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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

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Date: 12th September



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a quiet week on the Rotary district front with no additional zoom meetings or seminars.

Last Tuesday night we held another successful Club meeting with the two Manningham Rotaract Presidents Roshni and Christine who talked to us about their club and the Connecting Manningham Project. Connecting Manningham is an on-line project which now has up to 600 people involved with various digital activities such as book club, cooking videos, make up tutorials, Physical training and children's story telling. They are also assisting the local U3A with their digital literacy learning and they have long term projects such as fortnightly streaming of games and trivia nights and discussions on sexuality and sex education. Its all designed to maintain connection between Manningham residents, very relevant in these times.

The Rotaractors are very switched on to Facebook and other social media since all their projects are on-line and the club has thrived and grown in numbers in the current climate as the members are all so accustomed to meeting, learning and socializing on line. They started with 8 members and are now up to around 16, with 6 males and the rest females. They are hoping to even up the gender tally as they proceed. They are finding the Zoom platform very convenient for their current lifestyles.

Roshni is a third-year student at Melbourne University, studying a Bachelor of Science and worked in a coffee shop before the lock down, hoping to return to that as soon as she is able as she misses her coffee fixes. Christine is likewise in 3rd year at MU studying Biomedicine, Human Structures and Functions and works part time in Coles at The Pines. It was great to hear how enthusiastic they both are about volunteering and how successful the club has been in growing their numbers. We look forward to more involvement with the Rotaractors and would love to have them back to give us a tutorial about Facebook for those of us who are not Facebookers. Check out Connecting Manningham on Facebook.

Op News – Judith is hoping to establish a Click and Collect facility on the Op Shop Facebook page as there are people wishing to buy and they have some good things to sell. Thanks to Louise who has offered the services of their daughter who knows about the Click and Collect system from her work in banking. Bob McKenzie has been in discussions with various government bureaucrats about when we might reopen but at this stage that is still very much dependent on how the Covid 19 numbers go. Also Judith has put out a request for members to offer some shifts at the Op Shop when it re opens as they will be short of volunteers until they get back on their feet.

Markets – no chance of opening in the next couple of months.

Community – still no news as meetings with various Warrandyte community leaders have not occurred yet but it is hoped our club will be involved with running some sort of Food Bank in Warrandyte in the future.



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Youth – we have become a partner with Warrandyte High School for facilitating processing of a grant from the Warrandyte Community Bank to assist with the building of an outdoor kitchen area at the school. We look forward to more news of this project as it proceeds.

REMINDERS:

Club fees are due now! – it would be appreciated if members could pay these without too much delay as we are obligated to pay District dues right now, and remember we do not have any income at this stage so we need your funds to pay our Rotary obligation.

Club Survey – suggest you do over several days and don't leave till the last minute as it takes some thinking about.

RCWD Fund – help grow our club fund so we can help those in need.

Zone 8 Virtual Conference is on 19-20 September –a great chance to attend a conference you may not normally have the opportunity to attend - more info further in the bulletin.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 15 th Sept.	Regular club meeting: via Zoom Rotary stuff. We will watch a video by Rotarian Mark Huddleston from the RC of Seaford as food for thought & discussion. Chair: Bob Fry
Tuesday 22 Sept.	Regular Club meeting: via Zoom Guest Speaker: Peter Julier will talk to us about the Racing Industry. Chair: Gavin Birch
Tuesday 29 th Sept	Board Meeting – via Zoom

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR CLUB SURVEYS IN TO BOB FRY.

CLOSING DATE IS 15TH SEPTEMBER.

Please do not leave till the last minute as this will just delay the process of collating the responses.

The strategic planning committee is looking forward to hearing your ideas.



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CALLING ALL ROTARIANS, PARTNERS and FRIENDS

SHIFTS AVAILABLE AT THE OP SHOP WHEN RE OPENING IS ALLOWED.

It's going to take time for the op shop to get back into full swing with the numbers of volunteers needed. We are asking you to offer a shift or two during your week.

Call it your service project.

That's what we are, a Service Organization!

Contact Judith Lightfoot

RCWD FUND

For members who wish to donate to our weekly meeting fund please do so in lieu of a meeting cost. The fund will be put to good use to support local businesses and local people in need. You will be updated regularly about the amount raised.

Here are the bank details which will be published every week. Many thanks.

"RCWD FUND". Please put this as your reference, so we can keep track of the fund amount.

Bendigo Bank – Warrandyte Branch

BSB NO. 633 000

Statement from Rotary International

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.



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District International / Foundation Joint Seminar - (5:30 pm - Friday 25th September 2020)

Club input to the District Grants "Fair Share" Model and Rotary from a Villagers Perspective in Papua New Guinea

(Learn how The Rotary Foundation and District 9810 Resource Network can help your Club to participate in Local and International Grants Projects).

While Covid-19 has caused many Rotarians to 're-think' their position on providing service to the community, locally and internationally; and giving to the Foundation; - this inspirational Seminar is designed to renew your enthusiasm to do more 'good in the world'.

This seminar is in two parts: - Part 1) covering Club projects in both the local and international community through a proposed new District Grants model; and Part 2), an enhanced approach to conducting our international service projects, as seen through the eyes of Osivo, a village project leader in Goroka, Papua New Guinea (part of D9600 Brisbane).

