



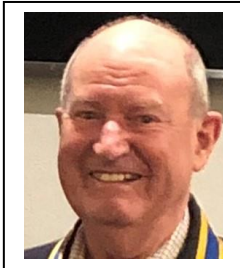
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 9th July 2023



A NOTE FROM THE Editor

Apologies: Stephen Ennor, Frank Molinaro, Liz and George Guiver, Bob McKenzie.

Guests: Cheryle and Geoffrey Nye.

Reports:

Warrandyte Riverside Market - Rob Edwards reported that in spite of the foul weather to begin with last Saturday once the rain abated the crowds descended and the stall holders had a great day. All hail to those intrepid helpers who gathered at 4.30-4.45am to help set up.

Hunter Valley Bus Disaster: Rob has been in touch with Brian Coffey who set up the fund. He reported that the RAWCS Bus Disaster Fund is doing very well and at this stage has reached its target of \$1million. All those who were impacted (all those on the bus and the 4 in the following vehicle who gave first aid) have been paid \$12,500 as a first wave of assistance with more to follow as needed. The two orphans will be catered for long term, with one of the mining companies having pledged to pay for all their school fees. A Go Fund Me campaign has also been established for the two children. The RAWCS fund will finish at the end of August this year. The local Hunter Valley community is holding various fund raisers including a concert this weekend.

Tunstall Market: Steve Latimer reported that the market did surprisingly well considering it closed down early. Sausages and onions have been frozen for the next market.

Youth – David George reported that the MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) program is going ahead this year but very soon and too late for us to contact any of the local schools. David will be in touch with District about better communication to clubs about Youth programs.

Social Night – next Tuesday 11th July – Marg George is organizing and needs numbers attending to book the room and meals at the Club Ringwood. (\$20 limited menu of 2 courses).

Guest Speaker: Cheryle Nye

Cheryle's talk was about her son Scott who is now in his 40's and has autism and Tourette Syndrome. The whole family live in Warrandyte and Scott is well known and well supported in the local community. Cheryle talked about autism and the ways it can affect people. Scott is very



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intelligent and has many interests but typically has problems with communication. His Tourette's is exacerbated when he is stressed and manifests in ritualistic pacing in a set pattern. Cheryl said this is a control mechanism.

An example of his communication difficulties is his inability to start a conversation. This needed talking through with Scott and once he understood the concept of a conversation, he was keen to ask people if he could have a conversation with them – sometimes inappropriately.

Scott receives assistance via the NDIS program and has five Personal Assistants – (a term preferred by the family because “carers” implies inability) to help him with various tasks which enable him to live a full and productive life.

Scott was working very successfully for a printing firm but it closed down which left a void in his life. He loves to travel, enjoys good food, and is an accomplished artist – having held successful exhibitions.

Cheryle is hoping Scott can work locally caring for the hanging baskets and planters currently adorning the shops around Warrandyte so she is communicating with the current contractors. She is hoping that a business can be developed for and with Scott and they are looking for someone to assist in developing a business plan as well as some seed funding. She is hoping Rotary with its contacts might be able to help.

This was a very interesting presentation and Rob Edwards will continue talks with Cheryle to see how we might be able to assist.





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**Never stop enjoying life.
Every day, there is a chance to make it better**

Scott has a full life, supported by people who have helped him grow and develop into an independent, healthy, strong, and competent personality.



Scott's challenges

Scott was diagnosed with Autism when he was 3 years old
In his late teens, he developed a form of Tourette Syndrome, which is most prominent when he is anxious or under stress.
He battles it daily with a string of makeshift control habits to make it less noticeable.

Autism when Scott was diagnosed, one in 30,000 children showed signs of autism. Out of every four, it was believed 3 would be male and one female with this disorder.
Now it's one in 500 or less and evenly male and female
Female autism is often missed interpreted as females developing better strategies to be socially acceptable. Or maybe society lets its slip past.

Symptoms of autism

Autism describes a cluster of symptoms where no two people are identical. It is very important to treat people with autism as individuals and to examine and explore what they can do and are capable of learning.

Everybody with autism is different, but each person with autism has elements of three things in common.

These are:

- Difficulty relating to people, including avoiding eye contact and physical contact
- Strong interest in a particular item, hobby, or skill
- Repetitive behaviours, including clapping or hand flicking



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Autism

Understanding autism

Autism Spectrum Disorder (autism) is a lifelong developmental condition that affects how a person relates to his or her environment and interactions with others. The term 'spectrum' describes the range of difficulties people on the autism spectrum may experience and the degree to which they may be affected.

The main areas of difficulty are social communication, social interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviours and interests.

Communication is one of the most common features, including difficulty socializing or being accepted by peers due to their often-disturbing behavior.

