



Bulletin #8 2023-2024

President Greg Byers **Secretary** Catriona Jarman **Treasurer** Peter Holland

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel 6.30pm for 7.00pm start—**See below**

Duty Rota

If you cannot fulfill your duties please arrange someone else and inform Pres.

Date	4th September	11th September	18th September
Guest Speaker	Lexi Economou A Project for Women	Sarah DÓria Rambling Rose Wine Tours	Michael Moloney How not to Stuff up Retirement.
Chair	Mary Greenshields	Alison Hall	Alison Hall
Greeter	Catriona Jarman	Vivian Beaumont	Fred Sartori
Loyal Toast	Ann Pritchard	Liam Jones	Gary Doherty
Cashier	Paulette Andrews	Peter Holland	John Keeffe

Invocation ALL

*For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to Serve through
Rotary We Give Thanks*

Please be advised that we will be meeting at Chittick Park at 6.00pm on the 4th September, to look over the Market site and learn where we might be needed that day. From here we go to the Royal

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Having been called to order, Jane the Chair, called for the Invocation followed by Toasts from Catriona. Catj's Rotary toast was.....

My Rotary International toast this evening is close to home. The theme of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has been promoted by Rotary International as an ideal to which all Rotary Clubs should aspire. On our national stage, there can be no doubt that the Matildas soccer team as an example of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in this sporting arena has



inspired participation from our youth (both girls and boys) and attracted much needed funding for the sport. The Matildas participation in the World Cup has also led to a worldwide focus on Australia.



Therefore, as a link to the theme of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, my research into an International Toast has led me to the Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington in inner Melbourne. This Club sponsors the multicultural Kensington City Soccer Club by supporting and encouraging young women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to participate in the sport.

Those from disadvantaged socio economic backgrounds are provided with a financial contribution towards their membership, playing fees and uniforms. As a result, they develop physical, social and relationship skills resulting from team involvement.

The Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington was chartered in 1987. It holds breakfast meetings on Wednesday mornings at the local bowling club and manages its own opportunity shop to raise funds for local and international projects. With multicultural membership from a variety of age groups, the Club provides a good example of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Rotary whilst maintaining a contemporary and proactive presence in the surrounding community. Catriona Jarman

Following the toasts our guests were welcomed

Neta Kirby ,District Governor, Sharon Fox, Assistant Governor, from Rotary and other guests; Samantha Warne, Bill Dyer and Chris Chadwick.

Our loveable President welcomed us all and told of the very pleasant trip out to the music studio last weekend where a lot was learnt about the music industry.



Greg explained that he and Ruth were on holiday later this week and work was needed in regard to the Pilot Program being undertaken by Zone 8. So folks, get as much info as you can on the program and be prepared to put forward your 10 cents worth.

Next came the Reports from Board members;

*Fiona informed us of an article about Lily, cleaning the Gravestones, was in the paper and she was nearly finished on her community award program as were several others also doing the program.

Mock interviews are to be held on 19th October.

Information on the writers awards were out in the schools now.

*John reported that Adopt a Road was to happen soon. And perhaps Rotary Seymour could look at holding a day where we could fit theft proof screws to number plates of community members.

*Mark brought us up to date on the Market with 21 days to go. There have been 4 new vendors while some were told 'not this time'. While we have costs of \$2360 fees from vendors are being received.

We have a new radio ad. that went to air this last weekend and is targeted at customers; as is a newspaper ad to be in the Telegraph the next 2 weeks. The North Central Review will put us in the Market days ad.

We have signage for the event that looks very eye catching .

We must satisfy customers as well as vendors so when in the community talk, talk, talk up the market.

Long term weather forecast is for fine sunny weather so looking good.



Please could you come to Chittick Park next Monday (4th) to get a feel for the market and what we will be doing. Also, next week, we will allocate jobs to those volunteers for that day.

*Ruth came next to tell us about the program for the coming weeks. See above for 4th, 11th and 18th. On 25th we have RC Alexandra visiting for footy night.

District Governor Neta Kirby told us a bit about herself.

Neta lives in Tatura and is a member of the Rotary Club of Tatura. She has 4 adult children 2 girls and 2 boys as well as 8 grandchildren. Neta works full time as a child therapist and juggles work , family and Rotary.

Neta has 2 4-footed furry Lab assistants, Connie 7 and Megs 2, who help her tend to children 2 to 17 years old — mostly from homes torn apart by Domestic Violence.

Neta has the Honour of being called Auntie by First Nations People, due to her work with First Nations children.

Some time ago Neta and her family wanted to do a Project for a charitable organisation. They chose 'Life's Little Treasures'. This organisation helps families cope with the distress of having premature infants. These babes can be very ill and may not go home for many months. So far they have raised \$7000 towards their goal of \$50,000.

Also through RC Tatura, Neta is helping to raise awareness and funds to combat Domestic Violence.

Sergeant's Session — Many varied and interesting fines this week and laughs were aplenty.

Raffle Greg via Ruth got the Chocs, while John—the wine

Chaddie failed to find the Joker, so the Jackpot rises to well above \$600.

Pres. Greg thanked all our guest for coming and especially Neta for her talk. Don't forget to pay for dinner.

Good Night.



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