

# Chelsea Rotary *Whispering Waves*

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21<sup>st</sup> March 2023



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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.

**INDUCTIONS**

Claire Button

21 March 2006

**BIRTHDAYS**

Claire Button

2 March

Joanne Pearson

6 March

Noel Jenkinson

18 March

**ANNIVERSARIES**

None.



The Weekly Newsletter of the ROTARY CLUB OF [CHELSEA](#) (INC) [DISTRICT 9810](#)

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Normally, our Club meets weekly at the [Chelsea RSL](#) Thames Promenade. Chelsea Tuesday Evenings 6.15pm for 6.45pm start however some meetings are occasionally held online.

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*Guests, family, and friends are very welcome to come to our meetings.*

*PLEASE book them in by contacting Kevin Harrison 0407 772 225*

*Meetings are held at the Chelsea RSL unless otherwise stated.*

## 9810 District Conference report from Regina.

Hello everyone,

I just thought I would tell you about my recent trip to Canberra to the 2023 Rotary District 9810 Conference, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, staying at the Realm Hotel in Canberra.

It was a wonderful weekend and the weather was glorious, warm and sunny.

On the 1st day, the Friday, there was a hop on, hop off bus tour of Canberra, which was great just to get an overview of the city.

That evening, each club chose a place to go for dinner somewhere.

I was lucky enough to be invited to join the Ferntree Gully and Waverley clubs at a nearby Italian restaurant. It was a warm summer evening and it was a set menu. Many delicious courses were brought out and a good time was enjoyed by all.

On Day 2, DG Ken Miller welcomed everyone, and as always, he was very entertaining and amusing.



Some of the amazing speakers we had were:

Leanne Jaggs, from N.Z., who is the Rotary International Presidents Personal Representative or RIPPR. She was a wonderful speaker and spoke of many things.

Domenic Saporito from Mentor Match, which is a partnership between Rotary Districts of Victoria and Outcome Life and Study Melbourne with the sole purpose of building confidence in Victoria's 200,000+ international students.

A keynote speaker was Dr Dinesh Palipana, OAM. He was the first quadriplegic medical intern in Queensland. He is a doctor, lawyer, disability advocate and researcher. Halfway through medical school, he was involved in a motor vehicle accident which caused a spinal cord injury. His talk was very moving and inspiring, but he had a very positive outlook.

Another keynote speaker was John Elliot from the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program that takes students in year 11 & 12 through workshops that aim to change the way they think about road safety, driver and passenger behaviour. This program is delivered to over 50,000 students every year in Australia and N.Z. from more than 650 high schools and has reached more than 600,000 students to date.

Health minister Brett Sutton, spoke and he was a such an interesting, humorous and informative speaker. He spoke about how difficult things were in the pandemic during lockdown, but also about his early years travelling throughout South America and other places, his work for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) in Afghanistan with the Taliban in control there at that time, and how that shaped his attitudes now.



Frida Umhuza, from Rwanda, shared how she miraculously escaped from the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. After all her family were killed, she was left to die in a ditch. Frida is the author of the book "Chosen to Die, Destined to Live", and shared how God has helped her to forgive.

There were many more speakers, including Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley. All of the speakers were presented with a certificate for a Wollemi Pine, which was bought in their names for the National Arboretum in Canberra.



When it came to Ian Riseley, they wheeled in an actual Wollemi Pine tree, about one metre high, as a gift for him. It is worth looking up the history of the Wollemi Pine tree. I was thrilled to be able to see an actual live tree, as they only exist in certain places and were nearly wiped out by the fires in Australia.

In between speakers we were revved up by Rob Evans with motivating music (loud) and exercises on the spot. Robb is an entertainer, investor, transformation coach, health

strategist and author, with podcasts in 62 countries. As well, comedian Jonathan Usher gave us lots of light relief throughout the conference and he was very funny.

There were delicious morning and afternoon teas with lots of goodies to eat, and the very elegant hotel had large coffee making machines, on which you could make your own espresso, cappuccino, or whatever at any time for no cost.

The lunch spreads were absolutely fabulous, catering to all tastes, vegetarian, gluten free, etc. etc. (as always happens, many people dived on the vegetarian options).

That evening, the Saturday Gala Dinner was in The Great Hall of Parliament House and the theme was "Across The Ages" - 50's, 60's, 70's 80's dress or black tie. Some clubs had great outfits. The band was wonderful, lots of dancing and a great evening.



There were more inspiring speakers on the last day, Sunday, then another delicious luncheon.

In the evening, after the convention was over, I was invited to a small get-together by Jack and Glenys Cooper (I thought some of you may know them) from the Rotary Club of Mordialloc.

Jack and Glenys were upgraded to an Executive Suite in their hotel and so they had drinkies and nibbles in their suite.



The Mordialloc club really took me under their wing, and helped to fill in the evening for me, and also gave me a chance to get to know some of the Mordialloc members better.



I had not been to Canberra since I was a child, and I really did love all of the greenery and lovely trees around Canberra. It was so peaceful, like being in a giant park. The next morning, before my flight, I went back to Parliament House and had a tour of it and a coffee there in the coffee shop. It was nice to see it in the daytime. It really is a beautifully designed building, and so full of light and beautiful wood used in certain areas.

It left me with a taste to explore more of Canberra.

Throughout the conference, people from the other clubs would all ask me, "how many are here from your club?", to which I replied "nobody". They all seemed genuinely puzzled by this, so...get with it you lot!!!

The 2024 conference will be in Warrnambool. (You can get there comfortably by train!).

You can find more photos taken at the conference [here](#).

Cheers,  
Regina



# Weekly Program

Upcoming events  
March 2023



## 7<sup>th</sup> March **General Meeting - [Guest Speakers](#)**

Guest Speakers  
James Aldinger & Shane O'Sughrue  
Co-Directors of Ray White Chelsea

Venue: Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Ave, Chelsea, 3196

## 14<sup>th</sup> March **General Meeting** Cancelled

Venue: Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Ave, Chelsea, 3196

## 21<sup>st</sup> March **General Meeting** **General meeting and member update**

Venue: Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Ave, Chelsea, 3196

## 28<sup>th</sup> March **General Meeting - [Board meeting prior 5.30pm](#)** **Fun Night** **Indoor Carpet Bowls in the Town Hall**

Venue: Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Ave, Chelsea, 3196