Myths and untruths about people with autism

- A genius
- Don't show affection
- Can't hear or understand what you say to them
- Lack ambition
- Can't be motivated
- Not able to learn
- Can't socialize



Scott is an artist, having had three sell-out exhibitions in Warrandyte and 6 others in New Zealand and Melbourne.

It's not his journey now; you can take a horse to water, but you can't make it drink. You've got to make it thirsty first





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Scott has been employed in the past

Printing company in dispatch, then he was trained on some machinery.

- He is an outdoor person
- He is a quick learner
- He is very intelligent and, unless challenged, gets bored very easily
- He learns very quickly and can be very productive because of his ability to improve outcomes.
- He is very good a figures and enjoys data and writing activities
- He can stay focused and complete some very laborious jobs
- He can whipper snipper, and do lawns and gardening
- Understands plants and how to take care of them



What are we asking for

1. We are seeking an entrepreneur who would like to help us put this together, to work with us to structure the business.
2. Scott has an ABN Seeking a person to assist with legal procedures to start this type of business in Warrandyte, Council, public liability, etc.
3. Funding to develop the concept.
4. Seeking small support funding for equipment and marketing to help with equipment, uniform (T-shirt) nominal start-up costs.



Thank you so much for considering this idea.
Please feel free to contact me on Scott's behalf
for any further information.

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UP COMING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 11 th July	<p><i>Social Night @ Ringwood Club - 6.30 for 7pm</i> <i>Organizer – RSVP to Marg George re numbers.</i></p>
Tuesday 18 th July	<p><i>Meeting- Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Guest Speakers: Bambi Gordon & Greg Rowell (organizers of the Riverside Market) will give us some ideas on how we might grow our membership and ways we can publicise what we do to increase our reach using social media. This will be a very important meeting and one that concerns us all so we hope to have a good attendance.</p> <p>Chair: Steve Ennor Greeter: Judy Hall Property: Ian Thomlinson</p>
Tuesday 25 th July	<p><i>Club Assembly/Forum Night –</i> A good opportunity for us to further discuss issues that come out of the previous meeting with Bambi and Greg as well as address any issues members may have.</p> <p>Any topics you wish to discuss please forward to Don or Judy before the night.</p> <p>Chair: Rob Edwards/Don Kinnear Greeter: Ian Thomlinson Property: Louise Latimer</p>
Sunday 30 th July	
Tuesday 1 st August	<p><i>No Meeting</i></p>
Saturday 5 th August	
Tuesday 8 th August	<p><i>Meeting – Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Guest Speaker Vanessa Virgato – The new manager at the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House will update us on their activities and thoughts for the coming year.</p>



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	<p>Chair: Louise Latimer Property: Steve Latimer Greeter: Kay Thorogood</p>
Tuesday 15 th or Wed 16 th August	<i>Social Night TBA</i>
Tuesday 22 nd August	<p><i>Club Meeting</i> Guest Speaker:- Derek Bradshaw from Now and Not Yet will update us on the activitie of this very successful social enterprise.</p> <p>Chair: Stephen Ennor Property: Rob Edwards Greeter: Tony Mooney</p>
Sunday 27 TH August	
Tuesday 29 th August	<i>No meeting</i>
Saturday 2 nd September	<i>Warrandyte Market</i>
Tuesday 5 th September	<i>No Meeting</i>
Tuesday 12 th September	<p><i>Club Meeting</i> Guest Speaker: David Tynan from <i>The Warrandyte Repair Café</i> will talk to us about the enterprise.</p> <p>Chair: Ian Thomlinson Property: Kevin Hall Greeter: Bob McKenzie</p>
Tues 19 th or Wed 20 th	<i>Social Night</i>
Sunday 24 th September	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 26 th September	<i>Club Meeting</i>
Tuesday 3 rd October	<i>No meeting</i>
Saturday 7 th October	<i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i>
Tuesday 10 th October	<p><i>Club Meeting</i> Guest Speaker: Ron Brooks will talk about the UNICEF Foreign Currency Project he has managed for many years. Chair: Bob McKenzie Greeter: David George Property: Frank Molinaro</p>



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Tuesday 17 or Wed. 18 th	<i>Social Night</i>
Tuesday 24 th October	<i>Club Meeting</i>
Sunday 29 th October	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Sat 4 th November	<i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i>
Tuesday 7 th Nov	<i>Melbourne Cup Day no meeting</i>
Tuesday 14 th Nov	<i>Club Meeting</i>
Tuesday 21 st Nov	<i>Social night</i>
Sunday 26 th Nov	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 28 th Nov	<i>Club Meeting</i>
Saturday 2 nd December	<i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i>
Sunday 3 rd Dec	<i>??? Tunstall Christmas Market</i>
Tuesday 5 th Dec	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 12 th Dec	<i>Club Christmas Party</i>
Tuesday 19 th Dec	<i>Christmas Break until 16 January (Social BBQ)</i>

