

Bulletin 17th February, 2025

President Mark Dossor **Secretary** Catriona Jarman **Treasurer** Peter Holland

Next meeting is at Seymour Medical Clinic at 1800hrs
followed by Dinner at the Royal Hotel

Duty Rota

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

Date	24th Feb.	3rd March 2025	No meeting on 10th 11th Mar Love Your Sister Dinner
Guest Speaker	Med. Clinic and Club Assembly	Fellowship night	TBC
Chair	Bill Dwyer	Mark Dossor	Ruth Byers
Greeter	All greet each other.	Ann Holland	
Loyal Toast	Catriona Jarman	Bonnie Williams	
Cashier	Matt F.	Peter Holland	

Invocation ALL

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



Sergeant at Arms welcomed us tonight to celebrate some birthdays. He then introduced our Chair John who led us in the Invocation before calling on Alison for the Toasts.

Alison's International toast was for the Rotary Club of Savannah, Georgia, USA. I was chartered in 1914 and its 1st project was to provide funds for a road to the local tourist island. It

took 9 years to finish and they were invited to cut the ribbon when the road was opened in 1923.

They have supported the local orphanage and are proud of their sponsorship of the Georgia Rotary Student Program. They have been active in the local parks and gardens. From the 42 Foundation members they have grown to 240 members, with some being Paul Harris Fellows.



Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
February	23	Charity Golf Day	Peter Holland
	24	AED Practice Club Assembly	Bill Dwyer
March	11	Love your Sister	Ruth Byers
	16	Market	Mark Dossor
April	11—13	District Conference	Kathy Mills
	Easter	Shake the Can	John Keefe
	20	Market	Mark Dossor



The Chair then called Kathy to explain tonight's celebration. She indicated that the club had 2 members who are celebrating their 70th birthdays this month, Gary on the 6th and Mark on the 18th. Incidentally Kathy pointed out that on the 23rd February Rotary International becomes 120 years old.

President Mark's turn and he thanked all for coming to help celebrate. He thanked Kathy and Jane for organising the evening and the decorations. Mark then told us that someone was celebrating their '35'th birthday next week. (As if! said Catriona).



The Chair now called for any reports; Secretary had no report but indicated that an email about an upcoming District event was to be sent out later this week. Treasurer put his other hat on and told us that the preparations for the golf day were nearly set. However with only 9 teams at present booked it maybe, that the event may have to be cancelled if there were not enough teams by Thursday. To make it a viable project we need 12 to 14 teams. Please check your emails on Thursday just in case there is a change.

The Treasurer informed us the Club was still solvent and not to worry.



Bill Dwyer pointed out that there was a Money Box on the table near the raffle tickets, that members could put small change in for RI.

We still not sure how Mary is doing.

Kathy pointed out that the hit song for 1963 when our boys were 10, 1973 when they were 18 and 1976 when they were 21; were Shaking all over, Tie a yellow ribbon on the old oak tree and Fernando

We listened to these while we had dinner.

Kathy asked Gary to tell us what he remembered from those years.

Gary told us that he finished primary school when he was 10 and commenced Secondary school before he turned 11. Like a lot of boys he had a paper round.

At 18 he was driving a tip truck around the Pioneer quarry where they crushed rock for the future Hume Highway. Around this time he met Christine and married after about 2 years.

At 21 Gary was a spray painter at the Ford factory and welcomed his first child Adam.

On 23rd February Gary will have been a Rotarian for 15 years.



Now it was Mark's turn.

Mark stated that he and Gary lived about 4 to 5 kms apart and both had a paper round from the same newsagent. When he was 10 mark developed his first crush for a teacher. He was so taken that he decided to raid his Mother's jewellery box and found a ring to give to this teacher. He said she was nice about it but gave the ring back to his Mother. Needless to say Mark never went near the box again.

Also in that year 2 Collingwood players visited the School and Mark was so impressed that he has been a true Collingwood supporter ever since.

At 18, he had a job in Geelong and shared a house with 3 older men (early 20s) overlooking Corio Bay. Most Fridays he would meet Susanne at the Geelong station however things went horribly wrong on Valentine's day when Mark missed Susanne getting off the train. Thinking she hadn't come he joined the boys at the pub, only to find Susanne waiting at the house for him when they got home.

Valentine's Day has not been the same since.

At 23, Mark had a small flat overlooking Lake Wendouree in Ballaarat. Around that time it snowed in Ballaarat. It was at this time he told his parents that Susanne was moving in with him. His mother was not very happy. All is well now.

In April Mark will have been a Rotarian for 14 years.

Kathy told us that Paul from the Royal had a pavlova for us for dessert it would come soon.

