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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Date: 24th October

As I type it's another very strange day, Grand Final on 24 October, held in Queensland at night time. What a travesty! Or maybe it will be something to think about for the future (well, not Queensland as a venue but a night game maybe?). This is another example how we have all undergone adaption this year to new ideas and concepts that would have been impossible until Covid 19 came around. Covid has forced us to do things differently and strangely we have all coped to some degree. However that's not to ignore the high levels of stress and mental health breakdown by many in the community.

Once again, it is Rotary's opportunity to show it's colours by adapting to the current situation and getting in there to help the community to recover. A big shout out to the Op Shop staff who are busting to get the shop open and see some money coming in. congratulations on their efforts to do phone and collect to at least keep the public in touch with the Op shop. Of course we are all busting to get our markets going again but we don't know when we will be able to run them safely so that is still very much up in the air.

We had another reasonable attendance at last week's Zoom meeting with an apology from Frank Molinaro. There were the inevitable technical issues at the beginning. Might be a good idea for those who don't know the meeting ID and password to write it down as soon as you get the email and keep it with the computer you will be using. Also check your emails for updates from the organizer as sometimes there are glitches with the zoom invitation – that's what happened last week and a second invitation had to be sent. It will be so good when we don't have to worry about that any more.

Reports:

Treasurer and Foundation – Kevin Hall reported that the **Centurion Towers** are on order and will be distributed free to any Rotarian. Some clubs have requested one for every member – that means every member has pledged to join the Centurion Club - \$100 per year every year. Thus more funds to return to the District for grants in three year's time. It will be more important than ever this year as club funds are lower than usual and the need in the community for help is higher. I urge our members to consider joining this group – as I said last week it's less than the cost of one take away coffee per week.

Op Shop – the committee are working on a Covid Safe policy for the Op shop prior to it opening. This will be submitted to the District Insurance Officer Marcus Robertson. Also Bob McKenzie reported he has been invited by another club to talk about the Op shop and it's operation, as this club is thinking about establishing an Op Shop. Good luck all round. Now is probably as good a time as any to establish an Op Shop as there are sadly so many empty premises in what were thriving retail strips.

Judith Lightfoot reported that a stalwart from the Lions Op Shop, Brian, has recently died – she will get details so we can send some flowers to his wife.



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Annual Report: Bob McKenzie reported that he report is almost ready for printing and distributing prior to the AGM in November.

We had some constructive discussion about the **Strategic Plan** which has been circulated to all members for consideration.

The issue of **Social Media** was raised and the importance of us establishing good social media presence for all of our activities. To this end we need to garner some help from a younger cohort – maybe Rotaractors and or some of our younger family members as our club does not have the expertise to take full advantage.

Another issue discussed was the need for a good **mentoring program** for new members – Louise said as a relatively new member there are still a lot of things about Rotary that are a bit of a mystery. It was decided to ask Liz and George Guiver if they would like to put together a check list of all things new members need to be informed about – this can be used as a template for new members and the person undertaking their Mentoring. I can report that Liz has agreed to do this.

Thanks to all the club members who contributed to the discussion – it will not be the last of it – there is a lot of material to digest and ideas to follow up on so I look forward to more thoughts being aired and people coming up with solutions.

Very little else to report this week as it has been an unusually quiet week on the District Rotary front.

Wishing you all a very good weekend and hopefully some better news from our fearless State Leader Daniel Andrews on Sunday.

NEW SEGMENT – Soon we will have a new segment in the Bulletin – “Spotlight On...” which will be a chance for us to get to know other club members in a light hearted way. I hope members jump on board with this. It’s not easy to put together a bulletin that is interesting and relavent when there is little feedback or input from members. Here is your chance to help. You will all get an email from the editor in due course.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 27 th Oct	Regular Club Meeting: “Bad Things on the Internet” by Tamara Latimer Chair: Steve Ennor
Tuesday Nov. 3 rd	No Meeting – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday Nov. 10 th	Regular Club Meeting: Via Zoom TBA
Tuesday Nov. 17 th	Annual General Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday Nov. 24 th	Regular Club Meeting: Electric Cars Chair: Tony Mooney



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RCWD FUND

Keep the donations rolling in – the need for help is out there!

