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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)
Club Bulletin

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A NOTE FROM THE Editor



We hope you've had a nice break and are refreshed from a few weeks of relaxation. A pity about the weird weather, but probably the less said about that the better! Now the new year is well and truly upon us, and we look forward to continuing with our regular meetings and activities.

We look forward to our January barbeque next Tuesday at Wonguim Wilum, and you all know where that is now don't you! Hopefully the tables near the barbeques will be available when we all turn up – the weather is forecast to be a top of 28 degrees, which will be perfect by late afternoon. Don't forget the sausages!

The following week we will meet at Now and Not Yet thanks to Derek – who will provide us with a main course (something like lasagna) and charge no more than \$15. Wine and other drinks available at your cost. Sounds good!

President Rob will soon be handing over to President Gavin who will guide us till the end of the Rotary year in June.



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FOCUS ON THE OP SHOP

Spare a thought for the Op shop staff who have been working hard as the numbers of visitors to the shop swell during the holiday season, not to mention the piles of donations having to be sorted and priced as people clean out their cupboards in their free time. Apparently, it gets worse when the kids go back to school with parents cleaning out the surplus stuff! Other factors come into play too – some of the volunteers are carers for grandchildren in the school holidays while parents work – and some are away enjoying a holiday, meaning the Op Shop is currently short staffed. So they have reluctantly stopped taking donations until some of the backlog is cleared. Doesn't stop dumping though. One of their peeves is people who don't sort their donations – meaning a lot of the stuff is unsaleable and has to be put in the skip – thus increasing our expenses.

Manager Bryn is on hand every day and supporting all the volunteers appropriately. Bryn said there was a huge demand for the donated food which is now "rationed" to 5 items per person (on a voluntary basis) as well as there being a 7 km radius for donations, so the food goes to people within that area only. Sadly, there were some people out of the area who were not deserving taking advantage of the free food. By and large people are very thankful for the assistance that the food bank provides.

Volunteer Andrea who retired from Health Care work was a regular customer of the Op Shop and joined the volunteer group a few months ago. She said she was amazed at the workings of the op shop and did not realize what went on behind the scenes. She loves the work and was hard at it in the sorting room when visited. It's wonderful for our club to have such dedicated volunteers working so hard.



***Bryn with Sandy and Andrea
in the sorting room
surrounded by donations.***



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UP COMING PROGRAMME

<p>Tuesday 16th January</p>	<p><i>BBQ at Wonguim Wilam by the Yarra River.</i> 6.30 onwards Set up at the tables near the barbeques. BYO everything.</p> <p>FRIENDS AND INTERESTED PEOPLE WELCOME!</p>
<p>Saturday 2th January</p>	<p>Warrandyte Cricket Club <i>Thankyou function @ The Grand Hotel - 7.30 pm</i> Details on flyer below (RSVP to Rob Edwards please)</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd January</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting 6.30 for 7pm @ Now and Not Yet</i> <i>6.30 for 7pm</i> <i>Cost: no more than \$15 – set menu.</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker Kellie Wishart from CareNet. ALL WELCOME</p>
<p>Tuesday 30th January</p>	<p><i>Board Meeting</i></p> <p>Venue to be confirmed.</p>
<p>Saturday 3rd February</p>	
<p>Tuesday 13th February</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting 6.30 for 7pm</i> <i>Venue and program to be confirmed.</i></p>
<p>February onwards</p>	<p>Further program to be confirmed</p>
<p>Sunday 25th February</p>	



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YOU'RE INVITED



The Warrandyte Cricket Club extends this Invite to **ALL** our club members, families and community partners that supported our members who were involved in the bus accident in 2023.

This will be an informal event to say, thank you!

at

The Grand Hotel (Upstairs)

on

Saturday 20 January 2024

from

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Thank You!

