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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 18th June 2023



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last meeting, we had more apologies than members present – that did not dampen our enthusiasm and welcome for guest speaker Nieta Manseur, Principal of the Warrandyte Primary School along with Freda Ennor. Great to see the Ennor's back in town albeit for a short while before Steve's next departure.

Apologies from: Liz and George Guiver, Louise and Steve Latimer, Bob McKenzie, Frank Molinaro, Tony Mooney, President Don, Ian Thomlinson and Kay Thorogood.

David George Presided in President Don's absence, Judy Hall chaired

David moved that the club accept the updated Rotary Constitution, previously circulated to all members. This was passed unanimously with proxy votes having been received during the week.

President David confirmed there would be a board meeting on 27th June at the Birch's home.

Rob Edwards mentioned a recent email from Greg Rowell and Bambi Gordon (of the WOO managers of the Warrandyte Riverside Market) – with some great suggestions about membership so we will get them along to one of our meetings in July, if possible, to discuss their ideas.

It was also mentioned that Judith Lightfoot was interviewed on ABC News Breakfast last week when a program about the cost of living, food banks etc. was being aired.

Steve Ennor and Judy Hall to meet Friday to sort out the program for the next few weeks. Please let them know of your desired guest speakers and topics and specifically any suggestions of people you know or know of.

Most of the reporting was around the terrible bus tragedy in the Hunter Valley which has touched our lives because of the number of Warrandyte Cricket Club members and partners who were on the bus, some of whom were injured. Simultaneously to our meeting the hotel had offered the Cricket Club use of the Riverview room to get their members together to debrief, with psychologists and senior WCC present, and there appeared to be a good crowd there. During our meeting we had a quick visit from the WCC treasurer David Molyneaux, who mentioned the sad news that Darcy Bulman, a former Warrandyte girl and Warrandyte High school captain some 12 years ago was one of the fatalities – she was well known in the community, so it took on a very somber note. Our club had already reached out to the WCC to offer financial support if needed. David said in the coming weeks there will be need for accommodation, air fares and clothing and



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incidental purchases for those WCC people who are in hospital in the Hunter Valley as they all went up there ostensibly for one night so all are unprepared for longer stays.

Treasurer Kevin said that he has already had contact with PDG Brian Coffey from the Hunter Valley who has set up the **RABS (Rotary Australia Benevolent Society through RAWCS)** project with Singleton Sunrise who wish to have our club as a partner. This has been posted on our web site and Facebook page - we would like members to share the Facebook page please. You need to be **following** our Facebook page to see posts that are on our page.

We are ready and waiting to hear if WCC needs funds immediately for incidentals for families who have to go up to the Hunter or for those being discharged. For example, one of the WCC members has a fractured collar bone and is due for discharge but has no clothes – (all their clothing was cut off them when they were treated). His wife has spinal injuries – he will be discharged but will need to stay to support his wife. That is the power of Rotary for you and its reassuring we have the money ready to go.

(UPDATE: Our club has disbursed \$5000 directly to the WCC for immediate expenses for those being discharged from hospital and needing to stay in the region as well as those who have travelled there to assist. One of the local motels has offered its rooms for ½ price to anyone involved) together with many other accommodation offers from locals. Our Community Chair Rob is working closely with the WCC and Hunter Valley Rotary clubs

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the RAWCS website. On the left, there are logos for 'Rotary Australian Districts' and 'RAWCS WE BACK DOING GOOD'. The navigation menu includes 'Menu', 'Governance', 'About RAWCS', 'Contact us', 'RAWCS News', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation, there are two main sections: 'Projects, Volunteers, Donations Administration.' with a red 'Login' button, and 'Hunter Valley (NSW) Bus Tragedy Fund' with a red 'Donate Now' button. The text under the fund section reads: 'To provide benevolent relief and support to survivors, victims, and their immediate families from the events of the fatal bus accident which occurred near Greta (Hunter Valley, NSW) on Sunday 11 June 2023.'

