



**ROTARY CLUB OF MOSS VALE INC.
N.S.W. AUSTRALIA – DISTRICT 9705**

THE RCMV SCREED

28 July 2023

Greetings

Dear Members and Friends,

It's time for another Screed as quite a lot has happened since the last one, and quite a lot is coming up for our club. President Malcolm is still enjoying the warmer weather in Queensland, although winter seems to have gone on holiday in the Southern Highlands, so this Screed is without a president's message. I am sure Malcolm would be happy for the Screed editor to do all the typing on his behalf so here we go with the news!

Jim McAlpine, Screed editor



Larry Asquith: Our speaker at our most recent dinner meeting was one of our newest members, Larry Asquith. Larry and Laurelle moved to Moss Vale from the South Coast 17 years ago and have had no regrets. Larry was an electrician after leaving school so he can probably make some good connections in Rotary. He and Laurelle are regular volunteers for Meals on Wheels in Moss Vale and do many shifts. They are also happy contributors at the Sunday Markets at the Moss Vale Showground, and both have become friends to all in our club. We are really pleased that Larry has become a Rotarian and brought an extra pair of hands with him.

New Members: It is unfortunate that the Rotary Club of Berrima District has had to hand in its charter after many years of being a strong club and a valued contributor to many programs in the Southern Highlands, but the decline in membership has caused its demise. The good news is that some of the loyal Rotarians in their club have wanted to maintain membership of Rotary, with some transferring to the Bowral Mittagong Rotary Club and two so far transferring to Moss Vale. **John Macpherson** has already managed a couple of dinner meetings, and **Chris Webb** will join us for dinner at our next meeting. Please get to know them quickly as they are great people as well as being valuable Rotarians. A returning Rotarian from the Belmont Rotary Club is past president **Ross Craig** who will once again make a great contribution to everything we do. If anyone has other suggestions for new members, then please let our Membership Director (me) know about them. **Craig Patterson** and **Kim Crawford** were made Friends of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale because of their willingness to do voluntary work for our Club.

You Turn the Wheel (UTW):

Sue Tyler has done a huge amount of planning and preparation for the 2023 UTW program. She has organised two full days at the Mittagong RSL Club for Year 11 students from Moss Vale High, Bowral High, Frensham, Oxley College and the Southern Highlands Christian School. Anyone who has not yet volunteered to assist should contact Sue as extra hands help. The days are the 3rd and 18th of August. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to assist as your efforts will help to maintain this important program and help young people to be better prepared for responsible road use as they get their P Plates.

MOSS VALE ROTARY WEBSITE:

Our previous website lapsed but thanks to the efforts of **Sue Tyler** and **Margie Stuart** we are now up and running again. You can check it out now at <https://mossvalerotary.com.au>. Our Facebook page is also being resurrected so that we can promote our events and activities in the media. **Margie Stuart** has volunteered to do publicity for our club so we can all look forward to some positive stories and pictures in the coming weeks. Do let Margie know of anything that you think could help promote our club. Thanks to **Sue** and **Margie** for doing this important work.

Our Annual Charity Golf Day:

22 September is the revised date for our major fundraiser, the Golf Day. Our committee is now meeting on one evening every week until the big day to ensure a great success. The members are **Peter Nelson, Peter Hammon, Malcolm Webber, John Flockton, Chris Slade, Kevin Worthington and Jim McAlpine**. All our club members and Friends of our club are needed to

ensure the success of the day. Raffle ticket sales are an essential aspect of this fund-raising so please be prepared to donate your time for selling tickets. Peter Nelson will have a roster form at our meeting this coming Tuesday so please check your diaries in anticipation. The known dates for selling at the IGA supermarket are 12, 17 and 19 August, and 2, 9 and 16 September. Please be prepared for more communications and requests leading up to the day, and all hands will be required on the day itself, Friday 22 September. Our major sponsor is once again the **Moss Vale Motor Group**. The prize for a hole-in-one this year is a fully electric vehicle valued at over \$41,000, a GWM Ora. After reading reviews, I am almost tempted to take up golf and aim for just one really good shot. Please let friends know who are golfers or who would just like to be volunteers to help run the day. Our Board has decided that the profits from the day will be spent locally on good causes. A significant proportion will be given to Moss Vale Public School for their sensory garden (this will be especially beneficial to children with disabilities) and other profits will go to deserving local causes to be determined by the Board when the day is over and the results are known.

Market Days:

Our regular participation in the Sunday markets at the Moss Vale showground has been great for our club in terms of raising funds but also in putting the friendly faces of our Rotarians on public view. We have been fortunate to have developed a wonderful relationship with the Showground Society, and we are contributing to their funds as well as our own. The most recent market day was a quiet one even though it was much better weather than usual, but we still did well and had good fun. The market days are on the third Sunday of every month with the next one being the 20th of August. The showground will also have pipes and drums performing on the arena so that could well attract bigger numbers. Don't forget to volunteer your services to **Chris Slade** and **Roger Bayley**.

