



**Rotary Clubs of Sale**

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**Rotary District 9820**

Incorporated

**Chairperson: Philip Davis**

**Sergeant: Mike Smith**

**Apologies:** Neil Ross, David Strauss, David Tulloch, Jenni Thomas, Laurie Smyth, Gerard Callinan, Leo O'Brien.

**Guests: Zach Wingrave and Dr Iain Nicolson**

***Tuesday 03 March 2020***

***Speaker- Iain Nicolson, The work of the  
Freemasons in Sale***



**Club President Raj Mani presents Dr Iain Nicolson with a pen.**

**Notes on the meeting:**

Guests Zach Wingrave (who came with John Cartledge) and Dr Iain Nicolson were welcomed by Sergeant Mike Smith. After the formalities President Raj handed over to Michael Page who promoted next Saturday's Sale Music Festival

and encouraged members to fill the gaps on the helper's roster. Nicole O'Connor sought help to wrap potatoes in foil ready for baking at the festival.

Adrian Rijs then spoke about the club trip to Centenary House at Traralgon in two week's time. David Strauss will be driving a bus (fare approx. \$10-) leaving the Signal Box Car Park at 5.30pm for 6.15pm visit to Centenary House. The visit will be followed by dinner back in Traralgon possibly at the Grand Junction Hotel. Booking are needed for the bus.

PE Philip Davis promoted the District Conference in Bendigo on the 20-22<sup>nd</sup> March. He also asked for co-operation in making sure that apologies for meetings are received by Jeanette Henwood by lunchtime as it is proving very challenging to get the catering numbers right. He also encouraged participation in the Centurion Program, the money from which must be in by the end of April.

Andrew McDonald has almost completed the Form 3's and will be chasing up Working with Children after his return from holidays. He has completed the insurance paperwork for Monday Tucker and the Music Festival, but will need to complete an inventory of what we own for insurance purposes.

Mike Smith managed to part most members from some money in the fines session and Sandra Houghton won the bottle of wine.

PE Philip then introduced our guest speaker Dr Iain Nicolson who is a local doctor who came to Australia in 1977. Iain has been a Freemason for 50 years, and is also a stalwart of the St John's Ambulance, and a member of their clinical governance committee.

Iain explained that there have been Freemasons for 300 years, and that the Gippsland Lodge 51 is 150 years old. The Freemasons arose out of the guilds, which included the skilled craftsmen who built the cathedrals and other major buildings. The Freemasons were a product of the eighteenth century Enlightenment, with the England Lodge being founded in 1720.

In Australia, the Freemasons arrived with the First Fleet, with over 100 lodges existing in early colonial times. The Sale Lodge started under the auspices of the English Lodge. Later on, a United Grand Lodge of Victoria was founded.

Freemasons participate in community. Iain said that they act as a men's shed without tools- men gather in an egalitarian and multicultural atmosphere. They value friendship, honesty and truth. There is an overarching request that anyone

joining the Freemasons believe in a Supreme Being, but politics and religion are not discussed.

They are not a service club, but they do support community needs through their Freemason's Foundation. This foundation set up a stand-alone fund for Bushfire relief, which has so far raised \$750,000, including donations from overseas Freemasons clubs. \$50,000 from this has been given to Blazeaid to buy trailers, and some will be used to support mental health initiatives.

The local lodge were able to store gifts from the Sikh community during the recent fires and organize their distribution.

They also run an annual Golf Day, which last year raised money for Sale Specialist school to help them purchase a new bus. The Golf Day contributed \$10,000 and the Foundation gave \$50,000. The long term plan is to donate to each of the local schools.

The Freemason's ceremonies are designed to interest and educate people. Most groups meet monthly. Although the local Freemasons are all male, there are female Freemasons in Melbourne (in all female lodges).

Iain answered members questions. Then he was thanked by PE Philip and presented with a pen by President Raj, before the meeting was closed.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**



**SALE MUSIC FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020  
11AM – 7PM  
SALE BOTANIC GARDENS**

**Please volunteer to help, and please take photos to share in next week's Bulletin**

**Be like these happy Rotarians volunteering in the food tent!**

**Enjoy the great music and entertainment. Invite all your family and friends.**





**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March- tba**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Outing to Centenary House Traralgon, Bus from Signal Box Car Park at 5.30pm**

**March 20-22 – D9820 Conference Bendigo**

**March 24 – President’s night/ Projects**



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Race the Rubeena at the Port of Sale.** To aid Central Gippsland Hospital Sale by raising money for a ‘crash cart’ used during cardiac emergencies and a stock trolley to use with a ventilator. 10km and 5km options, the 5km race will be competing against The Rubeena. To enter visit [www.racetherubeena.com.au](http://www.racetherubeena.com.au)

**March 31 Club Night**

**Please send Bulletin contributions to editor Sandra at sandrah@vic.australis.com.au.**

If Chair or Sergeant can't make it, please let President Raj know before the meeting.  
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## **Next Meeting - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

# **Apologies to Jeanette Henwood**

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	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Partner</b>
<b>Bradley</b> PHF PP	Andrew	Amrita
<b>Callinan</b>	Gerard	Jenny O'Neill
<b>Cartledge</b> PP PHF	John	Liana
<b>Castle</b>	John	Pam
<b>Burgess</b>	Lisa	
<b>Davis</b> PE	Philip	Elizabeth
<b>Dyer</b> PP PHF OAM	Graeme	Alida
<b>Exton</b> PHF PP	Rod	Gillian
<b>Henwood</b> PP	Jeanette	
<b>Houghton</b> PHF	Sandra	
<b>Jeremiah</b>	Laurie	Helen
<b>Langley</b> PP PHF	Noel	Betty
<b>Lewis</b> PP PHF	Alan	
<b>Miller</b> PHF	Keith	Gwen
<b>Mani</b> PRESIDENT, PP	Raj	Tracey
<b>Martin</b>	David	Sandy
<b>McDonald</b>	Andrew	Leanne
<b>McKimm</b> PP	Rob	Kathy
<b>McMillan</b>	Kerry	Don
<b>McNaughton</b>	Gregor	Vicki
<b>MacRaid</b> OAM	Don	Meg
<b>O'Brien</b>	Danny	Vicki
<b>O'Brien</b> PP PHF	Leo	Debbie
<b>O'Connor</b>	Nicole	Patrick
<b>Page</b> PHF+1, PP, OAM	Michael	Jan
<b>Petersen</b>	Cindy	Steve
<b>Pickering</b> PP	Ted	Margaret
<b>Rijs</b> PP PHF	Adrian	Louise
<b>Ripper</b> PP PHF IPDG	Don	Jude
<b>Ross</b> PHF	Neil	Maree
<b>Smith</b> PHF	Mike	
<b>Smolenaars</b> PP PHF	Daniel	Norrisa Wheal
<b>Smyth</b> PP PHF	Laurie	Jill
<b>Strauss</b> PP	Rachel	David
<b>Strauss</b> PP	David	Rachel
<b>Thomas</b>	Jenni	
<b>Tulloch</b> PP PHF OAM	David	Judy

<b>Vassiliou</b>	Catherine	Wayne
<b>Versloot</b> <sup>PHF</sup>	Andy	Debbie
<b>Watt</b> <sup>PP</sup>	Trevor	Liz
<b>Webb</b>	Carmel	Lyndon
<b>Webb</b> <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Lyndon	Carmel
<b>Wilson</b>	Shae	Ben