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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

## Club Bulletin

# SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September



### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This weekend along with around 1100 people from all over the world we heard from a variety of Rotarians, Rotaractors, some past DGs, the current RI president, in all, lots of people who addressed the Zone 8 Virtual Conference. The overall theme, during this

time of upheaval due to Covid 19 is the necessity for Rotary to CHANGE, because the world has changed. The music was terrific by the way, The Bowden Brothers, and indigenous group sounding a

bit like the old RedGum. It is so good for us to get out of our own little bubble and hear what is going on in the wider world of Rotary. The trick is not to let it overwhelm us with feelings that we cannot do what others are doing because we are such a small club and that we only know how to do what we know we do well, and nothing new. I know the ideas are there and they will emerge gradually. This lockdown period has given us time to stop and think about what we are

doing, where we are going and what might we do to continue.

I hope also that you have had a chance to look at the “Creatures of Habit” Video by Mark Huddleston we intended watching at last week’s meeting, but didn’t due to technical issues (which we think we have now solved). If not, we will have look at it next month maybe along with some other videos. There is plenty of good material on the Rotary web site and now is a good time to motivate and stimulate ourselves by hearing what others are doing successfully.

Nevertheless, we had a very useful club discussion mainly around the Op Shop and ways we might assist people who come to the attention of the Op shop workers who are having difficulties. Judith Lightfoot was as ever full of good ideas to keep the Op Shop afloat – so told us about their “Drive Through’ service and how it is working. Photos of the various saleable items are put on the Op shop Facebook page and then shared to various other pages and through other people sharing. People can ring up and pay over the phone for the items then collect in their cars. Op shop volunteers have sanitised and prepacked the items which they put in the boot of the purchasers’ car. Judith was toying with the idea of using Zoom to take people through the shop virtually so they could see what is on offer. She is yet to trial this and will keep us up to date next week. Well done to the Op Shop volunteers for their indomitable spirit and determination to keep going. Great Rotary values at play there.

I was delighted to announce the Warrandyte Community Bank’s grant of \$2000 toward the Op Shop food program, as well as the approval for a Defibrillator to be installed at the Op Shop. Once again, a huge thanks to Liz Guiver for her terrific work doing Grant applications – it is much appreciated and I was able to thank Liz over the phone during the week. She and George are both well by the way, which is good news.

I attended the Waverly Club’s meeting on Thursday lunch time to hear about a refugee at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation, Farhad Bandesh, a musician and writer, who had been on Manus Island and





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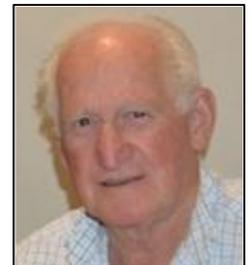
was relocated to mainland Australia for medical treatment several years ago. It was interesting and again, good to see what else is happening out there in the world of Rotary. There are many invitations to other club meetings and seminars so please consider joining them, you don't have to say anything, just be present.

Last Friday night I attended the bimonthly District President's Meeting. Tony Monley gave a short presentation about the council and Legislation and Resolutions. We also heard about how clubs are coping with Zoom meetings, with a small number reporting that their numbers of attendees have dropped from the usual face to face, but many clubs saying they love Zooming and have had really interesting guest speakers from all over the world. Some clubs have inducted new members too. District 9810 has a good list of guest speakers who make themselves available to any club who wishes. Of course, we all want to get back together for face to face meetings but in the meantime we can make the most of the current situation. Many clubs will continue with at least one zoom meeting a month for those who cannot attend in person. The discussions were good and again, it was stimulating to hear what is going on in other clubs.

I look forward to our next meeting where we will hear about the racing Industry from Peter Julier which promises to be different and entertaining. Until Tuesday keep well and safe.

President Judy.

A huge shout out and congratulations to Bob McKenzie for 40 years in Rotary which came up this month. Bob has and still is contributing hugely to this wonderful organization of Rotary and may it continue for years to come Bob.



### UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 22 Sept.	<b>Regular Club meeting: via Zoom</b> <i>Guest Speaker: Peter Julier will talk to us about the Racing Industry.</i> <b>Chair: Gavin Birch</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Foundation and International Seminar 5.30 pm</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Board Meeting – via Zoom</b>
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Regular club Meeting: via zoom</b> <b>Video</b>
Tues. 13 October	<b>Regular Club meeting: Via zoom – Members of the Rotary Club of Commonwealth in Manila The Phillipines will be joining us for a club information exchange.</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<b>Regular Club Meeting with Guest Speaker TBA</b>



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## RCWD FUND

Practice your on- line banking... any donation, doesn't matter how small – it all helps.

**“RCWD FUND”**. *Please put this as your reference, so we can keep track of the fund amount.*

**Bendigo Bank – Warrandyte Branch Acc. No. 149 417 727**

**BSB NO. 633 000**

*From "Open Doors" –*

### Foreign Coin Collection

Today I am reminded of a modest fundraiser contributing to doing substantial good in the world. While moving items in my office I noticed a small purse. Not remembering what was in it, I opened it to find \$42 in US currency – most in notes. I have put it aside so, when it's possible, I can give it to Ron Brooks of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Ron collects all foreign coins and notes. The final value of them is passed along to UNICEF to fund the Rotary "Give Every Child a Future" project (see <https://everychildafuture.com/>) a major activity instigated as part of the celebrations of 100 years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. So while you're using lockdown time to clean out cupboards and sort out drawers, remember to keep aside any of those foreign coins you find and make sure they make their way to Ron.



### Holding Your AGM – Advice from Consumer Affairs Victoria

Consumer Affairs Victoria has issued a statement about ways in which clubs can hold an AGM during COVID restrictions. To see the information you need, go to [https://submit.consumer.vic.gov.au/v/25390/1779950554/email.html?k=AQXt\\_rHViD1e-M2rMqfwSmJ1t3qInD5vmqvd9SFRmeQ](https://submit.consumer.vic.gov.au/v/25390/1779950554/email.html?k=AQXt_rHViD1e-M2rMqfwSmJ1t3qInD5vmqvd9SFRmeQ)

### Charities in Danger of Collapse

A recent report by financial analysts, JB Were, indicates that 14% of Australian charities are on the brink of collapse as donations are dramatically reduced. One in 10 Australians work for charities – more than manufacturing and more than agriculture – and up to 170,000 of them could lose their jobs. Read more here:

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/finance/consumer/2020/09/08/charity-coronavirus-threat/>



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#### **District International / Foundation Joint Seminar - (5:30 pm - Friday 25th September 2020)**

#### **Club input to the District Grants "Fair Share" Model and Rotary from a Villagers Perspective in Papua New Guinea**

(Learn how The Rotary Foundation and District 9810 Resource Network can help your Club to participate in Local and International Grants Projects ).

While Covid-19 has caused many Rotarians to 're-think' their position on providing service to the community, locally and internationally; and giving to the Foundation; - this inspirational Seminar is designed to renew your enthusiasm to do more 'good in the world'.

This seminar is in two parts: - Part 1) covering Club projects in both the local and international community through a proposed new District Grants model; and Part 2), an enhanced approach to conducting our international service projects, as seen through the eyes of Osivo, a village project leader in Goroka, Papua New Guinea (part of D9600 Brisbane).

We will cross to Goroka to learn how Osivo led a village driven process to help Rotary deliver a project that the community needed – precious water! Learn also how resource networks across Rotary Districts can connect your Club to our near neighbour communities in need. Hear directly from Osivo what a benefitting community wants from its relationship with Rotary; and significantly, how to avoid the mistakes of other Aid Agencies, including some of our Rotary driven Grant projects of the past.

This seminar is a must for all Clubs as we prepare to embark on exciting new opportunities in Rotary D9810. Tony Stokes (International Service Chair) and David Alexander (Foundation Chair) welcome you to attend.

