

From the President Alick Osborne

Gosh aren't we lucky that the Taste of France was not this weekend just gone! While it's great to finally have some cooler weather and some rain – it would not have been ideal for getting people to attend.

A small meeting this week just gone with many thank you messages shared after the Taste of France. Please see a summary of our initial results later in the CC.

Our speaker was Peter Gersch from Woodward Nhill Financial planning speaking about investment in the current markets. The power of compound interest and growth over time, even with all of the market volatility we hear about so often, was clear in the information he presented.

This week we have Lisa Row speaking from Alcoholics Anonymous.

District News

District 9800 has selected Dale Hoy as District Governor Elect 2021-2022. Dale has been a member of the Rotary Club of Brighton for 15 years where he was President in 2016-17.

He is a Chartered Accountant with Australian and International experience. Dale is married to Maureen a former teacher and property developer. Congratulations Dale.



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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Wednesday 3rd April

Speaker: **Lisa Row – Alcoholics Anonymous.**

Chair: Lyle

Welcome: Dawn & Frank

Sergeant: Richard

Wednesday 10th April

Team Meetings

Chair: Alick

Welcome: Lin & Cheryl

Sergeant: Tracey

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.

Upcoming Events

DIK Working Bee

Saturday 6th April from 9:00am
Shed 39, 400 Somerville Rd West Footscray
Car-pooling recommended – contact Sandi, Lyle or Alick.

Bunnings BBQ

This Sunday 7th April

4-6 volunteers required.
Please contact Chris or Lyle.



MUNA – 27-28 April

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

We will be providing some of the catering (yes a BBQ!) and supervision of students.

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.

Taste of France

Preliminary Financial Update

The success of the Taste of France is not entirely financial. As we have noted the engagement of members, past members, partners and friends of Rotary, as well as the local community is a vital component.

But we don't do it just for fun – the funds raised are definitely important for our activities throughout the year in the local and international community, not to mention money we contribute to Rotary through vehicles such as Rotary Foundation.

In terms of the overall fundraising effort we expect to raise approximately \$16,000 from the day.

This is made up of grants and sponsorship of just over \$10,000 and stall takings of approximately \$14,000 less expenses of \$8,000 (we are still reconciling the final takings via Eftpos and expenses).

Net results by stall:

Food	\$3,857	
Drinks	\$693	
Coffee	\$175	
Chips	\$886	
Shaved Ice	\$630	
Preserves	\$1,366	
Honey	\$180	
Books	\$751	
Rides	\$2,307	
Hampers	\$437	
Silent Auction	\$2,900	Est.

While we have thanked many people and noted many contributors and supporters there are some we have not yet recognised.

In particular past member Elias Dannoui who provided a great deal of the wonderful food we served at no cost. This has meant that the net result of the food stall is pretty handsome.

Again thank you to everyone who contributed so much !

More pictures of the set up for the event and on the day.

