



From the President



Thank you to all that attended last week's inaugural 'face to face' at the Racecourse Hotel and acknowledging all those who were apologies. The evening was all about fellowship and it was great to be part of the many and varied conversations that were happening around the table. We were a bit 'rusty' around meeting procedure after a few weeks off but that was incidental to us enjoying each other's company in congenial surroundings.

Thanks also to Michele and Louise, in arranging supply of our new Club polo shirts. Not only was it time to refresh our Club gear but also maintaining contemporary Rotary branding is important across our global organisation.

Bring on this Saturday's Henley Regatta! We have stamped our name on this event in past years, and the menu for 2021 should be a clear winner. This is a great day to have fun as Club members, as much as it is to promote us within the wider community. So, if you have not volunteered already, please come along and be part of the action. And we get to do something similar in June with us providing key sustenance to participants in the MS Walk Run around Albert Park Lake.

As we plan our 'face-to-face' and alternate fortnightly zoom meetings for the next few months, our engagement of potential speakers takes some time and effort. We want our meetings to be enjoyable and engaging and if you have subjects/topics that you consider may be of interest to Club members generally please talk to Trevor or myself. Perhaps you are working on writing on your own book and want to 'test' some ideas! Whatever your preference, I ask you to actively share suggestions. As the last few days have illustrated we must continue to be agile and adaptable in terms of what we do, and how we interact and support, each other.

Just as Busy Feet has successfully recommenced in 2021, we have learned of the unexpected passing of long-standing participant, Daniel Mc. This is sad news indeed and his family have been contacted by Rosemary and Lyle to share our collective condolences and offer further support to his family as appropriate.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 17th February

*****from 6:15pm on ZOOM*****

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96621106605?pwd=QmtubzNWQk1CN1czclF0TnZSdWI3dz09>

Meeting ID: 966 2110 6605

Passcode: 1975

Dial by your location

+61 3 7018 2005 Australia

Wednesday 24th February

*****Dinner Meeting*****

6:00 for 6:30pm

Upstairs at the Racecourse Hotel

Meals \$30 per head

Corner of Waverley Rd and Princes Highway (895 Princes Highway Service Rd) Malvern East.

Please wear a mask to enter the venue.

RSVP to Lyle by Tuesday afternoon.

BusyFeet is was Back! ☺



BusyFeet was back up and running under the leadership of dance teacher Fran. And will return after the latest lockdown.



It was great to see nearly all our BusyFeet children, and volunteers, and their carers/parents turn up to rekindle the fun of dance at Phoenix Park.

In line with COVID restrictions, the dance session was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the smiles on the children's faces (and volunteers!), said it all ... BusyFeet is back!



Australian Henley Regatta Saturday 20th February

From 8:30am until 3:00pm RCEM will be running our annual fundraising BBQ at the Henley Regatta.

Subject to CovidSafe restrictions we will be setting up beside the Yarra to cook and serve egg and bacon rolls, sausages, hamburgers, chicken schnitzels and paella.



Location: On the south side of the Yarra, next to Melbourne Uni Boat Club. Parking is available in Boathouse Drive, or it is a short walk from Flinders Street Station.

We will finalise details as we understand what exactly restrictions mean for us but please make sure you bring masks.

Looking forward to seeing Dawn, Michele, Richard, Michael, and Trevor on the early morning set up. I also have Sue, Rod, Kathryn, Frank, Mark and Tania on the line up during the day – the busy period is from 11:00-2:00pm so if you can't make it for the whole day we would love to see you when things get busy! .

Please let Alick know if I have missed you or you haven't yet let me know you are available!

Morning Tea with the DG Sat 20th Feb

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=648813&>

Bunnings BBQ Saturday 6th March

A reminder of our upcoming Bunnings BBQ dates... Saturday 6th March, Saturday 20th March, Sunday 11th April. All welcome! Please contact Lyle if you can help.

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 7th March



We will have our annual Clean Up Australia Day working bee on Sunday 7th March

<https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/alickosborneosborne/glen-iris-park>

Bushfires – 1 Year On – Andrew Crisp Emergency Management Commissioner Vic

Weekly Rotary Melbourne Meeting –
17th February 2021

Guest Speaker: Andrew Crisp, Emergency Management
Commissioner – Victoria

Topic: '2019/20 Victorian Bushfires'
Partnering with East Gippsland Rotary Clubs



Wednesday 17th February from 1:00-2:00pm on Zoom.

<https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-melbourne-weekly-meeting-17th-feb>

Fundraising Opportunity

RCEM has been invited to provide volunteers at the Camberwell Market which is held each

Sunday. A set-up shift is 6 hours from 6:30am – 12:30 pm, and a pack up shift is 6 hours from 7:00am – 1:00pm. Other than setting up or packing up the main tasks are greeting people, inviting them to make a gold coin donation and answering questions from stallholders and patrons.

For each shift we can fill we would earn a minimum of \$200 toward our fundraising. We do not have to commit to have someone there every week. We could do one or two Sundays each month. If interested please discuss with Sandi or Alick.

International Women's Day Online Event

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY | TUESDAY 9 MARCH - FRIDAY 12 MARCH
Available to stream event from 8am AEDT Tuesday

International Women's Day
A Bold, New Initiative

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| Jacinda Ardern Prime Minister New Zealand | Solly Copp Lord Mayor City of Melbourne | Jennifer Jones World Life Fellow President (2022-23) | Colin Carter AM President Sporting Football Club (2011 - 2020) | Dr Megan Clark AC Chair Australian Space Agency | Dr Dean Frestone CEO/Founder Swire |
| Ian Hamm Moderator | Alickon Nelson MC | For more information visit https://www.iwd.org.au/speakers | | | |

Prime Minister New Zealand Jacinda Ardern is just one of the high-profile speakers who will be gracing the screens at this year's International Women's Day (IWD) event. President Rotary International, Jennifer Jones 2022-23 is another. Titled 'A Bold New World' this event challenges each of us to consider some of the issues facing the world today. This year, Women in Rotary would like to invite your organisation to join us in celebrating IWD with an event of your own. When you purchase your ticket(s) you will be given a video file of the event for you to share.

What an ideal opportunity to get together with your colleagues!

To access the event jump on the link from Tuesday March 9 from 8am AEDT. The link will be provided once you have purchased your ticket. Tickets are \$20 pp or \$100 for groups of 10 or more people.

BOOK NOW



Tickets

https://www.iwd.org.au/tickets?fbclid=IwAR3FRWLMk6_wlUj_yEMy4Pf1JrJ2IY-gVVda8prf-cfv60bYb8pf-k504

Victorian Multi District Conference 1-2 May 2021



RI Virtual Convention 12-16 June 2021



Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 7 March 2021
In your local community

Roll up your sleeves, get into nature and spend a morning cleaning up your local area on Sunday 7 March for **Clean Up Australia Day!**

Join one of the Sunday morning clean ups in Stonnington:

- [Glenburn Bend Park](#) (Friends of Gardiners Creek Valley)
- [Glen Iris Park](#) (Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern)

Or [find a clean up near you.](#)

Dates for your diary 2021

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| 20 th Feb | Saturday | Morning Tea with the DG |
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| 7 th March | Sunday | Clean Up Australia Day Gardiners Creek |
| 27 th March | Saturday | NGIV – Melbourne Design Week – Regenerating Kooyongkoot |
| 28 th March | Sunday | Pets in the Park – to be confirmed |
| 1 st – 2 nd May | Sat-Sun | Victorian Multi District Conference |
| 8 th May | Saturday | Craft Market Phoenix Park |
| 30 May | Sunday | MS Walk Run & Roll Albert Park |