



# Smoke Signals

Issue #14 15th November 2023



Apologies: MacDonalds, Hunters – neither couple risking health of members.

### President's Report:

Viki and Soren have moved host families.

Thanks Evan for IT work last week.

Thank you to the committee for Show n Shine.

### Secretary Report:

Phone call from Caravan Adventurers that are coming next April, would like a breakfast, Details to come.

Awards night at Marian 6th December - Vanessa to attend

### Member reports:

Bus - phone call from Renata re condition

Books... book fair at Bush market - first Friday in January.

Christmas party... thoughts

### Raffle:

Carla - voucher

SAA -

Evan - won at golf

Richard - daughter had a birthday, new grandchild

Carla - Bank awards night. Top award by peers.

Vanessa – undrinkable coffee from a bakery on the return from Melb

Alan - took delivery off last piece to restore Furphy

Sam - 7 months ago, shifted into town

Evan - tax return, bill came...paid twice

Sarah - played golf yesterday

Sarah and John - re-entry fees

John - banking 'fun'

Richard - more banking 'fun'

Gail - Aunt had a birthday last week -turned 102. Had four generations staying.

**AGM - 2:26 minutes**



Viki and Søren in Healesville for a YE weekend

Myrtleford  
**Rotary**  
Club



## Programme

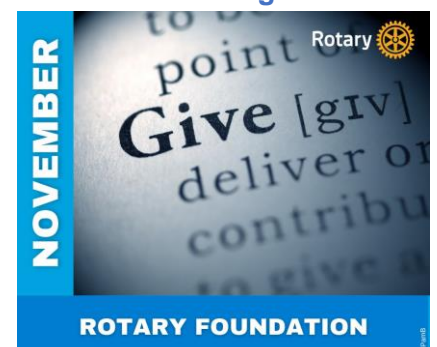
**Wednesday 22 November:**  
**Senior Citizens' Dinner**  
Bring a wrapped gift for the raffle.

**Wednesday 29 November:**  
Toast: Carla  
Chair: Maggie  
Sgt. Phil  
Guest Speaker:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Possible Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Fellowship**

**2 week break from meetings over Christmas/New Year period. First meeting back will be a social night.**





**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**

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Community Bus ..... Richard Dean

Book Fair ..... Sarah Deas

BBQ Trailer..... Sam Crisci

Wood Raffle..... Alan Garside

District Governor: .....Neta Kirby

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**From  
the  
President . . .**

**Meeting Musings 15/11/23**

It appears the pandemic is still amongst us...Helen and Surrey suffering with Influenza A, a special take home package from their trip to China and Phil and Maggie staying safe after a recent house guest has got a positive tick to a Covid test. Both couples playing safe for the benefit of the rest of us.

Much discussion around the table regarding the learnings from the last 2 weekends about how to run the gate at our major events. All the learnings to be noted and form part of our “how to” files on events.

Vanessa kindly agreed to represent the club at the upcoming Marian Awards presentation night.

Richard and John arranging to clean the bus sometime in the next week following reports that it is least clean after a hiring or that the hirers involved can be penalised or charged for the cleaning.

Those in attendance managed to AGM with aplomb and, as expected, the Pres elect and Pres elect elect were not decided on the night. These roles are to be determined during the course of the Rotary year.

Our special dinner for our more senior citizens is on next week, don't forget to bring a raffle prize up to the value of \$20.00

John



^Søren speaking to his peers and Rotarians.

Wiki at the Healesville Sanctuary ^

# Operation Toilets

In honour of International Toilet Day 19<sup>th</sup> of November

Operation Toilets is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central in Melbourne, Australia. The first project was completed in 2015 impacting on the lives of around 500 children in one school in the Indian city of Nasik. Since then we have completed a Global Grant project in Nasik. We have another underway near Delhi and two more currently in development, one of them in India and the other in Ethiopia. A small project has already been completed in Ethiopia as well as a number of small projects in India alongside the Global Grants and we are partnering in a new project in Ghana and exploring opportunities in East Timor, the Solomon Islands, Cambodia, Bangladesh and Central America.

In the three years since our first project, Operation Toilets has reached some 30,000 children. By the end of next year, we expect this number to be approaching 100,000. In our view, this project belongs to all Rotarians and certainly, our partnerships to date suggest that this is how others are beginning to see it too. Rotary clubs in four Districts in Australia have already joined an Operation Toilets project. Clubs in five Districts in the USA, one in Canada, one in the UK and one in Spain have confirmed their intention to become involved as well and a number of Districts around the world have shown strong interest in becoming involved as well.

In India, over a dozen clubs in five cities have become integral partners as well with many more expected to join in over the next year and beyond.

Project Manager Mark Balla is a WASRAG Board Member, a member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors and last year he was inducted to the World Toilet Organization Hall of Fame. He has spoken about Operation Toilets at a number of District Conferences in the USA, India and Australia, at two WASRAG Summits (Sao Paulo and Toronto), an RI Presidential Summit on WASH & Literacy in Schools at literally dozens of Rotary Clubs around the world and has also delivered a TEDx Talk entitled "Toilet Humour is Serious Business".

Operation Toilets new website was launched on 9 August 2018. Like all websites, it is a work in progress, however, it provides all Rotarians with an introduction to current and upcoming projects which are in need of funds and partners right now.

The new website address is <http://www.operationtoilets.org.au>

