

# Southern Mitchell Rotary



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

August-2023

[Southern Mitchell Rotary Website](#)

President Rose invites you to a  
Wednesday evening  
(6.45pm for 7.00pm)  
get together at Kilmore Trackside  
so you can see what we do.




Call Rose on: 0458 810 345 to let her know to expect you.



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**LOCAL ROTARIANS VOLUNTEERING TO IMPROVE WHERE WE LIVE**

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This Rotary project to create an Arboretum on 10 acres with an Analemmatic Sundial has been ticking away for 3 years. After many hours over previous weeks, measuring and pegging out the precise location of where the 13 stones (each one up to 1.7 tons) are to be placed, a small group actually put them in place on Saturday 05-08-2023.

[Click here to learn more about Analemmatic Sundials](#)

**LOCAL ROTARY MEMBERS WORKING ON OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Do you live near a creek, river, or stream?  
We need your help!

Have you ever seen a platypus in the wild?  
Take part in the platy-project month of action this September

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SAVE OUR BIG BACKYARD AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION Nature needs us. now



### You'll never forget your first platypus encounter!

It's a magical moment when this strange and adorable creature emerges from ripples in the water. This September, we're asking people like you to head down to their local creek or river, find a quiet place on the bank, try to spot a platypus and record what you see. You might be surprised by the places the elusive platypus calls home. In urban rivers, suburban creeks, farm dams, and local reservoirs – a platypus probably lives closer than you think. By taking part in the platy-project, you'll help researchers understand more about this elusive animal and how we can better protect it.

#### Previous local sightings:

- Kilmore Creek, between Union Street and Kilmore Leisure Centre.
- Deep Creek, Darraweit Guim to Romsey Road.
- Sunday Creek, Clonbinane to Smedleys Lane.
- KurKuroc Creek, just east of the Northern Highway.

CHECK THE MAP: <https://platy-project.acf.org.au/>

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.acf.org.au/platy-project>

[Click here to learn more](#)

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LIDS4KIDS

## Sorting Lids 4 Kids

Rotarians Elizabeth and Roger plus some Lids 4 Kids supporters gathered for a couple of hours to sort “Lids 4 Kids” at the home of Rotarian Lisa (Regional Lids4Kids Coordinator) in Wallan on Sunday 6/8/23

[Click here to learn more about Lids 4 Kids](#)

LOCAL ROTARY MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING TO IMPROVE WHERE WE LIVE!

# DID YOU KNOW?

PLASTIC LIKE THIS IS A KILLER!

**KILMORE CREEK HAS A RESIDENT POPULATION OF PLATYPUS AND RAKALI (NATIVE WATER RAT). PLEASE HELP THEM SURVIVE BY KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAR OF PLASTIC AND ALLOW OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE THEM IN THE WILD FROLICKING IN OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS.**



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## Did you know?

Australia supports a diverse array of native rodents that have been a part of the local landscape for several million years. The largest of these is the Australian water-rat (or rakali), a very attractive animal weighing up to 1.3 kilograms – as big as a medium-sized platypus. The Australian water-rat resembles a small otter in many ways. The platypus is possibly the most irreplaceable mammal existing today. They have a unique combination of characteristics, including egg-laying despite being mammals, venomous spurs in males, electroreception for locating prey, biofluorescent fur, multiple sex chromosomes, and the longest evolutionary history in mammals. Platypuses are a threatened species in some Australian states and their conservation is of concern more broadly, due to known decline in their populations.

[Click here to learn more](#)

WE WELCOME ANOTHER NEW ROTARY MEMBER



WELCOME TO OUR  
TEAM  
IAN FOSTER

IAN WANTS TO DO SOME  
GOOD IN THE WORLD  
WITH US!

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## OUR NEWEST NEWBIE

Let's welcome our newest member, Ian Foster to Southern Mitchell Rotary. Ian was inducted by Assistant Governor Sharon Fox, and we believe Ian will become a valuable cog in our wheel. Given we now have three Ian's, this Ian will be known as his lifelong nick name "Fozzie"; goodonya Fozzie! Pictured from left is Ian's partner, Michelle, Ian, Assistant Governor Sharon Fox and Club President

[Click here to meet our leadership team](#)

**ROTARY MEMBERS AT WORK CLEANING UP OUR TOWNS**

**JUL - EAST ST, KILMORE**  
**• AUG - HIGH ST BROADFORD**  
**• SEP - TBA - WALLAN**

WANT TO LEND A HAND FOR 2 HOURS?  
 PHONE IAN: 0419 890 015

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### Another local cleanup

A handful of very dedicated Southern Mitchell Rotary members braved the elements for a couple of hours on a recent Sunday morning, donating their time to clean up a particularly grubby section of East Street, Kilmore. The end result was very rewarding. If this activity appeals to you, join us with your passion and utilise our resources.

[Click here to see all our recent news events](#)

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**Rotary** **ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

**A very happy group!**

- 28 very diverse members
- 40% are women
- 32% under 50 years of age

**People of Action**

- Kilmore Art Expo
- Kilmore Busing Championships
- Children First Foundation
- Exchange student from Italy
- Broadford Australia Day Festival
- Mental Wellbeing Brochure
- Broadford Seniors Xmas Lunch
- The Beuhne Memorial
- Kilmore East Rail Beautification
- Monster Tree Planting Day
- Annual International Dinner
- Ukraine Refugee Resettlement

**Rotary is Fun**

- Melbourne Cup BBQ
- Christmas Breakup Dinner
- New Year Welcome BBQ
- Restaurant Outings
- Weekly Get-Together
- Dinners at member homes

**Donation Distribution**

**\$14,000 distributed to**

- Love In Action - Broadford & Wallan
- Children First Foundation
- Wheelchair to Indonesia
- Shelterbox Disaster Relief
- Polio Plus / Tony's Trek / Fit to Drive

### Annual Report

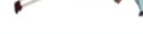
This is a snapshot of the last 12 months for Southern Mitchell Rotary. It certainly does not convey everything we do but does outline the more important components. Our motto in Rotary worldwide is "Service Above Self", and all 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs across 200 countries stand by that motto. Rotary is made up of ordinary volunteers (people just like you) who together, achieve extraordinary outcomes like ridding the world of Polio and Polio Plus.

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<https://www.rcsm.org.au/invitation>





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