

From the President Alick Osborne

Many thanks to everyone who came to help at **The Market**. We weren't expecting the wind and the rain but we still did OK considering the weather and a few stallholders having to pull out at the last minute.

Overall \$2,581 was added to our Fundraising efforts to continue the good work of RCEM. Not to mention a good bit of fun for everyone who came along.

Special thanks to the "Aisbett Outlaws" Belinda, Chris, Amy and Ethan who helped on the BBQ and in the Café, and to Annie at the front door.

It was great to see **DG Bronwyn** who popped in with Rithy Ann from Cambodia to sample the stalls and grab a cup of tea after a morning visit to DIK. I'm not sure how she finds the time – especially one week out from the Multi-District Conference. **Thanks for your support Bronwyn!**

Also visiting The Market was **Debbie from Avalon Centre**. Debbie thanked us again for our support with the new house in Narre Warren. More work was about to happen with a working bee to paint the house taking place yesterday (Sunday 10th). We have had a sign advertising The Market in front of the Avalon Centre in Malvern Road for the last two weeks. #workingtogether!

Remember our next market is Saturday 11th May!

Capp, Sherre Marris, Christine Nixon and Ludovic Grosjean.

Stonnington Cluster

On Friday evening I caught up with our neighboring Presidents and AG Mandi Wendt for our regular Stonnington Cluster get together. Very civilised doing this on a Friday afternoon rather than our normal morning video call, though it nearly went astray for me...



(I will leave you to draw your own conclusions as to how quickly I sent the last line.)

As usual there is some great work happening very nearby and even efforts to work across clusters to find activities that match the interests of members. We know we can't do everything in one club and the idea that neighbouring clubs and clusters can contribute to the success of projects seems to me to be a good one!



That's right it's conference time!

Starting with the Peace Summit on Friday 15th and running some fantastic sessions over the weekend of the 16-17th February. I'm particularly looking forward to the BusyFeet performance on Saturday morning (well done again to our fabulous BusyFeet volunteers!!) as well as speakers like Grace Forrest, Lord Mayor Sally

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

AN INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNISED COURSE
EMPOWERING
INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT
THOSE EXPERIENCING
**MENTAL HEALTH
CHALLENGES**

For example Prahran Rotary recently ran a course with Mental Health First Aid.

Mental Health First Aid started in Melbourne more than 15 years ago, and is now used in 25 countries and has trained 2.6 million people to help others in their communities, families, and workplaces.

Now I'm sure we could do that too, but rather than reinvent the wheel we could also work with Prahran to promote their next event so people in our area can attend, including RCEM members, and we can still get on and do the projects we have planned. The power of Rotary!



It has been a huge week for Progress Pikinini loading a 40 foot container of donated goods for Vanuatu. Thanks to Tracey's tremendous energy, and lots of sweat from her husband Matt (and a few familiar faces) it was done in record time leaving yours truly to have a relaxing Sunday! So a big **THANK YOU** to everyone involved.



Flood Disaster in Townsville - RAWCS



We are all well aware of the terrible floods in Queensland and the impact that it has had on so many people's lives. Many Clubs have asked how they can assist through making a donation to the relief appeal.

A RAWCS Disaster Relief Appeal has been set up by the Rotary Club of Townsville South West.

It is called the North Queensland Flood Relief Appeal number 75-2018-19.

Follow this link to make a tax deductible donation:

<http://rawcs.org.au/project-search/>

Click on the Project No and then the donate button and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your donation as every little bit helps as there will be a massive recovery effort once the rain and floods dissipate and people's needs become more apparent.

Members will recall the drought appeals run by Rotary and RAWCS in 2018. Spare a thought for the farmers in north and western Queensland who struggled to feed and keep their cattle alive during the drought to be faced now with losing them in unprecedented flood waters. It must be heartbreaking! No doubt there will work to do in those communities very soon.

Walter Dooley

Walter has advised me of his resignation from RCEM after joining us in 2010, and more than 27 years in Rotary. Within our club Walter has been Domestic Chair in 2012-13, ran the Christmas Tree Fundraising for a number of years until 2018, and organised the work with St. Oswald's Church in their garden. Walter was at the shed early on Saturday morning to help me load the trailer for The Market. Walter has been supported in many Rotary activities by his wife Jill. We thank them both for their friendship, their many contributions and their support for Rotary. We will still see them from time to time and wish them well for the future.

I would also note that Dee Gronlund resigned late last year after a short period as a member. Our best wishes to Dee also.

Upcoming Events

Australian Henley Regatta BBQ is on Saturday 23rd February.

And we have a **Bunnings BBQ** on Sunday 24th February.

We have pretty good coverage for both of these events, but if you want to help out we will gladly add your name!

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 3rd March



Lyle and I are meeting with Friends of Gardiner's Creek this week to plan for the event.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 13th February

Team Meetings – implementation of team plans for the balance of this Rotary year.

Welcome: George
Chair: Alick Osborne
Sergeant: Paul Rake

Wednesday 20th February

Speaker: Brian Ashworth – Disaster Aid International.

Brian is a Director of Disaster Aid International. He is a recently retired Civil Engineer with 40 years of experience in the UK and Australian Water Industries.

Previous board experience includes Maffra Hospital Board and the South Gippsland Health Service.

He has been a Rotarian for more than 20 years including being a Past President of his Club.

Welcome: Frank & Cheryl
Chair: Ros McMorrow
Sergeant: Rod Kenafacke

Wednesday 27th February

Speaker: TBA

Welcome: David & Christina
Chair: Alick Osborne
Sergeant: Chris Don

Wednesday 6th March

Cluster Meeting hosted by Prahran Rotary at Matthew Flinders.

International Women's Day Breakfast

Thursday 7th March

Book Today! www.RotaryIWDbreakfast.org.au

Women's Rotary
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST
THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2019
PALLADIUM AT CROWN

Brought to you by the Rotary Club of Brighton North & The Rotary Club of Malvern

SAVE \$10 EARLY BIRD TICKETS ONLY \$70 EACH / TABLE OF 10 \$685

MC Moderator Our Expert Panel will Discuss Diversity, Gender Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace. You'll be Inspired. Guaranteed!

 Josh Earl	 Catherine Fox	 Frans Patten MP	 Rob Hulls	 Kristen Hilton	 Josh Bornstein	 Dr. Emma Burrows
--	---	--	--	---	---	---

**\$900 CORPORATE TABLE OF 10
\$790 STANDARD TABLE OF 10 - SINGLE TICKET \$80 - STUDENTS: \$55**

6.30am for 7.00am start. Finishes promptly at 9am. FREE parking in the multi-deck carpark.

PRESENTING PARTNER: CLARKE & COMPANY
MAJOR SPONSORS: nab, Workday
WINE SPONSOR: HEDDIE

PROCEEDS GO TO SELECTED CHARITIES:    

<http://www.rotaryiwdbreakfast.org.au/>

Caption This!



The best caption from a current club member will win a prize – a bottle of 2012 Lambert Estate Thoroughbred Cabernet Sauvignon courtesy of The Ed. SMS responses to 0437-318-311.