



# Smoke Signals

Issue #10 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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in the WORLD

## Apologies:

President John and Sarah; Vanessa, Richard Dean, Alan (COVID) and Alma (close contact)

Phil Macdonald opened meeting, Magda proposed the toast and PP Evan welcomed all.

## Secretary (Helen Hunter):

- Rail Trail Enrichment Project re artistic installation and/or further input
- Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce AGM 25 October
- P12 enquiry as to whether the John O'Brien Award will be presented this year
- Insurance re Show'n'Shine — Phil Macdonald to action
- Black Summer Book launch Nov 23 – \$15ph – do we want to man a BBQ? Materials supplied. Held at St Paul's
- Email re a guest speaker for Huntington's Disease; pass onto to John Forsyth

## Community (Alma Adams):

The Annual Senior Citizens' Dinner invitations have been sent. RSVP requested 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## Show'n'Shine (Alan Garside):

- We need to prepare roster for the manning of the gate at the Show'n'Shine Event to be held on Sunday, November 5.
- Two people from 6:00am (Richard Dean will most likely be one). We will need 2–4 others from 8:00am to about 2:00pm in 2-hour shifts. Alma and I will be available from 11:00am to the end.
- A team of 4 people is required on the Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>) to mark out the sites and put up the site numbers
- Could Helen find out if the Shire still wants us to record postcodes (an onerous task)

**Exchange Student** — Viktoria spoke about her recent trip to Queensland where our District and another from NSW combined for a true Aussie experience. There was a lack of sleep, to be expected, an unexpected change of plans at the airport that included a change of planes and some sprinting by said same Viktoria. All good. Snorkelling, kayaking, singing, dancing and the obligatory tears for a fun-filled adventure.

**Sergeant's Fine Session** — A self-flagellation ritual without the religious overtones. Members contribution selflessly and there were some neat dollars. Carla's reminiscing of a hired catamaran trip probably took the cake.

## Myrtleford Show (Evan Jones)

Myrtleford  
**Rotary**  
Club



## Programme

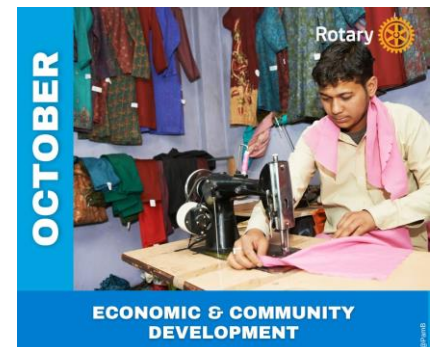
### Wednesday 25 October:

Toast: Vanessa

Chair: Carla

Sgt. Richard

Guest Speaker:



Myrtleford Rotary 2023

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ROTARY CAR CLUB  
MYRTLEFORD

SHOW CARS, HOT RODS, RAT RODS, BIKES and MODERN  
ALL WELCOME!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Show'n Shine Annual and Swap Meet

Myrtleford : Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Gates open 8.00am (Set up from 6.00am)

Myrtleford Showgrounds  
Myrtleford-Thackandandah Rd, Myrtleford, VIC 3737

ALL WELCOME ■ HOT FOOD, COFFEE, TEA  
LIVE MUSIC: ATOMIC HI-TONES ■ KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT

SHOW CARS, HOT RODS, RAT RODS, BIKES  
& MODERN (ALL WELCOME!)  
\$10 Entry Fee

Competition:  
Theme: S.V.'S'S!  
Prizes for the occasion!  
Prizes guaranteed!

Swap Meet:  
Richard Dean: 0408 891 702  
Alan Garside: 0417 259 740  
email: myrtleford@rotary.org.au

Enquiries & Bookings:  
Facebook

Show'n'Shine:  
Rob Vilella: 0427 802 511  
Craig Mc Taggart: 0406 624 486  
email: chopandchange@outlook.com

HPA  
Green Lane  
Clayton & Lambroves  
VIC 3163

Proceeds to local community projects

Ruby's  
MDB

# Myrtleford Rotary Club



## 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. McNally



## From the President . . .

Contribute to the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail Enhancements Project Expressions of Interest now open for Victorian Artists and residents of Alpine Shire, Indigo Shire and the Rural City of Wangaratta Visit [www.daeglobal.com/murraytomountains](http://www.daeglobal.com/murraytomountains) to register your interest by 31 October 2023.



AGM Reminder Wednesday 25th October 5.45pm

### Guest Speaker: Will Jeremy CEO Alpine Shire

The Annual General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 25th October in St Paul's Anglican Church Hall 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start followed by supper and refreshments.

Hear about the year that has gone and meet with other business members as we look to the year ahead.

Agenda and Reports to Members [download here](#)

Nomination Form: [download here](#)

RSVP by Tuesday 22nd October to [admin@visitmyrtleford.com](mailto:admin@visitmyrtleford.com)

or phone 03 57511745 and leave a message

*Following the successful Social Media Marketing workshop in July, the chamber has partnered with Startup Shakeup & Click Region to deliver two local workshops in social media marketing, to be held in Myrtleford for our business operators –*

*Canva for Micro & Small Business* Wednesday 15th November 5.30pm -7.30pm

This event is FREE with networking afterwards, tea coffee & nibbles but you must register


<https://events.humanitix.com/canva-for-small-business-myrtleford-working-together-program>


*Social Media for Small Business* Tuesday 21st November 5.30pm -7.30pm

This event is FREE with networking afterwards, tea coffee & nibbles but you must register

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#RotaryFacts

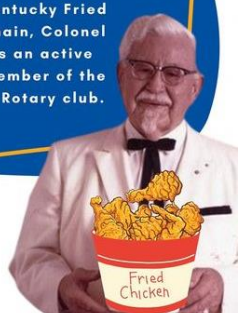




**Rotary**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The founder of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant chain, Colonel Harland Sanders was an active Rotarian? He was a member of the Shelbyville, Kentucky Rotary club.



@changemakeranburrell

## **Rotary statement on the conflict in Israel and Gaza**

Recognizing there has been protracted suffering in the long history of conflict between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza, Rotary International urges all parties to seek avenues to peace.

At the same time, we unequivocally condemn the horrific attack by Hamas on Israeli civilians and are appalled at the number of people who have been injured, killed, and kidnapped.

As the war between Israel and Hamas intensifies, we remain deeply concerned about the potential for further escalation as well as the loss of life and the humanitarian crisis that is occurring in Gaza. We denounce the violence against innocent civilians and support upholding international humanitarian law.

Peacebuilding is both a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and one of our areas of focus. At our core, Rotary is a common ground for people to come together – across nationalities and religions, cultures and histories – and connect around their shared belief in a better tomorrow. That connection is what humanizes us in times of conflict and builds a foundation for lasting peace.

Rotary remains committed to working with our members, partners, and communities to find long-term, sustainable solutions that support peace and development in the region and elsewhere.

– 13 Oct 2023

## **Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 15th consecutive year**

For the 15th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating – four stars – from [Charity Navigator](#), an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

“We are delighted to provide the Rotary Foundation with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence,” said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. “The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that Rotary is able to accomplish in the years ahead.”

Charity Navigator assesses nonprofit performance based on four key indicators, including the impact of the charity's program relative to cost; the organization's governance and financial health including its transparency, efficiency, and sustainability; a charity's leadership capacity, strategic development, and ability to adapt to internal and external changes; and its overall culture and connectedness to its constituents and the communities they serve.

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