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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With today's Covid numbers it is very difficult to maintain a positive attitude, but we just hope the "modelling" they keep talking about is correct and the numbers plateau soon so we can see some end to this constant lockdown. I hope this finds all of you well and coping with the endlessness of it so we can get on with our usual activities.

This week the DG's newsletter Change Maker has come out by email to all of you and there are some relevant things in there and especially about where clubs stand regarding vaccinations and markets and Op shops so I hope you have all looked at it. I've copied some bits and pieces in this bulletin just to reinforce the messages. It seems it will be a while before we are opening up our markets as currently, they are only talking about opening up Farmers Markets which come under the banner of essential services being food only, which neither of our markets are.



Last Tuesday we were delighted to be joined by Judith Lightfoot's grandchildren Nye Ann and Meliani, as we met with Warrandyte High School vice principal Joseph Caruana, with Youth Chair Pippa chairing the meeting. It was really good to hear how the school is faring under the current circumstances. Joseph gave some background to the school and talked about the



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school's extra curricular activities. I found this really interesting because I was unaware of the school's other activities.

Joseph has been at WHS for 6 years and prior to that he had worked overseas in Switzerland and USA among other countries. He teaches languages including Italian. WHS is relatively small with 450 students. Joseph also has his hands full with 3 year old twins at home!

Warrandyte High School

**LEARNING
EXCELLENCE
ACCELERATED
PROGRAM**

Excellence
Integrity
Respect

Joseph talked about the school's **Learning Excellence Accelerated Program** which involves

1. **A Sport's Academy** for years 7-10, is a user pays program where the student pays \$1750 for a skill intensive program in either AFL or basketball and is for both boys and girls.
2. **A Learning program** for the academic "high flyers" – a select entry program for year 7 students then when they go into year 8.
3. **International Students:** currently there are only 15 students remaining due to covid restrictions – these 15 have not been to their home countries for up to two years. Many students did not return from their home countries when Covid struck the world. It is expected this will pick up when we get on top of Covid. Many of these international students are in home stay environments, and some are living with relatives.



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LEARNING EXCELLENCE ACCELERATED PROGRAM (LEAP)

- Sports Academy – Basketball and AFL Program
- Learning Excellence Accelerated Program (LEAP)
- 2-4 classes at each year level. Around 450 students
- International Students
- Numeracy and Literacy Support

4. **Numeracy and Literacy Support** – for those students who need extra tutoring

Well Being: it was good to hear the school has a substantial well-being program supported by a number of specialist staff who meet regularly and have an internal referral service for students they identify as needing extra support.

Staff are involved in assisting students to cope with the current home learning environment and helping them to stay on course and stay positive using various well being initiatives.

Joseph mentioned the **Bullying Against Backflips program** which is to help identify and deal with bullying. He has suggested this might be a way for Rotary to help the school. The program will be for year 7 students then a follow up in year 8 then continue on for years 7-10. It will be at a cost of \$5 per student so if for around 380 students would cost \$1900 per year. The program has



- All students and staff have to wear a mask indoors and outdoors
- No camps, excursions / incursions/ visitors to the school/ guest speakers / interschool activities
- No library
- No sporting activities (indoor, outdoor, contact and non-contact)
- No school production
- No singing , brass or woodwind music classes



- WELL BEING TEAM
- Mental health practitioner (2 days a week)
- School Nurse (2 days a week)
- Well Being Leader (4 days a week)
- Head of Well Being (5 days a week)
- Year Level Coordinators
- Assistant Principal

fantastic reviews and engages students due to its novel approach.



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- Where Rotary Can help:

Backflips Against Bullying Program

- A program that features high energy one hour acrobatic performances by teams of incredible acrobatics
- Engaging students through Parkour and Acrobatics
- When students are engaged, they are ready to learn about bullying.
- They have multiple programs for every year level plus classroom resources to consolidate the learning after the performance day.

It was great to hear that WHS has such great support programs and we look forward to hearing more from them as we enter our new normal next year.



