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## **WELCOME**

Welcome back to Suneth and to Lynne Mack (Rotary Club of Mississauga) and to Bet's son in law, Darren Bower. It was great to hear an update from Suneth and about his recent family visit.

## **ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It was fascinating to step back into the Chair after 18 months in President Lindsay's absence. With Pauline ably by my side it was a bit like Groundhog Day I guess, but oh so much has changed in that time and our Club has grown and prospered. Unfortunately, I couldn't shake the connection with Dad jokes, so apologies for that.

This morning we had quite a large meeting and looked at some hot issues within the club. In particular, from last week's Board meeting Lindsay and Ian have been working very hard on finalising the club's 23/24 budget. Even though we're halfway through the year there was still cause for the club board to make sure our finances are tracking responsibly so we can support all of the causes we aim for.

Greg raised that we are looking at trying to make the Market booking experience better for our stallholders and easier on him and Ian when it comes to confirming their attendance and billing them. As our Market has grown so dramatically the administrative effort involved has also grown, so a little automation should help smooth things out a bit. That's probably going to take a few months though.

We also had a discussion about leadership. The elephant in the room is that we don't yet have a President nominee for the 24/25 year. It's tricky as we don't want to rush our newer members into this position, yet recycling is also not ideal. Have a think about it because one thing you can be sure of is that everyone will be behind you and help you in every way they can. One option could be a dual Presidency for the first time, so we get both experience and new ideas sharing the gold chain and divide the workload.

Finally, as this is a 5-week month, Robyn has been busily arranging a social dinner at Baan Thai on the 5th Tuesday (30th January) that's all coming together very nicely and should top off a great start to the new year.

Just 16 days into 2024 and so much going on already!

Cheers **Simon** 



## NEXT CLUB MEETING 1241

7am, 06 February 2024 Heccies, 31 Fisher St, Magill Club contact: Lindsay Davis 0415 453 101

**Guest Speaker:**MARCO DI GIROLAMO

#### SOUTH PACIFIC SCHOOL AID



Marco last spoke to our club in August 2022 and has kindly agreed to return to give us an update, especially as we have so many new members. Last year was a very busy year for SPSA with 66 pallets of books and resources shipped for overseas

resources shipped for overseas schools. The destinations were Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Timor Leste and Tanzania. Come along and hear about the work of the South Pacific School Aid.



# **GUEST SPEAKER: BET GEBERT**



No guest speaker at our meeting but newest member, Betty Gebert presented her 'Person Behind the Badge'.

Betty began her address with family photos and anecdotes. JC once said, 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' and it didn't take us long to figure out that Betty's treasure is her family.

A few days before her recent birthday, Club President, Lindsay, pointed out that Betty had lived 3,000 days. Betty was born on 17/11/1941 at Red Cliffs, Victoria. Her dad was a WWI soldier settler, who for many years toiled on poor soil before moving to Merbein, just north of Mildura (Victoria's northern most town).

Acting President, PP Simon Brewer and Bet Gebert

Betty married childhood sweetheart, Trevor, who worked a fruit block. There were some tough times and Betty recalled the 10 year drought that ended in the year 2000.

Betty worked all of her working life as nurse and was registered in Victoria and NSW. She enjoyed nursing in theatre but in those days, she had to stand down whenever her pregnancies would 'show'. Betty's mantra is 'where will I be in 5 years?' which prompted her to acquire her degree in Nursing.

In 1996 Merbein Rotary Club award Betty Citizen of the year for the Merbein district, so Betty decided to join the Merbein Club (some say in revenge). She has held all positions in the club except Treasurer.

In 2016 Trevor was diagnosed with a malignant tumour that eventually metastasised. The fruit block was sold and both moved to SA with a trial run in Qld. With Trevor's passing, Betty decided to live in metro Adelaide, which is not far from immediate and extended family.

Betty has four married daughters and 11 grandchildren (seven live in SA).

Betty has dedicated her life to many voluntary causes. The initiative for which we know her best is creating *Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness*. In addition, other projects Betty has been involved in are: Books for Babies, Newton Community Gardens, Voluntary Shed Work, Voluntary Community Connections Cafe, Chair Sunraysia Aids Resources and Education Committee, Mentor for NWCSHG (Epilepsy, Diabetes, Arthritis), Founding Member Chaffey Aged Care, Children's Entertainment Coordinator - Merbein Great Australian Vanilla Slice Triumph.

Betty's qualifications are too numerous to list, but she completed her degree for Batchelor of Health Science in 1991 (aged 50), Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Our club is fortunate to have such a community minded person wanting to join our club.

*Mark Thompson*Guest speaker co-ordinator











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# AUSSIE DUCK RACE – THORNDON PARK AUSTRALIA DAY, FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024 at 1.00PM



Rotary Club of Morialta's Second Annual Aussie Day Duck Race.

Purchase a rubber duckie or two (or three!) to support the Rotary Club of Morialta to raise funds for projects that will benefit our local community.

Your duck will then be racing down the rapids at Thorndon Park Reserve on Friday January 26th, 2024, Australia Day, to win a share in over \$2000 in cash and prizes.

Come along to cheer your duck on. The first 10 ducks from each of eight heats will go through to the final, with prizes both for grand final placings and for heat winners, and there will be plenty to get quacking about on the day. Action starts at 1pm and wraps up at 3:30pm.

