

## From the President Alick Osborne

**Change of time for our meeting this week – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September –**

**5:30 pm for a 6:00pm start.**

As you know this week is the Stonnington Cluster meeting and **our speaker is the Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer MP**, Member for Higgins. In order to accommodate Kelly's very busy schedule **the meeting will commence early - 5:30 pm for a 6:00 pm start.**

Kelly will speak for around 30 minutes from 6:15 pm, followed by questions. She will need to leave the meeting at 7:00 pm. Our meal will be served at 7:15 pm and we will finish at 8:00 pm as normal.

## President's Breakfast at the MCG



An early start for these Rotarians and around another one hundred like us who came to the President's Breakfast at the MCG. The breakfast was raising funds for End Trachoma now and Youth Suicide Awareness.

Former RI President Ian Risely OAM was the speaker and his topic was "Why good people should want to be Rotarians".

Ian gave four reasons:

1. To meet other good people – and make friends.
2. Personal Development – whether it be project management, public speaking, how to run a meeting, or any of the many other opportunities to develop new skills.
3. Professional or Business Development. Rotary provides great opportunities to network with other professionals and business people.
4. The opportunity to make a difference. Ian argued this was the most important element, and of course it was the theme for his year as RI President.

It is no surprise there is a close alignment between Ian's reasons for good people to join and the Objects of Rotary.

Ian went on to speak about the current status of membership in Australia which is sadly declining after nearly 100 years of activity, and contrasted this with "newer" Rotary countries like India, Taiwan and Korea where membership is growing strongly. In these countries membership of Rotary is keenly sought by potential members and seen as a real privilege.



Lighting up the MCG early in the morning!

**Bunnings BBQ Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**We have the following volunteers for the next BBQ:**

8:30 am – 12:15 pm – Alick, Frank, Lyle, Sandi  
12:15 pm – 4:00 pm – Janet & Chris, Tracey, Raj.  
Additional helpers would be most welcome!

## Stonnington Cluster Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Matthew Flinders Hotel  
667 Warrigal Road Chadstone

Guest speaker:

**Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer MP**

Federal Member for Higgins  
Minister for Jobs, Industrial Relations and Women



### Program

**Arrive 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm welcome.**

Kelly will address the meeting from 6:15 pm for approximately 30 minutes.

Questions from 6:45 to 7:00 pm.

Break from 7:00 to 7:15 pm.

7:15 pm Dinner.

8:00pm meeting close.

## **Lone Ride for the Homeless & Avalon Centre**



Tim Taylor has arrived home after his epic 11,000 km solo bicycle ride raising money for the Avalon Centre to provide a home for the homeless. Tim looked quite weathered and was clearly very emotional when he rode into the Avalon Centre driveway.

The Lone Ride for the Homeless website shows that so far over \$103,000 has been raised. In addition a generous sponsor has said they will match every \$1 raised above \$100,000. And

another anonymous supporter has come in with a large donation as well.



We will get a full update on Tim's journey, the fundraising effort, and Avalon's project when Tim and Debbie visit Rotary Chadstone East Malvern as our guest speakers on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

It was a real privilege to be at Avalon for Tim's return.



We did not get to sample the cake... but Lyle did have the winning ticket in the raffle. I suspect that ticket will get about \$2 more expensive in the next Sergeant's session!







## Rotary Foundation

Our thanks to PDG Dennis Shore who spoke about The Rotary Foundation at our meeting last week.



The Rotary Foundation has been given a 4 Star rating (the highest rating) by Charity Navigator for 10 years in a row.

The Rotary Foundation is our charity as Rotarians and has the capacity to give back to our projects through the international project grants program. In addition it carries on the great work of Rotarians everywhere – including worldwide projects such as End Polio Now.

## Coming Up in September

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Stonnington Cluster meeting – remember it is a 6:00 pm start!**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> –**

**Morning Tea Catch Up**  
**8<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
Rotary Chadstone/East Malvern

A photograph of the exterior of a restaurant named 'WOODFIRED KITCHEN'. The building has a brick facade and large windows. A sign above the entrance reads 'WOODFIRED KITCHEN'.

Dear Rotarians, Partners & Friends,  
You are invited to join me for **Morning** at: **Woodfired Kitchen**,  
**Address:** 1543 – 1545 High Street, Glen Iris, 3146.  
**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am**  
Please RSVP by Thursday 6/9/18 if you are **able to come** so we can book a table for the morning.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> –** Tim Taylor and Debbie Holmes from Lone Ride for the Homeless and Avalon Centre.  
Board Meeting.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> –** DG Bronwyn Stephens.

## A busy October ahead!

We have plenty of activities ahead where we can get involved during October.

RCEM will be providing a BBQ at the Malvern Valley Primary School Carnival on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Mucklefest** is on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. TBA.

**French Car Festival** 28<sup>th</sup> October at Markham Reserve Ashburton – possible BBQ.

## The Rotary Foundation

For those that missed the Foundation presentation last week, or need a quick recap, watch this 60 second clip on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjsqwMeSlgA&feature=youtu.be>

The Rotary Foundation is:

- ✓ Our Bank &
- ✓ (should be) Your Charity of choice

Did you know:

- ✓ ALL donation funded are used for service projects, only interest is used for admin?
- ✓ ALL AUS contributed funds are invested in AUS?
- ✓ ALL contributions over \$2 are tax deductible?

How do I contribute?

1. Ask Sandi for your Rotary member ID & keep a note of our Club ID 18314
2. Make an EFT payment or Direct Debit as below
3. Know you are doing good in the world

EFT:

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

BSB No: 332 084 Acct No: 551038195

Contributions to will generate a TAX RECEIPT for the individual tax deductibility.

Direct Debit:

Fill out the form available on the D9800 webpage at: <https://mark-stephens-5c4j.squarespace.com/s/D9800-EREY-Centurion-Form-17-18.pdf>

Email a copy of the bank receipt, or Rotary Foundation Contribution Form to [risppo@rotary.org](mailto:risppo@rotary.org) to ensure your donation is properly recorded.





## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

### MADE SIMPLE

*We all think we choose what path we take in life, who we socialize and mix with, what views we hold.  
But those decisions are actually shaped by networks of people - David Brooks.*

**The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:**

**FIRST: The Development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.**

*Rotarians have the opportunity to create relationships with many business, professional, and community leaders.*

**SECOND - High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.**

*Being a Rotarian authenticates the person and their business or profession.*

**THIRD - The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.**

*Rotarians nurture this personal characteristic; the cornerstone of building and sustaining relationships.*

**FOURTH - The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.**

*Rotarians become better world citizens and often build lasting international relationships.*

**ROTARIANS INFLUENCED BY THE OBJECT OF ROTARY HAVE MADE THEIR FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD BETTER. WHAT THEY DID IS A BY-PRODUCT OF WHO THEY ARE AND THE IMPACT THE OBJECT OF ROTARY HAD ON THEM PERSONALLY.**

