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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)
Club Bulletin

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The six of us who attended – the Georges, Kay Thorogood, the Halls and Don Kinner – all had a great weekend in Canberra. The conference was well organized and provided some really good guest speakers.

Kevin, Don and Judy visited the National Arboretum which was established in 2013 as a “vision for an arboretum on the burnt-out pine forest as a tribute to the resilience of Canberrans post the tragic 2003 bushfires”. It was founded by John Stanhope who was then Chief Minister of the ACT, amid considerable opposition. An international design competition ensued and the first trees were planted in 2007. The arboretum is still in its infancy but you can imagine the impact it will have when the trees are mature and in their grandeur. If you are heading to Canberra any time in the future we would highly recommend you visit as there are some wonderful features and views of Canberra and Lake Burley Griffin.

As it happened all the guest speakers at the conference were given a certificate of sponsorship of a Woolomi Pine donated to the Arboretum – the Woolomi pine being thought extinct until discovery of a stand in the Woolomi National Park in 1994.

Canberra was ablaze with the crepe myrtles featured below in the arboretum, and decorated many local streets to colourful effect.



Arboretum Volunteers look after the flourishing kitchen garden. Below - a fabulous Bonsai collection.



On Friday night we had our “club dinner” at a Moroccan restaurant Saffron – with delicious food and plenty for everyone but forgot to take photos – too busy eating and drinking!



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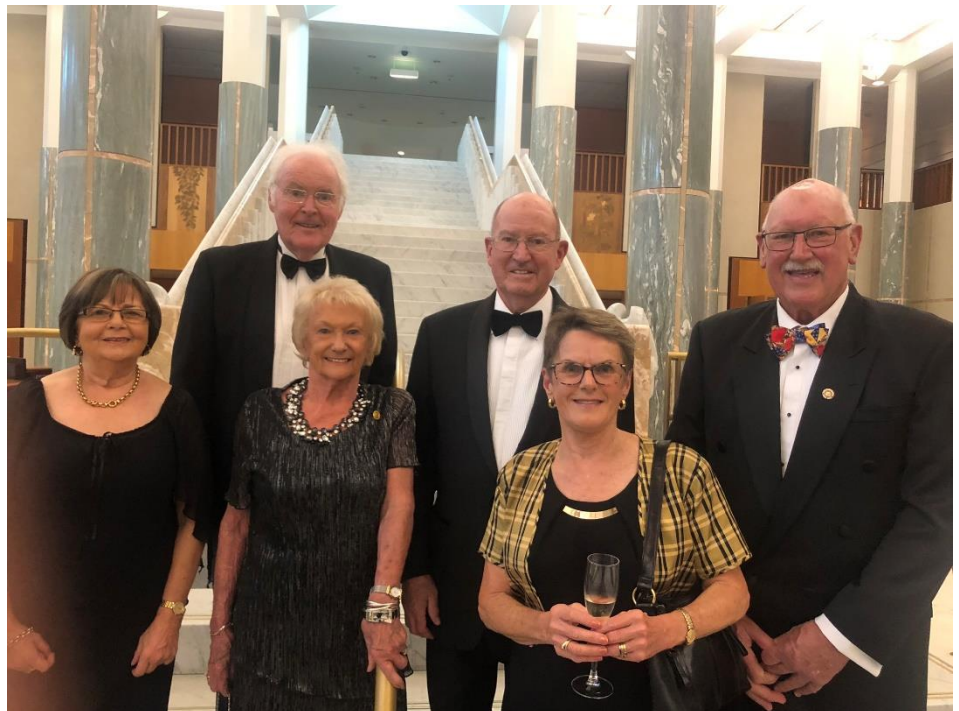
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At Conference there were three stand out guest speakers Dr Dinesh Palipana (you may have seen him on TV Australian Story, The Drum etc) – was born in Sri Lanka during the terrible wars in the 90s between the Tamils and Sinhalese. His parents came to Australia when he was quite young – with little English or knowledge of Australia. The family was very poor but Dinesh's mother was determined her son would go on to have a better life and was the driving force in his development. After his school life when he suffered a lot of racial abuse, he enrolled in medicine at university but this was cut short when he had a terrible car accident and became a quadriplegic. During his long, slow recovery he not only suffered all the physical problems that brings but terrible depression. Eventually with the help of his determined mother he found his way back into medicine and now is a practicing doctor. He is often seen on TV panels and is very grateful for what he has achieved against all odds.

