



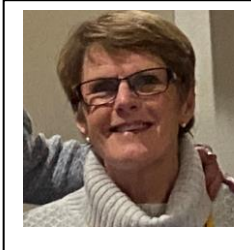
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

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Date: 12th September 2021

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The weekend has got away from me with all the busyness that lockdown presents, haha so apologies for this being a bit late. I've had an exciting morning shopping!

We are delighted Melbourne won on Friday night. What a bunch of wonderful fit young men having fun doing what they do best. But it will be a hard tussle to win on 25th as I think both teams are evenly matched, but then what would I know! Go the Dees!!



I hope you are all still OK and not too downhearted at the isolation. It seems like a long dark tunnel at the moment, but we mustn't lose our enthusiasm, especially when it comes to our club and Rotary.

We need a President next year!!!! So I just hope someone or some people take it upon themselves to step up to the responsibility, otherwise I hate to think of the consequences. I like the idea of a shared presidency whether it be co-presidents (as per Manningham this year) or shared over a period of time (as per Templestowe last year). Both systems work well and take the pressure off one person. A PE needs to be learning NOW to be ready for the job ahead. Now, more than ever we need good leadership with the need to grow the club – you, the members, cannot keep putting your head in the sand.

David, Kevin Olive and I met with DG Daryl yesterday by Zoom as preparation for next Tuesday so I will be very keen to hear what Daryl has to say, and it will be good to hear about Days for Girls from Jenny.

Last week we were privileged to have the immediate Past DG Alma, who is now District 9810 Membership chair, join us for a Membership workshop. It was a very thought-provoking session with a short video depicting a club which tackled the issue of declining membership successfully – and the strategies as to how they went about it.

Alma said first you need to identify the problem – i.e. why are we not attracting new members? This seems like a no brainer but how often do we say our problem is a lack of new members, when the problem is that we are not attracting new members. There is a difference in that the lack of new members is the symptom. Once the problem is identified we can then work on the strategies to overcome the problem.



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Five point plan:

1. What do the members want to club to look like?
2. How can clubs make themselves more vibrant (to attract new members)
3. Initiate an active recruitment program
4. Engage new members (to keep them interested)
5. Retain members

Alma asked us all to take notes during the video session and in a fortnight, we will gather again to discuss our thoughts. It was interesting to see some good ideas in the video – about micro projects that can engage with all members and guests and simple ways clubs can change what they do to make themselves more interesting. An example of that was instead of having the program in the hands of one person who feels it's necessary to have a guest speaker each night – give all club members responsibility to run one club session – and sometimes have random themes so that members are not potentially bored with guest speakers

We look forward to some lively discussion in two weeks, and in the meantime next week we look forward to greeting our District Governor Derek Moran and Jenny. It would be wonderful to have our partners present with us as it is customary for this to be a Partners' Night. So, please try to talk your partners into sitting with you for the hour. We will zoom in early at around 7.15 as usual for a 7.30 start and it would be wonderful to have a full house. Of course we will miss Liz and George.

Op Shop News



The Op Shop is now operating on-line in the Facebook Market Place which is accessed by thousands of people. Judith reports that it is a lot of work setting it up, uploading photos of items to sell and managing it, but they have been successful and sold over \$1000 worth of goods.

Judith's comment "it's amazing what people will buy"! I think we already knew that but it's wonderful to see a bit of money trickling into the Op shop account, and a huge thankyou to Judith and the others who are helping to bring in some money while the Op Shop is closed. It's another example of great adaption to the situation.

On the free food front Rob reports that most of the cooked food disappears very quickly and the food in the fridge likewise, so we are definitely fulfilling a need in the community. Rob has a roster of a small number of members who pick up the Alex Makes Meals in Darebin every Thursday morning. If you wish to be involved, get in touch with Rob.




