

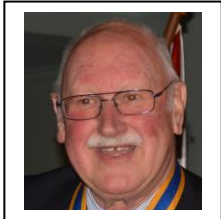


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Club Bulletin

Date: 18th September, 2022



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2021-22 ROTARY CITATION



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Warrandyte Donvale

for helping **Rotary serve to change lives** of people all over the world.

Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International

**CITATION FOR LAST YEAR, JUST RECEIVED ON LINE.
WELL DONE WARRANDYTE DONVALE.**



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A small select group met last Tuesday at the Federation Room. Lots of apologies: Pippa and Gavin Birch, Louise Latimer, Tony Mooney, Liz and George Guiver, Marg and David George.

Thank you to David and Don for standing in for me over the past few weeks.

I wish to express our thanks to the late Queen Elizabeth for her lifelong interest in Australia and a life of Service Above Self. The new monarch is well known for his “green” credentials which will be a good fit with Rotary’s newish Environment and Sustainability Avenue of Service. I am sure many Victorians will also look forward to the 4 day long weekend we will have over the Grand Final Weekend.

I have not had any objections from club members about the Regionalization project so now we will advise District we are in favour.

There will be a board meeting on 27th September and do not forget the District Governor’s visit on 11th October – so please bring partners and guests to make it a really good night reflective of the fellowship in our club.

I’m also sure many of you are planning to attend the International Convention in Melbourne on 27th May 2023 which will follow the District Conference in Canberra on 2nd March.

Reports etc.

Community: Rob reported that the Warrandyte Cricket Club is keen to have us come to their club rooms during a training night so they can host us – it will be held sometime in February next year when training starts.

Op Shop: Bob McKenzie reported that the shop is short of volunteers at the weekends which are usually the busiest days due to the influx of visitors to Warrandyte on the weekends. This is good news but difficult to man the shop efficiently and effectively so he would like us to consider lending a hand if we have some time to spare.

Tunstall Square Market: the roster is being circulated. There are quite a few away/indisposed so it is hoped we can fill the roster – especially the heavier tasks of putting out the safety signs and gathering the signs in after the market plus the caravan set up and pull down



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Guest Speaker: Rachel Lynch – Principal – Warrandyte High School

Rachel expressed her pleasure at being asked to present to our meeting as it is rare for teachers or principals to be asked to talk within the community.

Rachel started at WHS 8 weeks ago so is still settling into her role but she is really enthusiastic about the tasks ahead.

She has been teaching for 17 years and her background is English and History. She has 3 teenaged children which is a bit of a challenge since she spends all day with teenagers, but she says hers are pretty good kids!

Warrandyte High School was established in 1978. It has a great history in the performing arts but sadly this has declined over the past few years.

In 2003 there were 700 or so students at the school – but today enrolments have dropped to now there are 300 odd students. This is having an overall negative effect on the reputation of the school, so Rachel sees her role as a tough one to bring WHS back up to being a school where local families want their children to attend. The challenges are to improve academic results, to improve the public perception of the school and to improve ageing facilities that have deteriorated due to lack of funds. Of course, the smaller the enrolments the fewer dollars coming in.

Covid of course has had a negative effect on student mental health and on the International Student Program. Prior to Covid there were 40 odd international students at WHS but the numbers are very small at present.

The school has some great programs including:

The Learning Excellence Academic/Accelerated Program (LEAP) is a 3 year program (Year 7-9) whereby students are extended and challenged academically in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. Less repetition features in these classes, the regular curriculum is able to be covered more rapidly allowing time for students to be really challenged and extended.

Students also participate in a range of other learning areas including the Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Technology, Sport and LOTE (Italian)

Head Start - Head Start is like VCAL but so much more and better than VCAL! It is offered to our Year 11 and 12 students as an alternative to the traditional VCE pathway. Head Start is a



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program designed to support students with their apprenticeship or traineeship while still at school. Students, as part of the program, complete three VCE subjects and will still receive their VCE certificate.

Sports Academy Program: Is open to all students, girls and boys, from Year 7 through to and including Year 10. Students can choose to participate in either the Sports Academy Basketball Program or the Sports Academy AFL Program. Both programs are run by a professional and externally appointed coach. Just under 5 hours each week is devoted towards both the AFL and the Basketball Academy – now that is intensive! Both the Basketball Program and the AFL Program are intensive skill building and fitness training programs happening right here at Warrandyte High School.

