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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)  
Club Bulletin

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023



A NOTE FROM THE Editor

Rotary



Club of Warrandyte Donvale

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**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – INFORMAL CLUB MEETING**

**Now and Not Yet Café**

**7.30pm – finger food. Liquid refreshments at your cost.**

*Come along and meet with members of the community to talk about Rotary and how we might be able to offer them some wonderful volunteering opportunities.*

**Meeting Notes from 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Guests:** Freda Ennor and David Tynan

**Apologies:** Pippa and Gavin Birch, Liz and George Guiver, Bob McKenzie.

**Reports:**

President Rob attended an President's meeting via zoom last week – much of the discussion revolved around the Merger of the two Districts into 9850 – which is going well.

Rob and a few other members attended the last Big Lunch at the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and reported it to be highly successful in getting local people together. The next and last one for the year will be on Monday 11 December – a spit roast hosted by the Warrandyte Lions Club so we are being encouraged to register and show our support.

**Youth:** David George reported that the local schools annual awards have been distributed.



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The National Science Forum is proceeding in January with a local student we are sponsoring to the tune of \$2850

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) (BTW there is a band called MUNA – very confusing!) – advanced notice has come about this project which is good, giving us time to get students on board.

**Community:** Louise reported that orders have been made for Rotary Christmas cakes for the Care Net food project out of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House – hampers, plus for the Op Shop volunteers and 25 for the Warrandyte Community Church food program.

**Program/Fellowship:** Marg George is organizing the Breakfast meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at The Stonehouse Café at 8am or a bit later to give them time to get organized.



**Warrandyte Riverside Market:** Rob reports that the council have done a lot of work on the site to improve drainage etc and have replaced the bollards with removable ones.

### **Guest Speaker:**

David Tynan has lived in Warrandyte for 15 years and is a teacher at St Aquinas College in Ringwood.

David is the coordinator of the Warrandyte Repair Café, which has been operating since July 2019 in

the Mechanics Institute Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

Repair Cafes are a world wide activity and were started in The Netherlands in 2009 by Martine Postuma. There are now 3000 all over the world, 66 in Australia, 32 in Victoria and 10 in Melbourne.

The venue at the Mechanics Institute Hall is fortuitous because of an interesting fact. Did you know that the hall is owned by all people who live 2 miles from the Warrandyte Post Office (by some ancient local decree!). Which means the MIH can make it's own decisions.

It was a really interesting talk and showcases another fabulous local initiative.



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#### What is a Repair Café?



- Repair Cafés are free meeting places and they're all about repairing things (together) and reducing waste and landfill.
- In the place where a Repair Café is located, you'll find experts, tools and materials to help make repairs you need.
- We fix clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, crockery, books, toys, et cetera.
- Visitors bring their broken items from home. Together with the specialists they start making their repairs in the Repair Café.
- It's an ongoing learning process. Sometimes advice is the best thing.



#### Where is it going?



- We have kept repair statistics since opening in July 2019
- Average number of items has grown from 20 to 30 per month
- Rough breakdown of results
  - 60% of items fully repaired
  - 15% of items partially repaired/advice given
  - 15% of items unable to be repaired
  - 10% of items held over for next month





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#### What helped us grow the WRC?



- Warrandyte has a rich history of volunteerism
- Well connected locals – we were able to find fixers
- A wealth of varied experts – often retired, but active
- Building a social media presence
- We visited existing RCs in Balwyn and Ringwood and asked questions
- The Mechanics Hall is an ideal venue, and free!
- Keeping the same day and time each month
- We now conduct skills workshops





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UP COMING PROGRAMME

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<i>Christmas Market with no caravan or sausage sizzle. Stall holders only.</i>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>CLUB MEETING AT NowandNotYet (NANY)</b> <b>7.30 pm meet with Derek and interested locals to discuss our club, Rotary and the benefits of joining with us.</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Warrandyte BIG LUNCH</b> <b>Warrandyte Neighbourhood House – see details further on.</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<b>Club Christmas Party at The Halls</b> <b>6.30 onwards</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Thank-you function for Warrandyte Riverside Market helpers @ Warrandyte Football Club rooms.</b> <b>5 – 7pm.</b>	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>Christmas Market</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Breakfast Meeting</b> <b>8am</b> <b>The Stonehouse Café.</b>  <b>RSVP Marg George</b>	



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Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

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For the last Warrandyte Big Lunch of 2023, we are hosting the Lions of Warrandyte Spit Roast, please register your attendance for catering purposes.

Bookings:

<https://www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/.../the...>

**THE WARRANDYTE  
BIG LUNCH**

**LAST BIG LUNCH FOR 2023!**

**Monday 11 December**

**12:30pm – 2:00pm**

Come along and connect with our community and services.  
Free and welcome to all.



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**CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**6.30 AT THE HALLS**

*BYO drinks and good cheer*

*Food: everyone bring a plate – coordinate with Judy*

*Dress: Christmassy*

*RSVP to Judy thanks before Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.*