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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Date: 7th February

Hello all. We've just had a quick trip to Anglesea to see the other family members – and waited for the rain and storms but were happy they didn't arrive as expected. It was nice to have a couple of days away and catch up with growing granddaughter.

It was good to get back together again at Natalie's last week for our first meeting with most members in attendance. Glad Steve Ennor made it back from Queensland and great to see Liz and George again. We had apologies from Pippa Croucamp and Louise Latimer. It was a productive Club forum night as we had the opportunity to talk through a few issues.

I gave a short summary of our social events since our last meeting before Christmas. There is a busy month ahead with Multi District President Elects Training the weekend of 13th and 14th Feb followed by three nights of further training the next week.

The other important District event is the Membership Masterclass to be held the first week of March over several nights. It is vital we attend this class to get some ideas as to how we might grow our club – at this stage we have Gavin Birch and myself but we need one other person – anyone from the club doesn't have to be a board member, and preferably for us, someone who joined in more recent years. Having three people will ensure the feedback gets a thorough airing and there is more chance of issues being taken up if there are a small group "championing" the cause. So – importantly – we need that other person.

YOUTH: Steve Ennor reported that we had a nice thankyou letter from Donburn Primary School to thank us for the End of Year Award.

COMMUNITY: Rob Edwards gave a thorough run down of what is happening in the community.

- We have disbursed our budgeted amounts to the Warrandyte Football and Cricket Clubs.
- We had a request from the Warrandyte Community Garden committee to assist financially with the upgrade of garden beds.
- The Bendigo Bank grant of \$2000 for the Lend a Hand Project was appropriately disbursed to a needy cause.



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- The Warrandyte Arts Association which runs all the theatre productions in Warrandyte have asked for financial support for the upgrade of the Mechanics Institute which is a considerable project and will be accomplished in stages due to the cost.
- The Warrandyte Housing Support Service committee met last week on line (not Zoom) but due to technical difficulties neither Rob nor Dick Davies were able to connect. Rob said there is no progress as to the issue of the upgrade to the Police House or to the development of a Food Bank at this stage. There is great interest in six empty properties needing renovation, owned by DHHS in Warrandyte and it is hoped they can be put back into service and the WHSS can be part of that process.

TUNSTALL MARKET: Ian Thomlinson and Bob Fry gave a summary of progress – most of the paperwork is with the Manningham Council but we are still awaiting completion of the Traffic Management plan. A decision will be made by the end of this week as to the possibility of starting up in February. Another issue raised was the need for a logo and poster for ongoing publicity of the market. Judy Hall will investigate this with liaison with the Publicity & Marketing Committee.

OP SHOP: continues to have good sales over and above last year's takings which is good.

PROGRAM; Gavin informed us there will be a combined District Meeting for the R100 celebrations on April 21st. Details to come.

FOUNDATION: Kevin Hall has a number of Centurion Towers left – they are going very fast as take up by district clubs has been excellent. So if our members wish to get one they need to jump in very quickly. If you are inclined to leave your small change in a container at home it won't take long to fill one of these towers and you can then become a **CENTURION** which will be a great help to Foundation.

Saving small change

SEE EDITION 8 OF D9810
OPEN DOORS

The Centurion Tower
Available Free
From
Kevin Hall RC Warrandyte
Donvale
M: 0411 119 622



DISASTER FUND: This was reviewed last year – it was noted that there should be a date on each update so this will be attended to by our Secretary. At this stage there is no change to the terms and conditions of the Disaster Fund. The Terms and Conditions will be reviewed every three years.

ART SHOW: there was brief discussion about the continuation of the Art Show. In a show of hands it was decided that we would not have an art show in November if there is a limited Warrandyte Festival but we would plan for a show in March of next year. Firstly we must appoint a Chair and a committee who will continue with further planning. It was felt that it would be wise to appoint a paid manager for the Art show to do the administration. So the important issue here is to have a working committee.