While waiting our Sgt. at Arms held his fine session, there were several fines some were even true events but there were laughs and we all await the next session eagerly

Raffles tonight Alison H got the Chocs and Tony W the wine. Kathy tried Joker Poker but it jackpots again.



Dessert arrived with candles on it so we sang Happy Birthday to All; before tasting the yummy and light Pav.

Mark thanked Katty and Jane again and said perhaps we had all enjoyed the reminiscing

Next week we will start at the Seymour Medical Clinic at 1800 hrs for some practical on the AED before retiring to the Royal for the meal. Please meet at the rear entrance to the clinic.

Good Night



At the end of this Bulletin is a list of events for 1955 as found in Wikipedia. I hope you enjoy the read. Ed.

Cycle Dindi M

over the hills and not so far away

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025

A charity bicycle event
along the Great
Victorian Rail Trail

Registrations open January 2025
E: cycledindi25@gmail.com

The event on the Great Victorian Rail Trail will be centred on the lovely townships of Yea and Alexandra. There will be a choice of 3 starting points, all converging on the banks of the Goulburn River at Cathkin for lunch.

This event is a fund raiser for Rotary Youth Projects.

Rotary

Clubs of Alexandra and Yea
and the Friends of the GVRT



What do I get for my money?

- Billy tea, damper and BBQ lunch at Cathkin
- Free admission to Nutfield a working farm, with free Devonshire Tea in the shearing shed, sheep dog demonstration and trailer ride.

How Much?

Early Bird
(closes Feb 28th):
Adult \$55 Senior \$45
Student \$10
From March 1st:
Adult \$60 Senior \$50
Student \$10



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- Under school age free
- SNR – relevant Seniors' card must be held
- Group discount available on request

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

DISTANCE	
Yea to Merton (return)	93 kms
Merton to Yea (return)	93 kms
Merton to Cathkin (return)	51 kms
Yea to Cathkin (return)	42 kms
Yea to Alexandra (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Yea (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Cathkin (return)	26 kms



Interested?

contact Melinda (Alexandra) **0418 378 806**
Julie (Yea) **0447 762 557**
or Ross (Mansfield) **0439 046 199**
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1955 in Australia

The following lists events that happened during **1955 in Australia**.

Incumbents

- Monarch – Elizabeth II
- Governor-General – Sir William Slim
- Prime Minister – Robert Menzies
- Chief Justice – Sir Owen Dixon

1955 in Australia

Monarch	Elizabeth II
Governor-General	William Slim
Prime minister	Robert Menzies
Population	9,199,729
Elections	Federal, TAS, VIC

State Premiers

- Premier of New South Wales – Joseph Cahill
- Premier of Queensland – Vince Gair
- Premier of South Australia – Thomas Playford IV
- Premier of Tasmania – Robert Cosgrove
- Premier of Victoria – John Cain I (until 7 June), then Henry Bolte
- Premier of Western Australia – Albert Hawke



1955
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Australia

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Decades: 1930s • 1940s • **1950s** • 1960s • 1970s

See also: 1955 in Australian literature • Other events of 1955 • Federal election • Timeline of Australian history

State Governors

- Governor of New South Wales – Sir John Northcott
- Governor of Queensland – Sir John Lavarack
- Governor of South Australia – Sir Robert George
- Governor of Tasmania – Sir Ronald Cross, 1st Baronet
- Governor of Victoria – Sir Dallas Brooks
- Governor of Western Australia – Sir Charles Gairdner



Robert Menzies

Events

- 19 February – The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) is established at a meeting in Bangkok.^[1]
- 22–28 February – 1955 Hunter Valley floods: Enormous flooding of the Hunter River and adjacent areas of the Murray–Darling basin causes loss of life and set many rainfall and streamflow records.
- 19 April – Australian Labor Party split of 1955. Expelled members form the Australian Labor Party (Anti-Communist), predecessor of the Democratic Labor Party (DLP).
- 28 May – A state election is held in Victoria. John Cain's Labor government is defeated by the Liberal and Country Party, led by Henry Bolte.
- August – Widespread floods and exceedingly persistent rainfall effect the southern fringe of the continent.
- 12 August – The aircraft carrier HMAS *Vengeance* is returned to the British Royal Navy.^[2]
- 21 August – The Consolidated Zinc Corporation announced it has discovered bauxite at Weipa, Queensland.^[3]
- 28 October – The aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne* is commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy.^[2]
- 6 November – The 1955 Queensland Road Racing Championship is held at Southport.^[4]
- 16 November – The Adelaide suburb of Elizabeth, South Australia is established.
- 23 November – The Cocos Islands in the Indian Ocean are transferred from British to Australian control.
- 10 December – Federal election: The incumbent Liberal Party led by Prime Minister Robert Menzies with coalition partner the Country Party led by Arthur Fadden defeat the Labor Party led by H. V. Evatt. Malcolm Fraser first enters Parliament as Liberal member for Wannon.

