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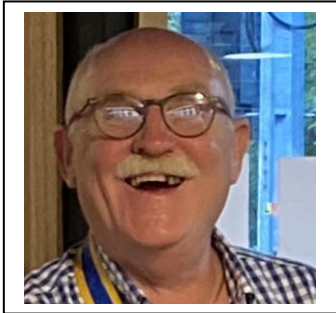
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)
Club Bulletin

Date: 1st April 2024

A NOTE FROM THE Editor



Seen at the District Conference Dinner last weekend in Warrnambool. The dinner was a hoot with the theme being Masquerade – most people got into the act with some great masks and some clubs going all out with fancy dress and props.

Warrnambool was windy and cold but the conference had some interesting and inspiring speakers. The theme was Mental Health, so all the speakers were in some way connected to this theme. One was Arnold Dix, and Aussie engineer who helped rescue 41 workers who were trapped for 17 days after a landslide in Nepal last year. The workers were not expected to come out alive due to the difficult terrain and the nature of the landslide itself, but



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they persevered, went very slowly and finally succeeded in getting them all out via a narrow pipe. Arnold was determined to pay respects to the gods of the mountain which is the custom in Nepal and he felt that it played a role in the outcome.

The other outstanding speaker was Tom Boyd former AFL player who was drafted to G W Sydney straight out of school – he moved interstate and began his footy career but struggled to cope in his first season. It was put down to homesickness – so eventually he was traded to the Western Bulldogs. On coming home to Melbourne, he thought his problems would be solved by having familiar surroundings and supports but his anxiety and insomnia heightened to the point where he was so fatigued he was continually injured. He eventually made the decision to quit football if he was to gain happiness in his life.

The RIPPR (Rotary International President Personal Representative) was Harash L Ramchanddani from RC of Jamaica and he was a ripper of a RIPPR – very entertaining and a great speaker.

Past International President Ian Risley gave, over the two days an overview of some of District 9810s Clubs’ outstanding projects, by way of acknowledging the work of clubs in the District, now that District 9810 will be no longer.

Next year’s conference will be in Bendigo which is a bit of a cultural hub these days so it should be a really satisfactory venue. Hope we can get a team together next year as they are always worth attending.

See you all on Tuesday (tomorrow) night – those who are still around following Easter.

UP COMING PROGRAMME

<p>Tuesday 2nd April</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting at The Grand Hotel Warrandyte – 6.30 for 7pm</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: You will be introduced to the not so new manager of the Op Shop Bryn Holton who will tell us about how the shop is run and anything you need to know about its extensive operations.</p> <p>Chair: Bob McKenzie Greeter: everyone in the club. Property: Frank Molinaro</p>
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Saturday 6 th April	
Sunday 7 th April	Daylight saving finishes (so that's it for summer!)
Tuesday 9 th April	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 16 th April	<p><i>Club Meeting at Now and Not Yet 6.30 for 7pm Cost of a one course meal \$16 Refreshments available at your cost.</i></p>  <p>PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY SPECIAL CELEBRATION – it's PH's birthday on the 19th so there are lots of surprises in store for this auspicious occasion. Watch this space.</p> <p>Chair: President Gavin Greeter: everyone in the club please! Property: Judy Hall</p>
Tuesday 23 rd April	<i>No meeting</i>
Wednesday 24 th April	<p><i>Tamil Feast – Fellowship Night at Now and Not Yet</i> See details below MUST BOOK – contact MARG GEORGE</p>
Sunday 28 th April	
Tuesday 30 th April	<i>No meeting</i>
Saturday 4 th May	
Tuesday 7 th May	<p><i>Club Meeting at The Grand Hotel Warrandyte – 6.30 for 7pm</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: to be confirmed. Chair:</p>



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	<p>Greeter: everyone in the club please! Property: Pippa Birch</p>
Tuesday 14 th May	<i>No Meeting</i>
Tuesday 21st May	<p><i>Club Meeting at Now and Not Yet 6.30 for 7pm Cost of a one course meal \$16 Refreshments available at your cost.</i></p> <p>Club vote for board members 2024-25 Guest Speaker: Jock McNeish, board member of the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust will tellus about the trust and how it is involved with the Warrandyte Diary and the Young Arts Award which encourages young creative artists (not just painters but musicians, actors, all types of creative arts) reach their potential through mentoring. Chair: Rob Edwards</p>
Sunday 25 th	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 28 th May	<i>No meeting</i>
Saturday 1 st June	<i>Warrandyte Market</i>
Tuesday 4th June	<p><i>Meeting at The Grand Hotel</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: to be confirmed. Chair: Greeter: everyone in the club please. Property:</p>
Tuesday 11 June	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 18 th June	<p><i>Club Changeover night Details TBA</i></p>
Saturday 29 th June	<p><i>District Changeover Night Details further on in bulletin.</i></p>



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Evan Burrell - Changemaker

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Friends, I've made the very difficult decision to resign from Rotary. I have decided to still give back to my community and continue with the philosophy of "We Serve" and join my local Lions club.

I've also gotten a new 🐘 suit to reflect this change.



Seen on Facebook – a good April Fools joke !

For those not on Facebook, Evan Burrell is a regular contributor and spruiks Rotary constantly with outrageous outfits and interesting computer generated stuff – he's a tech guru so knows how to do all that.

He is an entertaining speaker too – during covid he featured on many zoom sessions.

Anyway he nearly got me. Not sure Lions would appreciate it though!



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April Fools!!! 😂

You haven't gotten rid of me that easy!
[#IStillLoveRotary](#) and Lions are great too!



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Tamil FEAST

Dates
 9 MARCH
 23 MARCH
 6 APRIL
 24 APRIL

Now and Not Yet's famous **Tamil Feasts are back!** For those unaware, we are passionate about **supporting people seeking Asylum** by providing free housing, training and employment pathways for asylum seekers like Nigethan.

At Tamil Feast, Nige cooks up an amazing **three-course Tamil Feast** and **shares his story** of escaping civil war and coming to Australia.

For those aware of Nige, his story of freedom is **not yet finished**. Let him whip you up a feast as he shares the next chapter of his life story involving a **long-awaited family reunion**.



Let Marg George know if you are coming on 24th April. She will make the booking.



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A festive "Save the Date" poster for the District 9815 Inaugural Changeover Dinner. The background is light blue with colorful confetti, stars, and streamers. At the top left is the Rotary District 9815 logo. The main text reads "SAVE THE DATE" in large red letters, followed by "DISTRICT 9815 INAUGURAL CHANGEOVER DINNER" in black. Below this is a decorative flourish and the date "Saturday 29th June 2024". To the left of the date is the "Create Hope in the World" logo, and to the right is "The Magic of Rotary" logo. Another decorative flourish is below the date. At the bottom, the venue is listed as "CARDINIA CULTURAL CENTRE" and "40 LAKESIDE BLVD, PAKENHAM, 3810".

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District 9815

SAVE THE DATE

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**Saturday 29th June
2024**

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CARDINIA CULTURAL CENTRE
40 LAKESIDE BLVD, PAKENHAM, 3810