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Below is an important announcement that was made at the Australia Day Lunch – the late Margaret Cunningham was awarded an AOM for her services to the Days for Girls project which continues today. It was a great honour and one she was aware of before she died. She was thrilled to have been recognised and well deserved.



Awarded in AOM (general division) in Australia Day Honours

The late wife of D9810 Rotarian, James Cunningham, was awarded an AOM in the Australia Day Honours.

The late Mrs Margaret Dorothy Cunningham formerly of Donvale Victoria was recognised for service to women and girls, and to the community.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Feb 9 th	Club Meeting – <i>Partner’s/Guest Night with Guest Speaker Peter Keep</i> Chair: Ian Thomlinson Property: Rob Edwards Cashier: Don Kinnear
Feb 16 th	Program TBA
Feb 23 rd	Program TBA
Sun. Feb 28 th 7am – 1pm	Tunstall Market and Sausage Sizzle (we hope!)
Tues. 2 nd March	Board Meeting 6.pm for 6.30 – at Natalie’s restaurant



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CHINESE NEW YEAR INVITATION:

To Join with the ROTARY CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE in a Chinese New Year celebration
on
Wednesday 17th February
at
Wealth Kitchen Chinese Restaurant - 866 Doncaster Rd East Doncaster
6.30pm for 7.00pm.

The menu we have arranged is:

1. Sesame Prawn Toast
2. Chicken Sweet Corn Soup
3. BBQ Pork & Roasted Pork
4. Stir Fried Fish Fillet & Vegetables
5. Eye Fillet in BBQ Sauce
6. Salt & Pepper Bean Curd
7. Chinese Cookies
8. Red Bean Pancakes



BYO wine, no corkage

Cost is \$40 pp.

The TRY booking site for the Chinese New Year dinner on 17th February is:

www.trybooking.com/BOPPS



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FROM OPEN DOORS : -

Membership Inspirations



How often is your club out in the public doing Rotary things? Could be quite often if you run a market or a sausage sizzle. How can contact with the public be turned into a membership opportunity? Many clubs are now using these opportunities to set up Rotary signs or Rotary displays so members of the public can talk to Rotarians – but does it work? In my experience the “come to us for information” strategy is rarely successful, with most people walking right past without a glance or avoiding the site altogether because of some preconceived and negative notions of what they will find there.

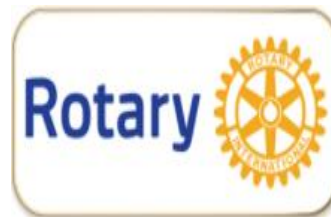
I was witness to a very successful strategy recently and “hats off” to the Rotary Club of Mount Waverley for their proactive approach. At the pre-Christmas market all club members wore their “Ask me About Rotary” badges. The membership chair went out into the market and approached people – buyers and stallholders – for a quick chat about Rotary. In less than hour the contact details of three prospective members had been gathered.

It’s really worth the effort to make a membership plan and to take a proactive approach to membership – as proved by RC of Mount Waverley at their pre-Christmas market.

Getting Our Branding Right Everywhere

Our branding is our strength which is why RI works so hard to get this message across. I urge all Rotary to clubs to examine carefully;

- Club website
- Club social media
- Club newsletter banner
- All club project websites
- All club project social media
- All possible uses and occurrences of the Rotary logo



I urge this so that we can all make sure that the logo is always used correctly and that it’s obvious to even the most casual observer that this is modern Rotary – an organisation that uses its branding consistently to convey its strength and unity. For more information see <https://blog.rotary.org/2021/01/11/why-you-should-care-about-rotary-branding/>



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PHOTOS FROM OUR FISH AND CHIP NIGHT AT WARRANDYTE ON JANUARY 19TH





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VIRTUAL VICTORIA**

SAVE THE DATE
1-2 MAY 2021

Rotary  **100 YEARS**
Victoria

**A CENTURY OF
ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA**

Districts 9780, 9790,
9800, 9810 and 9820