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE GO TO THE RAWCS WEB SITE: <https://rawcs.org.au/>



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WARRANTYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM

Nieta took us through a brief presentation about the refurbishment program at WPS. Renovations are currently underway in the senior school building which is very old, dark and the rooms were all separate with odd desks and chairs. The walls are being demolished to create open, more adaptable spaces – new flooring, desks and equipment will be needed. There was considerable asbestos in the building but one of the parents negotiated to have it removed safely through his company. Nieta said there is no money available from the current government term to update schools so they have to go it alone by fundraising themselves and/or apply for local grants. Funds for the work so far are from a very substantial grant from the Community Bank Warrandyte.

Currently our older style classroom set up conflicts with our new pedagogical approach to teaching and learning

“Collaborative learning helps students become self-directed learners who can take ownership of their own education.”

New, modern sophisticated equipment and furniture is very expensive so Nieta is having to source basic but practical items that will suit the new look. When this part of the project is complete there are many other areas in the school needing upgrading – in particular the outside entry areas, stairwells and outdoor fittings such as drinking fountains etc. The list is endless but luckily grants are available from time to time.

Below is a slide of the Junior school building with open plan classrooms but with partitions that can be closed off, if and when needed. This is similar to how the senior school will look when finished.



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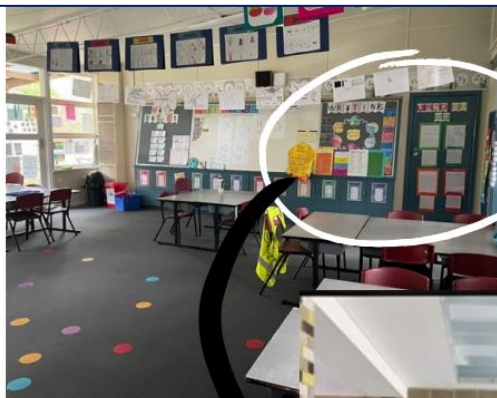


AN UPGRADE OF THE SENIOR SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BRING IT IN LINE WITH OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL BUILDING AND PREP CLASSROOMS.



Modernisation of a traditional 20th Century layout

By creating a more contemporary learning environments and adaptive spaces we will be able to provide an enriching experience for our students so that they are inspired, stimulated and motivated to acquire knowledge through communication, collaboration and independent thinking.





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Asbestos Removal completed Carpentry begun

What's not covered

There are additional costs that have not been covered by the \$45,000 which include carpet tiles/laying and storage solutions. Estimated cost \$4000

We have removed all old style cabinetry which was over 50 years old. Estimated cost \$3000-\$4000



