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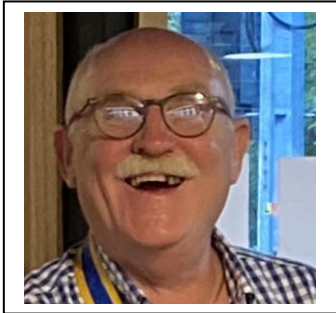
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)
Club Bulletin

Date: 8th April 2024

A NOTE FROM THE Editor



PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Club members interacted with the public at the Warrandyte Market yesterday. We handed out newly printed Rotary post cards to market customers and happily we got some interest and people who promised to come along to a meeting. Keep our fingers crossed that they do.

It was an exercise well worth repeating when we have the numbers to do it. (Next WRM there will be at least 5 able bodied members away!).

The weather was generally kind with a sprinkling of rain that didn't dampen our spirits.

Top marks to Gavin and the early shift blokes who were there from 4.45 to put up the gazebo then do shifts marshalling stall holders, then give out post cards and finally pull down the gazebo, A special mention to Pippa who walked to Warrandyte from home, did her 2 ½ hour shift at the top of Stiggants Rd, then handed out postcards till 1pm. That's service above self!





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REPORT OF LAST WEEK'S CLUB MEETING at the Gand Hotel Warrandyte

Apologies: Louise Latimer, Pippa and Gavin Birch, Stephen Ennor and Rob Edwards.

Secretary Judy mentioned that District Conference 2025: the inaugural District 9815 Conference will be held in Bendigo on 28 – 30 March 2025.

Paul Harris Birthday Meeting: next Tuesday 16th April will be a Partner's Night – please let Rob Edwards know if you are coming for catering purposes for Derek.

David George reported that the Op shop signage is proceeding with DB Architects designing signs according to the requirements of Manningham Council.

Community: Rob Edwards reported that payments have been made to the local Pony Club which has been robbed a number of times recently and valuable equipment has been stolen. Also to St Davids Church for van storage and the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House for the Exercise Group.

Fellowship: Marg George reported that a reservation for 19 has been made at NaNY for the Tamil Feast on 24th April.



Bryn Holten – manager of the Op Shop joined us as guest speaker at the last meeting.



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Bryn started by thanking the Rotary Club for the opportunity to talk to the club and get to know the members.

Bryn was born in the UK and came to Australia as a 5-year-old with his family – Mum, Dad and older brother, who came as, to use the old phrase “10 pound poms”. He was admitted to Melbourne Boys High School in year 10 – he, being the modest person he is, said it was mainly because his brother was already there! His interests were in art, design, food and travel so after school he studied Interior Design at RMIT – with a particular interest in Bio-design. His working life started out in large companies but gradually was drawn to smaller ones then he went out on his own as a sole operator of a Design company.

Bryn has lived in North Warrandyte for 10 years with his partner on a large 10-acre block.

Bryn is drawn to the idea of recycling so he was a regular visitor to the Op Shop then he joined the volunteer cohort and worked in the sorting room for a time. It was while there that Judith saw his potential as a new manager so she asked him if he would like to do that and he accepted much to our benefit.

There has been a smooth transition from Judith to Bryn as manager and today the volunteer base is as sound as ever. Bryn really values his staff and says that many of them are attracted to the Op Shop due to its high level of emotional support – many of them are on their own and belonging to the Op Shop is a sort of family for them. They have recently had an influx of 3 or 4 new volunteers. Rostering is probably the biggest problem as with 30 odd volunteers it needs constant attention.

Bryn said he has looked at the recycling centre outside the shop with a critical eye being aware of the limitations of the staff in terms of double handling goods which could be taken to common recycling centers by the public so there have been some cutbacks in what can be left. Some of the items which are reused such as jars and plant pots are still accepted as they come and go regularly.

Bryn is happy with the food for needy folks – he said that people who really need help and are in dire circumstances tend to come and talk to the staff directly, so they are looked after discreetly.

Bryn said he would like to see some information about how Rotary spends its money in the community put up on vacant spaces around the walls, for customers to see where their money goes. He finds customers that quibble about the cost of some items frustrating. He feels that some people do not understand the concept of the Op Shop raising money for the greater good of the community and some education might be helpful. He is aware that some of the donations are worth quite a bit more than just a few dollars, so he does his homework on such items, so that we get full value from something that is more valuable and he often puts an item on Facebook so get greater advertising.