Backflips Against Bullying Program

Program B focus: (Year 8, returning Year 7 group)

- **Empathy**
- **Practical Resilience Tools**
- **Self Reflection**
- **Interactive Exercise**
- **Playing the social game**

We look forward to our next week's meeting with Amanda Jones from New York State in USA for our breakfast meeting. We will have some guests join us – folks from the former Warrandyte club and Amanda's family members – so it should be an interesting and stimulating meeting. Join us in your PJs for your early morning cuppa and toast!





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UPCOMING PROGRAM

<p>Tuesday 12th October NOTE: BREAKFAST MEETING 7.45 for 8 – 9am</p> 	<p>7.45 for 8-9am A Zoom Breakfast with Amanda Jones: Former Exchange Student from the USA who will talk to us about her life since Youth Exchange. Amanda will be zooming from Buffalo, New York State. Enjoy your breakfast, morning coffee/tea with us and invite any former Rotarians who were around when Amanda visited (RC Warrandyte). Chair: Judy Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th October</p> 	<p>Social night - via zoom a cocktail hour 5.15 for 5.30 – 6.30 pm <i>With partners to have some fun. No formalities but have a drink with you and some nibbles and indulge in some chit chat.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 20th October</p>	<p>Cluster Event via Zoom – End Polio Now – Doncaster Club hosting with Greg King</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th October</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p>Tuesday 2nd</p>	<p>Melbourne cup weekend. TBA</p>
<p>Tuesday 9th November</p>	<p>Club Meeting: Guest Speaker: Paola Kupfersein from the Montessori Early Learning Centre in Donvale Chair: Pippa Birch</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th November</p>	<p>Cluster Meeting via Zoom – North East Link update. RC Templestowe is hosting.</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd</p>	<p>AGM</p>
<p>Tuesday 30th</p>	<p>Board Meeting</p>



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ROTARY and VACCINE MANDATES (From DG's Change Maker)

The Victorian Government recently published **Vaccine Mandates** for Authorised Workers in this state an among a long list is the potential for Rotary Volunteers who are working at Farmer's Markets.

Each of our Club Presidents has received a letter outlining advice as to how to proceed in a safe manner. In essence to participate in the Farmers Market, **every Rotarian volunteer and stall holder must be double vaccinated.** The Rotary club involved must sight and verify a record of those vaccinations. The Rotary club must also maintain an up-to-date list of these people at all times.

We live in interesting and challenging times and whether we see these Vaccine Mandates extended to other areas of our Rotary work such as Op-Shops is yet to be seen. This information is in contrast to advice we had received concerning Rotary Clubs and Vaccinations contained elsewhere in this Change Maker Newsletter. Flexibility needs to be our watchword!

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Alma Reynolds, our current District Membership Chair has provided some revealing statistics about the state of play for D9810 since 1st July 2021.

- **ONE-QUARTER** of our clubs have increased their membership numbers.
- **ONE-HALF** of our clubs have maintained their membership numbers.
- **ONE-QUARTER** of our clubs have decreased their membership numbers.



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(From Change Maker)

Our heartiest congratulations are expressed to the **Rotary Club of Templestowe** and the **Rotaract Club of Manningham** for having been selected to be the sole Australian entry to make a presentation in a 'Town Hall' platform about their '**Connecting Manningham**' project at this event!!



Rotarian Vicki Martinez and Rotaractors Stephanie and Daniel Martinez along with other members of both clubs have been the driving force behind this amazing and community focused program. We wish them every success and look forward to many positive

outcomes from the experience. You might be interested to know more about the Presidential Conferences by looking at the website and perhaps even booking at \$28 AUD for the event in late November.

Hope this does not reflect our meetings!





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BEWARE!

High Court of Australia – 8th September 2021

The High Court found that,

'Media publishers are liable for defamatory third party comments posted on their social media pages, because by facilitating and encouraging the comments they have assisted in their publication.'

*'This decision may mean that **anyone** who runs a social media page can theoretically be sued over disparaging comments posted by **READERS** or **RANDOM GROUPS MEMBERS** – even if you aren't aware of the comment.'*

Rotary Code of Conduct

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment



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