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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

30th May

"Rotary is where neighbours and friends share ideas and take action to create a positive impact in our community"



Well here we go again, stuck in lockdown and with a highly anticipated Tunstall Market cancelled! Frustrating is not a strong enough word, but we just have to grin and bear it. I hope you are all OK – we all hope it is short lived and we can get back to our normal lives again next week.

It was wonderful last meeting to greet a much different looking Anton Tarasenko whom we have not seen for around ten years since he was sponsored to National Youth Science Forum by the former Donvale Club. Subsequently, he received a scholarship to assist with his university education from the Warrandyte Donvale Club. Gone were those thick curls – his maturity was certainly obvious.

Along with Anton we welcomed Carolyn Fry and Yvonne McKenzie. Great to see Bob Fry paying us a visit during his Leave of Absence and good to see Leanne back with us after her bout of flu. It seems winter has caught up with some of our other members who have been struck down with dreaded lurgeys.

Apologies from Steve and Louise Latimer, Marg George and Tony Mooney.

Anton gave us a short presentation about his life and careers since we last saw him. After completing NYSF he was offered as one of two in Australia, a scholarship to attend the Research Science Institute (part of NASA), in Boston USA. This was a three- week adventure. He then came home and completed a science/



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engineering degree at Melbourne University. He was offered an internship with Bosch and little did he know then that he would still be with Bosch ten years later. His work over the years has been as a calibration engineer working on braking safety systems in cars. This has taken him around the world to various test sites – Japan, Sweden and New Zealand. He also worked in Stuttgart for 6 months – all these postings have given him a very interesting life so far.

He is now working as a software engineer working on safety systems for cars. He has since completed a Masters degree. Anton lives in the CBD and is a self-proclaimed “greenie”, he is really into bike riding and often rides to work in Clayton along various bike trails and quiet roads. He certainly looks fit and trim and a great example of someone who looks after himself physically.

Anton expressed his gratitude to Rotary for giving him the opportunity to explore science as a school-boy and to use those experiences to seek the career he is so well cut out for. It was gratifying to hear such a success story. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a sustainable gift (succulent plant in a dip pot!) by Bob McKenzie and Bob Fry – Bob Fry was the Youth Chair all those years ago in the Donvale club who first met Anton and introduced him to NYSF.





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Reports:

I mentioned the ongoing District Assembly which finishes today – thanks to Rob Edwards for attending the President Elects session last week. David George attended the secretary's session and found it useful and learnt some things he didn't know. I also attended the Youth session yesterday which was interesting.

It was suggested by RC Manningham that we hold a cluster meeting for the first meeting in July – Monday 5th at Beau Monde – they are working on a really good guest speaker. Members agreed this was a good idea.

I mentioned the second Cluster Marketing/Publicity meeting that was held on 20th May and the outcome that the cluster clubs wish to have a subcommittee in the next year to follow up on some of the good ideas coming from these two meetings – this will help clubs share information and skills. Initiatives include establishment of a Cluster web page, Facebook page and sharing of program ideas – links to all the clubs via the pages. There were many great ideas and information shared during the two meetings thanks to AG Kehela who certainly has flair in this area.

I showed off one of the “Ask me About Rotary” Badges we now have for us to wear at markets and any other events. I hope these help to provide some avenue of discussion and/or inquiry from the general public.

Community: Rob Edwards reported that we will be assisting the local Warrandyte Scouts who have bought a really impressive 40 seater bus used to take the troop to jamborees and other events. Along with the Warrandyte Riverside Market we will have Rotary signage on the side of the bus – a great way to advertise by assisting a local group.

Rob also reports that a meeting is being set up with The Base organizer in Ringwood to look at ways Rotary can help it's programs which are doing great things for young people at risk.

Market and Op Shop: Bob McKenzie reported a full roster for the market which of course had to be cancelled at the last minute (bugger!) and that the Op shop continues to do well in sales.

Foundation: Kevin Hall reported that we now have 9 Centurions – Leanne Liao received her certificate last week, see photo on the right.







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UPCOMING PROGRAM

Tuesday June 1 st	<i>Board Meeting – Natalies Restaurant 6.00 for 6.30</i>
Tuesday 8 th June	<i>Club Assembly – year’s reports from all chairs.</i> Property: Ian Thomlinson Cashier: Steve Ennor Chair: Judy Hall
Tuesday 15 th June	<i>PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO MEETING</i>
Thursday 17 th June	<i>Defibrillator and Basic CPR training</i> – Op shop Staff and volunteers 9-12am
Tuesday 22 nd June  → 	<i>Change Over Night – Natalie’s Restaurant</i> 6.30-7pm Property: Judy and Kevin Hall Cashier: Don Kinnear MC: David George
Thursday 24 th June	<i>Defibrillator and Basic CPR training</i> – Op shop Staff and volunteers 9-12am
Saturday 26 th June	District changeover



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**President/President Elect Judy Hall invites you to
The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale's
CHANGE OVER NIGHT**



**Tuesday 22nd June, 6.30 for 7pm sharp.
Natalie's Restaurant, 669 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham**



\$35 Per Head, 2 course meal, drinks at bar prices.

Smart casual attire.

**RSVP by 15th June to Rob Edwards : r.j.edwards@bigpond.com, 0409258744,
with dietary requirements if any.**

2021 CHANGE OVER DINNER

*Please bring your
NAME BADGE*

6:30pm for 6:50pm start

SATURDAY JUNE 26TH

Venue: Southern Golf Club



From the Bay to the Hills
Rotary
District 9810



2021
Changeover
Dinner



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



TRYBOOKING REGISTRATIONS

In person, Covid permitting



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Please let Rob Edwards know if you are assisting with this.

DEFIBRILLATOR & BASIC CPR TRAINING

**FOR OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS
& LOCAL TRADERS IN THE
IMMEDIATE VICINITY**

Two sessions available

JUNE 17TH AND 24TH

9 – 12 AM

at the Op Shop

Everyone wishing to participate must register with Leanne Liao: liao.leanne@gmail.com

Include: Your Name, phone, email and preferred date.

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED





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RI Convention Bookings Now Open

Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#) which will take place from 12 through 16 June 2021.

Enjoy a special rate of \$49 through 7 May 2021. After that, the registration fee is \$65. You can also join us early at a preconvention, 10-11 June, for Intercountry Committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers. Each preconvention will cost an additional \$20.

The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and pre-conventions are open to all Rotary members and participants and include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Don't forget to visit the [convention event page](#) on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and program highlights!