

Southern Mitchell Rotary



KEEPING IN TOUCH

September - 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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PEOPLE OF ACTION

Thanks for your interest in
Rotary. We are seeking newbies
to become Rotarians or to join
our "Friends of Rotary" to help
us out from time to time.


Either way, we are pleased to
keep you up to date with what
Rotary is doing both locally
and around the world.

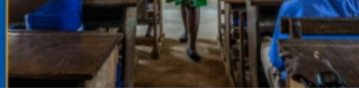


SEPTEMBER
BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY

*"Education is the most powerful weapon with
which you can change the world"*



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DOLLY AND ROTARY

Anyone who has seen Dolly Parton in concert will agree that the pint-sized singer/songwriter is a gifted storyteller. In a bid to share her passion for words, Dolly launched the Imagination Library in 1996. Since then, over 56,000,000 books have been gifted to children across the globe. In Australia, Rotary and United Way are working in partnership to expand and run Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, targeting our most disadvantaged communities first.



Broadford Cleanup

A very small but dedicated band of Southern Mitchell Rotary members enjoyed the sunshine for a couple of hours on a recent Sunday morning, donating their time to clean up a section of High Street, Broadford. The end result was very rewarding. If you have a particular passion and need a vehicle to make it happen, talk to your local Rotary Club. We are all about doing good in the world.



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](#)



Rotary isn't as "Straight-Laced" as you may think!

Women are active participants in Rotary (40% of our members are ladies), serving their communities in increasing numbers and serving in leadership positions in Rotary. Jennifer Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Canada, was Rotary International's president for 2022-2023, the first woman to hold that office in Rotary's 117 year history. To reflect Jennifer's achievement we are particularly enthusiastic about growing our lady membership numbers by seeking those who are ready to volunteer and give something back to our community, our country and others less fortunate than us around the globe.

[Click here to learn more about Ladies in Rotary](#)





Definitely not "Straight-Laced"

Join us in making a difference in our community! Southern Mitchell Rotary is looking for passionate individuals to join our family of change-makers. Help us spread the message and invite friends who want to create a positive impact in our world.



MELODY ARRIVES FROM TAIWAN

Our 2023 Rotary Exchange Student has arrived and is already receiving a crash course in Australiana by Rotarian Angelina Cirelli-Salomone and her family. Angelina is our Youth Director and Melody's first host "mum" during her stay in Australia. Melody is from the north of Taiwan, is an accomplished drummer and will be attending Assumption College.



MELODY TALKS AT OUR GET TOGETHER

At our get-together, Melody (our 2023 Rotary Youth Exchange student) was our guest speaker, introducing herself to a packed room of Rotary members. After first telling us about herself and her family, she showed us where home is and proceeded to introduce us to popular foods in Taiwan, good places to visit and much more interesting facts expanding our international knowledge. Pictured is Melody and President Rose exchanging Rotary banners and Melody with her Aussie mum Angelina, who is also our Youth Director.

LOCAL ROTARY MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING TO IMPROVE WHERE WE LIVE!





SEPTEMBER IS PLATYPUS MONTH

The platy-project (spot and record your sighting) kicks off in on the 1st of September. Tips for finding a platypus The platy-project is all about connecting with nature and observing the water, plants and animals around you. If you're lucky enough to spot a platypus that's an incredible bonus, but you'll make an important contribution to science whether you see one or not. Watch former ACF Community Organiser Amy Northwood explain a few quick steps to prepare to look for a platypus at your local creek or river, and browse the platy-project toolkit for even more helpful information and tips, including: Finding a good spot for your search Things to take with you Tips for identifying a platypus What to do with the information you record.

