



EUROTA

June 6, 2019

Rotary Club of Euroa

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Upcoming Program

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Date	Thursday, June 6	Thursday, June 13
time	6:00 pm for 6:30 pm	6:00 pm for 6:30 pm
Venue	Euroa Golf Club	Euroa Golf Club
Speaker	AG Sally Matheson New AG David Barrat & Club Directors	President Bernie
Topic	Sally's Wrap Up on her time as AG	A Completed Year
Chair	Ken McLennan	Max McBurney
Bar	Barrie Craven Res Brian Bamford	Brian Bamford Res Richard Boadle
Stewards	Donald McNeur Peter Morley Rob Morphet	Richard Nettleton Des Nicel Richard Noble
Sargent		

Apologies and guests to Noel O'Meara on 5795 2783 by Thursday 11 am

Sarges

Brian Bamford

Donald McNeur

Any changes to the roster or reasonable suggestions to the editor should be emailed, as the editor and assistants are of an age that they need reminding,



Bernie's Buzz

Last Thursday's meeting Mark Freudenstein gave his maiden speech and I am sorry I missed it as he displayed what a diverse membership family we have. He enlightened the members on his wide-ranging journey in life.

Congratulations to John Heal and crew ...15 tonne of batteries were sent off to Melbourne on Wednesday and this will result in a boost to the financials coffers. Well done lads.

Sally Mathieson and incoming AG Dave Barrat will be attending next week's meeting to speak on the forthcoming year's events. A special thank you to thank you for her outstanding contribution to our club over the last three years...Most appreciated.

President Elect Ken McLennan will be speaking on his year ahead and he will be seeking ideas from members as well.

To date I have only received two Directors reports....thank you. Could you please ensure you have your report in by next meeting?

Thursday Night's Meeting



Mark is pictured following his maiden speech on Thursday Night, thanks Mark!

When Gary Mason phoned me earlier in the week to ask me to do this little presentation, I naturally agreed, then started to think about my life to date, how I would describe it and

summarise it in such a manner that was neither too boring, such as the character of Frank Pickle in the Vicker of Dibley nor too over the top. So I suppose, my journey through life has been a series of sliding doors, and like many in this room has had its many ups and downs, wins and losses, happy times and sad times. I must say though, generally, I have had a charmed life – I have had the privilege to see many great things, places and events, met uncountable great and ordinary people and hopefully moved on after adding some cheer, value or support to those I have worked with, assisted and dealt with. When I finished high school, I never dreamed of doing/ seeing/ experiencing what I have finished up doing.

As a farm boy from my hometown of Young in southwest NSW, I was born a fortnight before the Melbourne Olympics, and had the benefit of great parents, good surroundings and a good education at the local schools. With over 100 years of farming, we had a long history of a successful Beef Shorthorn stud, commercial cattle herds, grain, wool and fat lambs on some of arguably the best country in the state. Lived and worked in the best years of this country and probably the world, experienced and done things that our kids and grand kids would never even dream of, let alone done. I have seen the last greatest achievement of mankind – man on the moon – which stimulated the imagination of many, many millions of people of our generation.

Not being too interested in maggoty sheep, I became interested in the hospitality industry – more specifically hotel management – which lead me to Footscray Institute in Melbourne. Having graduated there, I was picked up by Hilton hotels in Sydney, and worked front office for 3 years before being transferred back to Melbourne Hilton as night auditor. From there, I was offered a place in Carlton United Breweries – managed hotels.

Looking for a change after some 14 years in the hotel game, an out of the blue conversation saw me move across to CIT – Armaguard for what was planned to be a short battery charging break and lasted some 11 years.

Then back to Victoria University for Bachelor Science. Other jobs included:

- Woolworths – 1999 – 2007 – winning Director's Award for OHS first 2 years running, and then the year I left
- JLT – 2007-2010 – Councils – Legally privileged – business continuity, avian flu epidemic. Training and consulting.
- Contract –
- Primary health - – personal dosimeter – Rads. – Wellington, NZ
- McElligotts – desalination plant, snowy mountain, WGB, southeast treatment, Shell, Mobil, Qenos, Kununurra gates, numerous bridges – VicRoads –
- Electricity – substations, civil works

Throughout my working life, it has become most evident that the Rule of Thirds applies can be applied across all areas of life:

1. Those who make things happen
2. Those that see things happen, and
3. Those who wonder what happened

We all move between the three categories on any number of topics/ situations.

Most people are accepting that they need to comply, but just want to know what to do.

Rules, Regulations, Acts, etc. make it difficult for most small businesses to wade through, and they either totally ignore it, or throw their hands up in despair. When explained in plain English, it is easier. Descriptive legislation is often harder than prescriptive.

Whilst being busy through career, I have fitted in being a member of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club for some 35 years, and been committee member too many years to count, as well as two stints as Secretary, public officer and gaming licence holder. Nav Rallying is one of my passions, and have regularly been a competitive navigator on numerous boats.

I have been a practicing Freemason for 34 years, and have been Master of my Lodge 3 times over that period, as well as treasurer for the last 19/ 20 years.

I've been a crew member on Car 504 for the 2015 Variety Bash – Melbourne to Port Douglas.

The journey to date has been good, the rest of the journey is yet to be determined.... I know what will end it, but not how or when. Just remember, Broderick does not hand out bonuses for having the best carcass in the casket.

Gillian Allen reflects on a Celebration of Diversity

Rotarians may remember we were all invited by the Prahran Rotary Club to a celebration of IDAHOBIT Day. (This stands for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia)

I attended this gathering in the St Kilda Town Hall on May 17, which was a great night. My daughter, Ro Allen, Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality, was the key note speaker, she explained what she and the government are doing to support these communities.

The President of the Prahran Club welcomed us and talked very warmly about how their club had welcomed LGBTI members into their club and were more than happy to celebrate this day with them and the wider community of Rotary. The District Governor spoke also embracing all members of the community.

After the speeches we were entertained with singing and dancing and even a pole dancer! There was lots of lovely finger food all night and drinks from the bar.

There was a very relaxed, inclusive feeling during this gathering which is how it should be and I just hope that more Rotary Clubs move in this direction, particularly if they are hoping to encourage younger members to our clubs.

Birthdays

Mavis Nicel

Edwards

Linda Bennett

Max McBurney

Dennis Rebbeck

Robyn O'Meara

Sargoods

June

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Anniversaries

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Book Now for the Piano Recital on Sunday, June 16 2 pm, contact Sarah Bullen on 0418 190 304



Rotary Walking Wonders pictured last Wednesday morning when it was one, yes, 1 degree outside. John King, Susanne Wright, Sue Gall, Jennifer McBurney & Richard McGeehan pose in Binney Street.



Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 7:30 at the Rotary Barbecue, all members and friends are most welcome.

Farmers' Market June 15

- **June 6** AG Sally Matheson visit, David Barrat, new AG
- **June 11-** Combined Board Meeting
- **June 13-** Bernie O'Dea Year in Review
- **June 20-** TBA
- **June 27-** No Meeting
- **June 29-** Changeover, Butter Factory, \$55 a head
- **June 30-** District Changeover
- **July 3-**
- **July 10-**
- **July 17-**
- **November 28-** AGM & election if needed

- **December 14-** Christmas Party
- **March 20-22, 2020** District Conference Albury