

From the President Tania Aisbett

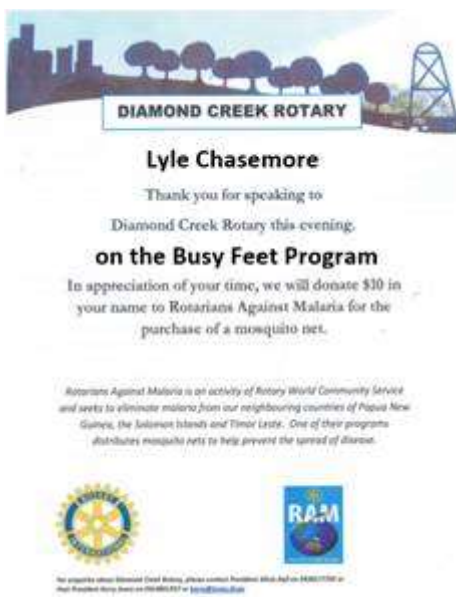
The year is officially underway as we met back at Matthew Flinders for our first club meeting of the new Rotary year.

We had a great turn out with 21 members attending the meeting.

Alick was our illustrious speaker, giving us an informative talk on **“Regenerative Agriculture”**. The do’s and don’ts of maintaining our crops or even our home garden. The old adage of less is more sprung to mind. Tracey put on an excellent Sergeant’s session with her Rotary quiz.

On top of this was we had three potential members visit our meeting and to hear about the great work we have done and are doing in the future. A special mention to Alick who facilitated their attendance and sparked their interest in Rotary. And where did this spark originate from but a chance encounter at our Bunnings BBQ and at the Craft Market.

A final mention to Lyle who attend the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek to promote the Busy Feet Program. A great idea inspired by a member of our club and now spreading across the district. See you all next week. 😊



Upcoming Events

Bunnings BBQ Saturday 20th July

Yes it’s back to Bunnings for another day on the tongs. After running the pilot program to bring the serving counter inside we are hoping to continue this initiative and see the rewards.

Lyle has rounded up Dawn, Kathryn, Richard, Chris, Frank, Rosemary, Alick and his own good self to run the BBQ (thank you everyone) but if you also want to lend a hand or buy a snag you won’t be turned away.

National Tree Planting Day Sunday 28th July

Rotary Chadstone / East Malvern in conjunction with the City of Stonnington's community tree planting day

Date: Sunday 28th July
Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: George Pepperell Gazebo, Gardiners Creek, next to the TH King Oval
Contact: Lyle for more details



In addition to planting trees we will also be running a BBQ for all the volunteers – estimated to be up to 80 (let’s see how the weather looks?!). So we have

fun jobs to suit every member. Please let Alick and Lyle know that you can join us!

Mock Interviews Monday 29th July 11:45am-2:30pm



Ashwood Secondary College

Current working with Children card is essential.

A long standing RCEM Youth program (and Rotary program in other parts of the world).

We require 8 Rotarians to conduct the interviews.

For those of you who haven't had this great experience it consists of interviewing Year 10 students in a mock interview situation. You will get details of the job they are applying for and suggested questions for you to ask. At the end of the interview you write up a short summary of how the student went and give them feedback on how they have gone.

Afternoon tea (please advise any allergies).

Rosemary has been signing up volunteers but another one or two would be very welcome so if you can make it please let Rosemary know.

The Market Saturday 10th August



Tracey advised we have a full dance card (over 40 stalls) for the upcoming market so we need as many Rotarians as we can get along to help with set-up, running and cleaning up after the market. David Knight is the man with the roster so please let him know you will be there!

Wednesday 17th July

Speaker: Mark Greenham

Business Development & Operations Manager at Downer.

Mark will be speaking about the \$5 billion projects to install new interconnectors to provide effective transmission of electricity between South Australia, Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

Welcome: Frank & Cheryl

Sergeant: Hein

Chair: Raj Shinde

We also have our first Board meeting starting at 8:10pm to work on our plans and programs for the new year.

Wednesday 24th July

Speaker: TBC

Welcome: Alick & Kathryn

Sergeant: Mark

Chair: Rosalind

Wednesday 31st July

Speaker: TBC

Welcome: Bernard & Christina.

Sergeant: Alick

Chair: Louise

Regenerative Ag – follow on...

Thanks for letting me bang on about Regenerative Ag. As Hein mentioned to me afterwards the documentary film “2040” covers a lot of regenerative agriculture material.

I certainly find it fascinating and was very pleased to hear that the presentation seemed to hit the mark... apart from the videos which did not want to work so I have included the links here:

Water infiltration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZohI2YR7wQ4>

Planting into cover crops:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk80RkOfnpE>

Gabe Brown:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk80RkOfnpE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfTZ0rnwcc>

There are also some excellent books on the subject including:

Call of the Reed Warbler by Charles Massy.

Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe. Actually this one is mainly about how the aborigines managed the Australian landscape producing crops like wallaby and kangaroo grass for grain – (and producing bread!), and murrnong which is a tuber and was prolific in many regions

Dirt to Soil by Gabe Brown.



(Editor: If you don't want to see pictures of me you will have to submit some yourself!!).

Donations in Kind needs help please

DIK has containers for Timor Leste and Chile scheduled for July and one for the Solomons scheduled for August. There are two more likely during this period.

We are packing the Timor container on Tuesday 16th July and will complete it on Thursday 18th July.

Packing the Chile container - all hospital beds - on Tuesday 30th July, after a big day of mattress cleaning on Thursday 24th July.

Packing the Solomons Container also with some hospital beds on Tuesday 15th August.

So we are looking for some extra hands on Tuesday July 16th, Thursday July 24th, Tuesday July 30th and Tuesday August 15th.

Please contact DIK directly.