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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc) Club Bulletin

Date: 17th April 2022



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last meeting I'm pleased to say, was more like the Rotary meetings we are accustomed to – a really good guest speaker, good membership attendance, some guests and a friendly, happy atmosphere in convivial surroundings. We have finally arrived at Warrandyte to trial having meetings at the Grand Hotel (and it really is grand). The hotel has undergone significant upgrades to provide a variety of eating spaces and functions venues, a lift to the first floor, various other amenities. We met in the Federation Room upstairs – a very grand room evocative of the era when the hotel was built - lovely décor. (Next meeting will be downstairs with ordering off the menu - more details further on).



We welcomed guest Kay Thorogood who is the wife of the late Ian Thorogood a Foundation member of the Former RC Warrandyte, so Kay has long history with the club and is a friend of some of the members. We welcomed guest speaker Peter Brown and his wife Helene all the way from the Rotary Club of Taveuni on the island of Taveuni in Fiji. We had apologies from Frank Molinaro, Liz and George Guiver, Judith Lightfoot, Steve Ennor, Tony Mooney and

Louise Latimer. I mentioned that we were all sorry to hear of Judith Lightfoot's hospitalization and wish her a speedy recovery.

Our guest speakers:

Peter and Helene Brown were introduced by International Chair Ian Thomlinson. Peter and Helene moved to Fiji some years ago from Carrum Downs, when Peter retired as a builder. They were both previous members of Rotary and Helene had previously been involved on District 9810 committees so they are both very familiar with our territory.



They joined the RC Taveuni and have found themselves in the thick of a fundraising drive for a the Dreketi School on the small Island of Qamea. The school was destroyed by Cyclone Winston in 2016 – it was subsequently rebuilt then destroyed again by a landslide caused by severe deforestation on the island from the cyclone. Eventually the Department of Education



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informed the school board that it had run out of money to rebuild the little school which services around 50 students and teachers. Since 2016 the school has been held in what could be called a rough shed – open to the elements and very uncondusive to a good learning environment. In desperation the school approached the local Rotary Club to see if it could help fund a new school.

As luck would have it one of Peters' family members is a very good draftsman so he was able to produce a suitable cyclone proof design and full quotes for everything needed to rebuild the school. They just needed money to do it, so Peter and Helene have been doing the rounds of the District 9810 Rotary Clubs and have been promised some funds – at the present time they are around AU \$18,000.00 short. We were delighted to be able to pledge \$2500 from our International budget which they were thrilled to hear.

The school will be built by workers from other parts of Fiji, who will be billeted and fed by the locals on the island. All materials have to be ordered and placed on a boat at the one time as it is a 3-day boat trip from the main island – so good logistics and accurate quoting and estimations are essential. Peter still retains his building skills so will no doubt be involved in the building process one way or another. Clubs which



have donated will be given regular updates as the building gets underway. Ian presented Helene and Peter with a Certificate of Appreciation from the club.

It was a great presentation and we wish Helene, Peter and the RC Taveuni all the best to complete this rebuilding process which will make such a difference to the island. (For full details and photos about this project see the attached power point).

Other Reports:

Op Shop – Bob McKenzie and Rob Edwards have had several meetings with the Op Shop staff to enable all activities to proceed whilst Judith is in hospital. Op Shop staff have stepped up and are running the shop as per normal, with slight changes to the opening times over



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winter. Bob reported that Judith was cheerful on the phone recently and will be undergoing some treatment in hospital prior to going home. Bob Fry reported that he has been working on the insurance issues to do with the Op shop car accident.

Community: Rob Edwards reported that funds have been disbursed to the Warrandyte Football Club as per his budget.

Venue & Program: No meetings for the next two weeks, then Art Show debriefing at the Warrandyte Hotel. We will trial meeting downstairs, which is easily accessible, available Tuesday and other nights and enables us to order off the menu which is a great advantage. (We all found the set meals of chicken parma or fish last week were really good but too big for most of us). There is full audiovisual equipment in the room and is used by other groups who find it very functional. Large gatherings would need to be upstairs in the Federation room which is now accessible via a good lift. **After this meeting we will leave it up to the members to decide which venue is the most suitable.**

A big thanks to the Easter Bunny who came to all of us (thanks Louise).



