



Smoke Signals

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Guest Speaker: Ron Janas.

Attendees: Good turnout with 15 of 17 members present at the Savoy club.

President Surrey chaired the meeting remarking it was good to see Kevin and Fred there, and welcoming us all back after 2 weeks of COVID enforced Zoom meetings. He also noted that Bryan has given his notice of resignation, which Surrey responded to on behalf of the club thanking him for his contributions to the club whilst a member. Furthermore he brought to our attention the fact that past member Clive Walker has been a recipient of an OAM in this year's Queen's birthday awards.

Toast proposed by Helen with a couple of "aah be deh, aah be deh" introductory pauses.

Treasurer Magda told us that our newly acquired "Square" for EFTPOS payments has been tested and works well. She has handed it on to Vanessa, given that she and Phil will be away for the next 3 months. The device will work with a range of devices acting as the host hotspot. Fees are 1.9% transaction fee with a \$2000 initial fee free period. This should aid us in a range of fund raising activities where some people do not have cash, or where COVID asks for cashless transactions.

Wood Raffle raised by Alan. We have enough wood for one raffle but do need a working bee to cut/split wood. Evan put his hand up to help there. First raffle is proposed for 2 weeks time (i.e. starting Thursday 1st July), so keep it in mind that we will look to be selling tickets from then. This has proved a useful fundraiser for our club.

Outdoor Gym equipment. John mentioned contact with Maureen Ryland from Alpine Health regarding setting up fitness stations in Myrtleford, given the success of such a scheme in Mt Beauty/Tawonga. Surrey, Evan & Jan had a discussion with Maureen recently on this theme. As noted in the bulletin a couple of weeks back Maureen's group has been seeking a funding grant for this, which has very positive prospects. She should know by June 18th whether this grant application has been successful. Rotary have agreed to be a partner with Alpine Health in getting this initiative up and going. Watch this space.

Rotary cooperation. Sarah mentioned a recent trip she and John had, via Wodonga West Rotary, to be hosted by Broken Hill Rotary club. They felt they were warmly welcomed to Broken Hill by Rotarian Ross who proved a great host giving them a wonderful introduction to Broken Hill. Alan chimed in noting a story of a visit to Broken Hill where some visitor after being introduced to Pro Hart, asked what Pro Hart did for a living. After being told "I am a painter", the visitor looked at all the corrugated iron buildings and commented "hmm mustn't be much work for you". The next day there was a visit to Pro Hart's studio where perhaps the visitor realised the sort of painting Pro did...

Raffle winners: Ron (guest drew his own ticket) & Fred.

Sgt: Fred took the truncheon with fines for anyone going on holidays soon including himself, Sarah, Phil & Magda (off in the next few days for 3 months) and guest Ron. Next in line were people who had visited the doctor in the last 3 months, almost half present it would seem (says something about age demographic). Anyone with a new car in the last 2 years (treasurer Magda..hmm). New camper or caravan (Surrey). Quite a few with house repairs conducted. On the subject of self fine Helen told a tale whereby she had set a bill for payment but accidentally added a zero, so that

Coming Up

Wednesday 23rd June:

Toast: Alma Adams
Chair: Vanessa Leonard
Sgt. Kevin Pitts
Guest Speaker: TBA

Wednesday 30th June:

Toast: Richard Dean
Chair: Surrey Hunter
Sgt. Vanessa Leonard

CHANGEOVER NIGHT

Myrtleford Rotary MYRTLEFORD 2021 CHOPPED & CHANGED RESTORE USE CLUB MYRTLEFORD

5th Annual Show'n'Shine & Swap Meet

Saturday, October 2nd, 2021
Gates open 8.00am [Set up from 6.00am]

Myrtleford Showgrounds
Myrtleford-Yackandandah Rd, Myrtleford, VIC 3737

ALL WELCOME HOT FOOD, COFFEE, TEA
LIVE MUSIC - MISS KITTY & THE MEMPHIS TRIO DEMO BY JOHNNY'S ROCKERS
KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT

ENTRY
\$5.00 for all Adults
Children under 12 - Free
NO DOGS

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

Competition: Theme 50's/60's
Dress for the occasion!
Prizes awarded!

