

## From the President Alick Osborne Changeover Dinner

It was great to see so many Rotarians, Partners, friends and guests at the Changeover dinner on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

We were very pleased to see District Governor Bronwyn Stephens and her husband Mark. They are incredibly busy getting to as many Changeover events as they can.

Caroline Ord was a welcome guest on her final official duty as Assistant Governor.

Carole Stubbs is always welcome at RCEM and it was lovely to see her. Incoming Co-Presidents for Malvern Pauline Clayton and Sandra Poynton came along to get some tips prior to their Changeover on Sunday, and Paul Hotchins was there to renew acquaintances.

PE Tania Aisbett did a wonderful job as our first time MC – although she has another engagement for next year...

Thank you for everyone's help in making it a great night – but especially Rod, Tania and Sandi for the organisation prior to the event.

A couple of short excerpts from my speech as the incoming President:-

*...Moreover we finish the year with something of a clean slate, wiser for recent experience, with clarity of purpose from the recent strategy sessions and – most important of all – members who want to be a part of this club...*



*...My point is that leadership doesn't start when you get a title and a badge, or even the chains of office. And it certainly doesn't finish when you hand the baton on.*

*Leadership happens when you step up to do something that needs to be done – and do it well. Everyone in Rotary has the chance to practice that kind of leadership.*

*So I look forward to working with the many leaders in our club – figuring out what we need to do and why, and how best to do it...*

## Paul Harris Fellows

Changeover was particularly special as we were able to award two Paul Harris Fellows – to Peter Salmon and Rod Kenafacke.



These were in addition to the PHF awarded to Roy Bridges at the RCEM meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.



## New Member Welcome! Archna Choudhary

Another Changeover highlight was the induction of our newest Rotarian Archna Choudhary, and the opportunity

to welcome her husband Parveen. Archna has been enthusiastically involved at a number of our events recently. We are especially grateful for her energetic support at the MS BBQ – good training for any potential Rotarian!



## Aspergers Victoria

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June Youth & Vocation team leader Caroline Adrian and Alick met with Tamsin Jowett and her team at Aspergers Victoria. Members will recall we have been approached by Aspergers Victoria to help them start a pilot program to find work experience placements for secondary students (years 9-11) with Aspergers.

We are awaiting further details but there is an obvious need and a link to both Youth and Vocation avenues of service.

## Samarinda Sewing Group

Community team lead Lyle Chasemore has been connecting the dots as only Rotary can by linking the Samarinda Sewing Group to our very own [Craft Market on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August](#), to DIK and to the Kew Rotary Op Shop.

Let me explain. Samarinda approached us when we put out our call for community projects seeking money for sewing machines, equipment, and materials.

Rather than writing a cheque we have offered Samarinda a free stall at the Craft Market so they have an opportunity to sell the items they make and raise their own money.

Lyle took Beverley and Brian from Samarinda to DIK where Bob Glinderman helped them to find five sewing machines, a knitting machine and a trolley full of fabric. We plan to contribute some money towards getting the machines serviced so they are in good order for the sewing group.

The Kew Rotary Op Shop can potentially supply wool and yarn. This connection was made at Changeover when DG Bronwyn was talking to Lyle!



Samarinda Sewing Group is part of Samarinda Ashburton Aged Services (SAAS). We expect we will find more to do with them and a potential partnership may develop.

For anyone who wants to know more about SAAS here is the link to their website. <http://www.samarinda.org.au/>

Good work to the Projects group who found this opportunity to make a difference and to Lyle for doing the recent legwork.

## Craig Family Centre Pergola

As reported in the CC (online 18<sup>th</sup> June) the pergola is up but the work is not finished. There is still gardening to be done including a couple of planter boxes to go in.

Richard Dixon is drawing up plans for the boxes and promises to be back from Byron Bay before [Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July](#) when we will be putting them together to his exacting specifications!

Contact Lyle or Richard.

## Thanks to Chadstone Motors

### (Is it too early to talk about Christmas Trees?!)

Each year we store our Christmas Trees at Chadstone Motors. On behalf of RCEM Richard wanted to thank Mark for helping is each year, and warn him of the bigger and better program planned for this year!



Chadstone Motors are at 61-67 Chadstone Road in Malvern East.

We will be providing a BBQ – the equipment and the cooks. Food will be provided by Council.

## Meeting Schedule

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**  
Team Meetings  
Board Meeting

Welcome – Rosemary & Hein  
Front Desk – Bill  
Sergeant - Caroline

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
No meeting – Camberwell Art Show

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Speaker  
Sarah Rejman  
The Plaster House Tanzania

In 2002, Melbourne occupational therapist Sarah arrived in Tanzania to volunteer at Huduma ya Walemavu, a rehabilitation centre for the disabled in the town of Monduli, not far from Arusha. After two years working in Monduli, she returned to Melbourne to work for 18 months, but could not shake the feeling that she should be back in Tanzania.

Sarah returned to Arusha to work at Selian Lutheran Hospital in 2006 and together with Mr Murila, orthopaedic surgeon, established the Selian Orthopedic Institute – now known as the Rehab Surgery Programme.

She remains hugely enthused about accessing and treating marginalized children with disabilities. Together with The Plaster House Team, Sarah plans on doubling the number of patients treated annually through the program and providing the best care possible to children with disabilities.

## Mission

The Plaster House Offers High Love, Low Cost Surgical Rehabilitation for Disabled Children in Tanzania.

The Plaster House believes that no child in Tanzania should live with a treatable disability. See what we are doing about that.

<https://www.theplasterhouse.org/>

## Upcoming Events!

**Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 9:00 am**  
Volunteers still required – contact Chris Don.

## Camberwell Art Show – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

To give everyone the chance to attend and support the Camberwell Art Show there will be no meeting for RCEM on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.



## Craig Family Centre – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July – gardens.

## Stonnington Tree Planting – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July

From 10:00 am at Glenburn Park.

In conjunction with the Friends of Gardiner's Creek and the City of Stonnington.