Science and technology

- The Guthega power station becomes the first to generate electricity in the Snowy Mountains Scheme

Arts and literature

- 28 November – Ray Lawler's *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* receives its stage premiere by the Union Theatre Repertory Company in Melbourne with the playwright in a leading role; this is influential as the first authentically naturalistic modern drama in the theatre of Australia^[5]
- 19 December – Dame Edna Everage makes her first stage appearance, in Melbourne
- John Brack paints *The Car* and *Collins St., 5 pm* in Oakleigh, Victoria
- Ivor Hele wins the Archibald Prize with his portrait of *Robert Campbell Esq.*
- Donald Friend wins the Blake Prize for Religious Art with his work *St John and Scenes from the Apocalypse*
- Patrick White's novel *The Tree of Man* is published
- Alan Marshall's childhood autobiography *I Can Jump Puddles* is published

Film

- *Jedda*, a film by Charles Chauvel, is released

Sport and recreation

- **Board games**
- 19 January – Australian debut of Scrabble
- **Cricket**
 - New South Wales wins the Sheffield Shield
 - England defeats Australia 3–1 in The Ashes
- **Football**
 - South Australian National Football League premiership: won by Port Adelaide
 - Victorian Football League premiership: Melbourne defeated Collingwood 64–36
- **Rugby**
 - Bledisloe Cup: won by the All Blacks
 - Brisbane Rugby League premiership: Valleys defeat Brothers 17–7
 - New South Wales Rugby League premiership: South Sydney defeat Newtown 12–11
- **Golf**
 - Australian Open: won by Bobby Locke
 - Australian PGA Championship: won by Ossie Pickworth
- **Horse racing**
 - *Rising Fast* wins the Caulfield Cup
 - *Kingster* wins the Cox Plate
 - *Toparoa* wins the Melbourne Cup
- **Motor racing**
 - The Australian Grand Prix is held at Port Wakefield and won by Jack Brabham driving a Cooper Bristol
- **Tennis**
 - Australian Open men's singles: Ken Rosewall defeats Lew Hoad 9–7 6–4 6–4
 - Australian Open women's singles: Beryl Penrose Collier defeats Thelma Coyne Long 6–4 6–3
 - Davis Cup: Australia defeats the United States 5–0 in the 1955 Davis Cup final
 - Wimbledon: Rex Hartwig and Lew Hoad win the Gentlemen's Doubles
- **Yachting**
 - *Even* takes line honours and *Moonbi* wins on handicap in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Births

- 1 January – Mario Andreacchio, film director
- 6 January – Graham Murray (died 2013), rugby league footballer and coach
- 13 January – Paul Kelly, rock musician
- 10 February – Greg Norman, golfer
- 4 March – Tim Costello, Baptist minister and CEO of World Vision
- 6 April - Ray Blacklock (died 2020), rugby league footballer
- 10 April - Mike Rinder (died 2025), scientologist

- 23 April – Judy Davis, actress
- 2 May – Ian Callen, cricketer
- 3 May – David Hookes (died 2004), cricketer
- 31 May – Tommy Emmanuel, guitarist
- 23 June – Alan J. Gow, motorsport executive
- 5 July – Peter McNamara, tennis player
- 24 July – David Smith, race walker
- 26 July – Ron Peno (died 2023), rock singer/songwriter
- 27 July – Allan Border, cricketer
- 5 August – Robert Flower (died 2014), footballer
- 19 August – Mary-Anne Fahey, actress and comedian
- 18 September – Jim Saleam, far right activist
- 5 October – Wilbur Wilde, saxophonist
- 8 October – Paul Lennon, Premier of Tasmania
- 24 October – Katherine Knight, murderer
- 30 November – Deborra-Lee Furness, actress and producer
- 11 December – David Atkins, actor and dancer
- 19 December – Lincoln Hall (died 2012), mountain climber

Deaths

- 10 May – John Radecki, stained-glass artist (born in Poland) (b. 1865)
- 6 June – Max Meldrum, artist (born in the United Kingdom) (b. 1875)
- 1 August – Charles Shaw, journalist and novelist (b. 1900)
- 26 August – P.C. Anderson, golfer and educator (born in the United Kingdom) (b. 1871)
- 5 September – Haydn Bunton Sr., Australian rules footballer (Fitzroy) (b. 1911)
- 11 November – Harry Cobby, military aviator (b. 1894)
- 19 December – Sir Keith Smith, aviator (b. 1890)

See also

- List of Australian films of the 1950s

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