

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old familiar carols play

And wild and sweet, the words repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow





Rotary Nunawading



December 2023

President Ian's Message

Hello everyone ,

Firstly, a big thank you to those that were able to attend the Christmas Party.

It was a night to remember.

For such a successful evening I need to acknowledge the extraordinary effort over a lengthy period of time put in by Harvey L and Russell W to ensure that all went well for the 54 members partners and friends that were able to attend. This included District Governor Ian Ballantine and partner Helen.

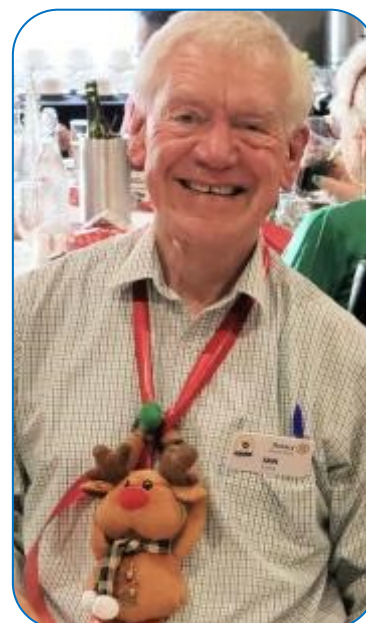
Also want to thank. Peter K, Lesley A and Rob J as photographers for the evening.

The Spangles, [four members of the Emerald and District RC] provided our entertainment with two brackets, one showcasing their musical talents and the other as a comedy act, portraying Christmas elves.

At the conclusion of the evening Russell W called the Spangles to the podium and I had the pleasure of presented them with a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation, designed and Judith E, as well as advising that our club was donating \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in appreciation of their efforts.

As the first half of the Rotary Year draws to a close it is perhaps timely to reflect over the past six months. Some things which spring to mind include the club; co-hosting of a breakfast with Whitehorse Business Group [WBP], Spring Festival, sponsoring an award category at WBG Excellence in Business Awards, Christmas hamper packing, books in homes and primary school students in lower socio-economic areas Mitcham Community Meal, EERN, Aurora School and End Polio Now.

We also have our ongoing projects including RORP, RYDA, Interplast, Medical Imaging Machines and monthly participation at Farmers Market and Bunnings.



December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

In January we will induct Katy Evans as our first new member for the year. She is well known in the local community as President of Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse.

Also, there is anticipation she could be the first of two or three further new members in the coming months, which is a good indicator of a strong active club.

At District and Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot levels, we met our commitments as requested.

I want to acknowledge those members with weekly administration roles, and a very helpful board. Also, need to acknowledge Gabby for her outstanding application writing skills, Rob J for chairing bylaws review process and Neil I for chairing Nominations Committee.

Finally, would like to thank you all for your participation in club activities, wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and look forward to catching up again in 2024.

Cheers

Ian



Ian Evans
President
Rotary Club Of Nunawading



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Christmas party 2023



Showcasing Rotary Nunawading

@ the Mitcham Community Meal Photo from Mitcham community Facebook page



Photos from Gabby



Showcasing Rotary Nunawading : packing hampers at EERN



Photos from Gabby



EERN hamper packing 30 November.
Packed 311 hampers—Over 5000 items
Servicing around 70 of EERNs member agencies.

Attending from Nunawading:
Paul Thorn, Gabby Knaepple , Ian Evans,
Sue Warmington, Leela John, Rob Jackson,
Wendy Oliver



Email from past exchange student Louise Popowitz

*Dear members of the Rotary Club of Nunawading,
Some of you may remember me from when your Club hosted me as a youth exchange student arriving in Melbourne from Denmark, back in 1999/2000, others of you I may have met when I attended the Club's 50th anniversary back in 2015.*

I didn't imagine that this was going to make me so emotional, but as you will see, it has been a long journey.

It's a story of love, love for a man and love for a country and its people.

It's a story about belonging, finding yourself feeling at home in two places, two countries, on each side of the world, and it's a story of forever feeling torn, knowing that your two worlds will, and can never become one.

The paper process of becoming an Australian citizen started in June 2018, but my love story with Australia began in August 1999 when I first arrived in Melbourne as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, hosted by your Club.

A year that would change my life and my world forever, in so many ways. It was during this time that I met my now husband, Brent, who is from Sydney.

When I graduated from RMIT I therefore moved to Sydney to be with him, and together we embarked on a long visa process.