BANKING:

Our outgoing treasurer **Peter Hammon** and incoming treasurer **Jacqui Bayley** have successfully managed the setting up of new accounts with the IMB in Bowral whilst extricating our banking from the part-time CBA bank in Moss Vale. There are new account numbers that will be used for our different activities. For those who would like to pay for their dinners online, you should use our Administration account which is: Rotary Club of Moss Vale, BSB 641 800, account 200 983 584. For donations to our club for charity purposes, you should use Rotary Club of Moss Vale, BSB 641 800, account 200 983 585. We have separate account numbers for our Golf Day, for U Turn the Wheel, and for the Sam Airey account. Thanks once again to **Christene Knapman** for her regular contributions to our Charity account.

WELLBEING:

Please let me know if there are any members or Friends who would like a special mention or who would appreciate any help. Our members have helped others who have had occasional mobility issues by doing shopping or dropping in meals, and we also like to send get well messages when suitable. **David McKew**, I hear that things are starting to improve for you so I am sure my best wishes will be echoed by all our members.

Shelter Box:

Our most recent Board meeting decided to give our absent President an important job to do when he returns from the Deep North. Over the years, our Rotary Club has paid for many Shelter Boxes to be delivered to areas where terrible events have occurred (floods, cyclones, earthquakes etc.). We have a poster of one on our Club sign that we use at the Showground gate on market days, and a lot of visitors ask questions about them before making donations. The Board, on the suggestion of **Margie Stuart**, decided that a sample display model might be a very useful way of seeking further donations at our Rotary activities, so our President **Malcom Webber** will see if it is possible to get a display item (without removing a real one from effective use).

RAWCS:

John Macpherson has been responsible for a major initiative while a member of the Berrima District Rotary Club. Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) has been supported by John's efforts using surplus medical and hospital equipment for redistribution to some Pacific nations, a program called **Medical Aid for Oceania**. **Ramsay Health** has donated the equipment and John and other Rotarians have organised its collection and distribution where it can be best used. John will be continuing this valuable RAWCS program as a Rotarian in our Club. He will require a deputy from our membership so I would ask all of you to consider being involved with John. Rotarians can contact John directly or through me. If he gets too many volunteers then we will have to organise a ballot! John has provided information that shows that RAWCS sends a greater proportion of its funds to its cause (over 95%), with less than 5% being used for administration, making it one of the most efficient charitable funds in Australia.

Future Speakers:

Colin Boland does a great job in lining up interesting people to speak at our dinner meetings. He has booked **Gary Antaw** for our meeting on this coming Tuesday (the horses' birthday). Gary is a former member from quite some time ago but is part of the golfing crew that continues to support our Club at our Annual Charity Golf Day. Other speakers have also been lined up by Colin for

subsequent meetings, and we have had an offer to speak later in the year from **Derek White** and **Richard Krohn** (both former Rotarians with the Berrima Club) to do a presentation on minimising energy bills while improving the environment. Any members with suggestions of interesting guest speakers should book them up after getting a suitable date from Colin.

That's all, folks.

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CALENDAR 28 July 2023

31 July	Golf committee	C Slade home	P Nelson
1 August	Dinner meeting	MV Services Club	Gary Antaw, speaker
3 August	U Turn the Wheel	Mittagong RSL	Sue Tyler
7 August	Golf Committee	tbc	P Nelson
8 August	Board meeting	MV Showground	Colin Boland
12 August	Raffle ticket sales	IGA	P Nelson
14 August	Golf committee	tbc	P Nelson
15 August	Dinner Meeting	MV Services Club	John Macpherson, speaker
17 August	Raffle ticket sales	IGA	P Nelson
18 August	U Turn the Wheel	Mittagong RSL	Sue Tyler
19 August	Raffle ticket sales	IGA	P Nelson
20 August	Sunday market	MV Showground	Chris Slade/Roger Bayley
21 August	Golf committee	tbc	Peter Nelson
28 August	Golf committee	tbc	Peter Nelson
2 September	Raffle ticket sales	IGA	P Nelson
4 September	Golf committee	tbc	P Nelson
5 September	Dinner meeting	MV Services Club	Roma Dix, speaker
9 September	Raffle ticket sales	IGA	P Nelson
11 September	Golf committee	tbc	P Nelson
12 September	Board meeting	MV Showground	Colin Boland
16 September	Raffle ticket sales	IGA	P Nelson
19 September	Dinner meeting	MV Services Club	
22 September	GOLF DAY	MV Golf Club	EVERYONE!!!

APOLOGIES MUST BE SENT TO ROGER BY 4.30PM ON MONDAY. ANYONE WHO DOESN'T ATTEND AND WHO HASN'T APOLOGISED WILL BE CHARGED!

Roger Bayley is the contact person for dinners. Please show him the courtesy of contacting him with any apologies so that accurate numbers can be reserved for our dinner meetings. Roger's mobile number is **0439 642 717** and his email address is roger.bayley65@gmail.com.

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