



the Bulletin

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For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through rotary. We give thanks.

Rotary Sorrento Wednesday May 3rd, 2023

Presidents Report

Do you ever wonder: Why am I doing this???? I found out at our last night's meeting where I wallowed in the pride of listening to my daughter tell us all about Equine Therapy. Eliza grew up in an all-male household. She lost her mum to cancer when she was 8 years old. She had a school friend who introduced her to horses, and it wasn't long before she found a job, leased a horse, and spent every Sunday riding in Macclesfield. At 15 she came home from school asking if she could become a Rotary Exchange Student. She spent a year in Sweden and the experience changed her life. She came home an adult, having made the world her oyster. Her 3 children have now also travelled the world independently on the legacy of her Rotary experience.

Last night she spoke proudly of her passion for horses and how she uses this empathy to help young children with learning difficulties. And I felt Rotary had played a huge part in her becoming the professional person she is.

The world in many respects has become a scary place. We seem to be forever finding reasons for saying no. Fear of litigation, being risk averse, "it's too hard", selfishness, and so on. I am of the view our youngsters of today need the opportunities and freedoms enjoyed by those in the past. We need to engage more with the pathways that Rotary offers. Make it happen. It is said that Rotary "opens doors". It does, as Rotarians I believe we should always keep that in mind doing what we do and not step in the way of others who share that vision.

I say "go girl". I just had to get that off my chest.....stay well, Brian

Meeting Information

In JUNE, as a **TRIAL**, our Meetings will be **Thursday** - June 8th and 22nd. It won't be a set menu, instead each Member will be able to order from the menu what they want.

Our July Meetings revert to a **Wednesday** at Fergie's. The dates in JULY are July 5th and July 19th. Be there for a 6.15pm start and reply Y or N to Yvette no later than the Sunday night before the meeting.

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Guest Speaker 3rd May Equine therapist – Eliza Stacey

We were delighted to welcome Eliza Stacey, a speech pathologist, who in Covid became an equine assisted psychotherapist in Gippsland. This is when a client, a practitioner and a horse are brought together in therapy.

The client will learn, their boundaries, inner emotions, environment and how far they can be pushed. Horses lead to connection. They are very intuitive and more likely to make a connection with people.

Horses have no thoughts, but they are aware of their environments. Horses are intrinsically present, non-judgemental and they have an amazing 6th sense.

Eliza provided examples of her very busy schedule, one of these was of a young girl suffering with collective mutism who trusted her horse Zac. Soon she was talking about Zac. A 4year old was screaming until Zac walked over and she became distracted and calmed.

These children have a choice to show up to therapy or not.

Our donation to Anglicare for a teenager from Rosebud will help him explore his own boundaries with others. He will feel safe and own his inner emotions.



Where Does Our Money Go?

Love your Sister

Earlier this year some of us attended the District 9820 Conference, where we had the pleasure of listening to Samuel Johnson speak of how he came to form the fund-raising charity for his sister Connie who had cancer. Although Connie has died the charity 'Love Your Sister' continues to raise money for cancer sufferers, with Samuel Johnson still very involved. His presentation was so heartfelt and emotional there was hardly a dry eye in the room by the end of it. RCS donated money and recently we received this letter of thanks.

Good afternoon, Brian,

Thank you to you and Rotary Sorrento, we are so grateful for your support and cannot thank you enough for your generous donation.

Please see enclosed video message of thanks to you all from Samuel

Johnson, https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eUhv5tAwQQe6TLnq2dy5qk_j1pHxslqg/view?usp=share_link

Much love,

Kristie McInerney

Fundie Evangelist

Amber's White Light

Another of our recipients was 'Amber's White Light', a charity which supports the research into mental health. It's always great when we receive a letter of thanks.

Dear Marilyn Tonkin ,

Please pass on to all the members of your Rotary Sorrento Club , our gratitude & appreciation, for the very generous donation from the Club . Your contribution will make a huge difference to supporting research into complex youth mental health.

We are investing considerable time in understanding where best to apply the funds raised , so that the money is used wisely, with experienced researchers and organisations.

We will keep you posted regarding any big PH D , or research projects , we decide to give grants to. Also , updates regarding any collaborations with mental health agencies for clinical excellence projects.

Keep watching our website, as we hope to promote grants & collaborative partnerships on the AWL site.

Kind regards , and sincerest thanks ,

Tamara & Richard & Bailey & Monty Wraith



Updates

Small Piece of History

Attached as a separate document is a small portion of the History of the Club (it is a treatise on some community service projects of the past). As a 'newby' in the Club I read this document, written by one of our 'elder statesmen' Neil Briggs, and learnt so much about where our money went. A fabulous read. Not to be missed. Thank you, Neil.

Rotary District 9820 Newsletter

[Click here](#) to read all about what is happening in our district.

Rotarians in D9820

This email is forwarded from Tony Spring and is intended for all Rotarians in D9820.

Dear Brian Stacey,

We are counting down the days until the start of the Global Malaria Congress and are pleased to host an array of amazing [International and National speakers](#) at this year's event.

Click on the Q code in the [attached flyer](#) to have easy access to links to Registration, the Speakers and the full Program.

You can also view the full program at: <https://www.globalmalariacongress2023.org/program>.

Have you seen the latest program updates? We're delighted to announce Keynote presentations from:

- [Philip Welkhoff](#) – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- [Dr David Walton](#) – President's Malaria Initiative
- And an inspiring presentation by Stephenie Rodrigues whose near-death experience from contracting malaria led to her losing both feet.

You will find our invited speakers here: <https://www.globalmalariacongress2023.org/speakers>

Registration is still open, so if you know of people in your network who haven't registered yet, share this opportunity with them! Our conference is a fantastic chance to meet like-minded professionals and network with industry leaders. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you think may be interested.

We hope you are as excited as we are for this event, and we look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony Spring

Dates to Remember

May 17th: Changeover Night at BYS. \$50 for 2 courses and a glass of wine.

May 31st: Social Night/Meeting at Sardo's Private Dining. \$40 for 2 courses and BYO wine. Must know final numbers at the May 17 Meeting.

June 8th: Yes, a Thursday, as a TRIAL, at BYS where we can each order from the Menu.

June 22nd: At BYS again, on the Thursday. Same deal as June 8.