



Smoke Signals

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A fun night at the 'Service Clubs' races with the Lions and partners joining in on our annual event this year. A 12 horse race – half from the Rotary stable and half from the Lions stable. The Rotary horses are listed below. Our club received \$110, as our share of proceeds, from the Rotary/Lions cup night. Cost was 2 bottles of wine for fashion prizes.

Kangalacka – ridden by K. Johnson

Out of Last Man standing over Easy Addition. Been through the mill. Ridden hard at the last start, faded on the final bend and pulled up stiff. Always a trier but possibly outpaced in this field.

K. Johnson – an experienced jockey now riding exclusively for the veterans stable.

Hidden Gem – ridden by C Bau

Sired by Man about Toen over Italian Pearl. Started as a short favourite at her last start but stretched the distance and ended up out of the placings. Staying power improved during trials and a good outing expected today.

C. Bau- racing colours always well presented and has a handle on the market.

Welsh Pool – ridden by E. Jones

Sire Perpetual Motion over The Rarebit. A surprise thoroughbred from the traditional home of the pony. Imported with big expectations. Used to the long haul and possibly better suited to the cross country courses in the high country. May surprise in this field. E. Jones – accustomed to riding internationally and an early adopter of the kilowatt over the horsepower. Maybe the horsepower will win the day.

Lucky Luciano – ridden by S. Crisci

Handyman over Clear Pasture. A stablemate of smoking Italian. Has some flashy performances in the past but suffered a few losses of late whilst always being in the run for the line. Last major success during the autumn clean-up.

S. Crisci – seasoned campaigner usually getting the best from his mount.

Surrey's Pride -ridden by H Hunter

Commandant over Miss Enforcement. Recently changed back to flat running from the steeple. Hoping for similar success over these kinder distances.

H.Hunter – a newcomer apprentice jockey eligible for claims.

Trackwork mainly in the public sector so a private outing should be beneficial for her career.

Hiker's Heel – ridden by A. Garside

Achilles out of X-Ray Wonder. Has been known to pull up a bit lame after the linger event. Trialling a new look racing shoe to protect the shins. The FBI (Feed Bag Information) suggesting possibly going out to pasture at the Rathlea Stud at the end of the race.

A.Garside – has proven his prowess over multiple distances. Knows the ropes, holds the reins and not always on the rails.

Myrtleford
Rotary
Club



Programme

Wednesday 15 November:

Toast: John Mc

Chair: John F

Sgt. Richard

Guest Speaker: AGM

Wednesday 22 November:

Senior Citizens' Dinner

Wednesday 29 November:



The Rotary Club of Myrtleford

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**From the Ditch
 Across the President . . .**



Rotary members use creative approaches in the fight to end polio

As the fight against polio unites communities around the world, Rotary members are using time-tested methods and attention-grabbing new ideas to raise awareness, funds, and support. From Europe to Africa, Asia to the Americas, Rotary members remain committed to eradicating the disease forever.

Germany to Turkey and back again: A trip to end polio

Bashar Asfour, a member of the Rotary Club of Tbilisi Ambassador, Georgia, embarked on a European tour in a Volkswagen bus, starting in Berlin on 31 August. He aims to raise awareness, gather donations, and inspire new volunteers to fight polio. With a route spanning 16 countries and meetings in 38 cities, his journey culminates in Chemnitz, Germany, on 20 and 21 October to coincide with the main Rotary event for World Polio Day in the region.

Brazil: Together Against Polio campaign

The Rotary clubs of Brazil are using the Together Against Polio campaign to combat the disease and raise awareness about vaccination. The campaign includes billboards, leaflets, social media graphics, and a website featuring verified information from sources like the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Through their extensive network, clubs are distributing free campaign materials, spreading accurate information, and encouraging polio vaccination across the nation.

Madagascar: An urban run for polio awareness

The Rotary Club of Antananarivo-Mahamasina organized the sixth running of the Urban Trail, uniting clubs in Madagascar's capital. With more than 4,000 participants on 7-km and 14-km (4.3-mile and 8.7-mile) routes, this event coincided with African Vaccination Week. The initiative, in partnership with UNICEF, WHO, and others, aimed to raise awareness about the PolioPlus program and the importance of vaccination.

France: T-Rex Race with fun and purpose

At the T-Rex Race in Fréjus, France, participants wear tyrannosaurus rex costumes and race to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication. Organized by District 1730, this event on 21-22 October takes place alongside the Fréjus International Air Festival. It's [a creative way to get people's attention](#) for a noble cause, embodying Rotary's dedication to a polio-free world.



Colombia: El Zoo del Amor brings comfort to terminally ill children

Rotarians Sonia Uribe and Alberto Londoño launched El Zoo del Amor to provide comfort to terminally ill children. Stuffed animals like Ana the giraffe and Lucas the tiger offer solace, each wearing a shirt adorned with the Rotary logo. Rotarians also carry these animals on their global travels, capturing photos against iconic backdrops, which sparks smiles and more support. The project has raised about US\$260,000 that will be spent on polio eradication efforts and vaccinations for more than 76,000 children, nurturing children's lives and a polio-free world.

Philippines: Culinary collaboration for a cause

Rotary clubs in the Philippines united for a dinner event to raise funds for the End Polio Now campaign. Over two days, renowned chefs prepared Dabawenyos and Ilonggo dishes, supporting polio eradication while celebrating fine dining. The clubs plan to repeat the event and are exploring other collaborative efforts to support polio eradication.

Korea: Gugak concert raises US\$12,000

On the Korean island of Jeju, Rotary members in District 3662 and the Sehyang Orchestra organized a concert of traditional gugak music. This concert was a rare treat for Jeju residents, who have limited access to such events. It was attended by 400 people and raised 16 million won (about US\$12,000) for the PolioPlus Fund.

Japan: Chiba's parade of unity

Rotary members in Japan's Chiba prefecture organized a vibrant parade featuring a mikoshi, a portable shrine. It coincided with the Oyako Sandai Festival, fusing festivity and purpose to raise awareness and hope for a polio-free world. Draped in End Polio Now shirts and festival costumes, the Rotary members made a dramatic impression.

India: Italian Rotarians take part in polio vaccination

Italian Rotarians and their friends from District 2080 worked on a crucial vaccination campaign in Uttar Pradesh, India. During the campaign, part of the National Immunization Day initiative, the team collaborated with local frontline health workers. The effort included significant participation from women in the region. The Rotary members have consistently supported global polio vaccination efforts and are enthusiastic about sharing their stories to generate more support.

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