

Chelsea Rotary



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**ROTARY'S MOTTO
IS "SERVICE
ABOVE SELF"**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

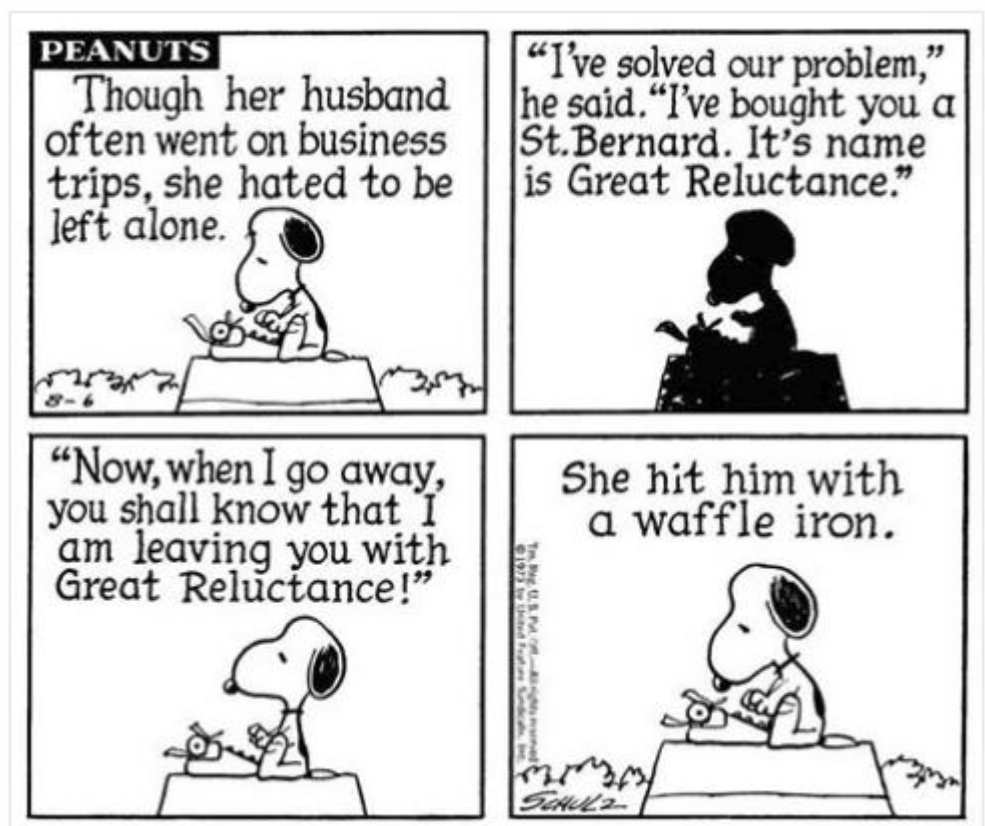
SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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Meeting Dates and Topics

Guests, family and friends are very welcome.

PLEASE book them in by contacting Kevin Harrison 0407 772 225

The following is our upcoming program. Meetings are at the Chelsea RSL unless otherwise stated.

Date	Speaker	Description	Location	Chair	Sergeant
23 May		Committee Handover Night and Board Meeting	Chelsea RSL		
30 May	Tess Ashley	City of Kingston Junior Mayor	Chelsea RSL		

PGA Scholarships

It was great to hear the PGA apprentices to whom we gave scholarships speak about their career aspirations, and their experiences so far. Especially as the theme during May is Rotary Youth month! The PGA apprenticeship certainly provides opportunities to become a well-rounded golf professional with many career options, not just playing professional golf. The apprenticeship program is carefully managed by golfing professionals like Chris Donovan, Member Services Coordinator at PGA Australia.



Chris Donovan accepts a cheque for \$3000 from PP David Healey

Thanks to the [Patterson River Golf Club](#) for hosting us at our previous meeting!

We are also sending a big 'Get Well Soon' message to Ray Smith who is spending some time in hospital. We hope you make a speedy and complete recovery Ray!



Disaster Aid Conference report

Disaster Aid Australia held its third annual conference last weekend. The conference is an opportunity for various stakeholders and interested parties to get together and exchange views and suggestions for future operations.

The conference is far from an exercise in self-congratulation: While everybody is passionate about the work DAA does, there is a lot that can be done better, particularly in the area of communication.

In the beginning, DAA supplied the familiar Family Survival Pack to areas affected by natural disasters. In the last few years, it's become apparent that in many cases, this is not what the people affected actually NEED. For example, one DART (Disaster Aid Response Team) who was deployed to Nepal immediately after the earthquake*, reported that the Nepalese thought the tents were OK, but what they really wanted was tarpaulins. Tarps were readily available in-country, which avoids 'challenging' import restrictions and could be used without instruction.