On Saturday afternoon another stand out speaker was Frida Umhoza who was a survivor of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. She witnessed the brutal massacre of her entire family by Hutus and received a blow to the head intended to kill. She was then buried alongside her 15 family members. Regaining consciousness some time later she was helped from the grave by a young man who worked for the family. Only she survived. She has had a journey of salvation, healing and transformation through forgiveness. Despite great adversity, the message was one of hope and resilience and a belief in God's grace. (Judy has a copy of her book called "Freda" if anyone wishes to borrow it).

Saturday night we enjoyed the celebrations in the Great Hall of Parliament House – such an honor and privilege. It is indeed Great with an enormous tapestry in 4 panels hanging on the front wall – designed by Arthur Boyd and made and interpreted by the Victorian Tapestry Workshop from 1984-1988 – it looks like a huge mural from a distance but it is well cordoned off so inquisitive fingers cannot feel it, but is quite magnificent.

The food and entertainment was excellent – our MC was comedian and magician Jonathan Usher from the Rotary Club of Dunedin who also entertained us during the speaking parts of the conference. He is hilarious and an amazing magician as well as being a Rotarian. It was a really memorable night.





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On Sunday morning the other stand- out speaker was Professor Brett Sutton of COVID fame – who gave his personal insights into the journey we all had during the recent Covid outbreaks. Unfortunately there was no time for Q & A after his session, as there would have been many. He has travelled the world and lived and worked in many poor countries with Medecins Sans Frontieres before joining the medical fraternity in Victoria and in latter years, becoming the Victorian Chief Medical Officer. He grew up in Croydon and attended Melbourne High School then Melbourne University and James Cook University. He said he shared many tears over bottles of wine on his sofa with his wife during covid having to make decisions which he knew would badly effect a lot of people whichever way they chose to take. It was a very honest speech.



There were the usual interesting Rotary speakers and information about Rotary projects that were well worth listing to as well as the many acquaintances from other clubs one gathers as a Rotarian. Congratulations to District Governor Ken Miller and the conference team who did a great job. It is always worth attending a conference to stimulate and enthuse.

Another highlight of the weekend was when Kevin Don and Judy finished their delicious Indian meal on Sunday night and walked to a total deluge of rain. We got totally drenched walking back to the hotel as it was nearby and we didn't think we could get a taxi. Next day our shoes were still wet! I believe David, Marg and Kay hit the same flood driving back into Melbourne Sunday night, under very difficult conditions! Still – it was worth it.



The Great Hall with the Arthur Boyd tapestry hanging on the front wall.



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Another place worth a visit is the National Gallery of Australia which had this exhibition of indigenous grave poles for holding bones of the dead – these were specially crafted for the exhibition so have never contained bones. It was very impressive. Much of the gallery space was closed for refiguring but we saw enough to keep us interested.



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UP COMING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 14 th March	<p><i>Club Meeting, at The Hall Residence with pizza. Let Judy know if any dietary issues please.</i></p> <p>Art Show Briefing</p>
Wednesday – Sunday 19 th	<p><i>Art Show set up and Art Show</i></p>
Tuesday 21st	<p><i>NO Meeting</i></p>
Sunday 26 th March	
Tuesday 28 th March	<p><i>Normal Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte Art Show Debriefing with Cricket club representative</i></p> <p>Chair: Judy Hall Greeter: Don Kinnear Property: Kevin Hall</p>
Saturday 1 st April	
Tuesday 4 th April	<p><i>No meeting</i></p>
Tuesday 11 th April	<p><i>Easter Tuesday – No Meeting</i></p>
Tuesday 18 th April	<p><i>Club Meeting at the Grant Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker Keith Mallegram – Aviation Chair: Ian Thomlinson Greeter: Marg George Property: Steve Ennor</p>
Tuesday 25 th April	<p><i>Anzac Day No meeting</i></p>



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Sunday 30 th April	
Tuesday 2 nd May	<i>No Meeting</i>
Saturday 6 th May	
Tuesday 9 th May	<i>Normal Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Guest Speaker: Montessori Chair: Louise Latimer Greeter: Judy Hall Property: Kevin Hall
Wednesday 17 th May	<i>Social Night: Dinner at the Ringwood RSL Club</i>
Tuesday 23 rd May	<i>Normal Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Guest Speaker: Shane Harrop – Warranwood Primary School along with the two school captains, will tell us about their school and some of the issues they face. Chair: Judy Hall Greeter: Steve Latimer Property: Frank Molinaro



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YOUTH UPDATE

School Camp for Warranwood Primary School Students

WPS has asked if we could offer support for 7 children to attend school camp later in the year. Principal Shane Harrop was thrilled, to say the least, that we could agree to this considerable sum, (\$600 per student) so he is bringing the school captains along to our meeting on 23rd May to tell us about his school and some of the problems they are facing at the moment as well as the good things happening at the school.