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UPCOMING PROGRAM

19 th April		<i>No Meeting – Easter Tuesday</i>
Sunday 24 th April		<i>TUNSTALL MARKET – roster has been circulated by Steve Latimer.</i>
Tuesday 26 th April		<i>No Meeting</i>
Tuesday 3 rd May		<p><i>Club Meeting: 6.30 for 7pm</i></p> <p>PARTNERS & GUESTS WELCOME</p> <p>Warrandyte Hotel – in the room off the Riverview Room up the ramp. See below for full details Order off the menu, drinks at bar prices. PLEASE COME EARLY, IF POSSIBLE, TO ORDER YOUR MEAL AND DRINKS prior to meeting start. Ample parking opposite</p> <p>ART SHOW DEBRIEFING: Chair: Kevin Hall Property: Rob Edwards</p>
Saturday 7 th May		<i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i>
Tuesday 10 th May		<i>Club Meeting – TBA</i>





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NEXT MEETING: The Grand Hotel Warrandyte

Tuesday 3rd May, 6.30 for 7pm

In the room off the Riverview Room (the main dining room) – when you enter go to the left of the reception area through the dining room and up the ramp as in the photo.

You will order your meal from the menu at the bar. See menu below so you will have a choice of size and cost. Drinks from the bar. Suggest you come a bit early to get the orders in before the 7pm start.

Ample parking just across the road.





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SNACKS

BOWL OF CHIPS \$10

w/ aioli [V VGO DF NF]

SHOE STRING FRIES \$11

w/ aioli [V VGO GF DF NF]

GARDEN SALAD \$12

w/ honey mustard vinaigrette [V VGO GF DF NF]

SEASONED WEDGES \$12

w/ sweet chilli sauce & sour cream [V VGO NF]

POLENTA CHIPS \$14

w/ aioli & parmesan [V GF NF]

CRISPY FRIED CALAMARI \$17

w/ roasted cauliflower roquette salad & nam jim sauce [GF DF NF]

FROM THE GRILL

300G RUMP \$35

w/ chips & garden salad [GF DF NF] + your choice of red wine jus, gravy, pepper gravy, mushroom gravy or garlic butter

300G PORTERHOUSE \$39

w/ chips & garden salad [GF DF NF] + your choice of red wine jus, gravy, pepper gravy, mushroom gravy or garlic butter

DESSERTS

TRIO OF SORBETS \$12

[V VG GF DF NF]

CHOCOLATE CHIP & VANILLA ICE CREAM

w/ hot chocolate fudge sauce [V NF]



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PUB CLASSICS

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL \$25

w/ chips, garden salad & gravy [DF NF]

THAI BEEF SALAD \$26

w/ snow peas, cucumber & tamarind dressing [GF DF]

SUPERFOOD SALAD \$26

w/ brown rice, quinoa, avocado, pumpkin, pomegranate, broccoli, mixed sprouts, persian feta, walnuts & lemon olive oil dressing [V GF DFO VGO] + Add smoked salmon \$4

BEER BATTERED MARKET FISH \$27

w/ tartare, chips & garden salad [NF DF]

WAGYU BEEF BURGER \$27

w/ bacon, cheese, lettuce, pickles, chipotle aioli, ketchup & chips [NF GFO + \$3]

RIGATONI PASTA \$27

w/ baked feta, tomatoes, basil, chilli & crispy pancetta [NF VO]

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA \$28

w/ triple smoked ham, napoli sauce, mozzarella, chips & garden salad [NF]

CRISPY FRIED CALAMARI \$28

w/ roasted cauliflower roquette salad & nam jim sauce [GF DF NF]

PANKO & HERB CRUMBED EGGPLANT \$28

Stuffed with buffalo mozzarella, roquette & fennel salad & shoe string fries [V NF]

RED LENTIL DAHL \$29

w/ coconut sambal, jasmine rice & mango chutney [V VG GF DF NF]

VEAL SCHNITZEL \$30

w/ coleslaw & paris mash [NF]

BAKED SALMON \$33

w/ cauliflower mash, grilled broccolini, cherry vine tomatoes & herbed vinaigrette [GF NF]