik Holgen	Sweden	1988/89	Hayley Crisp	Finland
1987/88	Kristien Holst	Denmark	1989/90	Wendy Johnson	Finland
1985/86	Jenny Molander	RC Spokane Washington USA	1991	James Martin	England
1984/85	Penny McKenzie	Durban South Africa	1992	Janelle Ward	Calistoga California USA
1983/84	Jinichiro Itoh	Fukui City Japan	1993	Tanya Pitts	Funibashi Japan
1981/82	Masako Saeki	Japan	1995	Kelsey Nash	Germany
1977/78	Mark Chandler	Beaver Creek Ohio	1997	Trina Crameri	Whitehorse Canada
1974/75	Kris Lockhart	Canada	2000	Josh Stuart	Toronto Canada
1972/73	Amara Mangkalarangsi	Chaing Mai Thailand	2004	Sam Ferrier	Denmark
1970/71	Francis Tonga	New Guinea	2006	Michelle Graham	Hermann Blumenau Brazil
1969/70	Stanley Uy Bico	Philippines	2007	Briony Dunell	Denmark
1966/67	Hidetashi Izikawa	Japan	2008	Stephanie Linklater	Denmark
1964/65	Cornel Rich	Rhodesia	2009	Natalie O'Callaghan	Scotts Bluff Nebraska USA
1963/64	Betty Ash	USA	2014	Gabrielle Hunter	Germany
1960/61	Josephine DeGuzman	Phillipines	2019	James Whitford	Japan
1959/60	Ramu Ramanathan	Madras South India	2020	Trinity Barton	France
1958/59	John Rogers.	Scotts Bluff Nebraska USA			