Warrandyte High School – Now & Not Yet Café Barista Training

Thanks to Steve Ennor and his networking with Derek Bradshaw over coffee in Warrandyte we have reached an agreement to help fund a Barista Training Course offered by N&NY to Warrandyte High School students.

For the first course there were over 30 students interested from which 10 were selected for training.

The N&NY coffee van will go to the school next Wednesday 15th March for two sessions 10-12noon and 1-3pm, with 5 students in each group, running for 3 weeks. It is expected the students will be given a certificate at the end of the course which may help them if they seek employment in the sector.

Each session will cost our club \$100 to pay for the barista with N&NY supplying the ingredients and machine. This will come out of the Youth budget which will be money well spent if it helps young people and increases our relationship with WHS.

It is expected that the program will continue if successful.

S. Ennor



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ART SHOW SET UP AND EXECUTION

Date/time	Task	Numbers Needed	People
Wed 15 th 8-2pm	Pick up screens from Alexandra	3	Kevin, Tony, Steve E
2-4pm	Pick up posts from Box Hill for lighting	2	
2pm onwards	Pack up seats in auditorium of Com. Church & set up screens.		Cricketers, Tim Hall, Steve, Kevin, Tony Plus plus plus able bodied
Thurs 16 th	Set up front of house		Terry and Marianne
	Receive paintings from couriers and artists		Terry, Marianne Julian Bruere(late in the day) , Judy and others
	Hang paintings	3	Julian Bruere, Judy,
	Get easels from WM		?
Friday 17 th 7.45 – 2pm	Receive paintings & prepare for hanging	6	Terry, Marianne, Marg G, Sandy P, Louise L, Judy H,
	Runners to hang paintings		Ian Th, Kevin H, plus plus plus plus
8am- 2pm	Car parking	1 or 2	Rob Edwards
	Set up soft drinks etc	1	Rob
	Set up wine		Maria Stockman
	Provide lunch for helpers & clean up	1	Judy ?
1pm	Record screen/painting numbers	2 groups of 2	Judy, Don Plus, plus, plus
2pm	Judging	2	Judge plus Terry to accompany
3pm	Photograph winners	2	Judy, Kevin, David
4pm	Winners on stage covered	1	Kevin, Tony
7pm	Food (7-10)	3	Now & Not yet staff
	Helpers to wash glasses	2	
	Greeter	1	Frank
	Cashier – door sales	1	Don
	Cashier – raffle tickets		Don
	Bar for soft drinks	2	
	Painting sales	2	Terry, Marianne
	Sales/sold sticker runners	1	
8pm – 8.30	Official opening Judges remarks	All	David George (MC), Judge, CBW representative Jodie to open
9.30 – 10	Clean up in kitchen and auditorium	All	all
10pm	Home to bed for a good sleep		



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Sat. 9am	Float/ credit machine/cash drawer		Kevin
9-5pm 3 shifts 9-12 12-3 3-5	Sales		Terry, Marianne, Judy
	Runners/ Raffle tickets	1 per shift 1 per shift	Don,
3 shifts 9-12 12-3 3-5			
Sat 18 th 9-12 12-3 3-5	Talliers of Peoples Choices	1	Louise
Parking	All day	2	Colin Hall (2pm onwards)
Sun 19 th 10-1 1-3.30	Sales/talliers/runners	As per Saturday	Judy, Kevin,
3.30	Raffle draw & photo		Judy or David
	People's choice award & photo		
3- 5pm	Parking	2	Colin Hall, plus
3.30	Sales close and prep of documents for pick ups		Terry, Marianne
	Set up tables for pick ups	5	Judy, Marianne,
3.30-4pm	Sold art work pick up Front desks	3	Marg, Sandy,
	Artists pick up works	3	"
3.30-end	Runners to collect art works	Lots	EVERY ABLE BODY
5pm	Pull down screens	Lots	Cricketers plus all able bodied Rotarians available
7pm	Finish		
Monday20th	Final clean up		Judy, Terry, Marianne
	Courier collection of artworks		
	Screens to Alexandra, Posts to BH		Tony, Kevin and others