



EUROTA

May 16, 2019

Rotary Club of Euroa

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Upcoming Program

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Date	Thursday, May 16	Friday, May 17
time	6:00 pm for 6:30 pm	7:30 pm for 8:00 pm
Venue	Euroa Golf Club	Euroa Cinema \$15 with a glass of wine, cheese and bickies
Speaker	Elizabeth Lodge	Film <u>Vice</u>
Topic	The Children's First Foundation	Story of Dick Cheney. Raising money for Happy Healthy Kids.
Chair	Helen Waterworth	They are supplied
Bar	Michael Bell Res Rob Morphet	Thanks to Mitchellton Winery
Stewards	Mark Fruedenstein Neville Harris John Heal	
Sargent	Donald McNeur	

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, often.



Bernie's Buzz

Mr Jim Billings was our guest speaker last Thursday and spoke on his work with Aboriginal children at schools in Darwin. He took himself from the comfort Zone and has achieved so much working with these students and they have benefited extremely well.

A reminder Director reports are to be emailed to me by the end of the month to enable David to complete the Annual Report. bernie.odea@yahoo.com.au

The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 18th May at the Farmers Market at 11am. Please ensure you have handed in your sold tickets to John Heal at next Thursday's meeting.

I have placed an advertisement in the Euroa Gazette as a reminder to people of the time of the draw.

The Rotary Fundraising movie evening is on next Friday 17th May at the Euroa Cinema. All welcome along with your guests. Cheese and wine to be served prior to the movie.

Please advise if you are attending the Childrens First BBQ at Kilmore. Bookings on Try Booking.

REMINDER



May is Bowelscan month and kits are now available at the pharmacy for \$15 each.

Thursday Night's Meeting

A small number of members were present at the pre-meetings at 5pm to discuss further, the future of the Long Lunch and Ride the Ranges. The elements of the lunch were reviewed in full and notes taken. Likewise, for RTR with Tubby keen to get a committee to look at PR, including Facebook, Instagram and the RTR website.

Chairperson Verona Mason opened the meeting in the usual way, then toasted the Rotary Club of Sussex as there may be a loose connection to the birth of Archie.

President Bernie said it was a must to return raffle books at next Thursday's meeting and reminded us of the Film Night to see 'Vice'.

Neville Harris showed us the new combination lock for the cupboard, and we only have to remember what District we are in to open it, 9790.

Helen Waterworth reported on the meeting before the main meeting.

Caring and Teaching Children in Indigenous Communities



Chairperson Verona and Jim Billings

Jim Billings gave us a thorough insight to his experiences of teaching in Darwin. He was comfortable in his 18 years of teaching in Melbourne but not challenged. A flyer left on his desk changed that. He applied, got the job in Darwin and was unsure what the future held.

Jim recommended two books, The Dark Emu and Deep Time Dreaming as a means of understanding the Indigenous culture and history.

The school had about 1000 students of which 300 were indigenous and most of them were sent to the school from places well out of Darwin. There was very little integration by the indigenous students and they were often fighting amongst themselves. The students were committed to their own culture and found living away from their culture difficult, like living in two worlds. Sleeping was a good example, at many would be sleeping on the ground under the stars with their peers, at school in a room on a bed, alone.

Jim was amazed at their change in attitude when at a camp in the bush alongside a billabong or creek with cliffs and gorges to walk through, they were happy in this environment and animated and willing to learn. The direct opposite to being at school.

As a manager of a residence that housed over 30 girls he found their homesickness and behaviour challenging, a real experience. He mentioned some who would try to be expelled so that they could return home.

He finished by saying that they need to be respected and treated as equals, maybe we are getting there with the latest developments in Closing the Gap program.

Finally, in question time Jim referred to photographs that were circulated during the meeting, some good, bad and harrowing stories.



All volunteers please contact Rotarian John Heal on 0427 131 247 to assist with the sale of tickets. Please return all sold raffle books and money to John as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn on May 18 at the Farmers' Market.



Interclub Visit

The Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell would like to invite you to a BBQ and Presentation at the **Children First Foundation, Miracle Miles Retreat, 190 Saunders Road, Kilmore East, VIC, 3764 on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019 at 6:30pm.**

2019 marks the 20year anniversary of Children First.

At the completion of the meal Noel Baker will update us on the history of Children First from the beginning 20 years ago to the current day. There have been many changes over this period and this will be of interest to many Rotarians.

100% of the Entrance Fees of \$25.00 will go as a donation to Children First with The Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell providing a sumptuous (and adequate) BBQ meal.

We would love to have you along for an evening of education, information and fellowship. Bookings are via trybooking, please register and pay by using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BBKMH>

Birthdays

May

Anniversaries

Michael Stubbe	8	
Denis Nolan	10	
Bells		14
Kate Craven	25	
Michael Bell	26	
Jenny Tehan	31	
Brian Bamford	31	



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

Farmers' Market: May 18, June 15

- **May 16-** Elizabeth Lodge Childrens First Foundation
- **May 17, Friday-** Film Fundraiser, 'Vice'
- **May 21, Tuesday-** Interclub meeting, CFF, Kilmore
- **May 23-** TBA
- **May 26, Sunday-** Rotary Friendship Exchange meeting, Benalla
- **May 30-** Christine Ford, Maiden Presentation
- **June 6** AG Sally Matheson visit, David Barrat, new AG
- **June 11-** Combined Board Meeting
- **June 29-** Changeover, Butter Factory, \$55 a head
- **June 30-** District Changeover
- **November 28-** AGM & election if needed
- **December 14-** Christmas Party
- **March 20-22, 2020** District Conference Albury