

Bulletin #33, 4th March 2024

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

Next meeting is at RC Alexandra.

Duty Rota

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

Date	11th March	13th March	18th March
Guest Speaker	Labour Day Holiday	Visit to RC Alexandra Golf Day	Visit to the Seymour Race Course for a tour.
Chair	N. A.	Watch for emails for further info	TBA
Greeter			
Loyal Toast			
Cashier			

Invocation ALL

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

No President tonight, but our Chair, Fiona said she would bumble through. She welcomed our guests who were Danial, Fiona and our guest speaker Mirriam, and ADG Sharon Foxx.

Following we had the invocation and the Toast by Mark D. The International toast was to the RC of Tavenui Island in Fiji. With a membership of 10 and an Island population of 15,000 this Club 'punches above its weight'.

The club's emphasis is on Emergency Cyclone Relief and Shelters, Educational Scholarships and Hospital Maintenance. Recently it teamed with its sister club in Boronia, in Victoria, to establish a 40 bed dormitory at the Bucalevu Secondary College.

Is a Sister Club something we should be looking at?

BULA to the RC of Tavenui Island, Fiji.



Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
March	9-11	Shake the can	CANCELLED
	13	Golf Visit to RC Alexandra	Ruth Byers
	17	Community Market	Mark Dossor
	29 - 1st April	Shake the can	TBC
April	21	Community Market	Mark Dossor
	19-21	District Conference	
May	18	70th Anniversary	TBA
	19	Community Market	Mark Dossor



Next Fiona called for Reports.

Pres. And Sec. no reports

Tres. Finances in good order. However we had some vouchers left over from the Golf day. IGA vouchers and some Tyrepower ones for sale

Over the next few minutes the IGA vouchers were sold and 5 of the 7 Tyrepower ones were sold. Thanks members

Members congratulated Peter on the Golf Day, with a little more than \$5000 raised.

Mark - Membership:, Information night is 22nd April, think about prospective members and tell Mark so he can send an invitation to attend.

Remember the Market is 2 weeks away so think about whether you can help.

Jane while there is no meeting next Monday, we will be going to Alexandra, on Wednesday, for our yearly golf challenge
We may car pool if necessary.

This week it is hoped a newspaper article will come out about the Golf day.

ADG Sharon wanted to tell us about the District Assembly in Benalla on 24th March; Board members and ordinary members are welcome. Also she wanted to remind members of the Conference between 19th and 21st April.

Fiona - Due to her current situation Fiona apologised for being a little tardy in getting to the Local Schools in regard to the J.C.A. and getting the necessary information out to the students so they can decide on their participation and to get family permission.

There were no further reports.

David Freeman said that while attending a recent funeral he came across an former member. Brian Tehan who wished to be remembered to the Club.

Our guest speaker is Miriam an exchange student from Germany, who is staying with Daniel and Fiona from the Central Church.

Miriam comes from the little village of Uengershausen, not far from Wurzburg in Bavaria, in Germany. She attends a secondary school in Wurzburg covering years 5 to 13. During recent years Miriam's school chose to extend from year 12 finish to year 13 finish. This enabled Miriam to take the opportunity to become an exchange student. She wanted to travel far, so chose to visit Australia for 10 months. She is very happy with her decision.



So, in July 2023 and leaving her family of parents, 2 sisters and a brother behind; Miriam flew her longest flight to arrive in Australia on 2nd August, spending a week in Sydney for orientation. From here she flew to Melbourne and was greeted by her exchange family.

In Germany Miriam's favourite subjects were economics, law and latin, while out side of school she had trumpet and band lessons and coached children in gymnastics. Like all teenage girls Miriam spent time with her friends on Saturdays and had family time on Sundays.

In Australia Miriam chose to study legal studies and psychology, which are not available in Germany. She was anxious, at first, attending an english speaking school but was surprised at how warmly she was greeted and helped by the staff and students. Miriam has thrived and grown during her stay, so far, and has enjoyed the adventure of learning about football, the different culture and about Australia in general.

During her stay Miriam has been able to visit a lot of Australia; including various trips to Melbourne. As well as Uluru, Sydney, Jervis Bay and the Gold Coast. And visits to Healesville, Ballaraat, Echuca and Phillip Island. Mirian was able to visit Canberra where she visited the High Court, which she had learnt about in legal studies, and sit in on Question time in Federal Parliament. This was interesting according to Miriam.

Miriam has seen the differences in culture by noting that we are not troubled by an hours drive to work. Also, the school systems are different. Miriam said she found the multicultural people and the different cuisines to be her favourite differences. She also noted that we have P's and L's but they are not in Germany, climate is different. Miriam found that Germans may be more direct in asking questions that are not well received here in Australia.

Miriam says that she has grown in confidence with speaking English and learnt a lot about herself. She is happy she challenged herself to come here and learnt to be more independent. She appreciates her life in Germany more and it is important to appreciate the littlest things.

Miriam hopes we enjoyed her talk and thanked us for listening. If we had questions she would be happy to answer them. Which she did.

On behalf of the Members I would like to thank this articulate (in English) and talented young lady for talking to us and we wish her well when back home.



Due to converting a talk into a report meant I could not instil the excitement and happiness that Miriam showed in her talking, nor could I add all that she talked about. ED.

No Sergeant session tonight

The Raffle tonight - Ruth got the Chocs and Chris the wine

There will be no Shake the Can this long weekend. Fiona remarked it was a privilege to listen to Miriam and thanked her for sharing her experience with us. Fiona also thanked our other guests, before wishing us a good evening.

Fiona you bumbled through very nicely. Ed



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