



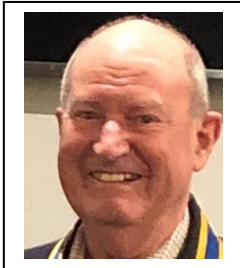
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

Date: 20th August 2023



A NOTE FROM THE Editor

REPORT FROM LAST MEETING – 8th JULY

Apologies: Bob Mckenzie, Pippa and Gavin Birch, Liz and George Guiver, Frank Molinaro, Steve Ennor, David and Marg George.

Guests: Vanessa Virgato

Reports:

Community: Rob Edwards reported that we have donated \$1000 to Warrandyte Community Church to assist in the running of their annual Carols by Candlelight event.

Tunstall Market: Roster is out and hoping to get scouts and Montessori parents to help – we have asked the Montessori parents specifically to help with set up and pull down as well as sausage sizzle, if enough parents are able

Warrandyte Riverside Market: Rob reported that the last WRM was extremely successful with over 165 stalls and thousands of visitors as per usual. He called on a non club member to assist as we were well short of members to help.

Guest Speaker: Vanessa Vergato

Vanessa took on the position of Manager of the Warrandyte Neighborhood House about three months ago. She lives locally and had always had a desire to work there part time so she was thrilled when the opportunity arose and she got the job.

Vanessa has 33 years' experience in community work running various programs. She worked as a Community Development Officer with the Melbourne City Mission for many years in homelessness and addiction programs. She also worked with schools to help students who were not attending school with the city of Boroondara for seven years. She spent time working with Manningham Youth Services – so she is well connected and has a wealth of community experience.

The emphasis at the Warrandyte Neighborhood House today is Good Health and Wellbeing – helping people to maintain their good health and connections.



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The House is developing and supporting programs such as the L to P with Manningham City Council – helping young people develop good driving skills and gain their P plates. They are holding a series of Community Conversations to address topics such as Understanding Anxiety, LGBTIQA, Identifying Neurodivergence in children and young people – these sessions will involve skilled and experienced practitioners whose focus is in improving overall health and wellbeing.

They plan to hold a Warrandyte Big Lunch in conjunction with other groups such as Lions and our Rotary Club.

As well as the above the WNH has a comprehensive list of regular classes as well as clubs such as Book Club, Warrandyte Walkers, Warrandyte Trippers, French Club and Busy Needles, 500 Card Club, and Film Society. They also have a food pantry in conjunction with CareNet - food relief for those in need.

So all in all the Warrandyte Neighborhood House fills a huge need in the community by connecting people and providing affordable and interesting programs for all ages.

Like every group the WNH is seeking people to take on board positions to keep their programs going.

It was very interesting to hear Vanessa's talk and we look forward to helping with the Big Lunch, the first of which will be held on 16th October.

Sorry but we have no photos from the night.

Next meeting – Tuesday 22nd –
DG Ian Ballantine will visit us – bring your
partners and guests and make him welcome.





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UP COMING PROGRAMME

<p>Tuesday 22nd August</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting</i> DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT: DG IAN BALANTINE WILL VISIT OUR CLUB FOR THE DG ANNUAL VISIT. Bring your partners and welcome DG Ian in the usual custom. Chair: Don Kinnear/Rob Edwards Property: Rob Edwards Greeter: Tony Mooney</p>
<p>Sunday 27TH August</p>	<p></p>
<p>Tuesday 29th August</p>	<p><i>No meeting</i></p>
<p>Saturday 2nd September</p>	<p></p>
<p>Tuesday 5th September</p>	<p><i>No Meeting</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 12th September</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting</i> <i>Guest Speaker: David Tynan from The Warrandyte Repair Café will talk to us about the enterprise.</i> Chair: Ian Thomlinson Property: Kevin Hall Greeter: Bob McKenzie</p>
<p>Wed 20th September</p>	<p><i>Social Night Ringwood RSL – RSVP to Marianne Mooney</i></p>
<p>Sunday 24th September</p>	<p></p>
<p>Tuesday 26th September</p>	<p><i>Club Meeting</i> CLUB ASSEMBLY – any issues to be discussed should be forwarded to President or Secretary before the meeting. Chair: Presidents Rob Edwards & Don Kinnear Greeter: Kay Thorogood Property: Frank Molinaro</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd October</p>	<p><i>No meeting</i></p>



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Saturday 7 th October	
Tuesday 10 th October	Club Meeting Guest Speaker: Ron Brooks will talk about the UNICEF Foreign Currency Project he has managed for many years. Chair: Bob McKenzie Greeter: David George Property: Frank Molinaro
Wed. 18 th	Social Night – Ringwood RSL Club RSVP Tony/ Marianne Mooney.
Tuesday 24 th October	Club Meeting Guest Speaker: Derek Bradshaw – Now and Not Yet Café manager – will update us on his latest activities from this social enterprise. Chair: Stephen Ennor Greeter: Ian Thomlinson Property: Judy Hall
Sunday 29 th October	
Sat 4 th November	
Tuesday 7 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Day no meeting
Tuesday 14 th Nov	Annual General Meeting followed by regular Club Meeting Club Project: “Share the Dignity” packaging up donated personal hygiene products you have all collected for this project. Louise Latimer organizing.



