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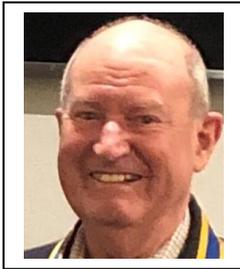
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 17th September 2023



A NOTE FROM THE Editor



See as many of you as possible next Sunday. The forecast is for 24 degrees and sunny so we can expect it to be busy.

We're pretty short on people so it will be hard work for those of us who turn up.

MORE TRAVELLERS TALES (or - the saga of the lost luggage)

Dear friends.

I had written you two very long emails that I don't think went through, trying out our new Princess friends. Anyhow, here goes (abbr.), I hope!

We arrived in Amsterdam after a wonderful cruise to Falmouth, (Land's End, in very foggy conditions), then to Cork in Ireland, loved Cork. Iceland, then Greenland. The cruise was lovely, especially our company, Gavin and Pippa.

I think I have covered most of that previously.



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We left the ship to stay in London for 3 nights, always enjoy it. On the Ho Ho Bus for two days, bit of shopping, to our favourite Italian restaurant in Shaftesbury Ave for dinner one night. We sat next to a lovely young couple, he was from Denmark, and she was from Sweden. We became best friends over dinner! He was a singer/dancer, and he even gave us (me really!) a little song.

We left Heathrow and sat on the British Airplane for 2-1/2 hours before departing. U.K.'s air traffic control had a meltdown and were doing everything manually...you can imagine the chaos! Our plane was the last plane to leave, but too heavy, so they offloaded some luggage. When we arrived at Amsterdam, we realised ours were left behind. We spent 3 hours in the lost luggage queue, when we made it to the end, no luck, the next plane it was on had been cancelled. Off to the hotel, next morning back to the queue again, a little bit shorter, but still no baggage. A very helpful lady took Dave into the bowels of the airport searching, to no avail. We debated whether to cancel our cruise, but decided we probably wouldn't get any insurance. So, on board we went, luckily with our carryon luggage, with medication, Dave's camera and cpap machine.

Viking Cruises were magnificent.

The emails between administration and the tracking company were ongoing. Somehow, as both our suitcases are identical and together, mine arrived after 8/9 days, Dave's is still missing. He has requested it be sent home, if they ever find it! Everyone on the ship knew, we were the 'talk of the ship' for the wrong reasons. Even little fat American women offered me their clothes, with a little giggle. Lovely people, all concerned. The Americans we knew on our ship were fabulous people.

We did do some clothes shopping in Cologne, but it wasn't fun! We didn't know our sizing, this had to go with that, and expensive! Fortunately, we had seen Cologne a few times before.

We decided to take a break, have lunch and regroup, our marriage is too precious!

Now we could have our well-worn clothes washed by the ship's laundry free of charge. We worked out our first wash was worth AU\$68!

We enjoyed our tours, but I had trouble keeping up, even with my hiking poles. Dave was my super rock still, although we were on the 'leisure' tour, and we were all incapacitated.

We met quite a few friends, especially an American couple from Salt Lake City. We had dinner together every night, exchanged communication details, and have an email from them already. Our other closer friends were two widows whose husbands died within a month of each other...more lovely Americans.

We arrived in Budapest yesterday, checked our bags (minus Dave's!), and went investigating, had lunch and enjoyed leisurely exploring, with a bit of shopping, looking for a big bag/case, to put our new clothes in.



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Dinner last night was yum, we had a schnitzel each, with chips and salad. The chips covered the bottom of the plate, the schnitzel hung over the edges. Dave ate about 3/4 of his, I ate about 1/3. Slivovitz finished off the lovely meal. Schnapps equivalent.

When we arrived, we were the only customers, at 7pm, and thought we had picked a dud. Within half an hour the place was nearly full. I joked to the waitress that we lured them in, she thought that was funny. When we left, she followed us out to thank us for being so friendly, and so far her favourite guests. Nice touch.

Our unit is fantastic with a lovely little balcony, where we are now. I have now a full contingent of knickers, the ones I brought, and the ones I bought. (English lesson grandchildren!), thanks to a washing machine. The weather has been great, high 20s to low 30s each day, and balmy nights.

Early night tonight as the shuttle is picking us up at 3.30 AM!!!! Our flight to Munich and onto Florence leaves at 6am.

We then catch a bus to Lucca, Tuscany, where we will stay for 4 nights. One of our favourite places.



We hope you are all well, love from Marg and Dave,

UP COMING PROGRAMME

Wed 20 th September	<i>Social Night Ringwood RSL – RSVP to Marianne Mooney All welcome</i>
Sunday 24 th September	
Tuesday 26 th September	<i>Club Meeting</i> CLUB ASSEMBLY – any issues to be discussed should be forwarded to President or Secretary before the meeting. Chair: Presidents Rob Edwards & Don Kinnear



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	<p>Greeter: Kay Thorogood Property: Frank Molinaro</p>
Tuesday 3 rd October	<i>No meeting</i>
Saturday 7 th October	
Tuesday 10 th October	<p><i>Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Hand over from President Don to President Rob</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Ron Brooks will talk about the UNICEF Foreign Currency Project he has managed for many years.</p> <p>Chair: Bob McKenzie Greeter: David George Property: Frank Molinaro</p>
Wed. 18 th	<p><i>Social Night – Ringwood RSL Club RSVP Tony/ Marianne Mooney.</i></p>
Tuesday 24 th October	<p><i>Club Meeting</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: Derek Bradshaw – Now and Not Yet Café manager – will update us on his latest activities from this social enterprise.</p> <p>Chair: Stephen Ennor Greeter: Ian Thomlinson Property: David George</p>
Sunday 29 th October	
Sat 4 th November	



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Tuesday 7 th Nov	<i>Melbourne Cup Day no meeting</i>
Tuesday 14 th Nov	<p><i>Annual General Meeting followed by regular Club Meeting</i></p> <p>Club Project: "Share the Dignity" packaging up donated personal hygiene products you have all collected for this project. Louise Latimer organizing.</p> <p>Chair: Louise Latimer Greeter: Kay Thorogood. Property: Rob Edwards</p>
Wednesday 22 nd Nov	<i>Social Night – Ringwood RSL Club RSVP Tony/ Marianne Mooney.</i>
Sunday 26 th Nov	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 28 th Nov	<p><i>Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i> Guest Speaker: David Tynan from the Warrandyte Repair Café</p> <p>Chair: Ian Thomlinson Greeter: Marg George Property: David George</p>
Saturday 2 nd December	
Sunday 3 rd Dec	<p><i>Christmas Market</i></p> 
Tuesday 5 th Dec	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 12 th Dec	<i>Club Christmas Party</i>
Saturday 16 th Dec.	<p><i>Christmas Market</i></p> 
Tuesday 19 th Dec	<i>Breakfast Meeting?</i>



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Christmas Break until 16 January (Social BBQ)



*Here's another blast from the past - Taken at conference in Adelaide
back in the early years of the combined club. It was a hoot!*

*Forgotten what the theme was but we were all characters from Alice
in Wonderland. Fond memories of some dear departed.*



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