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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

17th April



The Montessori Pre School Committee Members helping at the first Tunstall Square Market for the year – it was fantastic to have such enthusiastic young helpers to assist with the set up and sausage sizzle. It increased the attraction of our stall and was certainly a huge help to our members. We hope they enjoyed it enough to come back for the next market in May. More photos with the Tunstall Market Report in the bulletin.

It was good to be back to normal after a few weeks' break over Easter. We enjoyed our visit to Tasmania and the contact with family and friends and we were blessed with wonderful weather. Now, as I catch up on everything that has happened and things to be done it seems winter is upon us all too soon as we fire up our heaters and burrow down for the cold months.

At last Tuesday's meeting it was great to see some partners and old friends, especially Sandy Pennicott who came up from Blairgowrie to see us all. We welcomed back Frank Molinaro who is well rehabilitated after his recent knee replacement, and Lena, along with Yvonne McKenzie, Carolyn Fry and Marianne Mooney. Unfortunately our scheduled guest speaker Anton could not



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be with us due to some last minute. deadlines he had at work, but he assures us he will be available on May 25th which will be a partners and guests night also.

We had apologies from Louise Latimer, and Steve Ennor. My thanks go to our newest member Leanne Liao and Marg George who both agreed at very short notice to give a short Member Behind the Badge talk both of which were very interesting and gave us a greater insight into these two wonderful ladies. Thanks also to George Guiver who stepped in to chair the meeting at short notice as I had not prepared a roster for the evening.

As we head toward the end of the Rotary year there is much to be done to finalise Rotary business – especially updating and reviewing club goals and our strategic plan, selecting chairs for various committees and preparing them for the next year.

*Last Saturday our granddaughter who attends Antonio Park Primary School joined with some of her school friends to walk in the **Whitehorse Cluster Baton Relay** which finished at Natalie's Restaurant – for her efforts she earned \$50 for her school which she was thrilled to get from Rotary. All those who participated deserve applause because the weather was foul that day!*





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There are a few district activities coming up very soon, the first being a proposed **Cluster Dinner at the Stonehouse Restaurant** if they can get 100 takers. Please let me know if you are interested, so far we have five of us.

The **Multi District Conference** is on 1st and 2nd May via zoom from 11 – 1pm each of those days, with a breakout sessions for District 9810 from 2.30 – 3.30 on the Saturday. Full details are available including registration on the Conference web site in Open Doors. I would urge any new members to attend as it is free and will give you a good insight into how Rotary works and for longer term members it's a good chance to recharge your interest in Rotary.

Following Conference will be a **District Training Assembly** via Zoom between Sunday 23rd May and Sunday 30 May, on specific days and times for various chairs and board members.

I will be attending an upcoming **District President's Meeting** in person on 7th May – the first face to face one this Rotary year so that will be exciting to actually get together with the other Presidents. I think we have all had enough of this Zooming, but until we are all vaccinated or have herd immunity we cannot be too relaxed.

Rob Edwards reported that the Easter Warrandyte Riverside Market was also a huge success with really good crowds all morning. I know there were a number of people away so it's gratifying that we are able to fill the required positions without it becoming too onerous for the Market committee.

The OP Shop is booming thanks to Judith and the volunteers' hard work sorting, pricing and organising the incoming goods and looking after the recycling.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Leanne Liao – "Life as an Expatriate"



Leanne was born in China and came to Australia with her family when she was about 12 years of age. She went to school here then attended Monash University and studied Information Technology. She worked as a Programmer at Knight Ridder then became a "stay at home mum" when her two daughters were born.

She and her family then found themselves expatriates in Vietnam as her husband worked for the French Company Danone. She was very lonely at first, couldn't speak the language, but soon found some other Chinese speakers who introduced her to the many groups and clubs for expatriate partners. Through these she made a lot of friends and became involved with various activities with the groups.

Since then she and her family have lived in Malaysia, the Philippines and China as expatriates from Australia. Leanne's husband is now working in Guang Zhou, China. Covid 19 has meant Leanne has spent the past year in Australia rather than Guang Zhou, separated from her husband



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by circumstances – he has been able to make several visits back to the family but the restrictions pose many difficulties and the company prefer him to be based in China.

