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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

NB: April 6 Meeting will be at R.S.L.

COMING MEETINGS

APRIL 6: **Reservoir Sports Stadium Meeting cancelled.**
Meeting will be at usual time at the R.S.L.

April 13: **CLOUD INTEGRATORS** – Organizing club website – Jason Shico
Chair: Max Walsh

THE ROTARY FAMILY



Tim Weir 30/03
(Last week!)

David Sullivan 10/04

John McCarthy 8/4/87



VISITORS LAST WEEK: With the vocational awards made to Taylah Spinello and Jess Gamon, visitors were numerous. Also present to make the appropriate presentations were Pauline Josephson and Gerry Lamers.

UNHEALTHY members make up a sizeable list as this Bulletin goes to print. Topping the list is Claude Verrocchi who has Covid, while another Rotarian's family member is donating a kidney for a transplant.



TRAVEL WELL – WORK WELL – RETURN WELL!

All that goes to Joan Roose who should now have arrived back at her ongoing Rejoice Public School in Odisha for her annual administrative role. Education and health are her aims and, with the passage of time, it is all happening. For these children from isolated and illiterate townships the alternatives would be unthinkable. Because of Covid Joan's last visit saw her in lockdown in India for 18 months! All in the club wished her wellness for this trip. Return date is July 17.

Joan pictured with Pauline Josephson

PRIDE OF VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Organised by the Vocational Committee under the guidance of Tim Weir, two awards were made last Wednesday:

1. The Pride of Workmanship in Hospitality carries the name of the late Paul Josephson who joined the club in 1986 while running the Gowerville Hotel on the corner of Bell and Plenty Road. Paul was always keen for trade education and recognition through student scholarships.

Last Wednesday Pauline, Paul's wife, made the presentation to Taylah Spinello. Taylah is finishing her studies in Hospitality Management. She is now working full time in a Carlton restaurant.



2. The Pride of Workmanship in Building and Construction carries the name of the late Bernie Lamers. Bernie joined Rotary in 1998 and was most arduous in giving of his building trade in many fields. Supreme was his gigantic efforts for the Children First base in Kilmore. Bernie was also a founder of the National Bone Marrow Registry that now is based in Parkville. Bernie's wife Gerry made the presentation to Jess Gamon. Jess is now training as a locksmith and has as her aim to set up her own business.



For both Pauline and Gerry the day was a moving one as it brought back so many memories of their partners' long years of Rotary service.

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Anthony Lewis: Having gained a degree in podiatry Anthony has worked not solely in local professional activity but he has also specialised in volunteer work assisting disadvantaged persons marginalised with chronic foot problems both in Australia and in the Pacific regions. This work has led to his founding **footScape**, a not-for-profit Australian charity which has the aim to assist disadvantaged individuals and communities predisposed to debilitating foot pathologies. His qualifications now extend to degrees based on Public Health and Wound Care. This was Anthony's second visit to the club.





Anthony spent some time on explaining the disastrous effect diabetes can have on feet. Pacific Islanders can be particularly affected by diabetes given their genetics and the westernisation of their diet. Diabetes attacks the feet so badly that amputation is common in those developing countries. Refugees are large in the **footScape** scene. The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is a large sector in Anthony's programme. **footScape** has sourced new footwear, new socks, orthotic devices and foot care kits to promote delivery of care at no cost. Wearing shoes that are too small or in bad condition can lead to poor foot health never receiving treatment.

footScape receives socks, orthotic shoes for distribution but the demand has grown. Undoubtedly, this adds to a heavier burden for volunteers. Fields of aid have expanded even as far as Aboriginal Heal Services in N. Queensland and distant Pacific communities. Currently Anthony and his team work out of St. Andrew's Anglican hall in Rosanna and he welcomes any visitors there.

CLUB NEWS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE MAY 27-31, 2023: Currently the club is studying a plan to have an Indigenous night at the centre opposite the RSL in Bell Street to which international guests would be invited. Members working on the project include Sec. Geoff, Peter Gilbert, Gerry Lyons and Erica Higgins.

DISRICT CONFERENCE 23, Deniliquin, NSW, 17-19 March, 2023. Secretary Geoff is endeavouring to find accommodation.

NEXT BUNNINGS BARBIE will be Saturday, 9 April.



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