



Bulletin #22, 2023-2024

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

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel at 1830hrs for 1900hrs.

Duty Rota

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

Date	11th December	18th December	Next Meeting 7th January 2024
Guest Speaker	Club Night Behind the Badge Plus	Xmas at Fred's Shed more info to come	Social Meeting Kingleake flower and Berry farm
Chair	Ruth Byers		
Greeter	Chris Bence		
Loyal Toast	Jane Challis		
Cashier	David Freeman		

Invocation ALL

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

A little slow to get going tonight. After the Invocation, Tony W. provided us with the toasts. Tonight 's Rotary toast is to the Rotary Club of Boston, USA. This Club is the 7th oldest in the world and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009. For Service projects it does a lot for veterans who serve the US and helps with foodbanks and clothes for needy children and the homeless.

Our guests tonight are Pastor Daniel Saunders from the Central Church with him came Miriam an exchange student from Germany and ADG Sharon Fox.

President Greg was up next, welcoming our guests and us to an interesting evening. Gary D is to give a presentation about a project to help Ukraine's war orphans.

Greg wanted to know what happened to last week's Bulletin well.....the Editor had a Senior's moment and forgot—will go out tonight.



Reports.

Mark — told us our newest members have been active around the Club which is good and says he finds it exhilarating to socialise with the new personalities and to become involved with them and his peers in the Club. Please look at the community around you and look for people who could be potential members. More about this next year.

There was a battery collection last week, the haul was less this time so if you know of companies or businesses that get rid of batteries let Mark know.

With the Market on the 17th there will be a 1/2 page ad. In the Telegraph just to remind the community its on. There are 1 or 2 new vendors this month. There is no market for January and there will be a letter box drop for the February Market.

If we want the Market to become an integral part of the community we still have a lot of work to do. Hang in there folks.

This week, in conjunction with The Central Church, the distribution of Christmas hampers commenced at Seymour College. Fifty hampers, 25 each for the Primary school and Secondary school will be provided to needy families. Our club has contributed the total of \$1000 for these hampers that would have a total retail value of \$3750.00.



Treas. — The Trivia night made a profit of around \$8500; while the lunchtime BBQ for the council's 'Steps Towards Change' walk was well received by all. Our little table Wishing Well gave us \$33 for the coffers.



For those paying fees by instalment, payment needs to be made by the end of this month. If you wish to make a payment the Zellar is here, waiting for your card.

Sec. — Rotary continues to assist in the distribution of debit cards to those affected by the floods. This will continue for a little longer. So far \$45,000 has been given out.

We have received a card from Annabelle Cleeland, the Local MP for Euroa, Thanking Rotary for its efforts after the floods last year.

Gary — Rotary Foundation is basically the group's Charity. It is supported by Rotary Clubs world wide for individual projects covering the needs of various peoples in many countries. You can donate personally to the Foundation through a Direct Debit; this can be done as a regular debit over time or it can be a one off. The amounts that you donate can be whatever you decide from as little as \$1 to however much you choose. Please think about it.

Ruth — The Xmas party is on Monday 18th December at Fred's Shed, 70 Redbank Rd. Lots of carols, a Xmas Trivia and much fun. It will start at the usual 1830hrs for 1900hrs. If you are coming please let Ruth know by no later than next Monday 11th so food etc. can be organised.

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Presentation

On Friday evening, 03 November 2023, Sharon Fox (Assistant Governor), Lynda Robinson, Ian & Helen Gibb and Maria Price (Alexandra International / Foundation Chair) attended a Zoom Meeting via invitation with the Rotary Club of Kharkiv Renaissance of Ukraine.

The main presenter of the meeting and the one who talked the group through the slides was Sofia, a 22-year-old student who was with Rotaract, and is now with the Rotary Club of Kharkiv Renaissance.

This club was only formed 2 years ago. Sofia's role within the club is Fundraising and Communications. Sofia is still studying; however, her course is online.

The group, that were at the Zoom meeting, found it to be an extremely moving and confronting presentation, and during the presentation it was good to be able to speak to someone on the front line and hear first hand their significant hardships.

Their hot water supply is regularly turned off, and there can be days of no shelling/ bombing. There are other times where they are all in the bomb shelters, which could be the middle of the night.

So far, in winter they go long periods without power. Sofia cites one of the biggest problems is that people are staying in their homes, and that they are afraid to leave because they want to hold on to what they have.

The Club is seeking to connect with other organisations and Rotary Clubs, that may be able to help them get the Centres for Children's Life and Rehabilitation up and running.



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	Name	Quantity	USD, per one service/ product	Total USD
One time expenses				
1	Play (game) wall	10	200	2000
2	Double bunk bed	300	125	37500
3	Set: pillow+linens+accessories	600	85	51000
4	Arrangement of a place for psychotherapy (set: 2 arm-chairs +	10	165	1650
Monthly expenses				
5	Psychotherapist 4 times a month	300	100	30000
6	Art therapy 4 times a month	40	75	3000
7	Physical education 4 times a month	40	55	2200
Total				127350



It is Gary's wish to donate enough money from the Club and other donations to provide bedding for 6 children by early next year. This is about A\$1500 and may be sent to Rotary Alexander for forwarding to Ukraine.

ADG Sharon indicated that it was from helping Ukrainian refugees in Melbourne that we heard about the plight of the war orphans.

In asking questions John wanted to know if this Rotary Club was bonefide due to scams etc. coming out of Europe. To be investigated and confirmed.

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NO fine session but beware next meeting.

Raffle — Pastor Daniel won the chocs and Alan the wine

Greg reminded us that the Raffle tickets, for the car, are to be back with Ruth by 11th December for forwarding to Mooroopna. Please include monies and unsold tickets. Good luck all.

We were also reminded that next week was a members night with Behind the Badge.

Upcoming Events			
2023			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
December	17	Community Market	Mark Dosser
	18	Xmas Party At Fred S's Shed	Ruth Byers
2024			
January	26	Australia Day Celebrations	John Keefe
February	25	Charity Golf Day	Peter Holland



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