

From the President Alick Osborne

Lots of preparation underway for the Taste of France this Sunday 24th March from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Chris has been working night and day to bring everything together and we look forward to a successful day. We may have a few showers but it does not look like it will be enough to keep people away.

At the meeting on Wednesday Chris will be working through his plans with everyone so please make sure to come along so we are all well prepared.

During the meeting we will be putting caps and ribbons on the 300 jars of preserves that Christine & Ros have made for our fundraising efforts.

We also need people to make batches of batter for the **Poffertjes** between Friday afternoon and the start of the event. It's an easy mix! Mix 1kg of self-raising flour, 8 eggs, and 4 litres of milk. Make sure there are no lumps and fill into 3 x 2 litre milk bottles. Refrigerate.

Paul will gladly take more items for the **Silent Auction**.

Tania is on the lookout for additional **hamper** goodies.

Rod wants your good quality **second hand books**.

If you are worried about where you will get your next 10,000 steps give me a call and I will find you a few streets for **letterbox drops**.

And of course we need people to help set up on Saturday and all hands on deck on Sunday. Thanks for all of your good work so far!!!



Taste of France
Family Fun Day

Sunday 24th March 11pm – 4pm

Fabulous French Food & Snacks


See a wonderful range of French vintage cars
Featuring - Renault, Citroen, Simca & Peugeot

Silent Auction, Hampers, Cake Stall, Rides & Jumping Castles,
Honey, Popcorn, Shaved Ice & Fabulous French Music

Central Park Corner Burke & Wattle tree roads
East Malvern

Proudly supported by the City of Stonnington



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

CONTACT ROSEMARY

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The week that was...

Bunnings BBQ **Saturday 16th March**

Thanks to Lyle, Mark, Janet & Chris and anyone else who made it to lend a hand. \$272 to our fundraising account – not as much as we would like but better than February when the BBQ first moved to the trade desk.

Indigenous Listening Tour

Well done to everyone who made it to Enterprize Park in the city on Wednesday evening to listen to Dean Stewart giving us an appreciation of the indigenous history of Melbourne and the massive changes that came with white settlement from 1835 onwards.

I found Dean's presentation very thought provoking and at times challenging. Dean promised it would be!



Avalon Centre

Lyle ventured out to Narre Warren Rotary to present some information on the Avalon Centre's new house. It should be ready for the family to move in soon. Well done Lyle!

He also managed to get his picture taken with the environment minister Hon. Melissa Price MP and representatives of Friends of Gardiner's Creek.



Wednesday 20th March

Preparation for the Family Fun Day / A Taste of France event. Board Meeting.

Chair: Chris Don
Welcome: Tania & Hein
Sergeant: Hein

Wednesday 27th March

Peter Gersch – Woodward Nhill Financial Planning

Chair: Trevor
Welcome: Alick & Lin
Sergeant: Caroline

Wednesday 3rd April

Derek Row – AA

Roster TBA.

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We are lucky to have the support of a number of generous sponsors for the Family Fun Day (Taste of France) each year. It would really help if RCEM members who are on Facebook could like and share the Taste of France event page and the posts promoting the various sponsors who are supporting us!

RSVP PLEASE

Once again Hein and Veronica have very kindly invited all Rotarians, Partners and Friends working on the stalls for the Taste of France to their home for dinner on Sunday (24th) evening.

This is a lovely tradition – we need to have an idea on numbers. Please RSVP to Alick via email or SMS and let me know who (you, partner, friend) is coming by Thursday 21st March.

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 2019 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		