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Club President
Kim Thompson
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Meetings each month
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Seaview Tavern
then Uniting Church Hall
3rd Monday
Board meetings VIC
if 5th Monday,
contact Secretary

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gumbaynggirr people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we live, learn and work.

FOR YOUR DIARY

For the foreseeable future our Monday club meetings (apart from 11 Oct: see below) will be held upstairs at the Seaview Tavern at 7pm, preceded by dinner (also upstairs) at the Seaview Tavern at 6pm! Please order your meal before 6pm.

- 24 Sept **NEW DATE** Rotary 100th/WAG exhb entry forms close
- 27 Sept club meeting guest speaker Pam F: Passports and Covid
- 30 Sept Pitch a Project closing date for entry forms
- 4 Oct Pride in Workmanship Award applications close
- Friday 8 Oct Rotary 100th/WAG exhibition opening 6pm
(8 Oct Pitch a Project at Gin Distillery cancelled: Keelan will pitch his project at WAG!)
- 11 Oct Rotary dinner (WAG cater) 6pm: guest speaker author Michel Vimal du Monteil
- 18 Oct Board meeting 5.30pm VIC
- 25 Oct Pride in Workmanship Award presentation evening
- 1 Nov Melb Cup Eve / Hat Day 6pm Emerald Beach
(Official Lift the Lid date is 10 October)
- 15 Nov Board meeting 5.30 VIC
- 22 Nov Club meeting: tba

\$250 Donation to Foster Kids Packs

Some of you will have read in eNews about a project of the **Walcha Rotary club** that delivers support packs to foster kids in need. Our Board decided to donate \$250 to the project on behalf of our club.



Patty is sending out the proposed projects for the **Woolgoolga Multi Purpose Centre** and it would be appreciated if **members could send back, in order of their choice, 3 of the options** or something totally different if none of the options interest them for the \$20,000 set aside for provision of something for Youth.

A positive note for **Malaria** is that the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has approved and finalized a \$2M grant to **Malaria Partners International**. The grant runs from September 2021 through December 2023, with the first tranche of funding scheduled to arrive before the end of this month. There is much to celebrate in this grant including that **every dollar donated to Malaria Partners International will be matched dollar for dollar by the Gates Foundation** up to \$200,000. This reflects the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's belief in MPI's mission of mobilizing Rotarians to lead the fight to end malaria.

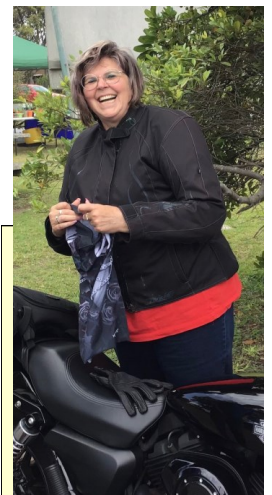
I hope all our members are managing ok in the ups and downs of the current COVID environment.

Secretary:
Patty Delaney
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APOLOGIES TO:
Pamela Fayle
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before 9am Mon.

**September is Basic
Education and
Literacy Month**

Rotary International
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> 35,000 clubs
RI Australia
> 30,000 members





Pride in Workmanship

A reminder that Dick Matthews is leading our club's Pride in Workmanship Awards project this year. Are you able to suggest any potential candidates for recognition? Contact Dick on 6654 1828.

100th anniversary of Rotary in Oz and NZ Art Exhibition

We are celebrating the **100th anniversary of Rotary in Oz and NZ** with a Rotary themed **art exhibition** at **Woolgoolga Art Gallery** 8 October until 2 November. Start thinking about the piece of art **you** intend to contribute. Perhaps a painting, a sculpture, a photo, a craft work ...?? Have you had a look at the centenary book 'Humanity in Action'? **How about an idea from a Heritage Walk panel ?** (sawmillers, bullock teams, ...). [Entries now close 24 September, pieces to be delivered by 6 October.](#)



Missing Woolgoolga Heritage Walk panel

A few people have commented on the disappearance of the WHW panel near the Beach Reserve. It was removed to enable works to be carried out. I am assured by CoastalWorks that the panel will be reinstated 'in a matter of weeks'.

Last Meeting (13 September)



Al Milroy presented a summary of progress on the **Wiigulga Multi Purpose Centre** and possible options as to where we might direct our Rotary \$20,000 pledge. WHS students are keen on a 'youth space': with seating, a platform, wifi, ... The Centre will have a state of the art basketball court and 4 rooms that can be opened up to cater for 200 people. Two very large LED screens will be included. Works are progressing well. We expressed again our thanks to Alastair for championing this impressive project since its inception.

A reminder from Patty: Rotary District Grants open

Applications for Rotary District Grants are open. If anyone has a good idea for a project costing about \$4000 please submit it to Patty.

QW to NYSF!

Mary is happy to inform us that local student **Quinn Watson** has been accepted into the **National Youth Science Forum**. The NYSF is a not-for-profit organisation that runs a number of residential programs to encourage young people in their passion for science. Our club will assist Quinn with costs.



7th Rotary area of focus? Environment

Supporting the environment is Rotary's newest Area of Focus.