Swap Meet: Richard Dean: 0408 691 702 Alan Carlside: 0417 299 740 email: myrtlefordrotary@ro.org.au
Enquiries & Bookings: Facebook
Show'n'Shine: Sherrin Barford: 0429 797 718 Stefan Saric: 0422 090 093 email: chopandchange@outlook.com

Proceeds to local community projects

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JUNE DESIGNATION IS

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"What binds Rotarians together is a unity of desire and a unity of purpose to serve society and to serve mankind, a unity in diversity."
Past RI President C.P.H. Trappes 1965-66

Rotary TAKE ACTION: rotaryfellowships@rotary.org



DISTRICT 9790

Meetings: ...Wednesdays 6.00 for 6.30pm
Venue: The Savoy Club, Myrtleford
Postal Address: PO Box 395,
Myrtleford, Vic. 3737

2020-21 BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Surrey Hunter
Secretary: Evan Jones
Treasurer: Magda Macdonald
Pres. Elect/Club Service:Surrey Hunter
Immed.Past President: Carla Bau
Rotary Foundation: Alan Garside
Service Projects:

OTHER OFFICERS

Community Service: Jan Richards
Vocational Service: Helen Hunter
International Service:Sarah Deas
Youth Service: Surrey Hunter
Membership Bryan Meehan
Sergeant-at-Arms:..... Rotating
Fellowship:Alan Garside & Alma Adams
Programme: John Forsyth

On-to-Conference: Caral Bau
Public Relations: Bryan Meehan
Bulletin ... various editors & Phil Macdonald
Community Bus Richard Dean
Book Fair.....Sarah Deas
BBQ Trailer Kevin Pitts
Wood Raffle

District Governor: Bruce Anderson
Assistant Govenor..... Melissa Hebbard
President Rotary Int.:..... Holger Knaack

President of Rotary International

2020 – 2021

Holger Knaack



**From
the
President . . .**

A wild and wintery day but it was really nice to again meet in person at Savoy after our last couple of Mazda meetings. I don't know whether we are always ordering the same meals (I know I do) but gee they seemed to come out quickly tonight. There was much conversation about eagerly awaited interstate trips that are now finally becoming a COVID reality, as we get ready to farewell some members for the winter.

I was pleased to be able to welcome Ron Janus along tonight to give us an update on the extensions to the Buffalo River CFA complex which we were fortunately able to support in an "auspice" capacity. I look forward to the Club being able to visit later this year for a formal opening (with a bbq) to celebrate the enhanced facility for the Buffalo River community.

Surrey

Changeover

A number of roles in the club have yet to be filled. Outside of the executive roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer, which were determined at our last AGM there are various other roles to be filled. To date we have had hands put up to fill the roles of Foundation, Bulletin and PR. Is anyone interested in trying their hand at Youth, International, Membership, Community, Vocational, Program or any other roles we have?

Many of these roles are not onerous, and I am sure other members who have performed them will be generous in helping out.

STOP PRESS

Humanity in Action - The Book

Advance orders are now being received for the soon to be published 'Humanity in Action - Celebrating 100 years of Rotary Clubs in Australia and its near island neighbours'.

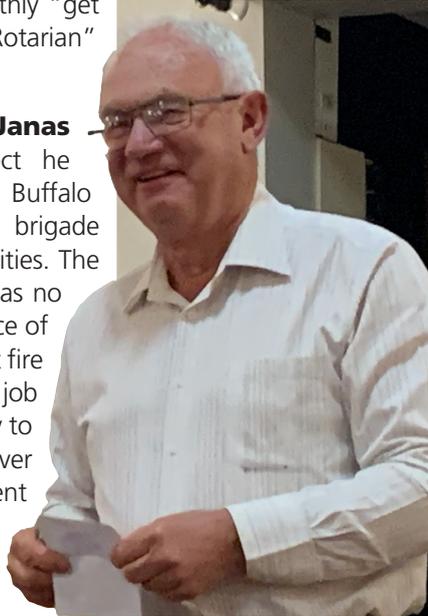
This is a 400 page hard cover book to mark the centenary of Rotary in Australia. Numbers are limited and pre-orders should be addressed to PDG Harry Durey. Telephone 0407 005 910. Cost is \$25 plus postage.

when the direct debit was processed she had inadvertently paid the bill times ten! Whoops, now she is trying to claw that money back. Magda also revealed that for many years she has been presenting our club ABN as that applying to the Rotary Club of Emerald (her previous club), a mistake she has only just discovered after perhaps 14 years at Myrtleford.

PR/Social media. Helen (and Vanessa) have taken on the role of presenting the public face of our club. Helen will be doing the Facebook/Web side and Vanessa bulletin. Helen hopes to put stuff up 2 or 3 times per week. The bulletin will still go out to members, however an edited form is expected to go up on social media as long as members are happy for this to occur. There will be thought given to limit the sort of information that is posted publicly. Another thought Helen had is, that to aid club promotion, that a monthly "get to know your local Rotarian" short article be posted.

