



Smoke Signals

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CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Apologies: Evan, Richard, Carla

President's Report:

Golf Day - please chase sponsors if you committed to asking a business.

Visiting RV club - breakfast on a Tuesday morning.

Director/Member's Report

Phil: Australia Day wrap up. Well oiled machine. Less food to be ordered next year.

SAA

Alan - for not reading the bulletin to know he is on SAA

Raffle winner – John Mc

Newspaper

Helen - Nic, Gabby's BF, made it to the Nordic World Cup

Phil - listening to Keith Richard's Audiobook. Left sausages and bacon in shed

Guest Speaker - Gail

Some of her journey.

Brought up in Burwood, Ashburton PS then Ashwood High
Saved the thr'pence for 'bus travel' by walking, then bought chips on the way home.

Introduction to mental health awareness was through her mother. With Rotary has organized 30 mental health awareness forums.

First job - in a stationary/card store in Camberwell Junction.
Got a nursing bursary in 4th form. Too young so had to stay at school another year.

Nursing at St Vincent's Hospital in the 60s - Working with the nuns was 'interesting'

Many years of ballroom dancing. Both participating and adjudicating. Back injury stopped it.

Married, three children, divorced. Raised children in Bendigo. Children all have partners and children.

Rotary - so many opportunities with Rotary - lecturing, given her confidence to speak in front of others, to speak out. Work in Samoa with Diabetes educating.

Black Caviar. Worked at Melbourne racing club as safety manager. Working there when she retired. Had an event on the mounting yard. Loved her pats.

Alan - Gail was meant to be at this club, lots of connections to member's families.

Myrtleford
Rotary
Club



Programme

Wednesday 7 February:

Toast: Carla

Chair: Maggie

Sgt. Sarah

Guest Speaker: George Whitford

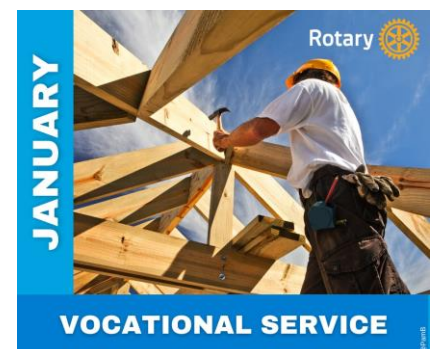
Wednesday 14 February:

Toast: Vanessa

Chair: Sarah

Sgt. Evan

Guest Speaker: 



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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Fellowship:

Programme:

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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. McNally**



Gail Robertson



Gail's journey has been an interesting one and her presentation just gave us a brief overview. Anyone who has had a chat to Gail knows she is full of wonderful stories – both in and out of the 'Rotary World'.

The first four Rotarians. From left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris.

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Each of the first four Rotarians brought different professional perspectives to the organisation.



END POLIO NOW

3000 km Tandem 'End Polio' Bike Ride

Dear DG Neta,

My wife, Joyce, and I are Rotarians (Rotary Club of South Launceston) who plan to undertake a 3000km tandem 'End Polio' unsupported bike ride from Adelaide to Sydney via Melbourne, commencing after Easter. We undertook a similar '3000km ride across the Nullarbor in 2022, which raised about \$38,000. We have a new itinerary planned which will pass through your district and, following the pattern of our previous ride, we would like to visit, do a presentation and solicit End Polio donations in as many clubs as we can manage along the route. We would very much appreciate your endorsement of our ride and would be grateful for any support you can give us by alerting the clubs in your district. The ride will take about seven weeks and is both unsupported and self-funded, so that we would also very much appreciate any offers of Rotary hospitality on the nights that we visit. With your permission we will contact the following clubs with our schedule and a request to make a presentation and solicit a club donation.

Shepparton May 1 • Benalla May 2 • Wangaratta May 6 • Milawa Oxley May 7 • Myrtleford May 8 • Bright May 9 • Either Albury or Tallangatta (their meetings seem a little 'fluid' so we will have to firm this up nearer to the event) May 13 • Albury North May 14 • Corowa May 15

You will appreciate both our physical limitations (we're both in our mid seventies) in cycling between clubs and difficulties presented by meeting nights which seem to be predominantly on Wednesdays, so our progress through your district may appear a little haphazard but was dictated by the need to maximise the number of clubs we can visit.

Additionally, our previous experience of a fund-raising ride made it quite clear that, despite numerous appeals in the media (TV, radio and press) along the way, our donations came almost exclusively from Rotarians in the form of a club donation – a donation which might well have come as a regular annual donation without our visit. We are still grappling with how we can expand the pool of donors and our thoughts, at present, are that we should try to harness the power of social media by getting Rotarians to ask all their social media contacts to make a very small donation to the cause: \$6, under the banner of 'hitting polio for six'. A donation portal is being set up and we will contact you again later with more details in the hope that you might persuade all Rotarians in your district to push this idea amongst their social media contacts.

Regards,

Phil & Joyce Ogden

