

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc) Club Bulletin



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Date: 27th September

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I type I am waiting to go to the Foundation and International Seminar as the rain pelts down and the cold weather creeps back in. How wonderful to be able to stay in front of the fire and be involved with a Rotary Seminar!

Last week we had an apology from Bob McKenzie, otherwise it was great again to see most of you on screen. Our regards go to Liz and George whom we haven't seen since the lock down and hope it's not too long before we can say a proper hello. I sense we are becoming more comfortable with zoom meetings, even if it is just a compromise, as we had plenty of laughs and a light-hearted atmosphere. Hoping this Sunday we can get some relaxation of the rules but it will still be some weeks away before we can get together as a group.

We had an interesting and different talk from Gavin's friend Peter Julier who is a racing Steward. He talked about the racing industry in general – it was fascinating to hear about how many staff there are involved in a big race meeting – for example at a Melbourne Cup there would be upward of 600 staff on the course: track walkers who check the track and replace grass sods, Stewards, vets, farriers, ambulance officers, clerks of sales, bookmakers, security staff, bar and café workers, plumbers, carpenters, firemen and telecom engineers just to mention a few.

Behind each race come four cars – with vets and various staff to deal with any accidents which may happen. There is always a camera car which carries a vet and a doctor. If a horse has to be put down it must be dealt with swiftly for the sake of the horse and everyone concerned.

On the side of the course are cameras at various points so the judges can call for video from different places around the course if they are in doubt about something that happened.

Peter's job is to look after the Bookmakers – to ensure everyone is abiding by the regulations: - he told us some stories of things that can go wrong – if a bookie puts 20 to 1 instead of 2-1 by mistake he must wear that mistake if the horse wins – resulting a big loss for him if it was a large bet! At one time there were people called "emus" who pick up all betting slips left on the ground to see if there were any unclaimed wins. They are now banned. Sounded like a sensible idea!

He regaled us with stories of hairy small plane trips to and from venues in Victoria as it takes too long to drive to the country meetings. It is certainly an interesting and entertaining job and no doubt Peter has plenty of stories in his repertoire and many thanks to Peter for giving up his time to talk to us.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting weekly and poring over the survey responses. They are doing some good work drilling down and should have something tangible very soon to take to the board and the club. It has been an interesting experience and I value the input and the effort the committee has gone to in developing a workable strategic plan for the club.



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Next week is a board meeting so a holiday for the rest of you but I'm hoping by then you might be able to socialize a little more so maybe you can have a visitor or two!

Keep well, warm, safe and in good spirits till next meeting which will be about "Change" to give us all something to think about.

President Judy

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 29 th Sept	Board Meeting – via Zoom
Tues. 6 th October	Regular club Meeting: via zoom – Guest Speaker – Shino Yu "Change is the New constant".
Tues. 13 October	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.
Tuesday 20 th Oct.	Regular Club Meeting with Guest Speaker – hopefully, "Electric Cars"
Tuesday 27 th Oct	TBA

RCWD FUND

The Rotary Club of Box Hill is really delighted and appreciative of our first donation from this fund to go toward Coffee for Health Workers at Box Hill Hospital.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far.

You can make a 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.

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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. 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

COINS FOR KIDS



In 2014/15, District 9810 partnered with UNICEF to collect foreign coins and notes. Since then the district has sent of 480kg of coins and eight large parcels of notes which were valued at \$14,500.

It is a no cost project for Rotary as security pouches are transported to us and returned, paid for by ChangeGlobalExchange, the major collectors from banks around Australia.

They also accept coins and notes which are not longer in circulation, including Australian ones. One Rotary club encourages the collection of 5 cent coins to add to their collections.

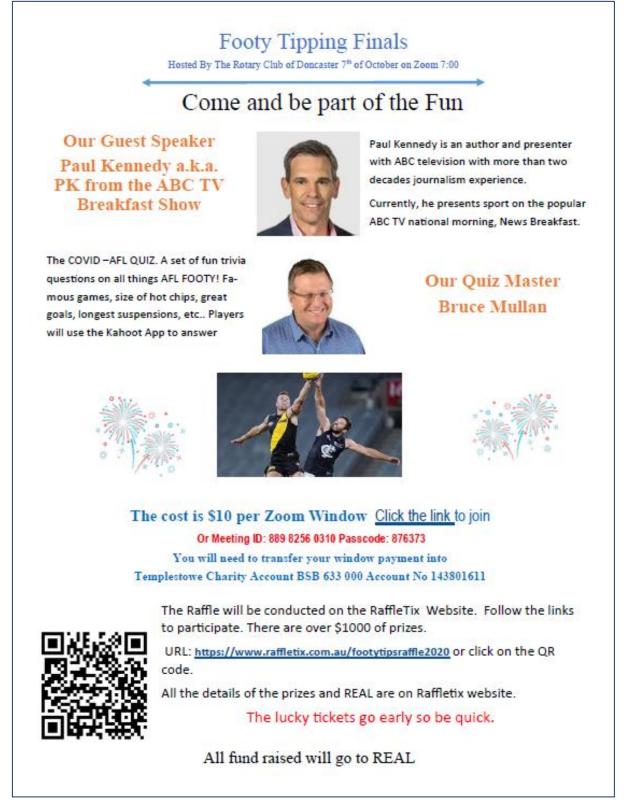
UNICEF works in over 190 countries for the rights and welfare of all children. It supports childrens' health needs, clean water, sanitation, quality basic education and protection from violence, exploitation and HIV. It has the same ideals as Rotary.

There are 28 clubs in the district who have contributed to date along with some churches, branches of Bendigo Bank, a local Sikh temple, and friends of Rotary. Foreign Coin Collection Coordinator is Ron Brooks – Forest Hill.

Our Clubs' collector is Bob McKenzie: so if you come across foreign currency save it and give to Bob when we are next together.



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SOME SUSTAINABILITY IDEAS

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.

Get a Bee Hive.

Join Friends of the Warrandyte State Forest







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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

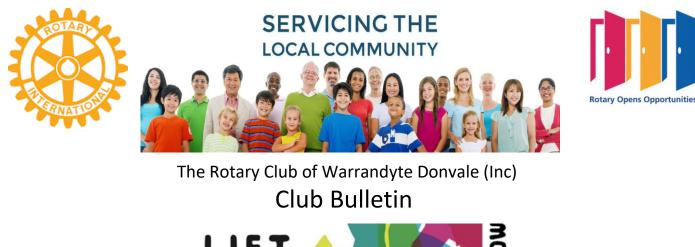
Rotary International Director-Elect

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







Rotary District 9820 is supporting Lift the Lid on Mental Illness on October 10 – World Mental Health Day.

Lift the Lid Afternoon Tea with Prof Felice Jacka (Zoom)

You're invited to join their webinar with Professor Felice Jacka, who will talk about diet and mental health. If you wish to register go to the District Web Site Home Page.

