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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

## Club Bulletin

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**



### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a quiet few weeks on the club front since our last meeting in Warrandyte. However on Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> club members gathered at the Manningham Centre for the cluster cocktail party to welcome delegates from the International Conference. Along with many familiar faces from the other clubs in our cluster we were delighted to meet Rotarians from other parts of the world ranging from around Australia to the USA and New Zealand – as well as other countries. There was much mingling whilst we were well catered for with drinks and nice finger food compliments of the Manningham Council.

We were formally welcomed by MC Brian Negus who introduced an indigenous guest speaker who did a Welcome to Country then went on to present a very thorough and interesting address – a potted history of the Indigenous people of Australia. It was informative for we Aussies as well as for the International guests.



This was followed by a short welcome by the mayor Deidre Diamonte. Basically it was a networking night and a chance to meet new people – it was interesting to hear how other clubs operate in other parts of the world and to get a different perspective. All the people were thrilled to be in Melbourne for an international Rotary conference. The feedback from one of the organizers, Brian Negus, was that the delegates enjoyed the evening and found the presentations very interesting as they learned so much about Australia from the Indigenous perspective.

The guests departed with goody bags (prepared by our Marg George) filled with a piccolo of local wine, a sample of a Tim Tam, a Manningham Life magazine plus a short paper about our Manningham Rotary Clubs. Well done to the organizers.



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**Above** – Don and Kevin wait to have their photo taken – a courtesy service as part of the evening – very popular with all the guests. **Cluster members** Stella Yee, Barry Halpern, David Rosenwax & Felix Wong with international guests from USA. **Below** – we **did** mingle – this was taken toward the end of the night when the guests had departed in their bus.



This week saw us meet for a social night at the Ringwood Club – and it was wonderful to see so many members with partners turn up to enjoy the night. We enjoyed a seniors two course meal for \$20 which was very reasonable, and we had a private room which was good for socializing. It is hoped this will become a regular social event so we maintain club continuity.



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We look forward to our meeting next week at the Hotel Grand in Warrandyte with Principal Nieta Manseur from the Warrandyte Primary School who will give us an update about the school's refurbishment program.

### Visit to the Donvale Montessori Early Learning Centre.



Treasurer/PP Kevin and PP Judy made a visit to meet with Paola Kupfersin, Principal of the DMELC last Monday. The primary purpose of the visit was to thank Paola for their efforts to get such good support for our Tunstall Market roster and to find out how we might help them by way of a donation as a quid pro quo. Paola will pass on our thanks to her parent group.

We were very impressed with the centre in the brief tour of the facilities – with amazing equipment, is all made in Italy according to Montessori specifications because each activity and thus each piece of learning equipment has a very specific purpose in the learning process. It is a very scientific, well researched approach to early learning but hearing about it from Paola made a lot of sense and one can see the benefits of such an interesting and well thought out educational program. A pity it cannot be incorporated into all early learning centres and schools.

Paola was thrilled to hear that we have donated \$4000 from the Youth budget . We missed making a donation last year. The funds are most likely to be spent on much needed new floor coverings and new signage as they are about to rebrand back to their old name of Donvale Montessori (because so many childcare centres are now calling themselves “early learning centres”).







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**NEWS TO HAND: WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL 2024  
WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL not in  
MARCH due to potential risk of cancellations due to weather.**

**UP COMING PROGRAMME**



<p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>Normal Club Meeting at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p> <p><b>Guest Speaker – Nieta Manseur – Principal Warrandyte Primary School.</b> Funds raised in the Art Show have been dedicated to WPS for their refurbishment program. Nieta will tell us all about the needs of the school.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Judy Hall  <b>Property:</b> Rob Edwards  <b>Greeter:</b> Marg George</p>
<p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>Informal Changeover Night</i></p> <p><i>Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p>
<p>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p></p>
<p>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>No meeting</i></p>
<p>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</p>	<p></p>
<p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p><i>Meeting- Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p><i>Social Night</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p><i>Meeting- Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i></p>



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Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>No meeting</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<i>No Meeting</i>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Meeting – Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Social Night TBC</i>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	<i>Meeting – Grand Hotel Warrandyte</i>