In Vanuatu, they needed timber for rebuilding. DAA purchased and supplied a portable sawmill which could be used to convert fallen trees to lumber. That sawmill is still in use and has become the core of a local business.

In many cases, the crucial need is for safe drinking water. DAA can provide Sawyer water filters for short-term supply, and has partnered with the SkyJuice foundation to provide SkyHydrant filtrations systems that can supply drinking water for up to 7000 people for 10 years without maintenance, electricity or specialised training.

It has become clear that providing safe water is such a crucial element that it is becoming DAA's major mission. The problem is that, like most Rotary projects, we're not very good at telling people about it. The concept of a Club providing funds to purchase a Disaster Relief Box is fairly easy to explain - a mission statement of 'Providing Safe Drinking Water' is a harder sell, because it's a bit vague, even though it may actually be more important. It's also harder to be transparent about the use of funds when there are a range of possible options, rather than the one-box-fits-all approach. Although even that could be less than transparent, as DAA discovered.

So, we need to work on our communication. (I have my DAA hat on, here.) DAA does amazing things, and has some incredible stories - we need to do more to get them out there.

We were lucky to have some professional PR and social media consultants who gave their time to make suggestions about how we could engage more effectively. It's now up to us to take that on board and do something about it.

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*And was there during the second quake, taking shelter under a table they had pushed into a doorway. Apparently that's all part of the training...

Pictures from the conference (courtesy Grant Gittus)



Proposed New Member



We wish to advise our members that Mr Sandy Antonuccio has been proposed as a new member of Chelsea Rotary. Sandy has a long history of serving the community in the Chelsea area, and is now starting to consider his retirement plans as he approaches the end of a successful career in IT Management. Sandy, his wife Bev, and family live locally in Chelsea.

If any of our Chelsea Rotary members would like to discuss this proposal, please contact Kevin Harrison (Marketing and Membership Director) on 0407 772 225.

George Malone Bequest



After considering the terms of the generous bequest left by George Malone, it is proposed that the full amount of \$12,500 be donated to Australian Rotary Health with the stipulation that it be used to further research into skin cancer, which afflicts many Australians, young and old, of all ethnicities, religions and football code affiliations. George was only too well aware of the insidious nature of skin cancer.

Please advise someone on the Board by our next meeting if you have an objection to this proposal.

The proposal will be ratified by the Board at our Board meeting this week.

City of Kingston Business Events Calendar

See <http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Kingston-Business/Events-and-Workshops>
and <http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Kingston-Business/Events-and-Workshops/External-Events>

Advertisements...Bowelscan

Greg Caughey has Bowel Scan Test Kits available for just \$15. You can't afford to poo-poo this incredible offer.



In the Month of May Using a Bowelscan Kit Could Save Your Life

Bowel cancer is the number two cancer killer in Australia. The good news is that bowel cancer is one of the most curable types of cancer if detected early.

Bowelscan is a public awareness program seeking to increase community awareness of bowel cancer and the importance of screening for both men and women over the age of 40. For over 30 years Bowelscan has been saving lives by distributing screening kits to Australians to catch cancer early.

Biennial screening using a faecal immunochemical test (FIT) is an effective way to catch bowel cancer in its earliest stages when it is easier to treat and cure. The new Bowelscan program uses the latest Australian technology that has been shown in Australian clinical trials to detect 9 out of 10 cancers.

Other benefits include:

- Convenient and easy to use – NO faecal handling (toilet water sample only)
- No dietary changes or medical restrictions
- Samples do not require refrigeration and can be returned by regular mail directly to the lab.

Bowelscan is a not-for-profit initiative.

Feel free to advertise your pre-loved items here, or place requests for things that you think people might have at home that they don't need.

Clothes, blankets, decorations, furniture, phones, magazines, bottles, jars, gardening tools, heaters, lights, bikes, bookshelves, tables, chairs, rugs, linen, towels, computers, cabinets, pets, cars, houses, advice, skills, recommendations...

District 9810 Calendar

You can find the District 9810 Calendar here: <http://bit.ly/2bFRX9a>

Your Kingston, Your Say. (opportunities can change from week to week)



Have your say on the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021, provide input to the City of Kingston Youth Survey, provide input on the Draft Budget, and help to improve the Kingston's Bay Trail and the Arts and Cultural Strategy 2018-2022

More here: <http://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/>

May Celebrations

INDUCTIONS

None this month

BIRTHDAYS

Greg Caughey	21 May
Simon Pearson	21 May
Helen Washington	23 May
Brian Lowe	30 May

ANNIVERSARIES

Lyn and Llew Owens	14 May
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6.15pm for 6.45pm start

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