**An Invitation to attend this meeting of the Rotary Club of Manningham. If you have Irish heritage it may be of great interest to you. Dr Callaghan is a professional Genealogist.  
Contact Kathy Monley Zoom for details**

**Monday 28th September 6:30pm (via Zoom)**



#### **Dr Ursula Callaghan**

#### **Tracing Family Roots in Ireland**

Dr Ursula Callaghan, historian and genealogist will be "zooming in" in from Ireland to share some insights into tracing Irish family history. Ursula, an entertaining and insightful speaker, led the team of partner trainers at Rotary International's 2020 International Assembly in San Diego.



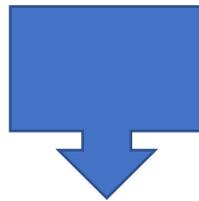
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## The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc) Club Bulletin SOME SUSTAINABILITY IDEAS



From kitchen and garden scraps to the compost bin and worm farm .....to



**Tasty healthy food.**

**Join ESRAG –  
(Environmental,  
sustainability Rotary Action  
Group.**

Arrange for an ESRAG committee Member to talk to our club at a meeting.

**YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO  
BE INVOLVED WITH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.**



**Don't put plastic bags and soft plastic wrap in your rubbish bin. Bag them up and take back to Coles or Woolies – they have bins for recycling this stuff. It can turn into road surfacing material!**



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## Energising Rotary - Kick Start your Day

### Evan Burrell

#### *Keynote Speaker*

As a digital media consultant in the non profit community volunteer sector, I have expanded my skills to educating local professionals, businesses and community groups across Australia and beyond to focus on the practical use of social media and how to develop it to brand and market their stories. I am an accomplished public speaker, emcee, trainer, social media advocate and hardworking volunteer with Rotary International. You may recognize me best as a service minded superhero. You see, for me, it's easy to be a Rotary hero because as, I see it, all Rotarians are superheroes and we all need to promote the heroic acts we do in the community and around the world.

In whatever way, I'm proving that Rotary isn't all business. My message is "Let's have fun in Rotary," and with that message I'm engaged in telling Rotary's digital story.



### PDG Jessie Harman

#### *Rotary International Director-Elect*

Jessie's first experience of Rotary was as a participant of RYLA in 1988 and she maintains an active interest in Rotary's youth and leadership programs to this day. She is also keenly interested in membership development. She is the immediate past Chair of the Membership Committee for Rotary International, a past Rotary Co-ordinator for Zones 7B and part of 8, and co-author of *101 strategies for recruiting and retaining members*.



Online meeting Saturday 3rd October 2020  
9.50am for 10am start  
**REGISTER HERE**  
Please Register Now only 100 places available



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# Rotary District 9810



## Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia with the Baton Relay

**District Governor Alma has the Baton – and is seeking your Club's support to Pass the Baton forward**

**EVERY CLUB – EVERY COMMUNITY:** Our vision is to have every club in D9810 participate. Involve your community, bring local colour and culture to your celebration of 100 years of Rotary service with the R100 Baton.

**WHEN:** The event is scheduled to take place in District 9810 in April – May 2021. Your date will be the most convenient to you during this time frame (Covid-19 regulations permitting), but we need to begin planning now.

**WHERE:** We are looking to have multiple batons culminating in a gathering promoting your Club's achievements at a centrally located venue e.g. Jell's Park has been suggested.

**WHO:** Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interact & Earlyact Clubs, local personalities, Councilors, community leaders, community groups, and everyday people carrying the baton of service, and passing it forward.

**HOW:** We have a blank canvas. The decision is yours!!! Your Club or Cluster. Walk or jog through your local shopping centre, around your parklands, sporting oval or even have a prominent static display promoting 100 years of Rotary in Australia

**MEDIA AND ADVERTISING:** We will work with you to advise local media & community radio stations, post on your Club facebook & website, shire office, post on notice boards in your community and ask your club members to self promote.

**SIGNAGE:** When we know how many Clubs are participating we will look at banner and flag requirements.

**WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR CLUB?** R100 Baton Relay provides the opportunity to showcase Rotary in your community, a celebration that actively engages multiple parts of the community, community groups and business partners. You may even attract new members.



**Your event is a fun way to expand your club's social network and build healthy community relationships.**