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

Bendigo Bank – Warrandyte Branch Acc. No. 149 417 727

BSB NO. 633 000

Re-Opening Op Shops and Markets COVID Safe.

The following link is for a WorkSafe page regarding industry recommendations regarding workplace safety in relation to COVID. You may want to save this page and review once restrictions ease as it could provide you with further guidance when considering reopening any of your op-shops, markets and even with respect to Club sanctioned gatherings: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-information-your-industry>

A BLAST FROM THE PAST – 2011





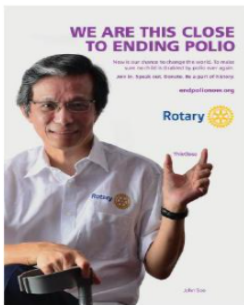
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Go to front page of District Website to Register for this event on TOMORROW NIGHT – Highly Recommended.

Living Positively, One Step at a Time



Contact: [David Alexander](#)

Event Links

[Registration](#)

26	Oct	2020	Oct 26, 2020 6:20 PM Zoom VIC Australia
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Celebrate World Polio Day
with renowned Polio Survivor Rtn John Soe when he presents:
Living Positively, One Step at a Time

A highly inspirational and motivating presentation.
An invitation to all District 9810 Clubs~Rotarians & Guests

When: **Monday 26th October 6.20pm**
Hosted by Rotary Manningham – welcoming all Rotarians and Guests

Although polio left him unable to walk for years, John has never felt embarrassed, bitter, or resentful. He overcame hardships that might have broken someone else's spirit.

Some blame their parents for their misfortunes, others blame God. But John Soe has never blamed anyone for mistreating him, or for the polio that shaped his life. It was because of this polio that his parents abandoned him at a hospital in Medan – North Sumatra, Indonesia when he was four months old.

Centurion Week 9th to 16th November 2020

IMAGINE

DURING W/C 9 NOVEMBER

Centurion Week – If EVERY ROTARIAN
in D9810 gave \$100 to our Charity

The Rotary
Foundation

Imagine the IMPACT this
\$110,000
could make!

As part of the R100 theme where Rotary in Australia and New Zealand celebrates the First 100 years of Service in 2021, D9810 has been challenged to grow our Centurions in the District by 100 members.

During Centurion week please visit www.rotary.org/donate or contact D9810 Centurion Coordinator Ian Donald ikdonald@tpg.com.au to arrange your contribution.



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All Welcome to Celebration of Foundation Month & End Polio Now



You can join us and celebrate the commencement of our Foundation Month and the conclusion of World Polio Month!

The 7th Annual D9810 Paul Harris Society luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 1st, 2020.

This "virtual" luncheon has allowed us to invite a trio of fantastic Rotary speakers.

The event will last for one hour and pre-booked attendees should be online

at 11.45am.

We will be commencing proceedings at 12 noon sharp.

Here is our line-up of special speakers:

- PRIP Ian Riseley, Rotary Sandringham will open proceedings and introduce
- PP John Nanni, Rotary Middletown-Odessa-Townsend, Delaware, USA
- PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary Lower Blue Mountains, Zone 8 Polio Plus Coordinator

Make your pre-booking now (only 499 places available).

Log on to "TryBooking" - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMAPN>

There is no charge, but a donation opportunity to help "EndPolioNow" is available. What better way is there to start our Rotary Foundation Month?



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Climate scenarios
fires, food security and risk management - post the US election

10th NOV
6:00 PM AEST

Our prospects for coping with future natural disasters including US and Australian bushfires.

How the agricultural and industrial sectors can advance climate policies and details on the recently launched **Australian Industry Energy Transitions Initiative**.

Speakers:

Simon McKeon AO Chancellor of Monash University & Australian of the Year 2011	Lucinda Corrigan Chair of Farmers for Climate Action	Greg Mullins AO AFSM Former Commissioner Fire & Rescue NSW

→ Date: **10th November** | **5.55PM** for **6PM AEST**.
Presented by the **Rotary Clubs of Sydney**.

Please register for this webinar via the website:
www.climateandpeace.com.au





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