

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc) Club Bulletin

Date: 27th March 2022



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have all just about come down from what turned out to be a highly successful Art Show weekend surpassing our predictions and the last Art Show in 2019. Congratulations to Art Show Chair Kevin who has spent the best part of a full week from last Wednesday through to the following Tuesday on Art Show business, either traveling to Alexander and back twice to organise the screens, to helping at the church and then sitting in front of the computer to do the banking and sort out payments and expenses. Chairing a committee doesn't mean doing everything, but this year we found ourselves very short on assistance in some areas, so there are big questions to be answered about the ongoing viability of the Art Show.

However, for now let's bask in the success, and congratulate and thank those of you who did go out of your way to make it such a great weekend. Our next meeting on Thursday 7th April (more on that in a moment), will be an Art Show debriefing so I hope you can all make it and hear the results.



The Best in Show winner Craig Davy was pretty

I think the most tickled pink was the youngl lass Isobel Goodman (left) who won the People's Choice award for *"River No 1"* as she proudly displayed her certificate for the photo.



chuffed too with his award for a stunning piece of artwork. All the Artwork was of a very high standard and although we had fewer paintings this year it meant we could display them well with plenty of space to view them, and less work for the guys putting up the screens. Nadine Kelly did a great job with the judging – and her comments on Friday night were very succinct.



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The raffle winner Janis McFarland (P.P. R.C. Manningham) was thrilled with her Julian Bruere painting.

We had some really good feedback from people who attended the Opening Night – the food was terrific thanks to Judith Lightfoot, her girls and Julie from the Op Shop and others who made sandwiches on the day, so a huge thanks to them. The grazing table was spectacular and very professional.

Marianne and Terry were there all weekend, and we thank them for all the work they put in to process the applications and handle the computer for sales and general set up for receiving and returning art. Thanks also the Art Show treasurer Pippa Birch, to Rob and Tony and all the fellows who did the heavy lifting and organising the soft drinks, hanging the art work and generally helping during the weekend. Also, to David George who organised all the printing and coordinated with the Real Estate Agents for the advertising boards as well as caring for Marg after her recent back operation. It was lovely and unexpected to see Marg at the opening night and hope she recovered from that! There are so many people to thank for the whole weekend so to all of you a big hug from me. It was really gratifying to get back into the community and to see the parade on Saturday – with the colour and joy of the kids and families who came to participate. Liz took part in the parade in the Bendigo Bank contingent – and we thank them for their generous grant to help with our expenses as well as the Warrandyte Riverside Market Committee. Margaret and Paul from the Warrandyte Diary were at Opening night and Margaret has prepared a really good article for the April edition so watch out for it and grab a copy when they are available.



Good planning is essential!



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Marianne admiring "Marianne", and Liz in the Saturday Parade.







Kevin and Brenda from the RC Eltham drawing the raffle (not something from Kevin's ear!) We had some great help from the Eltham folks who came to see how to run an art show – they are putting one on in September.



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Now – to our venue: Rob is trying his best to find us a home. He really likes the look of the Coach Hotel at this stage, but he is still trying to contact the Manager of the Warrandyte Hotel so we can see what they can offer.

We are going to **TRIAL the Coach Hotel on THURSDAY 7TH APRIL**. It is **NOT** available Mondays to Wednesdays, so we need to hold our meeting on **Thursday**. We will have full access to their menu which gives us lots of choice in price, access to a function room which seats 30 people, and all equipment available for audio visual needs. There is good access from car park behind the Hotel.

That's all for now. See you all soon. Keep safe and Covid Free.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 29 th March	No Meeting
Thursday 7 th April	Club Meeting: The Coach Hotel, 33 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood. ART SHOW DEBRIEFING Please let Rob know if you are an aplogy Chair: Bob Fry Property: Rob Edwards Cashier: N/A
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VALE LEXI KAY

Members of the former Warrandyte Rotary Club were saddened this week to hear that Lexi Kay had died suddenly and unexpectedly. Lexi was the wife of PP Ron Kay, a founding member of the RC Warrandyte. Ron passed away some years ago, but Lexi is survived by her much loved large family and many grandchildren. Lexi was a great friend of the club, and we are very sorry to hear she has passed. Sincere condolences to her family and close friends.