We will cross to Goroka to learn how Osivo led a village driven process to help Rotary deliver a project that the community needed – precious water! Learn also how resource networks across Rotary Districts can connect your Club to our near neighbour communities in need. Hear directly from Osivo what a benefitting community wants from its relationship with Rotary; and significantly, how to avoid the mistakes of other Aid Agencies, including some of our Rotary driven Grant projects of the past.

This seminar is a must for all Clubs as we prepare to embark on exciting new opportunities in Rotary D9810. Tony Stokes (International Service Chair) and David Alexander (Foundation Chair) welcome you to attend.

SUSTAINABILITY and ROTARY

- Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG)!

ESRAG provides an organizing point and informational resources to share information with clubs and communities about sustainable practices and the global humanitarian crisis of climate change.

"The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus.

"I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts," says, Maloney.

Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important.

"It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment," says Huang. "We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents."



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SOME SUSTAINABILITY IDEAS



RE USE and RE PURPOSE

Above: use meat trays to raise seedlings. Poke a hole in base with a phillips head screwdriver.

Toilet roll holders are terrific for seed raising. Fill with seed raising mix then when seedlings are ready to plant pop straight in the garden, the cardboard decomposes and it is less stress for seedlings. Get the grandchildren to collect loo roll holders for you!



Polystyrene fruit boxes make great planters for vegetables which don't need a lot of space such as carrots, silver beet, lettuce but not pumpkins!

Our mothers used to wash plastic bags why can't we? Some might think this is going too far, but it's less plastic in land fill. Take your bread bags and other soft plastic packaging back to Coles and Woollies for their recycling bins.



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Send your sustainability ideas to the bulletin editor!

Get a Bee Hive

Join ESRAG

Have an ESRAG Committee member talk to our club.

<https://www.esrag.org/australiannew-zealand-regional-chapter>



RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute

Contact person: Bronwen Lamond - Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

Want to learn about and understand the breadth of Rotary and how it fits together, the pieces in the jigsaw puzzle?

RLI provides participants with a two-part series of content rich, well-paced modules to enhance understanding of the full range of Rotary programs offered across District 9810.

RLI is a Rotary program designed to provide the “story of Rotary” through sharing of knowledge.

The courses will be run on two Sundays, with two modules being covered on each day

Participants contribute through facilitated workshops and syndicate sessions.

Members from our District who have completed the course found that the content is valuable, relevant and well worth the time invested.



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Energising Rotary - Kick Start your Day

Evan Burrell

Keynote Speaker

As a digital media consultant in the non profit community volunteer sector, I have expanded my skills to educating local professionals, businesses and community groups across Australia and beyond to focus on the practical use of social media and how to develop it to brand and market their stories. I am an accomplished public speaker, emcee, trainer, social media advocate and hardworking volunteer with Rotary International. You may recognize me best as a service minded superhero. You see, for me, it's easy to be a Rotary hero because as, I see it, all Rotarians are superheroes and we all need to promote the heroic acts we do in the community and around the world.

In whatever way, I'm proving that Rotary isn't all business. My message is "Let's have fun in Rotary," and with that message I'm engaged in telling Rotary's digital story.



PDG Jessie Harman

Rotary International Director-Elect

Jessie's first experience of Rotary was as a participant of RYLA in 1988 and she maintains an active interest in Rotary's youth and leadership programs to this day. She is also keenly interested in membership development. She is the immediate past Chair of the Membership Committee for Rotary International, a past Rotary Co-ordinator for Zones 7B and part of 8, and co-author of *101 strategies for recruiting and retaining members*.



**Online meeting Saturday 3rd October 2020
9.50am for 10am start
REGISTER HERE
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Rotary District 9810



Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia with the Baton Relay

District Governor Alma has the Baton – and is seeking your Club's support to Pass the Baton forward

EVERY CLUB – EVERY COMMUNITY: Our vision is to have every club in D9810 participate. Involve your community, bring local colour and culture to your celebration of 100 years of Rotary service with the R100 Baton.

WHEN: The event is scheduled to take place in District 9810 in April – May 2021. Your date will be the most convenient to you during this time frame (Covid-19 regulations permitting), but we need to begin planning now.

WHERE: We are looking to have multiple batons culminating in a gathering promoting your Club's achievements at a centrally located venue e.g. Jell's Park has been suggested.

WHO: Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interact & Earlyact Clubs, local personalities, Councilors, community leaders, community groups, and everyday people carrying the baton of service, and passing it forward.

HOW: We have a blank canvas. The decision is yours!!! Your Club or Cluster. Walk or jog through your local shopping centre, around your parklands, sporting oval or even have a prominent static display promoting 100 years of Rotary in Australia

MEDIA AND ADVERTISING: We will work with you to advise local media & community radio stations, post on your Club facebook & website, shire office, post on notice boards in your community and ask your club members to self promote.

SIGNAGE: When we know how many Clubs are participating we will look at banner and flag requirements.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR CLUB? R100 Baton Relay provides the opportunity to showcase Rotary in your community, a celebration that actively engages multiple parts of the community, community groups and business partners. You may even attract new members.



Your event is a fun way to expand your club's social network and build healthy community relationships.