She and her daughters who are now in their 20s and totally independent, have had to readjust to living together but they have coped well with being a fragmented family and enjoy each other's company.

Leanne works at the Op shop as a volunteer. We hope she sticks around for a while but they may be offered a position in Europe at some later stage. One wouldn't blame them for accepting that gig!

MARG GEORGE

Born to Dawn and John O'Brien, in December 1947, and went to primary school in Gold Street Clifton Hill. They moved to Reservoir at the start of her secondary school.

Her first job was a receptionist/secretary at Modern Printing where she noticed an extremely handsome young man, who used to wait in the office until his father had finished work to drive him home. Coy smiles were exchanged and the rest is history as they say!

She changed her job to Malleys, as she and David intended to become engaged, and working with the bosses' nephew wasn't ideal. She enjoyed working at Malley because the work was varied and interesting, and over the years she learnt all the positions and filled in for people going on holidays.

One of the highlights was her friendship with Bill Lawry, such a gentleman, but also good fun.

She left there when Dave won an overseas scholarship, first to England for two years, then Germany for a year. They loved their years in England, although at first she was very homesick. Dave really enjoyed their time in Germany, but not Marg even apart from a knee operation, the first of eight. They had six months camping around Europe in a sporty Alfa Romeo, bought brand new in Milan, to take home duty free, and a tiny two- man tent. It was fun.

Dave went back to work at Modern Printing, and Marg went back to Malleys. After a while saving hard, they started their own printing business, with Marg still with a 'paid job'. They also built their house in Warrandyte. Then came their daughters. Marg could not be more proud of the lovely ladies they have grown up to be and they have even given Marg and David five of the best grandkids.

They both worked extremely hard in their businesses, especially Marg....the boss!

Marg and David both love travelling, and hope it continues soon. Marg has always said that she is one of the luckiest people on earth. The best husband, best children and best grandchildren. Even the sons-in-law scrub up ok, and so many wonderful friends.





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TUNSTALL SQUARE MARKET – 28TH MARCH



Bob McKenzie reported that the Tunstall Market was a huge success with all stall spaces full and a very large attendance by the general public. It was wonderful to have the help of the Donvale Montessori pre school committee as it took some of the work load from our members. We hope it will be a regular event for them as well. Below shows several of the Montessori committee



helping with the sausage sizzle which they joined in with great enthusiasm. Above right shows some of the extra bollards needed for set up.





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UPCOMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 20 th April	<i>Club Forum – all items in writing to David George Please before the night</i> Property: Bob McKenzie Cashier: Gavin Birch Chair: David George
Sunday 25 th April	<i>Anzac Day – no Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 27 th April	<i>Birthday Party – Program to be announced.</i> Property: Kevin Hall Cashier: Liz Guiver Chair: Frank Molinaro
Friday April 30 th	<i>Pre-Conference Cluster Party – at the Stonehouse Restaurant Warrandyte</i>
Sat 1 st – Sun 2 nd May	<i>District Conference</i>
Sat 1 st May	<i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i>
Tuesday 4 th May	<i>Strategic Plan Review and Club forum</i>
Tuesday 11 th May	<i>Club Meeting and Partners Night. Guest Speaker: Sergeant Mandy Dauw</i> Property: Tony Mooney Cashier: Don Kinnear Chair: Marg George



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CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Steve and Louise Latimer and family on the death of Steve's father.

MULTI DISTRICT CONFERENCE 1ST AND 2ND MAY – FOR REGISTRATIONS CLICK ON THE LINK.

I encourage you all to join with your family, friends and community partners to share in this wonderful online event and book via: <https://www.rotaryconference.org.au/>

GUEST SPEAKERS

 Ian Riseley 2017-218 Rotary International President	 Sharon & David Hamilton CEO and Director Fella Hamilton Fashion Group	 Sally Capp Lord Mayor Melbourne
 Jessie Harman Zone 8 Rotary International Director 2021-23	 David Lalty Founder Goodwill Wine	 Robert Pradolin Director Housing All Australians
 Katey Halliday Founding Member Adelaide City Rotaract Club	 Vic Grosjean Past President Melbourne City Rotaract Club	

ENTERTAINERS

Elizabeth Barrow
The Australian Women's Choir
Michael Lapina
Ruby Mae
Kutcha Edwards
Trish Carr










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