

## From the President Tania Aisbett

From 'regenerative agriculture' last week to 'renewable energy' this week our speakers are certainly promoting sustainability in multiple areas.

Mark Greenham (from Downer) spoke about the challenges facing the Australian community that are emerging as a consequence of shifting our electricity from coal fired plants to renewable energies such as wind and solar.



The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), the body responsible for the operation and the administration of the wholesale electricity market, has developed a ten year plan for this change from coal to renewable energy sources. One critical issue is that the electricity infrastructure (poles and wires) is set up to haul large volumes of power for the La Trobe Valley in Victoria and like coal fired generators in other states. But now the locations of solar and wind generators are in different locations so we need to build new heavy duty infrastructure from places like Bendigo and Ballarat (wind power) and Mildura (solar power) to haul electricity to large centres like Melbourne.

This is a common problem across Australia. Australia has two linked electricity infrastructures – SA, Vic, Tas, NSW and Qld are linked and WA operates independently. Large cables called

interconnectors are being built between the eastern states to share electricity to better match generation and demand. Batteries will be part of the longer term solution in the future but are not developed enough to help solve the immediate problem of under supply in the peak morning and evening consumption periods.

On behalf of Rotary Chadstone East Malvern I wish Paul Rake and Julie Jessup a very Happy Birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. See you all next week. T



## Bunnings BBQ

A pretty good day at Bunnings once again cooking outside and serving inside beside the escalators. We will bank \$588 after expenses. We have some snags to contribute to the BBQ coming up this weekend for National Tree Planting Day.

Thanks to Lyle, Dawn, Richard, Kathryn, Chris, Frank and Alick.

## National Tree Planting Day Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

It sounds like this will be a big event with people attending from the Community, Council, Men's Shed, Friends of Gardiner's Creek and Rotary.

As mentioned previously we will be running a BBQ and we also want to use this as a Membership Info event.

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

Date: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> July



THE METRO TUNNEL WILL FREE UP SPACE IN THE CITY LOOP TO RUN MORE TRAINS TO AND FROM THE SUBURBS, BY TAKING OUR BUSIEST TRAIN LINES THROUGH A NEW TUNNEL UNDER THE CITY.

That means more trains, more often across Victoria, with a less crowded and more reliable train network.

Works to build the massive 9km twin rail tunnels and five new underground stations is underway.

The Sunbury and Cranbourne/Pakenham lines will be upgraded with next-generation high-capacity signalling to allow more trains to run more often and more reliably.

Welcome: Alick & Kathryn

Sergeant: Mark

Chair: Rosalind

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Speaker: TBC

Welcome: Bernard & Christina.

Sergeant: Alick

Chair: Louise

## Lin Hughes

Our thoughts and best wishes are with our dear friend Lin who as many people will know is not very well at the moment.

*Life is mostly froth and bubble,  
Two things stand like stone.  
Kindness in another's trouble,  
Courage in one's own.*

From 'Ye Weary Wayfarer' by Adam Lindsay Gordon.

## Eric Farmer

As noted last month Eric Farmer, a former member of RCEM, and PDG District 9810, passed away of the 15<sup>th</sup> June. Our condolences to his wife Carol and their family. A brief biography of Eric's life.

I was born in Walsall, Staffordshire, England in 1931 and educated at St. Mary's Grammar School, Walsall. After leaving school, I joined Docker Brothers, a paint company, as a laboratory assistant.

At eighteen, I was called up for National Service and joined the Royal Marines. I was fortunate to achieve one of the ten commissions given annually and continued on in the Reserves, managing the Special Boat Section (the SBS). This involved parachuting, learning to be a frogman, understanding under water explosives etc. etc. They were exciting times!

At the conclusion of my National Service, I was re-employed by Docker Bros. and eventually become London Manager with the responsibility of Sales for the whole of the U.K.

I once volunteered as a blind date to accompany a nurse to a May Ball at a London teaching hospital. That lady fortunately became my wife in 1961.

With three children under four years, we took the plunge and migrated to Australia in 1968. Anticipating "a wide brown land" we were very surprised at suburbia and searched eastwards to find our own plot of 12 acres in Silvan upon which we planted 3000 lemon trees, a few hundred each week! These were to pay for our children's education. We never quite caught up with the fees but the lifestyle was excellent with chooks, a pony, a puppy, and lots of hard work. We, immersed ourselves in village life, school committees etc.

I set up my own industrial paint company in 1975. We leased a dilapidated old factory with an uneven floor, outside dunny and wiring that literally ran red hot when too much power was needed! From two men and a boy, and Carol as credit controller for eighteen years, we have now grown to employ more than 50 staff, Australia-wide. Our two sons now run the business and drive it hard with great success. Our daughter, a florist, currently resides in London.

In 1987, I was approached to be a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Bayswater North and served on many committees before becoming elected as District Governor in 1996/1997, managing 52 Rotary Clubs. I went on to be ANZO regional Director for two years.

We moved to Menzies in 2003 and in 2007 and after serving on the Residents' Committee, I was asked to become Chairman, a position I held for two years.

We spent ten happy years, taking advantage of the security of Menzies, travelling both overseas and exploring Australia.

We feel most fortunate to have retired here, enjoying a great position, nice restaurants and a friendly group of like-minded people.

## Donations in Kind still needs help please

DIK is still looking for assistance with containers for Chile and the Solomon Islands still to be loaded.

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

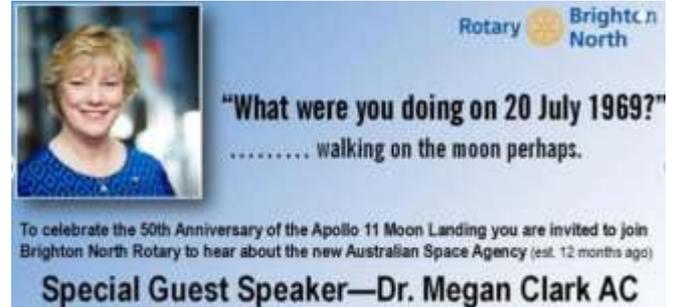
Packing the Solomons Container also with some hospital beds on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

So DIK is looking for some extra hands on Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact DIK directly.

## North Brighton Rotary – speaker Dr Megan Clark AC - Australian Space Agency

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July



<http://northbrightonrotary.org.au/index.php?action=campaign&campaignid=29459>

## Visit by RI President Mark Maloney



**DISTRICT 9780  
WELCOMES  
ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT  
MARK DANIEL  
MALONEY  
TO BALLARAT**

**PRESIDENTIAL DINNER**  
Tuesday,  
24 September 2019  
6.30pm pre dinner drink  
7.00pm dinner  
The Mercure Ballarat  
613 Main Road,  
Ballarat VIC  
**COST: \$60/person (incl booking fee)**  
Includes 2 course meal  
& pre dinner drink.  
Drinks at bar prices.  
**Tickets available at**  
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