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UPCOMING PROGRAM

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| <p>Tuesday 14th September</p> |  | <p><i>District Governor's Visit: Please invite your partners and guests to participate with you to make it a great night.</i> <i>Chair: President Judy</i></p> <p>Join us for this much anticipated event with Daryl and Jenny Moran to hear what our DG has to say and to hear about Jenny's project "Days for Girls".</p> |
| <p>Thursday 16th September</p> | | <p><i>Foundation/International Seminar</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 21st September</p> | | <p><i>Club Assembly and follow up session with Alma Reynolds.</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 28th September</p> | | <p><i>If members wish we can have an "Open Mike" – social chit-chat night to catch up with what we are all doing for those who want to join. Usually we do not have a meeting that night but we haven't had the opportunity to talk to each other.</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 5th October</p> | | <p><i>Club Meeting: To be confirmed</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 12th October</p> | | <p><i>Club Meeting: To be Confirmed</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 19th October</p> | | <p><i>Social night – if via zoom a cocktail hour 5 – 6pm with partners to have some fun.</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 26th October</p> | | <p><i>No meeting</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 2nd</p> | | <p><i>Melbourne cup weekend, no meeting</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 9th November</p> | | <p><i>Club Meeting:</i> Guest Speaker: Paola Kupfersein from the Montessori Early Learning Centre in Donvale Chair: Pippa Birch</p> |

Sincere condolences go to Marianne and Tony on the news that Marianne's sister Lois has just passed away peacefully. Marianne and Tony have been looking after Lois who moved in with them a few months ago when she became very unwell. Best wishes to you both from us all. xxx





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*If you 're feeling a bit low, please read this update on the very brave **Mr H aka Harrison Pennicott. Wouldn't Rick be proud of him and the whole family?** To add to this, when I asked Leesa if she minded me showing this Facebook post she said "Our eldest Miller said to me last week – yes lockdown is hard Mum but we are lucky to have a house to live in, food to eat, power, water, technology and each other". Words of wisdom from a child! We don't have too much to complain about do we?*

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Leesa Pennicott ▸ Team Harrison
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Mr H Update - I think its fair too say we are all struggling some way or another here in Australia with continuous uncertainty and lockdowns and for H his battles are different too ours! Unfortunately we have been battling infection in Hs hand for the last 2 weeks which comes with many challenges the most the affect on his appetite - getting him too eat is a constant battle and I do wonder every day where he would be without his peg its literally keeping him medicated, hydrated and feed! We have managed too keep him out of Hospital and have brought surgery forward for his hand and Jerry (the name H has given his middle finger on the right hand) will be amputated tomorrow - this will be his 4th finger he has lost due too this cruel disease! For Jamie and I this is heart breaking but we try every day to be positive, stay strong cause he is strong, H understands everything we do is too make his life a better life. We continue to get H all the help he needs including applying for electronic wheel chair, extra help at school, a new bathroom so he can be independent and his wonderful team including OTs, physios, drs, nurses, teachers always looking after him but some days are just hard and that's ok. A little insight to his battles was on Tuesday we drove into his pyschologist and as we drove in he said "I wish my brain was in a different body, I'm tired of my body mum" to which I replied "I know darling but you make your body work so well for you, you inspire us all every single day and your so incredible". This is not an easy road but it's easier when you have this incredible boy smiling at you every single day!! Stay safe everyone, I know its hard but keep smiling! Love Team Harrison



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International & Foundation 60 Minute Workshop

Thursday 16th September 2021 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Some Rotarians go through Rotary never knowing the great work that our dollars provide. Rotary clubs worldwide have spent \$4 billion improving the lives of others. You are part of this!!

We will deliver a short summary of highlights of last year's Foundation achievements plus draw on the key successes that you can immediately apply to identify and develop your next project.

In 2021-22, Clubs have proposed over 40 local District Grant or Global Grant Projects, and our District Team will give you sound advice to maximise your next project investment.

1. Summary of 2020/21 District and Global Grants - Winning Projects
2. Stronger Kiriwina - how could it be done again (with hindsight).
3. Creating better projects - How we can win/win on both RAWCS and The Foundation.
4. Building stronger International / Foundation Networks
5. 'Bringing home the bacon' - what you need to make a great project come to life.



Together we will show you how to deliver some of the best Club projects, that collectively, we can all support, so come along and participate in the discussion - **for just 60 minutes.**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86988491734>

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Ryla 2022
Launch & Q&A
Sunday 19th September, 2:00pm
via Zoom

- Meet the program team
- information about the new D9810 & D9820 program
- Opportunity to have all your questions answered

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow
Nelson Mandela

The logo for RYLA 2022, featuring the letters "RYLA" in a colorful font, the year "2022", and the Rotary logo with the text "Rotary Districts 9810 & 9820".