[FIND WHERE YOU CAN SPOT A PLATYPUS](#)



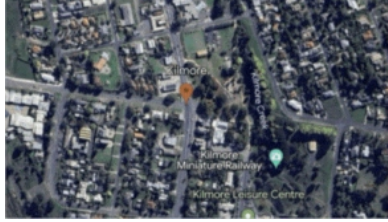
ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Good food, great friends and plenty of entertainment. Our International Dinner is an annual event where all the profits are directed to our international projects. All profits from the night will go towards supporting 1,500 Primary School children and their teachers at St. Vincent de Notre Dame de l'Androy (St. Vincent's) Primary School in Ambovombe, Androy Southern Madagascar. The area has suffered 4 years of successive drought in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic which is forcing families in rural communities to resort to desperate measures to survive. Donations will be used to source food, clean drinking water, medicine and school equipment to help parents keep their children fed and stay at school.

MORE: www.rcsm.org.au/project-lemur

[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)





Sunday 24th September, 10am - 12 noon.
 Meet at corner of Union Road & Victoria Parade.
 Please wear sturdy footwear & bring gloves.
PLEASE JOIN IN TO HELP US.



CLEANUP ALONG KILMORE CREEK

You are invited to donate a couple of hours to help Southern Mitchell Rotary do a very sociable LITTER CLEAN UP on Sunday 24th September, 10am-12 noon along Kilmore Creek to make it healthier for our local Platypus population. Go to: <https://platy-project.acf.org.au/>. Meet at corner of Union Road and Victoria Parade Kilmore @ 10am, and please wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves. You will meet some like-minded, really nice new friends.



\$5,000 DONATION TO LOVE IN ACTION

In the interests of 100% transparency, Southern Mitchell Rotary is pleased to advise we are sharing the profits from our Rotary Recycle Op Shop with our community. This is our first distribution of what will be many in the future. Thanks to Lisa, our Op Shop Manager and her dedicated team of Op Shop volunteers who serve our terrific customers.



THANKS FOR BECOMING PART OF THE TEAM LISA

Thanks for becoming part of Southern Mitchell Rotary, Lisa, and helping us do more "good in the world". Lots of people like you in Rotary make a lasting difference to the lives of many. If you have a "Pet Project", like Lisa's Lids 4 Kids www.rcsm.org.au/lids4kids join us, and enlist an army of volunteers to help you become even more successful in your endeavors.



YOUTH FEST

This year Mitchell Youth Services is participating in the state government initiative 'Youth Fest'. Youth Fest is an opportunity to celebrate young people by supporting them to organise and deliver events that showcase their talents and contributions to the community. Mitchell Youth Services will be delivering a range of events, training, workshops and celebrations in partnership with other local organisations for young people connected to Mitchell Shire.

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HELP THE DISPLACED IN UKRAINE

It's been more than eighteen months since Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. An estimated five million people remain displaced within Ukraine and almost six million are living as refugees abroad. A further four million, seven hundred, people have returned to their residence in Ukraine after a period of displacement either internally or internationally. Humanitarian needs are stubbornly high within Ukraine, with occasional sudden increases prompted by changing seasons and the progress of the war. Shifting frontlines mean some territory becomes newly accessible while, from others, people flee in search of safety. ShelterBox and its partners have already assisted over 50,000 people and now we are launching our sixth project to help a further 7,000 households with emergency shelter and household aid items, like blankets, solar lights and kitchen sets. We need to raise \$100,000 to help fund this project. Please donate today to help those affected in Ukraine and provide lifesaving aid for families affected by disasters and conflict around the world.

LEARN ABOUT SHELTERBOX: www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

- Dedicated and fun people

- **Community minded people**
- **Practical and resourceful people**
- **Helpful and compassionate people**

If you are one of the above people, then contact us to learn how you can change the world, starting in our own community.



WERE LOOKING FOR

Impact starts with our members — people like you who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. At meetings in communities across the globe, our Rotary people of action come together to strengthen their connections to friends and neighbors and their commitment to improving lives. Who can join? We're looking for people who want to give back to their communities while they enjoy the fun and friendship that comes with belonging.

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



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