Guest speaker Ron Janas

talked about a project he has been involved in. Buffalo River CFA is a small brigade with fairly ordinary facilities. The community out there has no hall so the only real place of commune is the modest fire shed. Ron took on the job of seeking a grant to try to improve facilities. However as CFA is a government agency, seeking a grant from government is somewhat challeng-



ing. At this point the group sought assistance from Myrtleford Rotary, to act as an auspicing body to assist the process. With Rotary not ticking all the boxes, the Men's Shed also become involved. The good news is that between these groups the grant application was successful.

The Buffalo River CFA were seeking to improve facilities to include an extension to the shed (described by Ron as a bit like trying to add on an oversized carport), also including a dishwasher, sink, BBQ, hot water service, male/female toilet, shower (useful for firefighters) and storage. The planning permit has taken a while, which also ate \$1100 out of the \$50k grant, however the group feel confident they can deliver the project, with an expected start date of around 2 months with hopefully finishing in time for the next fire season.

As part of the project there was a desire to provide a showcase garden (for which a further small grant was sought) highlighting indigenous plants with a view to fire resistance as well as source of food. Ron noted one plant, the Buffalo sallow wattle, as one of interest as apparently consumption aids a sense of well being. One of the local mosaic Crackpots is doing a Bogong Moth mosaic which will be positioned on site. Works on the site will be done by local tradespeople including the structure being built by Buffalo Bill sheds. Ron said the Buffalo River CFA would like to thank all local groups who have assisted this project getting up and expects a BBQ to happen some time later this year. Surrey thanked Ron for presenting to the club, and noted that it was a pity that Shires levy fees on community groups to conduct the work they do which are for the betterment of the whole community.



Foundation Funding Crisis



Posted by Euan Miller

For the second time in two years the World Fund is likely to run out of money to provide matching dollars to Global Grant applications. Last year the funds ran out in May but this year the outlook is more dire and a number of savings measures have already been put in place at Evanston. The trustees and the Board met in late January to look at stop gap solutions which may well now be known.

Why has this happened? Clubs have clearly focused on Global Grant projects and the number of Global Grants applications continues to grow at an astounding rate. At the end of December Global Grants approved were 85% ahead of what they were at the same time last year. Despite the elimination of support for cash contributions to Global Grants this year (in an endeavour to make World Funds spread further), it is clear the funding shortfall is such that they may never return. To compound the problem there will be a big waiting list of projects for the new area of focus **Supporting the environment**, ready to compete for grants on July 1 this year.

As Rotarians, clubs and districts we have a responsibility to help fix this problem. Giving to the Annual Programs Fund across

our Zone, (the source of District Designated Funds we all use to implement our international projects) has declined since the Centenary of the Foundation in 2017. In our personal tax deductible giving, we are not growing either **Centurions** or **Paul Harris Society members** in sufficient numbers. Clubs and Districts also are failing to reach the target of USD100/member every year. This is a modest benchmark every district should be able to achieve.

To compound the issue, as we all know, our membership is in long term decline so there are less Rotarians each year to donate to the Foundation.

How do we solve this problem? Most clubs raise funds for the Foundation from Rotarians alone. Where (apart from End Polio which is travelling OK) are the club and district public fundraisers for the Rotary Foundation in general or for specific projects? Which club runs a Bunnings BBQ for the Rotary Foundation? Which club is out there competing with the Red Shield, Red Cross and World Vision seeking donations from businesses and the general public? The Rotary Foundation beats all these competitors in the fiduciary stakes (Charity Navigator awards TRF the top award year after year for the stewardship of donations and application of the monies to worthwhile projects).

We need to grow our impact in the communities we serve. Our impact is measured by our project delivery, not by fundraising and especially not for other charities that also fundraise. Let's **RAISE for ROTARY** and fund **The Rotary Foundation – Our Charity!**



The Rotary Club of Bright

Invitation

President Allan Poyner and President Elect Terry Gibbons request the pleasure of you and your partner at our Changeover Dinner

Thursday 24 th June 2021
6.30pm for 7.00pm

The Bright Chalet, 113 Delany Avenue, Bright

Approx \$40 per person (3 course dinner)

Attire - lounge suit preferred

RSVP: By Monday 14th, June 2021

(To geoffhall4@hotmail.com or Geoff 0456 237 099)

Should you have any special dietary requirements please advise us when you RSVP



The Rotary Club of Bright looks forward to your company as we celebrate the past year and look forward to 2021 - 2022



Rotary
Milawa Oxley



You are cordially invited to the Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley

Change Over Dinner

Date: 22nd June

Venue: Bennetts Restaurant at the Milawa Motel,
1615 Snow Road, Milawa

Time: 6pm for 6:30pm start

Cost: \$45 per head | drinks at bar prices

RSVP: By 10th June 2021 to Sec. Elect. Lesley Sanderson

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