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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 11th September, 2022



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The current president Kevin says he looks forward to returning to next week's meeting even with a few more holes in his head!



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Regardless of your stance on the Monarchy and Republicanism in Australia we have to admire our late Queen Elizabeth 11.

She was the embodiment of a life of Service Above Self.

What a week it will be as the rituals and protocols around the death of our Queen play out – with the funeral and the proclamation of King Charles 111 and all the other events that go with the circumstances.

These will be a truly historic weeks and in a way we are privileged to be witness to such significant events in our time. Lots of things to watch on TV - plenty of pomp and ceremony as the British do so well, if we have the time. She will be sadly missed by so many as she has been such a constant in our lives. RIP QE 11.



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Last Rotary meeting we had apologies from Kevin Hall, Louise Latimer (recovering from a very successful family wedding), Gavin and Pippa Birch, Bob McKenzie and Frank Molinaro.

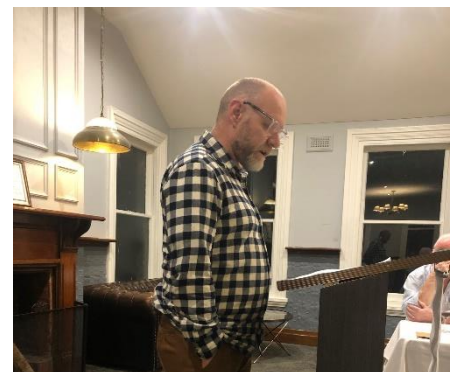
Warrandyte Riverside Market – Rob Edwards reported a very successful day with full stalls and large crowd of visitors as usual. There was a medical episode that was dealt with well by the resident St John's ambulance service – thankfully as the wait for an ambulance would have been 4 hours!

District President's Meeting – David and Marg George attended the recent meeting at the Mulgrave Country Club. Regionalization was the main topic as voting must be completed by each club in the next few weeks. Please see further in the bulletin for information and if you wish to make a comment please contact President Kevin as he will be voting for our club soon.

International Conference 27 – 31 May, 2023 – Manningham Cluster Function – Marg George is our representative on this committee, and she reported that a function will be held in the Manningham Civic Centre. The committee is gathering ideas for catering and decorating – so she is looking for ideas such as goodies bags and stamped post cards to give out to national and overseas guests who attend.

Guest Speaker - Derek Bradshaw Now and Not Yet Cafe, Warrandyte

It was a pleasure to welcome Derek back to our club – to update us about the Now and Not Yet Cafe which is a not-for-Profit social enterprise under the auspices of the Baptist Church.



Derek told us that the idea for his social enterprise came with a life changing experience in 2010 when he visited Jakarta, Indonesia, and stayed in a “hotel”. It was a very down-market hotel and far from the sanitary and comfortable expensive tourist hotels we are familiar with in Asia. He and his party toured Indonesia to see the work of the Baptist Mission Australia and in doing so he experienced and witnessed the poverty and privation endemic in Indonesia. Derek realized how lucky, privileged and wealthy we are in Australia and decided that institutionalized religion was not achieving the outcomes of helping people that he aspired to. His motto has become “Change or Become Irrelevant”.

He set about establishing the café in Warrandyte, which was once a Mexican restaurant – and developed the concept of a business that actually helps disadvantaged people such as asylum seekers and those with disabilities who have been unable to get work.



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The café has a unit attached to it, which enables him to house some asylum seekers and train and employ them in the café. There is also a garden behind the cafe which our club provided some funding to establish a few years ago and this has enabled an individual with mental health issues to be gainfully occupied in something he really enjoys and feels worthwhile about.

Over the years they have housed and trained 11 asylum seekers, and today, a third of the café staff have disabilities. The café also provides food for families in need and gives out a type of voucher for financially disadvantaged to come and enjoy a meal without feeling different. The café also provides a conducive space for local artists to exhibit their art works. The café has been able to assist local school children and sporting clubs. He sees the café as being the heart of the community.

In taking on the support of asylum seekers and people with disabilities, comes the responsibility of full social support. Derek said it is hard work and challenging as these people face such difficult issues, such as working through visa applications, language, familiarization to our customs, housing, preparing people for realistic employment etc., so Derek and his volunteers are there to help solve some of those problems to help individuals get on their feet.

