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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

## Club Bulletin

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024



### A NOTE FROM THE Editor



*Kay Thorogood with PP/ new President Rob Edwards with daughter Michelle, wife Terry and guest Tania Prior.*

Last Tuesday saw us gather at NaNY for our first Changeover night at that venue and true to past experiences it was informal and friendly, as we saw out the old Rotary year and anticipate the year to come.

**We welcomed many guests:** - Guest Speaker Andrew Yen, PE Brian Tyedin from Rotary Manningham City, AG Olive Aumann and President Reg Ellery from RC Box Hill Central, Tania & Harrison Prior and Tania's



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mother, Lions President Don Hughes, wife Michelle and Zeus, Doug Seymour, Grace and Wendy Gooley, Kaje Arogona-Murry and friend, Terry and Michelle Edwards, Lena Molinaro, Tony Cull.

**Apologies:** DG Ian Ballantine, DG Colin Byron, Dick Davies, Jock McNeish, Derek Bradshaw, Tony and Marianne Mooney, Bob and Yvonne McKenzie, Ian Thomlinson, Marg and David George, George Guiver.

PP Rob gave us a summary of the highlights of the year which we consider having been another successful one for our club. He mentioned a few things that we hope to see come to fruition in the next year including the establishment of an Interact Club at Warrandyte High School and the much-anticipated transfer of Olive Aumann and Reg Ellery to our club in July. They will be welcomed with open arms!

PP Don Kinnear presented Rob with his new chain of office and so Rob continues to lead our club into the next year.

The Now and Not Yet staff provided us with a very nice roast lamb with loads of vegetables which went down a very well on such a cold night.





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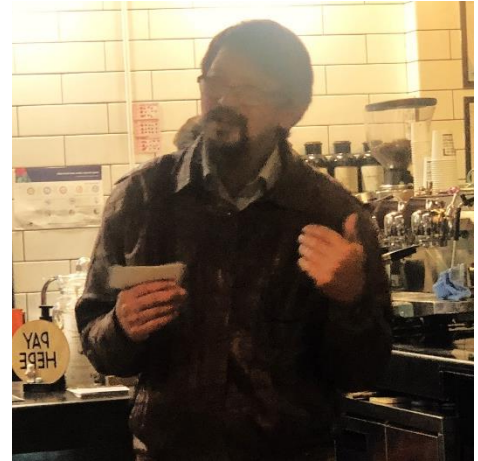


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After our meal we were treated to a very interesting presentation by our guest speaker Andrew Yen. Andrew is a teacher at Luther College but his road to the one of teacher is a very circuitous one. When Andrew was ten years old his family inherited his grandfather's telescope. It was promptly erected in the back yard and from the moment he looked through it and saw Jupiter in all its glory, rings and all he was hooked on astronomy. He built an "observatory" – basically a shed with a roof that opened so he could look at the sky at night. If his mother couldn't find him anywhere she knew he would be in the back yard looking through the telescope.



Andrew went to university and studies engineering but his love of astronomy underpinned all his spare time. Eventually he joined the Astronomical Society and started going to night time functions with other members when they would put their telescopes up and look at the stars together. He became involved in building observatories via not for profit agencies and helping schools in particular. Eltham College designed and built one that used a robotic telescope that enabled the students to access it from their computers wherever they were. At this stage the telescope malfunctioned and Andrew was employed to help them solve the problem – when they opened it up they discovered a naughty lizard had taken up residence and by licking all the electronic parts made it non functional. At this stage it was suggested that Andrew study to become a teacher – which he did and he is now employed at Luther College.

He has enabled the students, via their robotic telescope to really get involved in astronomy and some of his students have actually discovered previously unknown stars. They are able to network around the world and tap into various telescopes in other countries via their computers and others around the world can access their telescope. He said it was a bit of a fragile operation because they malfunction regularly!

However it has revolutionised the teaching of astronomy to students and enabled them to become as passionate as Andrew.

