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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 9th June 2024



A NOTE FROM THE Editor

MEETING NOTES 4TH June

We gathered at the Grand Hotel in Warrandyte last Tuesday for another great night. We welcomed guest Denise Hall, Lindsay and Serge Riviere, Peter Johnson and Tony Cull.

Apologies: Liz and George Guiver, Ian Thomlinson, Derek Bradshaw, Bob McKenzie and Tony Mooney.

The first order of the day was to induct our latest new member, Professor Marc Serge Riviere. Serge and his wife Lindsay have only been in Australia for one month, having relocated from Mauritius. They are currently living with their son in Donvale.

Serge was very keen to join a Rotary Club having previously been an active member of the RC Port Louis in Mauritius. He first introduced himself to us at the April Tunstall Market and showed an instant desire to join us – almost like “marriage at first sight”. When we received a glowing letter of recommendation from Serge’s previous club, we had no hesitation in accepting his application for membership!

Serge’s proposer Judy Hall introduced Serge to the club with an interesting biography – a precis of which follows. President Rob was enthusiastic in his welcome of Serge and Lindsay to our club as they were presented with their dinner badges and Lindsay was presented with a flower arrangement.





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Professor Emeritus Marc Serge Rivière, MA, MA, PhD, Dip.ed. Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques

Marc Serge Rivière, born in Souillac, Mauritius, in 1947, was a Laureate (Scholarship Winner) of the Royal College of Curepipe in 1965 on the Arts side. He completed an M.A. Honours with First Class at Aberdeen University (Scotland, 1970), a postgraduate M.A. at McMaster University (Canada, 1971), a PhD at Glasgow University (Scotland, 1980) and a Dip.ed. at Monash University (Australia, 1982). From 1970 to 2023, he has lectured on Cultural Studies, Comparative Literature, Language Development, French and English Literatures, Leadership and Communication Skills in Scotland, Canada, Australia, France, Ireland, Reunion and Mauritius.

On his retirement in 2008, Serge Rivière was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus of French at the University of Limerick, Ireland. He was decorated by the French Government as a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques in 2005 for his contribution to French Culture.

Professor Rivière is the current Patron of Honour of the English-Speaking Union-Mauritius and a Past President (with a PHF) of the Rotary Club of Port-Louis. He is a Global Advisor and a Board Member of the EWBI.

As a Researcher, Serge Riviere has published 38 books and numerous refereed international articles in French and English on: History and Culture; Multiculturalism; Voltaire and the 18th century; French and Francophone Literature; the History of Australia, Ireland and Mauritius; Cultural Studies, and the biographies of great men and women; Identity and Exile; Diasporas and Travel.

REPORTS: David George reported that he and Marg attended a recent 90-year celebration by the local Tobin Brothers Funeral Directors. They very kindly wished to donate some profits back into the community and our club was one of four groups who received a cheque for \$700. The other groups were Park Orchards Community House, Balwyn Evergreen Centre and Mitcham Community Meals.





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MAN BEHIND THE BADGE – COLIN HALL



Colin grew up in the Wimmera town of Nhill and after he left school at the end of form 5 he worked in a local bank.

He met his wife Denise in 1978 – which changed his life forever. They married, had children, bought a house etc then he landed a job with the Doncaster Council. He was told by one of his managers that he should do some further study, so he applied to Swinbourne University and was one of 15 selected out of 300 applicants to study accounting and finance. He studied part time for quite a few years which he said was a hard slog with full time work and a family to support. Colin graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting and Finance

He became the council Finance Manager and in 1988 he joined the City of Brunswick as Director of Finance. At that stage there were many financial problems facing the council, but Colin successfully brought them back into the black at a stage when Brunswick was merged with Coburg Council.

Colin eventually set up his own business consulting to LGAs and developing IT systems. At this stage Denise was working in Aged Care – which introduced Colin to Southern Cross Care a large not for profit Aged Care organisation – which he joined and became the Chief Financial Officer.

Colin has seven grandchildren the oldest of whom are twins. He is Treasurer of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and lives in Warrandyte having lived in several houses in Park Orchards before their move to Warrandyte.

Colin is an experienced Toastmaster, and he set up equipment to record his presentation which he said is customary in Toastmasters – the evaluation process being one of the most instructive and best feature of Toastmasters in helping people to become comfortable presenting to groups of people. He was certainly entertaining and gave a first-class presentation.





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UPCOMING PROGRAM

Table with 2 columns: Date and Program Details. Rows include dates from Tuesday 11 June to Tuesday 16th July, with details on meetings, changeovers, and speakers.



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	<p>Guest Speaker: Prof. Serge Riviere “Man Behind the Badge” – Serge will give us some insights behind his fascinating career in Mauritius, Ireland, Canada and Australia.</p> <p>Chair: Don Kinner</p>
Tuesday 23 rd July	<i>Board Meeting -new and old Boards</i>
Sunday 28 th July	
Tuesday July 30 th	<p><i>Fellowship Night at The Coach Hotel, Ringwood.</i></p> <p><i>RSVP Louise Latimer</i></p>
Saturday 3 rd August	
Tuesday 6 th August	<p><i>Club Meeting at The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr Sam Aruna – will talk about his work in drug and alcohol abuse and as an overseas medico in third world countries. Sam is a very community minded citizen and parent of a scout who helps out at the Tunstall Market.</p> <p>Chair: Judy Hall</p>
Tuesday 13 th August	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 20 th August	<p><i>Club Meeting at Now and Not Yet Café, Warrandyte</i> <i>6.30 for 7pm</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: Peter Johnson: Cyber Security – this will be an open forum with most of the night taken up with the topic. Peter will talk about cyber attacks and how criminals work, good practices for personal security and tips for work, children & family members.</p> <p>Chair: Colin Hall</p> <p>Please advise Rob of attendance for catering purposes as there may be extra people for this session.</p>
Sunday 25 th	
Tuesday 27 th August	<i>No meeting</i>



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Invites you to their Club Change Over Night

*Don Kinnear and Rob Edwards will see out the past year as we welcome Rob back as
President— 2024-25*

Tuesday 18th June, 6.30 for 7pm start

At Now and Not Yet Café, Yarra Street Warrandyte.

Cost—light meal: \$16

BOOKING: Contact Rob: 0409 258 744, r.j.edwards@bigpond.com

by Friday 14th June for catering purposes. Please advise any dietary requirements.

Special Guest Speaker:



Andrew Yen

Teacher/Astronomer/Engineer.

Andrew has a life long passion for astronomy and now puts his knowledge to use by teaching full time. We are lucky to have Andrew come to present to us, so take advantage of this opportunity and join us for the evening.

Using the latest technologies to teach—with robotic telescopes that students can operate from the classroom, Andrew's students have been getting some outstanding results, both astronomically and in learning. Some of them have developed new astronomical techniques, discovered variable stars and distant planets.

Andrew will be going to South Africa in August 2024 to address the International Astronomical Union, the peak professional body for Astronomers. Over 3000 professionals will debate planets, stars and galaxies, the biggest ground based and space based telescopes and the future of astronomy. They are also interested in how Andrew teaches astronomy to the next generation of astronomers.

Astronomy was the original science, astrologers foretold futures and cultures told stories in the sky's patterns – today astronomy is increasingly relevant to humanity's future.



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**Saturday 29th June
2024**

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