

From the President



Wonderful to see the great work that Avalon Centre continues to perform as it lives up to its motto of 'Meeting Unmet Needs' where they "help where they can, when they can and in whatever way they can".

Avalon provides support to people whom society has allowed to slip through the cracks. This small charity began in 1987 and is run solely by volunteers and survives solely on donations and grants.

The Avalon Centre Programs encompass a Drop in Day, Day Trips and Clothing Distribution to the Homeless.

In the past two years they have expanded their program to provide housing to families in need.

They have purchased a single bedroom unit, and two- and four-bedroom homes over the past two years.

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern continued its ongoing support and presented Avalon Homes with a cheque for \$2000 to continue the great support they are providing the community. For more

information or to volunteer please check out the videos and links below:

- Avalon video (3 min): https://youtu.be/KqH8EM_JAcQ
- Avalon video (2 min): <https://youtu.be/gH1ne4CSX-8>
- Avalon video (5 min): https://youtu.be/dyKxrU44d_8
- Avalon Homes for the Homeless (5min): <https://youtu.be/6SRhsMJ1hTg>
- World Economic Forum (Finland) 2min): <https://www.facebook.com/7746841478/posts/10156025443961479?s=100005584308931&v=e&sfns=mo>



Avalon
MEETING UNMET NEEDS

"To help where we can, when we can, & in whatever way we can."

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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 4th March

The response to the bushfires...

Hein Otten & Trevor Simpson-Bull

The CFA has been on the scene before during and after the fires, while the Army Reserve came in to assist and coordinate once the fires were well alight, and in the aftermath.

RCEM Members were in the thick of it with Janet & Chris in Mallacoota, Hein with the Walmer CFA unit also in Mallacoota and Trevor with the Army Reserve in Bairnsdale. Hard to get all three in the same place at the same time...!

Welcome – Kathryn & Mark
Chair – the speakers
Sergeant – Alick

The week that was...

Clean Up Australia Day



Paul, Louise & Jake helping with the clean up beside Gardiner's Creek

Also thanks to Lyle & Frank who were there to help with the Friends of Gardiner's Creek group.

Looking ahead...

Only three weeks now until our Family Fun Day.

Thanks to the team leaders:

Silent Auction - Paul

Hampers - Tania

Food - Michele and Kathryn

Games - Michael H and Chris D

Music - Louise, Dawn & Cheryl

Books – Frank

Cakes & Preserves – Christina and Ros

Please start gathering books, and CD's or records from your own collections and friends and acquaintances and letting Frank know what you have available!

Tania has put the call out for items to go in the hampers. She will also be looking for a hand in the days leading up to the Family Fun Day to assemble the baskets of goodies.



Paul has teams hitting the pavement to gather items for the Silent Auction. If you are able to call on some local businesses or other sources that might be willing to support us, please let Paul know.

Dates for your diary!

Thursday 5th March – Women in Rotary International Women’s Day Breakfast.

Saturday 14th March – Bunnings BBQ

Sunday 22nd March – RCEM Family Fun Day

27 – 29 March – Rotary District 9800 Conference

4th April – Birthing Kit Assembly

Saturday 2nd May - RCEM Craft Market at Phoenix Park

Saturday 30th May – Cambodia Gala Dinner at Kooyong Tennis Club.

Sunday 31st May – BBQ at MS Walk and Fun Run in Albert Park

‘GROW STRONGER AS WE LEARN FROM NEW MEMBERS’

Holger Knaack, RI President-elect “We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help,” Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. “Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere,” said Knaack.

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he’s asking clubs

and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

“We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about,” Knaack said. “Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members.”

From “Rotary On The Move” March 2020

Women in Rotary International Women’s Day Breakfast Thursday 5th March



District 9800 Conference
27-29 March Bendigo
<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/conference2020/district-9800-conference>

4th April – Birthing Kit Assembly (Rosemary)

- Hosted by Louise Young (Friend of Rotary)
- Venue: 1A Millewa Ave, Malvern East, 3145
- Times: 10 – 12pm
12 – 2pm
2 – 4pm
4 – 6pm → Packing the Kits into boxes



**Birthing Kit
Foundation
Australia**

Sat 30th May – Cambodia Gala Dinner (Paul)

- Date: Sat, 30th May
- Time: 7pm
- Venue: Kooyong Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong, 3144
- Cost: \$65 plus cost of drinks at the bar



Cambodia – 10-22 January 2021

Our Club is sending a project team to Cambodia again from 10-22 January 2021. Paul Rake is our team leader and he is already fielding inquiries.

Members/family/friends of the Club are strongly encouraged to put their hand up for what is a life changing experience – let Paul know if you are interested or have any questions on 0409 937 080.

Family Fun Day Sponsors