Andrew is about to embark on a trip to a triennial Astronomy conference in South Africa in August where he will be the first non professional astronomer to give a paper. Our Rotary club has assisted in the funding of this trip and he expressed his gratitude to the club for that. We look forward to hearing more from Andrew on his return from the trip. He is particularly interested in dark energy which he talked about as a concept. There were some interesting questions fielded by Chair Liz Guiver.

It was a great evening and we hope our guests enjoyed it as much as we did.



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#### UPCOMING PROGRAM

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>District Changeover Night Details further on in bulletin.</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<i>Meeting at The Grand Hotel</i>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Past Dist. Gov. Graeme Woolacott – from RC Glen Waverly – member of the District Foundation Committee will talk to us about a prospective International project in Indonesia which is the subject of a Global Grant. <b>Chair: Kevin Hall</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Meeting at Now and Not Yet</i>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Prof. Serge Riviere “Man Behind the Badge” – Serge will give us some insights behind his fascinating career in Mauritius, Ireland, Canada and Australia. <b>Chair: Don Kinner</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<i>Board Meeting –</i>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday July 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Fellowship Night at The Coach Hotel, Ringwood. RSVP Louise Latimer</i>




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Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<p align="center"><i>Club Meeting at The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p><b>Guest Speaker: Dr Sam Aruna</b> – will talk about his volunteer work treating underprivileged communities in Sri Lanka which he visits regularly to work with orphans and others.</p> <p>Sam’s speciality in Australia is drug and alcohol rehabilitation. He is a very community minded citizen, parent of a scout who helps out at the Tunstall Market.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Kevin Hall</p>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<p align="center"><i>No meeting</i></p>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<p align="center"><i>Club Meeting at Now and Not Yet Café, Warrandyte 6.30 for 7pm</i></p> <p><b>Guest Speaker: Peter Johnson: Cyber Security</b> – this will be an open forum with most of the night taken up with the topic. <b>Peter will talk about cyber attacks and how criminals work, good practices for personal security and tips for work, children &amp; family members.</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Colin Hall</p> <p><b>Please advise Rob of attendance for catering purposes as there may be extra people for this session.</b></p>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<p align="center"><i>No meeting</i></p>



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*Michelle and Don Hughes with the famous Zeus and Reg and Olive Aumann enjoying the night.*



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**Tamil FEAST**

*Dates*  
 FRI 28 JUNE  
 SAT 29 JUNE  
 FRI 26 JULY  
 SAT 27 JULY

**We are excited to announce another round of Tamil Feasts!** For those unaware, we are passionate about **supporting people seeking Asylum** by providing free housing, training and employment pathways for asylum seekers like Nigethan.

At Tamil Feast, Nige cooks up an amazing **three-course Tamil Feast** and **shares his story** of escaping civil war and coming to Australia.

For those aware of Nige, his story of freedom is **not yet finished**. Let him whip you up a feast as he shares the next chapter of his life story involving a **long-awaited family reunion**.



**Tamil FEAST**

*Dates*  
 FRI 28 JUNE 6:30pm at NaNY  
 SAT 29 JUNE 148 Yarra St, Warrandyte  
 SAT 26 JULY \$55 per person  
 SAT 27 JULY Group bookings encouraged  
 book at [nowandnotyet.com.au](http://nowandnotyet.com.au)  
 Fully licenced - No BYO

**Bookings essential**

\*Vegan/Vegetarian/GF Option Available  
 \*\*Communal Seating



#### What is the Polio Plus Society?

It is a Rotary fundraising and recognition program that specifically supports Polio eradication.

#### Why the eradication of Polio?

Rotary International is a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

#### Isn't Polio virtually eradicated anyway?

Whilst it remains endemic only in two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

#### What is the commitment to become a member of the Polio Plus Society?



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The commitment is \$100US per year until Polio is eradicated worldwide.

#### **Who can become members?**

The general public including Rotarians and their friends.

#### **How do you become a member?**

1. Go onto the 9810 District website, find the Donation Page and follow the prompts.
2. Make the donation.
3. Complete the Commitment Form and email David Grieve([davidgrieve.au@gmail.com](mailto:davidgrieve.au@gmail.com)).

Let's eradicate Polio together