On Wednesday 13 September 2023, 24 years after I first arrived in Australia, the 5-year long visa application process came to an end, I became an Australian Citizen during a citizenship ceremony at Ku-ring-gai Council.

I'm now a dual citizen of Denmark and Australia - I will, after all, never give up my Danish citizenship.

Becoming an Australian, to me, is about accepting and acknowledging that this is also my home, as much as Denmark, and that I do belong in both places.

It is impossible to put into words the impact my Rotary Exchange year has had on me, but one thing is certain, that I can't even imagine what turns my life would have taken had Rotary not given me the opportunity. And I certainly wouldn't sit here in Sydney, 24 years later, as an Australian.

I am forever grateful that your Club offered to host me, to my Councillor and his wife: Graeme & Marion Moorfoot, and especially to my 5 host families: Max & Ann Drayton, Bob & Bev Hoskins, Robert McQuade & Alison Pennington, Bob & Lyn Davis and Peter & Karen Rentsch, for opening their homes and lives to me.

Best wishes,

Louise



JUST FOR LAUGHS - 2 pages of Christmas cheer





Forthcoming events.....

Christmas Breakfast Meeting

Wed Dec 20th

from 7.15am for 7.30am till 9.00am

at Sweet Lime Cafe

**1 / 630 Mitcham Rd,
corner of Redland Drive, Mitcham.**

Contact Harvey Lane: Mob 0411 180 643

MOORABBIN AIR MUSEUM

12 FIRST STREET, MOORABBIN AIRPORT

Meet at the Cheltenham RSL for lunch

at 12:30 pm on Wed January 10th

& attend a guided tour of the museum afterwards.

Cost: Adults \$ 10:00, Seniors \$7:00 Children over 5 \$5:00

Contact : Bob Davis

N.B. Bucatini's' does not reopen until the 15th Jan so this takes the place of our first meeting for 2024.

Of shoes and ships.....

CELEBRATE
two month's
**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**
@
DEC & JAN



13TH MARCH 2024
6:45AM FOR A 7:00AM START

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY
BREAKFAST**
THE 8TH YEAR

Fully catered breakfast event held in the Box Hill Town Hall, celebrating women in the City of Whitehorse, featuring 3 high-profile, inspirational speakers.

All proceeds go to charity.

For tickets, scan the QR code or navigate to arco.de/IWD2024



SCAN ME

Rotary Clubs of Whitehorse International Women's Day Women in Rotary Presented by Your Local Rotary Clubs

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024



Rotary District 9810



Mind Matters

District Conference March 22-24, 2024
Warrnambool, Vic

Info at the
conference website at
WARRNAMBOOL
For bookings Click
[HERE](#)

CLUB MEETINGS

We meet on
Wednesdays at
6:00pm for 6:30pm dinner at

Visitors welcome



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RESTAURANT AND BAR

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President: Ian Evans

Pres. Elect: Rob Jackson

Sec. : Janette Etherington

Bulletin Editor :

[Lesley Arnolda](#)



For your calendar.....

DEC 2023

2 Dec	Sat	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
6 Dec	Wed	Club Christmas Party
13 Dec	Wed	Meeting at Bucatini Speaker Jodie Doble the principal of Parkmore Primary
17 Dec	Sun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
20 Dec	Wed	Christmas Breakfast at Sweet Lime Cafe from 7.15am for 7.30am till 9.00am

Jan 2024

10 Jan	Wed	Moorabbin Air Museum with lunch at Cheltenham RSL at 1230 PM
14 Jan	Sun	Farmer's Market: Nunawading on Bacon & Egg stall
17 Jan	Wed	First meeting at Bucatini's for 2024

PRESIDENTS BBQ

18 February 2024 Thanks to Bob and Coral for again being able to host.

Contact is Bob Allardice Mob 0419-509-4038



Caulfield Market
 At Caulfield Commons
Sun 3 Dec.....9am-2pm
Wed 13 Dec..3pm-8pm
Sun 4 Feb.....9am-2pm

FREE ENTRY & PARKING

Fresh Produce
 Hand Made Crafts
 Food to Go
 130+ Stalls

Caulfield Community MARKET

Caulfield Rotary

caulfield racecourse reserve

Stall Hire Proceeds & Donations Support Local Charities & Rotary Projects

Ian and Ben at October's Farmer's Market. Photo : Susan Stennett





Christmas To-Do List

Be

-~~Buy~~ Presents

-Wrap ~~Gifts~~ Someone
in a hug

-Send ~~Gifts~~ Peace

Donate

-~~Shop~~ for Food

Be

-~~See~~ the Lights

