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20th May 2024

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ROTARY'S MOTTO IS "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

INDUCTIONS

None

BIRTHDAYS

Greg Caughey	21 May
Simon Pearson	21 May
Helen Washington	23 May
Sandy Antonuccio	26 May
Brian Lowe	30 May

ANNIVERSARIES

None.



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The Weekly Newsletter of the ROTARY CLUB OF [CHELSEA](#) (INC) [DISTRICT 9810](#)

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Normally, our Club meets weekly at the [Chelsea RSL](#) Thames Promenade. Chelsea Tuesday Evenings 6.15pm for 6.45pm start however some meetings are occasionally held online.

Club Bank Details: [Bendigo Bank](#) BSB 633 000 Accounts: 1424 861 33 (Admin.) 1497 181 24 (Fundraising)

Guests, family, and friends are very welcome to come to our meetings.

PLEASE book them in by contacting Kevin Harrison 0407 772 225

Meetings are held at the Chelsea RSL unless otherwise stated.

CHELSEA ROTARY MEETING 3334

TUESDAY 14TH. MAY, 2024

ATTENDING MEETINGS

To enable the RSL to organise their staffing and catering (which directly affects their business viability - and ours!), it is important to advise Kevin Harrison if Members will NOT be attending the Tuesday meeting, by early Tuesday morning at the latest.

OTHERWISE, IT WILL BE DEEMED YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

Presidents Lynn and Simon welcomed a good turn-up of Members for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER'S NIGHT

Maree reminded us of the Volunteer's Night this Tuesday 21st. May, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

COAT DRIVE

The Chelsea Community Services are holding a Coat Drive, so please check your wardrobes for any coats not required. Please give to Maree.

ART SHOW

Opening Night on Friday 7th. June, cost \$15.00 pp. **Please let Maree know if you will be attending.** The Canteen will be organised by Liz and Brian, but we will need volunteers to assist during the days of the Show – Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

WINTER WARMERS

Winter Warmers packing day on **Saturday 25th May.** **Please let Maree know if you are able to assist** from 1.00 p.m.

YOUTH ACT

Keith advised the Youth Act stall held on 4th. May, raised \$432.00. This was a great effort and a wonderful result. The money will be donated to a Women's Group.

FIJI CONTAINER

Peter B advised he had secured a seaworthy 20ft. Container, delivered to Dandenong. This will be used to transport the school supplies to Fiji. Helene and Peter Brown will now raise funds for the transportation.

Guest Speaker: VFL/AFL FOOTBALL EVOLUTION – NOEL JENKINSON

Some people might say that football evolution is an oxymoron, but our ex-Richmond/South Melbourne footballer, Noel (1975-1981) gave us a very informative account of the changes to football from the 1970's to the present. When he played in the Under 19's, he received the grand total of \$3.00 a match. The highest paid players were on \$100,000, whereas now they are on or over \$1,000,000 a season. All matches started at 2.00 p.m. on a Saturday; now we have matches from Thursday – Sunday at varying times.

There have been many rule changes over the years, some are worthwhile, some are highly controversial. They include the 1976 introduction of the



centre square, 1980 Interchange, 1981 50-metre rule, 1995 tripping rule and 1997 abusive language to an umpire. (Some fans regard this last change as a backward step in football, as umpires often plainly need help to make the correct decision in certain situations, as they obviously suffer from undiagnosed [ophthalmological deficiencies](#), [blatant team biases](#) and/or an [unexplained temporary lack of mental faculties](#). The errors of their totally illogical decisions during a [kerfuffle](#) were sometimes so serious that many spectators [vigorously asserted their opinions](#), including that of the timing of the umpires' birth relative to their parents' marriage, and provided loud, non-professional assessments of their ocular capabilities, or the lack thereof.)

In 2017 the League introduced the [AFLW](#), which has now dramatically expanded, and was recently the fastest growing sport in the country. The only things growing faster are the [prices of food at the footy](#).

[Gambling](#) has become a [huge problem](#) affecting the League. Noel also ran through the different game-play styles of each team. It was interesting to hear the many variations of strategies and tactics which are designed to win matches.



Many questions were fired at Noel, which, the consummate professional that he is, he took in his stride; it was nice to hear his objective (ex-player, now spectator) view of [the game](#).

Fun fact: The AFL reported an underlying operating surplus of \$27.7 million in 2023, compared with an underlying operating surplus of \$20.7 million in 2022 - an increase of \$7 million. This result includes the AFL's controlled state subsidiaries, Marvel Stadium and Champion Data.

<https://www.afl.com.au/news/1075814/afl-reveals-2023-financial-result>

President Simon thanked Noel for a very entertaining evening, especially appreciated by all our [football-mad](#) Members.



Seeing as it's [Law Week](#) and [National Volunteer Week](#), and as the AFL is a non-profit organisation (?), you can find more interesting reading about the cultural side of Australian Rules Football here: https://humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/content/racial_discrimination/whats_the_score/pdf/afl.pdf