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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)  
Club Bulletin

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A NOTE FROM THE Editor

Cricket Club Thankyou



On Saturday last weekend the Warrandyte Cricket Club held a thankyou to the various people and organizations that assisted with support after the Hunter Valley Bus Tragedy. We met in the (very noisy) Federation Room at the Grand Hotel and enjoyed refreshments and finger food.

We heard from a counsellor who is a members of the Cricket Club committee about the emotional support

that was provided to all the club members and their families as needed. We heard that the Manningham Council jumped in very quickly to offer support both financial and emotional, and this support continues to this day which is commendable. Mayor Carly Lange said a few words in appreciation. We heard that one of the cricket club members who was injured and in hospital just after the crash made a video to be shared at their briefing which was held the week after the crash. This reassured members at home that he was OK.

Various organizations such as ours were thanked for their financial support. We heard that one of the cricket club members attended an Ashes series just after the crash and somehow the Aussie cricket team heard that he was present – within a short space of time a signed Australia shirt was presented to him (see below – all the signatures are there) – so this will have pride of place in their club rooms.

It was a great night with many club members present, and spirits were high in spite of the ordeal many of the members had gone through.





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### The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc) Club Bulletin Last Meeting Notes

**GUESTS:** Guest Speaker Kellie Wishart, Natalie Reinhart, Lena Molinaro and Colin Hall, Derek Bradshaw.

We enjoyed another informal meeting last Tuesday at Now and Not Yet thanks to Derek who provided a meal of very tasty chicken and various salads at a cost of \$16 which was much appreciated.

It was great to see Natalie and Colin back with us. The only formality of the evening was the changeover of Presidency from Rob Edwards to Gavin Birch. Many thanks to Rob who has done a great job to get us to the point we are at, ie changing the way we do things in the hope of changing our fortunes regarding membership and we look forward to Gavin continuing in that vein as we go through to June.



We were delighted to see that audiovisuals are simple at MANY as Derek has a computer linked to a large screen on the back wall – all we need for a presentation is a USB which makes life very easy for us.

**PROGRAM:** venues, days for meetings and other issues around the program will be discussed and confirmed at the next board meeting – after which we can proceed with booking guest speakers and have some dates for fellowship nights.

**GUEST SPEAKER KELLIE WISHART.** We welcomed our guest speaker the very exuberant Kellie Wishart who talked about **CareNet** and the work they do.



Kelly's background is in Youth Support Work – she had some years at Berry Street then went on to the Manningham Christian Centre which was providing networking and support for people in the community. In 2019 the MCC was providing a small relief program for 7 families under stress. In 2020 she moved to Diamond Valley as their Youth Outreach worker. Then Covid hit and many volunteer agencies had to close their doors due to lack of volunteers.

Care Net was then developed as a means of distributing food to charities from food that was being collected from supermarkets as unsold produce – usually still very fresh but needing to be removed due to incoming new stock. There developed a network of agencies who worked together to collect and distribute food to those who were in need. At the height of the pandemic they were distributing 4000 kg of food per week.



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**Food Rescue:** they have 6 business partners – supermarkets and bakeries from whom they get regular unsold produce – this saves many kgs of perfectly good food from going into land fill each week.

**Food Bank:** storage and distribution of food to various agencies and charities such as our Op Shop and the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and thus to people in need in the community. Both our Op Shop and WNH have 24 hour “satellite pantries” meaning food is available 24/7 for those in need – especially homeless who are reluctant to seek help during the day, and families who are experiencing the need for help for the first time and finding it hard to ask for help.

**Manningham Christian Centre - Centre Based Programs:** 1 day per week they have all sorts of food for sale for \$5 for as much as you want – meaning anyone can go into the centre. No questions are asked and they are finding that most people who come only take what they need and are genuine in their need.

**Mobile Pantry:** they now have a 3 door box trailer which is well stocked with food which is taken to various agencies during the week – (eg 200 – 300 kg of fresh produce is taken to our Op Shop each week).

**Social Grocer:** in an effort to have a regular income stream they are starting up a Social Grocer program which will be a day when produce is sold to anyone in the community who wishes to come and buy.