Storage

Lockers and classroom storage will be needed



Sonic Metal Stationery 1800mm H Cupboard

\$417



Carpet tiles

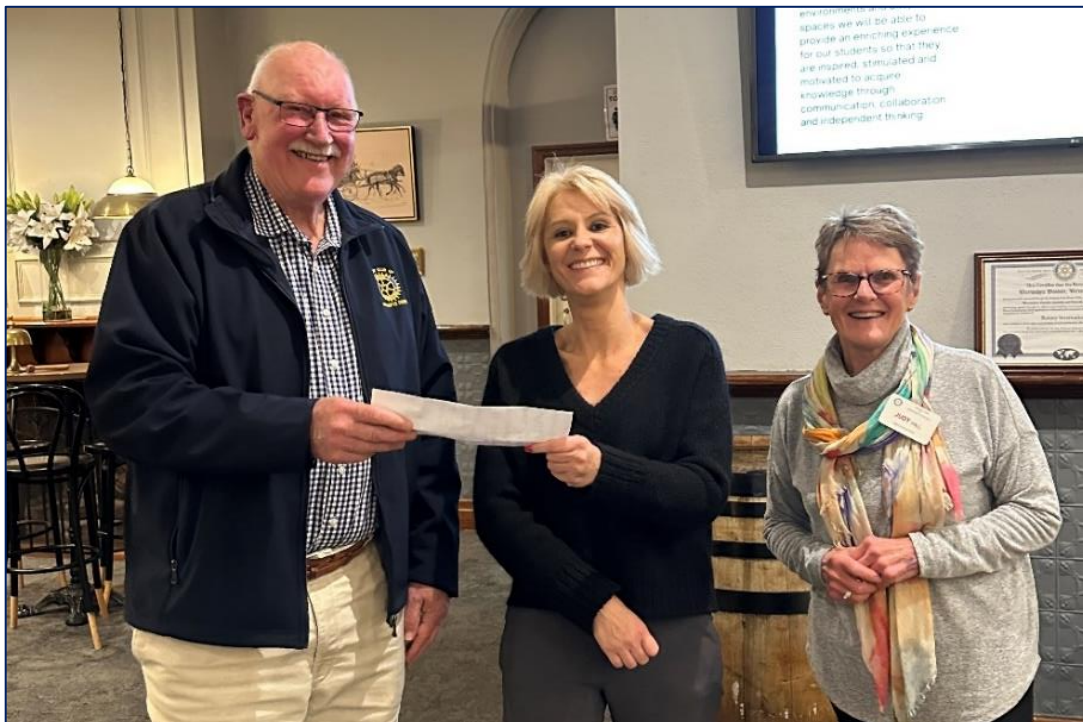


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**Exterior
Refurbishment
needed**



Treasurer Kevin and Art Show Chair Judy were thrilled to be able to hand over a cheque for \$10,000 to go towards further expenses.



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UP COMING PROGRAMME –

Guest speaker details will be available very soon!

<p>Tuesday 20th June</p>	<p><i>Informal Changeover Night</i></p> <p><i>BRING YOUR PARTNERS FOR SOME FUN AS WE GO FROM</i></p>  <p><i>Grand Hotel Warrandyte, 6.30 FOR 7PM</i></p> <p><i>Please let Rob know if you are bringing a guest/partner. We hope you can all make the effort to come to this changeover night and make it a great night.</i></p>
<p>Sunday 25th June</p>	
<p>Tuesday 27th June</p>	<p><i>Combined Board meeting at the Birch residence 6.30 pm</i></p>
<p>Saturday 1st July</p>	
<p>Tuesday 4th July</p>	<p><i>Meeting- Grand Hotel Warrandyte, 6.30 for 7pm</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker – Cheryl Nye – “ The challenges of Tourettes Syndrome”.</p> <p>Chair: Marg George Greeter: Kay Thorogood Property: Pippa Birch</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th July</p>	<p><i>Social Night @ Rigwood Club</i></p>



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	<i>Organizer – Marg George</i>
Tuesday 18 th July	<p><i>Meeting- Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Guest Speakers: Bambi Gordon & Greg Rowell will give us some ideas on how we might grow our membership.</p> <p>Chair: Gavin Birch Greeter: David George Property: Kevin Hall</p>
Tuesday 25 th July	<i>No meeting</i>
Sunday 30 th July	
Tuesday 1 st August	<i>No Meeting</i>
Saturday 5 th August	
Tuesday 8 th August	<p><i>Meeting – Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker TBC</p>
Tuesday 15 th or Wed 16 th August	<i>Social Night</i>
Tuesday 22 nd August	<p><i>Meeting – Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker TBC</p>
Sunday 27 th August	



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**Rotary District 9810
Changeover Dinner 2023**



District Governor Ken Miller

together with

District Governor Elect Ian Ballantine

Request the pleasure of the company of

All District 9810 Rotarians,

Partners, Rotaractors and Friends

at the 2023 District Changeover Dinner

Venue: Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough

Saturday 1st July 2023

6:30pm for 7pm start

Online bookings only <https://www.trybooking.com/CHDIH>

Bookings must close 12 noon, Wednesday 21st June, 2023

Enquiries: Linda O'Brien 0419 530 719 or nim-rod117@hotmail.com

Cost: \$73/person

Drinks: At bar prices

Dress: formal or semi formal

Please wear your Rotary name badge and PHF