One thing the local people have helped with is providing places for those with nowhere else to live – i.e. sharing their homes with asylum seekers. They also have a safe house in a neighboring suburb for victims of domestic violence – which was donated by a generous benefactor. Derek and his volunteers help to support these families.

They have volunteers who help – and Derek is hopeful that Rotary may be able to assist in some way with their work. Rob Edwards will be maintaining a strong connection with Now and Not Yet.

Derek has established a partnership with the **Mirvac Property Group** which provided funding for him to establish another social enterprise– the Shared Cup café at Olivine – in a large housing development in Donnybrook. For more information about this enterprise go to the Mirvac web site and watch Derek on YouTube.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuEF3Ni-qFA>



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UP COMING PROGRAMME

<p>Tuesday 13th September</p> 	<p><i>Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel - Federation Room</i> Guest Speaker: Warrandyte High School Principal - Rachel Lynch</p> <p>Chair: Judy Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th September</p> 	<p><i>Club 13th Birthday – Meeting at the Grand Hotel, Federation Room.</i> Guest Speakers: Our very own Frank and Anthony Molinaro – Obrien Real Estate</p> <p>Chair: Bob McKenzie</p>
<p>Sunday 25th September</p> 	<p>TUNSTALL MARKET</p> <p>ALL HANDS ON DECK</p>
<p>Tuesday 27th September</p>	<p><i>Board meeting with AG Olive. At the Halls</i></p>
<p>Saturday 1st October</p> 	<p>WARRANDYTE RIVERSIDE MARKET ALL HANDS ON DECK AGAIN!</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th October</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Membership Session: - To be Conformed Chair – Rob Edwards</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th October</p> 	<p><i>District Governor Ken Miller’s Visit</i></p> <p>Chair: President Kevin Hall</p> <p>Please bring your partners and guests to make DG Ken welcome in the traditional style of Rotary DG visits as Ken talks to us about his year as DG and his comments about our club.</p>



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<p>Tuesday 18th October</p> 	<p>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Guest Speaker: Greer McGearey</p> <p>“Seahorse Victoria” supports the Transgender Community. We will hear about the issues surrounding those who identify as transgender and how Seahorse helps them.</p> <p>Chair: Louise Latimer</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th October</p>	<p><i>TBA - ANY IDEAS? Fellowship night?</i></p>
<p>Sunday 30th October</p> 	<p><i>Tunstall Market</i></p> <p>ALL HANDS ON DECK.</p>
<p>Saturday 5th November</p> 	<p><i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i></p> <p>ALL HANDS ON DECK AGAIN!</p>





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Zone 8 Rotary Regionalisation Pilot Project

Rotary International is considering establishing a regional governance pilot to address membership, public image, communication, and fundraising challenges to ensure our organisation thrives long into the future.

Should this proceed, in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands we have an opportunity to be one of a small number of regions across the globe to pilot this new governance structure, created by RI's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee (SRF). Read the background of this project [here](#).

Why a Regional Pilot?

The overarching aim is to provide better and more direct support to clubs through a less layered, but more effective and contemporary structure. The ideals of Rotary are to be retained with the focus remaining on the Clubs and their engagement with each other and their communities.

In addition to potentially saving members time and money, the new structure will foster more vibrant club environments and provide doable and attractive roles that are accessible to more potential Rotary leaders.



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By streamlining our existing governance structure, we will:

- Allow clubs sharing geography, culture and language to organise in ways that suit them.
- Eliminate duplication and remove layers of hierarchy to make Rotary nimbler and more cost effective.
- Bring together the best resources from across the region and make them easily accessible to every club.
- Improve communication effectiveness in order to enhance club and member engagement.
- Grow membership through new club types, flexibility, and partnership options reflecting our diversity.
- Attract more community, corporate, and government sector support by communicating with one voice.
- Enhance leadership and personal development activities to better suit our modern world.
- Foster more diverse perspectives in decision making.
- Reduce the burden of administrative responsibilities placed upon leaders.

For full information about the project please go to:

<https://rotaryzone8.org/page/rotary-regionalisation-project>



For all District Conference details go to:

<https://www.9810rotary.org.au/>