**Reverse Advent Calendar and Sponsor Boxes:** CareNet has boxes made and distributed to agencies such as the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House – people can come in and get an empty box and the idea is that each day a non perishable item is put into the box. Once it is full it is returned to WNH in November and distributed before Christmas to those in need. **The boxes cost \$5 to manufacture and can have logos on them, so here is an opportunity for a group such as ours to fund the boxes. (we also provided Christmas cakes to go into the boxes last year).**

**All Stars Charity TV Sponsorship:** Kellie has been selected to go onto this TV program which will mean she has to endure some sort of challenge to raise money for Care Net.  
**Sponsors will be able to offer sponsor packages.**

**Volunteering:** There are lots of opportunities for anyone especially young people to get involved in volunteering in this program. Manningham Christian Centre is next to the IGA in Templestowe. It was a great presentation and a good example of how we can partner with other agencies to provide better outcomes for the community.





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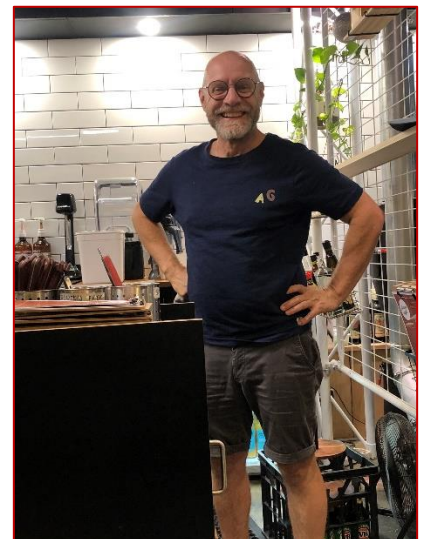
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### UP COMING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>Board Meeting 5pm – Warrandyte Community Church</i>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Club Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Venue and program to be confirmed.</i>
February onwards	Further program to be confirmed following board meeting. Watch this space.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	





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#### **ARTICLE TO BE PRINTED IN FEBRUARY EDITION OF WARRANTYTE DIARY (AT THEIR EDITORS' REQUEST)**

*The Rotary Club has made the reluctant decision not to go ahead with a 2024 Art Show. We absolutely love holding the Art Show, so we were devastated to have to make this decision.*

*The Club is currently in a rebuilding phase, and we are confident of increasing our membership with help from the local business community and interested people. We currently have dedicated members who have been in the club for many years but unfortunately some of these members no longer have the necessary physical and technical strengths needed to launch an art show.*

*Art Shows are very demanding of time and expertise gained over years of experience, but we find that the current people in leadership positions in the club now have multiple responsibilities making it more difficult to maintain the time and energy needed. Over the years we have been blessed with help from a variety of sources to help with the labour over the actual weekend, the Cricket Club and local artists in particular, and this sort of volunteer help will always be needed but it takes many weeks of dedicated work to get to that point.*

*This is why all community organizations like Rotary need members of the community to step up to join them so that programs that everyone loves and enjoys can continue. If they don't there will be large gaps in local activities and in assistance to those less fortunate who gain from the support these groups can offer.*

*Rotary no longer has stringent meeting or membership requirements, or outdated rituals and we encourage and welcome diversity in all its aspects. We do not have compulsory meeting attendance, and only have 2 meetings a month due to the high involvement of members in our monthly markets which we count as "meetings".*

*People need a reason to join Rotary. We understand that people may not wish to join clubs for social contact, but to develop an idea or a project they are interested in. We need people who have ideas, or a vision or a focus they wish to expand. We know that young families are time poor, so we are seeking those who have a bit of spare time on their hands and may have a specific skill or project they want to develop. We have various committees such as Youth, Vocational and Community all of which we are keen to expand and develop to meet the needs of the local community.*

*We are hopeful that the Warrandyte Art Show will continue next year and thereafter, when we rebuild our team with energetic and enthusiastic people. We need you and look forward to hearing from you! You can see what we do and find contact details on our web site: [www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au](http://www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au)*