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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 15th September, 2022



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last meeting we greeted Yvonne McKenzie, Lena and Anthony Molinaro as our guests. Apologies from Steve Ennor, Tony Mooney, Louise Latimer, Gavin and Pippa Birch.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Frank & Anthony Molinaro – Obrien Real Estate.

Last meeting, we were pleased to have our very own Frank Molinaro and his son Anthony who, together with Frank's wife Lena, daughter Anna and staff run the OBrien Real Estate office in Blackburn.

Frank started by telling us a bit about his early years. He arrived in Melbourne on a ship from Italy in 1960 aged 8 years. The voyage took 28 days and was a huge adventure for a young boy. They had to disembark via a wooden ladder down to the wharf! Not good OH&S in those days!





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He did most of his schooling in Carlton and his first job was at Impress Printing. He then went to English Timber and Hardware then in 1977 began work in real estate with Lewis Realty in Heidelberg with whom he stayed for quite a few years learning the basics. In 1981 he was sent to the Tunstall Square, Doncaster East office which he managed.

In 1993 he took the plunge and took out a franchise with Stockdale and Leggo for a number of years. Frank then decided to join the OBrien group in 2019 and opened his own office in Blackburn. They have gone from strength to strength with Anna managing the Property Management department and Frank and Anthony managing sales. Lena of course is the mainstay of the office, keeping everyone in control!

Anthony then took the floor and told us that he went to Whitefriars School. He lives with his wife and two children in Croydon Hills.

Anthony's path into Real Estate was studded with a few stops and starts. He initially studied Information Technology at University but he wasn't enjoying the course, so he started working with Frank at Stockdale and Leggo. Frank assigned him the job that all new employees start with – Property Management i.e., managing rental properties – and after slogging at it for a year he admitted he hated it. He left the business and got a job at the Casino much to his parents' dismay. However, he loved the work and stayed there for 7 years.

A few years ago, he joined Frank again and realized he really enjoyed the sales side of Real Estate and has been there ever since with the rest of the family.

Anthony explained that all their business is in- house, and the OBrien group is very innovative and forward thinking.

Both Frank and Anthony have impressive silver pins on their lapels - when asked about the pin they explained that Obrien have a Foundation to which everyone who makes a sale contributes \$50. This fund is then used to assist various charities and people in need. People can donate to this Foundation very much like our Rotary Foundation.

REPORTS:

President Kevin had little to report other than that he attended a recent Cluster President's meeting. Nothing of significance to our club was reported from this meeting.

Our club has voted in favour of the regionalisation project which needed to be voted on this month

We celebrated our 13th birthday, thanks to Liz Guiver who is always abreast of our Club's history – with a cake.



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PRESIDENT KEVIN CUTS OUR 13TH BIRTHDAY CAKE.



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UP COMING PROGRAMME

<p>Saturday 1st October</p> 	<p><i>WARRANDYTE RIVERSIDE MARKET</i> <i>ALL HANDS ON DECK AGAIN!</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 4th October</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Membership Session: Past DG Alma Reynolds will hold the fifth of our Membership workshops. Chair – Rob Edwards Property- whoever arrives first</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th October</p> 	<p><i>District Governor Ken Miller’s Visit</i> Chair: President Kevin Hall Property: those who arrive first Please bring your partners and guests to make DG Ken welcome in the traditional style of Rotary DG visits as Ken talks to us about his year as DG and his comments about our club.</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th October</p> 	<p><i>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Guest Speaker: Greer McGearey “Seahorse Victoria” supports the Transgender Community. We will hear about the issues surrounding those who identify as transgender and how Seahorse helps them. Chair: Louise Latimer</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th October</p>	<p><i>No meeting</i></p>
<p>Sunday 30th October</p> 	<p><i>Tunstall Market</i> <i>ALL HANDS ON DECK.</i></p>



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Tuesday 1 st November	<i>No meeting.</i>
Saturday 5 th November 	<i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i> <i>ALL HANDS ON DECK AGAIN!</i>
Tuesday 8 th November	<p><i>Club Meeting at the Hotel Grand, Warrandyte</i> Guest Speaker: Warrandyte Migrant support Group – A presentation by this newly established group whose brief it will be to help settle migrants into the suburbs.</p> <p>Chair: George Guiver Property: she/he/they who arrives first</p>
Tuesday 15 th November	<p><i>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel</i> 7pm AGM</p> <p><i>Program TBA</i></p>
Tuesday 22 nd November	<p><i>TBA</i></p>
Sunday 27 th November 	<p><i>Tunstall Market</i></p>



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TUNSTALL MARKET

Another great day was had yesterday at Tunstall Square.

Things were a bit slower than expected probably due to the long weekend and school holidays but we had a good showing of helpers and the pull down happened well with many hands to help thanks to all who stayed. Many thanks who came and helped out.





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Hospitality events, which have capacity limits to ensure a comfortable and rewarding experience.

- Imagine the opportunity to meet and mix with 25,000 people of action from around the globe.
- Imagine the possibilities flowing from inspirational speakers, break-outs with Rotary leaders and from opportunities at the House of Friendship
- Imagine the opportunity to attend and/or volunteer to be an Ambassador for Australasia and the Pacific Islands.

Volunteers are still required to assist in the running of the Convention.

- A vital part of the Convention is to have an engaged and friendly volunteer workforce. We as Rotarians volunteer our time, energy and skills all the time. It is part of our DNA and makes us who we are - we are a people organisation.
- It is an opportunity to witness Rotary at an International level and by volunteering, to be part of its success.
- It is an opportunity to volunteer and be an Ambassador for Rotary and our country.
- Giving up four hours for a single shift is not a big ask - the more volunteers we have, the greater the load is shared.

This Convention is an opportunity to see what Rotarians around the world do, speak to people from different countries about common projects or new projects, and hear world class speakers from within Rotary and from leaders in their fields outside Rotary.

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