The duck race is a fun family event, located at one of Adelaide's best picnic locations with a new adventure playground recently voted Australia's best! (though you don't have to be there to win).

Last year we had a quacking good time and this year's event will be even bigger – with free face painting for the kids and a selection of food stalls selling a range of hot food, popcorn, donuts, drinks, and fairy floss.

Funds raised from the 2024 Duck race will be distributed to

- Australian Rotary Health to research Juvenile Mental Health issues.
- Heart of the Nation project to install defibrillators at locations in our community.
- Foodbank to provide food for those in our community doing it tough.
- Local youth initiatives to support driver education, careers in STEM, and leadership development, in conjunction with our local high schools.





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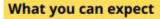
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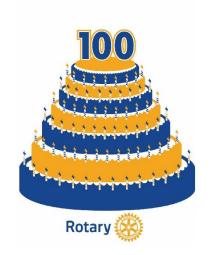
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Sunday February 4,

12.30pm to 3:00pm William Magarey Room, Adelaide Oval.



Please let Lindsay know if you wish to attend this event.

# SOCIAL NIGHT - TUESDAY 30th JANUARY - 6.30PM



DINNER AT THE BAAN THAI RESTAURANT 556. MAGILL ROAD, MAGILL

Invite family and friends to enjoy some of the best Thai stir fry, curry and noodle dishes you will find anywhere. Please (pretty please) let Robyn know if you will be attending. gjrjholcroft@gmail.com or on 0408 830 518



## **ICE BREAKER**



With Australia Day approaching I won't go into whether we should change the date, but, rather:-

Do you think it is time we looked at updating and modernising our flag making it instantly recognisable as Australian?

#### **RESPONSES:**

If it ain't broke don't fix it. Leave it as it is.

A discussion about changing the flag will be devisive.

The changing of the flag like becoming a republic will be a long way off. Personally, I think it is a discussion we need to have as a nation as I feel the current flag is outdated and doesn't reflect the Australia of today. (Looks like I am outvoted again!)









# **QUIZ QUESTION**

Continuing with my January theme from last week, which state became a constituent state of the United States of America and was admitted to the union on the **3rd of January 1959.** 

**Answer: ALASKA** 



Alaska, the largest state in the United States, is in the extreme northwest corner of North America and spans 171783.551 square kilometres. Upon attaining statehood, Alaska increased the size of the United States by nearly one-fifth.

Located in the extreme southeastern part of the state, at the base of Mount Juneau is Juneau – the capital city of Alaska.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY



Wishing Vass and Bruce a Happy 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary 16JAN,

and

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bruce for the 24JAN











My wife asked me, "What starts with F and ends in K.

I said: "No it doesn't."





## **DIARY DATES**

Friday 26 January AUSSIE DAY DUCK RACE – 1.00PM

Hosted by Rotary Club of Morialta, Thorndon Park

There will be 2,400 ducks racing down the rapids with a first prize of \$1,000 cash for the winning duck and other cash prizes. The link

to buy some ducks is raffletix.com.au/rotaryclubmorialta

**MAGILL RSL AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ – from 11am** 

The Magill RSL will be hosting a BBQ lunch at the clubrooms, 8

Lorne Avenue, Magill from 11am. Cost is \$10.00pp. RSVP on Magill RSL Facebook page or let Pauline know

hpauline087@gmail.com

Tuesday 30 January SOCIAL NIGHT – BAAN THAI RESTAURANT - 6.30PM

556, Magill Road, Magill

Please let Robyn know if you will be attending. gjrjholcroft@gmail.com or 0408 830 518

Friday 02 February MOONLIGHT MARKET – 5.30PM – 9.30PM

Thorndon Park

Sunday 4 February A CENTURY OF ROTARY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

William Margarey Room, Adelaide Oval www.adelaiderotary.com.au/events

Tuesday 6 February CLUB MEETING - 7AM

Guest Speaker: Marc Di Girolamo

South Pacific School Aid

Thursday 8 February **BOARD MEETING 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.** 

Café Va Bene, 636 Lower NE Road, Campbelltown

Saturday 10 February HEART OF GOLD AND BLUE UKRAINE FUNDRAISING GALA

Hosted by Rotary Club of Campbelltown Sala Events, 9 Henry Street, Payneham

Sunday 11 February RCMS MONTHLY MARKET

Campbelltown Memorial Oval 9am-2.00pm

Fri 15 – Sun 17 Mar 2024 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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# **MEETINGS FOR MAKEUPS**

## Please check with the club before attending.

Monday

Campbelltown: 0407 724 699 - 6.30pm - San Giorgio Club, Henry St, Payneham

Tuesday

**St Peters:** 0493 281 503 - 6.15pm – Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

Kent Town: 0433 387 082 - 6.30pm - Lord Melbourne Hotel, 63 Melbourne St, North Adelaide

Wednesdays

Eastwood: 0416 367 289

7.15am – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Adelaide Royal Coach, 24 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays: Bocelli Café, Hutt St, Adelaide

Norwood: 0412 305 660

6.30pm - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

Burnside: 0401 627 339

6:30pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays: Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

Morialta: 0497 159 737

6.30pm - Tower Hotel, Cnr St Bernards & Magill Rds, Magill

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we serve the community, the Kaurna people of Tandanya, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

