



Rotary Club of Altona



Chartered on 8th February, 1963

“Under the Rotunda”

*We meet twice monthly at Altona RSL, 31 Sargood Street, Altona, 3018
On the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month*

August is Membership & New Club Development Month

Apologies: John Boyle, Shawqi Ein, Frank Fleming, Ian Fox, Graeme Glasson, Vinh Hua, Les King, David Macdonald, Joanne McIntyre, Neil & Joan Shephard, Clara Westhorpe & May Wilson

Visitors: AG Patrick Docherty, Jodi Martin, Kerrie Risk, Glenn Ryder & Gwen Shanahan

Guest Speaker: Garry Mark, Lions Club of Altona

Meeting No 2482 or NS3/4 or RSL 51, Tuesday 27th August 2019

President Neil's Notes



Rotarians & Friends,

My thanks to IPP Peter for taking care of our last meeting. I am please to report that the eye surgery was a success and she is reporting clear vision from the eye as a result. She did end up with a black eye as a result of the surgery and so has been using sunglasses to cover it in the meantime. She is booked in to have the other eye done on Monday 9th September so will likely miss our meeting on the 10th but barring any last minute hick ups I will be there.

I am pleased to hear that the presentation from Garry Mark from Altona Lions was well received by all in attendance. I am advised that the Lions are currently looking at getting a new van for their weekly food service and pleased to hear that IPP Peter has extended the offer for Lions to talk to us about making a contribution to this valuable service.

Also pleased to hear we had several guests in attendance with Ray & Jodi brining along their friend Kerrie, Craig bringing his cousin Glenn and last but not least our AG Patrick was also in attendance.

On Friday 30th August Altona College held their annual Father's Day Breakfast where they provide egg & bacon rolls to the students and their fathers or grandfathers. My thanks to Craig and his cousin Glenn along with Trish for getting along to represent our club.

President Neil Shephard

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE ORIGINAL SERGEANT PETER

A man was on a walking holiday in Ireland. He became thirsty so decided to ask at a home for something to drink. The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention. The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly. The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. "That's his bowl you're using."

On this Day in History - 26th August

1768 - James Cook departs Plymouth on the journey during which he sights the east coast of Australia

1835 - Governor Bourke declares John Batman's treaty with Aborigines, which enabled the founding of Melbourne, to be invalid

John Batman was born in Parramatta, Sydney, in 1801. As a native born Australian, Batman was interested in opening up new pastureland and promoting the growth of the colonies. He applied for land in the Westernport Bay area of southern Australia, now Victoria, but was not granted any. In May 1835, he led a syndicate calling themselves the 'Port Phillip Association' to explore Port Phillip Bay, looking for suitable sites for a settlement. He claimed to have signed a 'treaty' with the Aborigines, giving him free access to almost 250,000 hectares of land.

On 26 August 1835, Governor Bourke declared Batman's treaties invalid, that he was not legally renting the land, and issued a proclamation warning off him and his syndicate as trespassers on crown land. Despite the attempts at government intervention, the founding settlement of Melbourne remained, and flourished.

Batman's place in Australian history is unique for several reasons. He was the only 19th century white to acknowledge that Aborigines owned land. He set out to undertake an annual rental for what was then a reasonable amount of food and goods, rather than buy it from them for a pittance. Further, he is the only native-born Australian to have founded a state capital city.

On this Day in History - 27th August

1908 - Australian cricketer legend, Donald Bradman, is born

1979 - Lord Louis Mountbatten, uncle of Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, is killed in a bomb blast

2003 - Mars looms large in the skies of Earth as its orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in the last 60,000 years

Thought for the fortnight
Don't leave alphabet soup cooking on the stove unattended.
"It could spell disaster."

DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 28th August, Jodi Martin's Birthday**
- **Friday 30th August, Father's Day Breakfast, Altona College, 8am**
- **Sunday 1st September, Father's Day**
- **Sunday 1st September, Altona Beach Patrol Clean Up Day, 3pm**
- **Wednesday 4th September, Chill Out Day Lunch, Altona College, 12 noon**
- **Saturday 7th September, Doreen Campbell's Birthday**
- **Tuesday 10th September, Rotary Point Gellibrand Pink Breakfast, 6.45am**
- **Tuesday 10th September, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm, Guest speakers MUNA students**
- **Sunday 15th September, Altona Miniature Railway Open Day, Blenheim Rd, 11-4**
- **Wednesday 18th September, Shawqi Ein's Birthday**
- **Sunday 22nd September, David Macdonald's Birthday**
- **Tuesday 24th September, Board Meeting, 5pm**
- **Tuesday 24th September, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm**

How to contact us

By Post - PO Box 138, Altona, 3018

By Email - altonarotary@gmail.com

Facebook - Rotary Altona

Phone - PE Neil Shephard 9369 8358

Art Show -

www.hobsonsbayartshow.com.au

END POLIO NOW **MAKE HISTORY TODAY**

From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be **matched** (up to US\$35 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

YOUR DONATION US\$25	+	BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION US\$50	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION US\$75
--------------------------------	---	--	-------------------------------------

150 VESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS	75 VACCINE CARRIERS	600 PURPLE FINGER MARKERS
------------------------------------	-------------------------------	-------------------------------------

Rotary [DONATE ROTARY.ORG/CONTRIBUTE](https://donate.rotary.org/contribute) [LEARN ENDPOLIONOW.ORG](https://learn.endpolionow.org)