VET: Warrandyte High School currently offers VET Multimedia and VET Sport and Recreation in-house. Students completing a VET subject gain both VCE Units and a nationally recognised TAFE Certificate. Students can also select from a wide range of VET subjects across a cluster of local providers. In this way, our students can do highly specialised subjects such as Equine Studies, Music Industry and Building and Construction whilst maintaining their enrolment within the school.

Rachel was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by chair Judy Hall.

It is hoped that despite us not having a Youth Chair – the Youth committee will meet and develop a budget or a program for the year.





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UP COMING PROGRAMME

<p>Tuesday 20th September</p> 	<p><i>Club 13th Birthday – Meeting at the Grand Hotel, Federation Room.</i></p> <p>Guest Speakers: Our very own Frank and Anthony Molinaro – Obrien Real Estate – bits and pieces about Frank, the Molinaro’s and the state of real estate today.</p> <p>Chair: Bob McKenzie Property: he/she/they who arrive first.</p>
<p>Sunday 25th September</p> 	<p><i>TUNSTALL MARKET</i></p> <p><i>ALL HANDS ON DECK</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 27th September</p>	<p><i>Board meeting with AG Olive. At the Halls</i></p>
<p>Saturday 1st October</p> 	<p><i>WARRANDYTE RIVERSIDE MARKET</i> <i>ALL HANDS ON DECK AGAIN!</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 4th October</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Membership Session: Past DG Alma Reynolds will hold the fifth of our Membership workshops.</p> <p>Chair – Rob Edwards Property- whoever arrives first</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th October</p> 	<p><i>District Governor Ken Miller’s Visit</i></p> <p>Chair: President Kevin Hall Property: those who arrive first</p> <p>Please bring your partners and guests to make DG Ken welcome in the traditional style of Rotary DG visits as Ken talks to us about his year as DG and his comments about our club.</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th October</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p>



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	<p>Guest Speaker: Greer McGearey</p> <p>“Seahorse Victoria” supports the Transgender Community. We will hear about the issues surrounding those who identify as transgender and how Seahorse helps them.</p> <p>Chair: Louise Latimer</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th October</p>	<p><i>No meeting</i></p>
<p>Sunday 30th October</p> 	<p><i>Tunstall Market</i></p> <p>ALL HANDS ON DECK.</p>
<p>Tuesday 1st November</p>	<p><i>No meeting.</i></p>
<p>Saturday 5th November</p> 	<p><i>Warrandyte Riverside Market</i></p> <p>ALL HANDS ON DECK AGAIN!</p>
<p>Tuesday 8th November</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting at the Hotel Grand, Warrandyte</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: Warrandyte Migrant support Group – A presentation by this newly established group whose brief it will be to help settle migrants into the suburbs.</p> <p>Chair: George Guiver Property: she/he/they who arrives first</p>



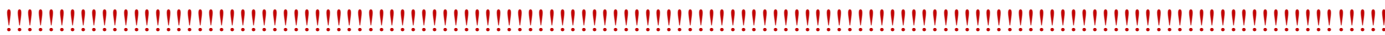
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For all District Conference details go to: https://www.9810rotary.org.au/



This is a once in 30-year event that should not be missed. If you haven't been to a Rotary International Convention, then this is your opportunity to hear and see from Rotarians from all corners of the world. If you have enjoyed Rotary International Conventions previously, then you know how fantastic they are and Melbourne will be fantastic! It is here on your doorstep with no international travel expenses. It will never be more affordable!

- Book now to get the best registration rate and importantly to secure your place at Signature and





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Hospitality events, which have capacity limits to ensure a comfortable and rewarding experience.

- Imagine the opportunity to meet and mix with 25,000 people of action from around the globe.
- Imagine the possibilities flowing from inspirational speakers, break-outs with Rotary leaders and from opportunities at the House of Friendship
- Imagine the opportunity to attend and/or volunteer to be an Ambassador for Australasia and the Pacific Islands.

Volunteers are still required to assist in the running of the Convention.

- A vital part of the Convention is to have an engaged and friendly volunteer workforce. We as Rotarians volunteer our time, energy and skills all the time. It is part of our DNA and makes us who we are - we are a people organisation.
- It is an opportunity to witness Rotary at an International level and by volunteering, to be part of its success.
- It is an opportunity to volunteer and be an Ambassador for Rotary and our country.
- Giving up four hours for a single shift is not a big ask - the more volunteers we have, the greater the load is shared.

This Convention is an opportunity to see what Rotarians around the world do, speak to people from different countries about common projects or new projects, and hear world class speakers from within Rotary and from leaders in their fields outside Rotary.

Register **now** for the best prices. Don't leave it to the last minute as the registration fees increase significantly as the Convention gets closer.