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	Chair: Louise Latimer Greeter: Kay Thorogood. Property: Rob Edwards
Wednesday 22 nd Nov	<i>Social Night – Ringwood RSL Club</i> <i>RSVP Tony/ Marianne Mooney.</i>
Sunday 26 th Nov	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 28 th Nov	<i>Club Meeting</i> Suggestions for guest speakers please?
Saturday 2 nd December	
Sunday 3 rd Dec	
Tuesday 5 th Dec	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 12 th Dec	<i>Club Christmas Party</i>
Tuesday 19 th Dec	<i>Breakfast Meeting?</i>
	<i>Christmas Break until 16 January (Social BBQ)</i>

NEWS FROM STEPHEN ENNOR



Flew from Leeds International airport (Avalon Airport size) to Amsterdam International on Wednesday 9th August. This a big airport - & I mean big; almost a city in its own right!! There is sea of humanity moving like waves thru the airport that overwhelms the senses. The technology allowing it to work is simply mind blowing. Even border control was quick & seamless & then transiting to Paris, again seamlessly! Straight on to subway train; and voila we had arrived at our hotel Central St Germain. I had been dreading the interconnections and final subway trip (crowds) but it just happened - obviously they don't have the Jetstar model in Europe! We found our old regular Patisserie near the River Seine. Burp & yes the Kg's follow me



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everywhere like a shadow. Food is great and English speaking more widespread than last time. I'm sure they appreciate both the mystique & "Monty Python" ish style of my attempted French speaking! Strangely they default to English pretty darn quickly!!!

Food similar to Australian prices but much cheaper than England - oh my gosh; real money needed there!

Train to Sancerre was again a non-event but on arrival - "catastrophe"! Alas, Uber doesn't populate into rural France as well as in Paris. Faced with a two hour walk on country roads we chose a local bus and voila - for 3 euro each we were transported to Sancerre! The driver whilst not speaking any English was obliging and helpful.

Now this is where I could live!!! People, food, wine, atmosphere, stylish accommodation; "perfect a mondo" as the Italians say! Food here is really Magnifique - Jambe ou Cunard with a glass of wine is 25 euros or \$42ish.

Spend this morning wondering about and decided to call into the local church as it's a religious holiday here! Ended up staying; full church, choir was "Magnifique" (really professional) and the acoustics were "Incroyable" (incredible). Sancerre is on the top of the hill and the vistas go on for ever. Freda is busy studying whilst I enjoy the local cafés & blossom in size.....

Looking out from Sancerre -Chateau Sancerre for sale at €M2 eur

Change to landscape for full splendour of Eglise St-Severin in the Latin area of Paris.

Paris's answer to Jenny Craig - surprisingly these have lasted longest!!!!>

Warmest regards
Stephen





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FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Creating tomorrow



Regionalisation
Project

The pilot is really gathering some momentum now.

As stated, the Pilot's main goal is to find ways to more effectively and efficiently support you and your club to increase impact, grow membership, and adapt to changing volunteer needs and expectations.

For all updates and useful links, go to the dedicated website [here](#).

News this month concerns the election of the Regional Council and the structure and operation of Community Groups.

Governance across the zone will be overseen by a [Regional Council](#) elected by clubs. The Regional Council will be led by a Chair who will be supported by a Chair-Elect, with each serving two-year terms.

As Rotarians and Rotaractors of Rotary Districts participating in the Regionalisation Pilot, you will soon be able to apply for the Regional Council positions of Chair, Chair-Elect and Portfolio Leads. Only Rotaractors can apply to be the Rotaract Nominee. The role descriptions for these positions are now available on the Creating Tomorrow website [here](#).

From 1 July 2024 the proposed regional model includes a new way of grouping clubs, with each group of clubs referred to as a '[Rotary Community Group](#)'. By working together, clubs can support each other to increase their impact, amplify Rotary's public image, and strengthen member engagement.

Upcoming Webinars:

We will be hosting multiple webinars via Zoom to answer questions about the Regional Council and Community Groups. These sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday 29 August at 1pm AEST - [Register here](#)
- Wednesday 30 August at 6:30pm AEST - [Register here](#)
- Saturday 2 September at 10am AEST - [Register here](#)

We encourage you to register to attend a session and consider meeting up with your fellow club members to watch together and discuss.



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How you can help ROMAC

Every day Rotarians and Friends are providing funds to cover travel, accommodation and treatment for children and their carers. But we could help more children if we had more donations. Donations all go directly to children and their care. ROMAC funds its administration costs through investment and other income. Volunteers run the organisation.



Give a little, care a lot.

Rotary Clubs: If every Rotarian in Australia and New Zealand donated \$20 and every club matched with \$20 for everyone of their members, we could cover the costs of all the children referred to us annually.

Friends of Rotary: If every Friend donated \$20 we could help even more children.

[Australia - Donate now](#)

[New Zealand - Donate now](#)