

From the President Alick Osborne

Brief recap from the Team meetings:

The Community Team confirmed the provision of two half bursaries for students at Currajong School – as we have done for a number of years. Note we will be meeting at Currajong on Wednesday 15th May.

International discussed a number of projects. The latest update from Timor Leste was circulated prior to the meeting. We will be supporting the running of the Gala Dinner for Cambodia at the end of May. Care bags for Mindanao (Philippines) are coming together.

Speaking of Timor Leste, John W and Vijay S are recently back from Baguia where they review the progress of the WASH project to install 29 water tanks and 6 toilet blocks.

Overall the project is coming along well and is expected to finish on time and within budget. The local people, in particular Salvador who worked with previous teams, are getting on with the required work. More tanks have been installed with guttering and the final one have been delivered ready for connection either with gutters from community building rooftops, or pipes to nearby springs.

More toilets will be built between now and the end of this year. Team 4 will assess this work when it visits in October.

The other aspect is the training for handwashing and sanitation. Putting the water in the tanks and the basins in the toilets to good use. The training is being delivered and the children are taking it on with gusto. But the training organisation is very expensive and so the search goes on for more economical alternatives.

If you would like a copy of John & Vijay's report please let me know.

Wednesday 17th April

Speaker: **Jacqui Munro – Community Partnerships Manager Vic. - Destiny Rescue**

Destiny Rescue (DR) is an internationally-recognized non-profit organisation dedicated to rescuing children trapped in the sex trade. Their vision is to rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restore the abused, protect the vulnerable, empower the poor and be a voice for those who can't speak up for themselves.

They currently operate various programs in Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines and India. DR also has offices in three donor nations: United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Since 2011, DR has rescued nearly 2000 children enslaved around the world, helped keep hundreds more from entering the sex trade through various prevention programs, ensured justice for those who have been wronged, and raised awareness to untold numbers.

Chair: Sandi

Welcome: Rosemary & George

Sergeant: Bernard

Wednesday 24th April – no meeting.

**Wednesday 1st May
Cluster meeting hosted by Toorak
Rotary.**

**Speaker: Susan Barton AM
Founder Lighthouse Foundation**

Susan Barton AM is a revolutionary Australian leader in the area of youth homelessness. As Founder and Director of Lighthouse Foundation for homeless youth, Susan began caring for vulnerable young people in her own home more than 30 years ago, following a life changing experience as a volunteer in a Sri Lankan orphanage. This was the catalyst that started her on the Lighthouse journey.

Lighthouse Foundation provides homeless young people from backgrounds of long-term neglect and abuse, with a home, a sense of family, and around-the-clock therapeutic care that is individually tailored, trauma informed and proven to work.

For over 27 years Lighthouse has successfully supported over 900 young people to break the cycle of homelessness, move into employment and educational opportunities, and overcome damaging life experiences.

Each suburban Lighthouse home provides safety, therapeutic counselling and guidance for up to four young people, supported by two live-in carers and a dedicated team of psychologists and health professionals.

Wednesday 8th May Transition from School to Career

Our annual event with students from Sacred Heart, Glen Eira College and Ashwood High School.

We will have 3 or 4 people on our panel to talk about their experiences finding a career path after school.

Wednesday 15th May Currajong School Visit



BusyFeet



VOLUNTEERS WANTED URGENTLY

*Tuesdays (school term) 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Phoenix Park, Rob Roy Rd Malvern East*

*One on one dancing with children with
special needs (no prior experience
required)*

*Teaching dance steps
Tea, coffee, clean up
Administration*

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Upcoming Events

MUNA – 27-28 April

RCEM is one of the hosts this year under Secretary General Chris Don.

Myself, Caroline and Dawn will be assisting during the weekend.

~~We will be providing some of the catering (yes a BBQ!) and supervision of students.~~ Good news – catering has been organised separately – thanks Chris! (That means everyone will be refreshed and ready for **our next Bunning BBQ on the 4th May!**)

Schools from all over Victoria will assemble at Swinburne University of Technology on April 27-28th to participate in the annual Rotary Model United Nations Assembly. Two secondary students from each school will compete in a debating forum modelled on the UN General Assembly in an event aimed at developing debating, analytical, political

and geographical skills, while building self-confidence and global awareness.

Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 4th May

The Market – Saturday 11th May



**Saturday
11th May '19
10am to 3pm**

Phoenix Park Community Centre
Rob Roy Road, Malvern East

Over 40 Fabulous Stall Holders
Cafe & BBQ

Dog Fashions | Jewellery | Handbags | Body Care Products
Clothing | Baked Goods | Kids Stuff | Postcards & so much more

 @ChadstoneCraftMarket

 **Rotary**
Chadstone/East Malvern



MS BBQ – Sunday 2nd June

Last year this clashed with the District Changeover and with a wonderful but small team we were flat out like lizards drinking keeping up with demand for sausages and bacon and egg rolls.

It's a great event but we need a minimum of 10 people – and hopefully more – to run this without running ourselves silly.

Please mark it in your diary and let Alick know that you will be available on the day. It's an important

community and fundraising day – and a lot of fun when we have a full crew!

Lyle wants your (bottle) tops!



Turning Waste Into Opportunity

Envision Hands is an incredible environmental and humanitarian project supported by Coca Cola, Rotary, Lions Clubs and so many people in the community.

Together we will be gathering bottle tops and transforming them into prosthetic limbs and other usable household items. As part of the e-NABLE project, Envision Hands aims to make 100 prosthetic limbs for disadvantaged children and communities throughout India and other 3rd world countries.

The Hands

Envision accesses e-NABLE's 3D printer designs to make simple, self-powered prostheses. These devices allow young people and older, to undertake basic tasks such as picking up a cup or holding a fork. The difference is Envision hands are the only ones we know of that are made from recycled bottle tops.



We Need YOU!

Schools

Helping kids help kids. Approaching schools directly we get the children actively involved. They learn about the waste cycle, recycling, and how to become part of the solution.

Community/Business/Clubs

Working with our community and business partners we are endeavoring to spread the word on reducing waste, whilst gaining their support in both bottle top collection and fundraising activities.



Thanks Sandi!

Thanks to Sandi we have wonderful “certificates of appreciation” which are being circulated to the organisations who supported us at the Taste of France.



Cambodia Fundraising Dinner

2019 GALA DINNER at

THE
International

Brighton - Friday 31 May



The second annual Gala Dinner to raise funds to do **humanitarian work in Cambodia** is on **31 MAY**.

Our 2018 event was a roaring success and our team of 13 volunteers worked in the village of La'ak in January 2018 together with the villagers implemented some amazing changes including clean drinking water and a vegetable garden.

Details for this Special Event

Date:	Friday, 31 May 2019	Time:	7pm to midnight
Venue:	The International – 81 Bay Street Brighton		
Purpose:	Create awareness and raise funds for humanitarian projects in Cambodia		
Cost:	Ticket price is \$110 two course meal and drinks (special diets)		
Dress Code:	Semi-formal		
Contact:	Reserve a seat through Tania or Janet		

Regenerative Ag

I missed the meeting as I was on my way back from Newdegate WA where I had gone to meet a young farmer called Nick Kelly who is doing some very interesting work with Regenerative Agriculture, an area that I am becoming increasingly fascinated with.

Regenerative Ag is about working with nature to improve soil health and cut down the use of synthetic fertilisers and chemicals. In almost all cases these growers are increasing their soil carbon levels!

Soil carbon is tremendously important. Soil carbon has declined in almost all farming areas under conventional agriculture practices. Increasing soil carbon helps to improve biological activity, nutrient cycling and water infiltration.

Nick's parents cleared the farm from bush in the mid 1960's and have been on the journey from multiple cultivations to reduced tillage to no tillage cropping and now with Nick they are going a few steps further.

Nick has cut out synthetic fertiliser and this year will farm without herbicides, insecticides, fungicides – i.e. without all the killers.

He has been able to drop fertilisers by growing multi species cover crops, or poly-culture. The plants are solar panels that convert energy from the sun via photosynthesis into carbon – effectively sugars which they then pump into the ground to feed microbes which harvest nutrients from the soil. They can access nitrogen from the atmosphere (which is 80% N), phosphorous and trace elements from rock minerals. And in fact after over 50 years of fertiliser applications there are a surplus of many plant nutrients in the ground.

Nick has produced summer crops like sunflowers which was previously unheard of in the WA wheat-belt.

He does use some inputs like seaweed extract, fish extract, and humic acid all of which we produce at Seasol.

Like I said I am fascinated by this whole area. If you want to check out some interesting aspects have a gander at:

<https://vimeo.com/322164170>

Also the work being done by the Mulloon Institute in NSW. <https://themullooninstitute.org/>

Footnote: With Easter running into Anzac Day and no meeting on the 24th April the Editor of the CC may take the week off. **Next edition at the very end of April.**