

Meeting Notes & News 2022/23

Tuesday 12 July 2022



From President Patrick

The following initiative has been proposed by the new President of Rotary International, Jennifer Jones. We will be debating this at the Board meeting next week and, if the Board thinks we should participate in the initiative, we will bring it back to the Club for discussion.

JENNIFER JONES INITIATIVE

A program of education for Rotary Clubs that embraces best practice models on membership growth and public image from around Australia and the World

Concept: The sponsoring districts offer 5 places each on a program aimed at providing clubs with the skills and strategies to be relevant to their communities in the 21st century.

The project will include specific support and expertise for each of the participating clubs in accordance with their needs.

Benefits: Successful participating clubs will modernise, improve their public profile, and grow their membership.

Terms: This offer is open to clubs which are committed to modernising and improving value to members, and whose members have voted overwhelmingly to take part (75% or more in favour).

Conditions:

1. Participate in the Club Citation program for 22-23, prioritising membership growth and club modernisation.
2. Participation in the Communities of Practice club development program and other training and development programs related to the project.
3. The club will, within 3 months of commencing the project:
 - a. update data on District website for all members to enable the club to monitor improvements in age, gender balance and other key metrics
 - b. update all club online presences to reflect a modern club profile.
4. The club will maintain one or more contemporary social media platforms.
5. The club will take action to reduce the cost of Rotary to members.

The measurable targets:

- a. Increase in membership, aiming for 10% plus
- b. Reduction in average age, aiming for 10% plus
- c. Improvement in demographic balance.

Club Service

INFORMATION

Next Tuesday night 19 July, there will be a Board Meeting.

CLUB NIGHT DUTIES

Tuesday 19 July 2022

Property	Sindy Bishop	Carlton D'Souza
Attendance	Grant Buxton	Michelle Kerr
Sergeant & Fines	Lloyd Dungey	



**Due to bad weather,
the markets were cancelled on Sunday 10th July**

BRING & BUY DUTIES

Sunday 17 July 2022

Phil Cordery [Leader]

Gordon Smith

Sindy Bishop

Dom Manno

Peter Sourivong

Ric McDonald [if available]

Meeting Highlights

Tonight we had the pleasure of hosting Kate O'Hara, the CEO of Foodbank Western Australia.

As Kate explained, Foodbank is basically 'the pantry to the charity sector'. It's a not-for-profit, non-denominational, organisation that operates in every state and territory in Australia. Their national and state-based teams work with the entire food and grocery industry from farmers and manufacturers to retailers, to source food donations. To distribute the food, the state teams work with an army of volunteers to pick, pack and get the food to where it's needed. In WA, Foodbank has centres at Perth Airport, Mandurah, Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton and Boulder as well as a new mobile service.

Kate is passionate about her role. 'At Foodbank we believe everyone should have access to good quality food. We're here for the everyday Australians who are going without.'

Shocking as it may sound in such a wealthy country, over four hundred thousand West Australians currently live on or beyond the 'poverty line' (by world standards). That's one in 8 people! For those families and individuals, food insecurity is one of their most pressing problems. *Food insecurity* is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Food insecurity affects a broad spectrum of Australians from diverse backgrounds and, particularly since the COVID pandemic, is not restricted to the obviously vulnerable groups in the community such as homeless people and the unemployed. While COVID-19 has made life even more difficult for these already-vulnerable Australians, it has launched others into food insecurity for the first time. Almost a third of Australians experiencing food insecurity in 2020 (28%) had never experienced it before COVID-19. Under-employment, the rising costs of living, and loss of income due to COVID-related lockdowns, restrictions, and childcare issues are among the contributing factors.

Despite this, Foodbank receives no significant ongoing financial support from government other than that provided for the School Breakfast program.



Your editor, colour-coordinated with our lovely guest, Kate O'Hara, CEO of Foodbank WA.



Kate defines the role of Foodbank as encompassing three main areas of service:

1. To feed
2. To educate
3. To advocate

Foodbank's education programs include hands-on workshops in preparing nutritious meals on a tight budget, as well as a range of visiting programs and online resources in nutritional awareness (e.g. *superhero foods*) targeting adults and children.

Advocacy is a growth area for Foodbank: raising awareness and funds.

In spite of their best efforts, food relief is still not reaching many West Australians who need it. About two thirds of food-insecure Australians are seeking food relief. Some of those slipping through the net are simply not aware that help is available*, but social stigma and lack of accessibility are the largest barriers to those who are not seeking help. Mobile Foodbank is one way Foodbank is taking food directly to the people who need it most throughout the Perth metro area

To provide their services, Foodbank is always in need of volunteers. As Kate explained, 'We have a small team, so we rely on volunteers to help us sort, pack, prepare and deliver food for Western Australians doing it tough.'

In closing Kate expressed her gratitude for the commitment shown by Rotary in supporting Foodbank in numerous ways over the years – via volunteering, financial donations and food collections. It is an association that is greatly valued by Foodbank and one that I'm sure our Club is keen to continue.



*To shop at one of the Foodbank WA branches or a Mobile Foodbank you only need a referral from one of their charity partners. There's even a free-call hotline to source your referral (1800 979 777). The call takes about 20 minutes and you'll need a form of identification, such as a driver's licence, and your Medicare card or a Centrelink card).

Fun & Games News

In **Chase the Joker** news this week, the Jackpot continues to build, after Susan drew the king of clubs.

There was a keen response to the **Newsletter Puzzle** last week. Andy took out the Prize. **Heads and Tails** ended in a contest between Michelle G. and Gunter, with Michelle emerging victorious.

Upcoming Events

Tue Jul 19	Board Meeting
Tue Jul 26	Cynthia Lim - Australian Flora & Fauna
Tue Aug 2	Frank Zhao - Experiences Living in China



'Time' for some Brain Straining

A sundial has the *fewest* moving parts of any timepiece. Which timepiece has the *most*?

Hint: This time, it's *not* a trick question.

Please forward your answer to Susan, by noon Tuesday, to be in the draw for the weekly Newsletter Puzzle Prize.



Answer to Last Week's Brainteaser

Q: On Wednesday, Jessica and Kate went to an Italian restaurant for dinner. They ordered and ate their food, chatted, and had a really good time. But who paid the bill?

A: Dinner was 'On' **Wednesday** (her name). So, *she* paid the bill. Other answers accepted were "Who" and "But Who".



Last week, when I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Astonished and desperately wondering what new security mandate I'd managed to breach, I did just as she'd instructed.

After the shrieking and hysteria finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in future.

A Winter's Afternoon is a Top Time for a Snooze