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It is reassuring that the Op Shop is in such good hands, that it continues to function well, and the volunteers are valued. Many thanks Bryn.



UP COMING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 9 th April	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 16 th April	<p><i>Club Meeting at Now and Not Yet 6.30 for 7pm Cost of a one course meal \$16 Refreshments available at your cost.</i></p> <p>PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY SPECIAL CELEBRATION – it’s PH’s birthday on the 19th so there are lots of surprises in store for this auspicious occasion. Watch this space.</p> <p>Chair: President Gavin Greeter: everyone in the club please!</p> 



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Tuesday 23 rd April	<i>No meeting</i>
Wednesday 24 th April	<i>Tamil Feast – Fellowship Night at Now and Not Yet</i> See details below MUST BOOK – contact MARG GEORGE
Sunday 28 th April	
Tuesday 30 th April	<i>No meeting</i>
Saturday 4 th May	
Tuesday 7 th May	<i>Club Meeting at The Grand Hotel Warrandyte – 6.30 for 7pm</i> Guest Speaker: to be confirmed. Chair: Greeter: everyone in the club please! Property: Pippa Birch
Tuesday 14 th May	<i>No Meeting</i>
Tuesday 21 st May	<i>Club Meeting at Now and Not Yet 6.30 for 7pm</i> <i>Cost of a one course meal \$16</i> <i>Refreshments available at your cost.</i> Club vote for board members 2024-25 Guest Speaker: Jock McNeish, board member of the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust will tell us about the trust and how it is involved with the Warrandyte Diary and the Young Arts Award which encourages young creative artists (not just painters but musicians, actors, all types of creative arts) reach their potential through mentoring. Chair: Rob Edwards
Sunday 25 th	<i>Tunstall Market</i>
Tuesday 28 th May	<i>No meeting</i>



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Saturday 1 st June	<i>Warrandyte Market</i>
Tuesday 4th June	<i>Meeting at The Grand Hotel</i> Guest Speaker: to be confirmed. Chair: Greeter: everyone in the club please. Property:
Tuesday 11 June	<i>No meeting</i>
Tuesday 18 th June	<i>Club Changeover night</i> <i>Details TBA</i>
Saturday 29 th June	<i>District Changeover Night</i> <i>Details further on in bulletin.</i>



Tamil FEAST

Dates
9 MARCH
23 MARCH
6 APRIL
24 APRIL

Now and Not Yet's famous **Tamil Feasts are back!** For those unaware, we are passionate about **supporting people seeking Asylum** by providing free housing, training and employment pathways for asylum seekers like Nigethan.

At Tamil Feast, Nige cooks up an amazing **three-course Tamil Feast** and **shares his story** of escaping civil war and coming to Australia.

For those aware of Nige, his story of freedom is **not yet finished.** Let him whip you up a feast as he shares the next chapter of his life story involving a **long-awaited family reunion.**

Let Marg George know if you are coming on 24th April. She will make the booking.



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World Immunization Week 2024 Visit endpolio.org

World Immunization Week — 24-30 April — is a perfect opportunity for Rotary clubs to share the incredible progress we've made toward eradicating polio.

This year features significant anniversaries to celebrate:

10 years since the World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia Region was certified free of polio

30 years since the WHO Americas Region was certified as polio-free

50 years since the launch of the Expanded Programme on Immunization, which ensures equitable access to vaccines (including polio vaccines)

As a Rotary member, you have a critical role in helping us achieve important milestones like these.

We know our work isn't done until we end polio forever. During World Immunization Week, raise awareness about the fact that vaccines work and give us proof examples of what Rotary and our partners have accomplished in reducing polio cases worldwide.

How to support #EndPolio during World Immunization Week

Explore the World Immunization Week Toolkit to find graphics and sample posts that you can share on social media with the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.



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Use a club meeting as an opportunity for members to learn about Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

Host an event to raise awareness and funds for PolioPlus.

Start an online fundraiser using Raise for Rotary and share it with your network.

Don't forget! Your district can donate District Designated Funds (DDF) to PolioPlus to help Rotary meet our US\$50 million fundraising goal each year toward eradicating polio.



Foundation Chair Kevin has suggested we wear our End Polio Now T shirts as often as possible - maybe to the Tamil Feast on 24th April - they would create some interest we feel. And good Rotary publicity



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 **Saturday 29th June**
2024 

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40 LAKESIDE BLVD, PAKENHAM, 3810