



SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

Club Bulletin

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Date: 20th December

What a great time we had last week at our small but very select gathering for the Christmas Party. We had apologies from the Thomlisons, Judith Lightfoot and Pippa and the Georges. We were very pleased to hear David came out of hospital that day and is recovering well, the medicos having treated him successfully. We wish both Marg and David well for the coming season and hope they are both fully recovered next year when we start up again.



We greeting all our partners – Lena, Freda, Marianne, Carolyn as well as Sandy Pennicott from Blairgowrie, Richard and his partner Liddy who came to entertain us and Leanne and Liz with Liz's partner Danny from the Op Shop.

I gave a short wrap up of our year which, although a trial due to the Covid 19, enabled us to achieve some successes: we learnt how to Zoom, we compiled a strategic plan, we embarked on new documentation for the Tunstall Market to gain a licence from the council with help from the Doncaster Club who will be helped by us to get contacts for their Doncaster Hill market – good cluster collaboration. Thanks to Liz Guiver's efforts we attracted two grants from the community bank Warrandyte. The Warrandyte Riverside Market resumed, the Op Shop came out of lockdown and has been doing wonderful trade.



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The volunteers under the leadership of Judith Lightfoot continued to collect unsold but usable produce from local supermarkets and box them up for people in the community doing it tough. It is gratifying that now the shop is open and doing well we can disburse some money where it is needed. But really the Op Shop volunteers and staff are the ones who really display the quality of Service above Self.

The main message to you all is that we may have lost a bit of motivation and enthusiasm due to isolation from our usual activities but next year (fingers crossed) we expect most of our activities to be back up and running so we will need all of your energies and enthusiasm.

My most important task last week was to call upon the three Roberts – McKenzie, Fry and Edwards to come forward to receive some multiple PHFs. It is always gratifying to award members with this prestigious award and these three fellows more than deserve it. They were all involved heavily with the Op Shop renovation and have continued to be a presence whenever needed. Bob Fry came on board to help with the strategic plan and now is heavily immersed in the documentation for Council for the Tunstall Market. Rob Edwards likewise has a finger in many pies, with the Riverside Market, helping out at the OP Shop and his work on the Community committee. Bob McKenzie is always available to help out at the Op Shop and of course is involved in the preparations for the Tunstall Market. All of them help out in the wee small hours at the Riverside Market.



President Judy presents Rob Edwards with a PHF + 4 sapphires, Bob McKenzie (PHF+5 and Bob Fry PHF+5



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We enjoyed our Christmas dinner and were entertained by our old friend Richard who sang some familiar Christmas songs with the help of his "chorus girls" Terry and Liz.

With our final function next Tuesday – a breakfast meeting at Stonehouse Café in Warrandyte – I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. Enjoy the break and time with family if you are lucky enough to be able to. We will meet again next year on the 15th for a Barbeque at the Halls.





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UPCOMING PROGRAM

<p>Tuesday Dec. 22nd</p> 	<p>Breakfast meeting: 7.15 for 7.30</p> <p>Please let Rob Edwards know if you are not coming otherwise you will be counted as in.</p> <p>The Stone House Café Warrandyte – 7.30am. With Rev. Andrew Price.</p>
<p>Jan. 5th</p>	<p>No meeting</p>
<p>Jan. 12th</p> 	<p>Barbeque – 6.30</p> <p><i>At the Halls.</i> <i>Please contact Judy to confirm numbers and organize what to bring: 0419 201 231</i></p>
<p>Jan. 19th</p> 	<p>Fellowship night – tram ride to Port Melbourne for fish and chips. Details to come.</p>
<p>Jan 24th</p>	<p>Sunday at Dromana with the Molinaros. (For details see below)</p>
<p>Jan. 26th</p>	<p>Australia Day Function: with R.C. Templestowe: Community Lunch at Doncaster Shoppingtown Hotel – details to be circulated next week.</p>
<p>Feb. 2nd</p>	<p>Club Meeting – Club Assembly</p>
<p>Feb 6th</p>	<p>Warrandyte Riverside Market.</p>
<p>Feb 9th</p>	<p>Club Meeting – Partner's/Guest Night with Guest Speaker Peter Keep</p>



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*You are invited to celebrate Australia Day
at Dromana with – what else but an Italian Feast...
(thank goodness for immigration!)*



SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY, 11AM

AT THE MOLINAROS - DROMANA

**PLEASE CONTACT LENA TO ARRANGE WHAT TO BRING (SALAD OR
DESSERT)**

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