

From the President Alick Osborne

Tracey is back from Vanuatu – just in time to attend the Shine on Awards which were hosted by Hoppers Crossing on Sunday 7th April.



The 'Shine On' recognition program is an outstanding annual recognition program acknowledging exceptional service by people with disability to their local and wider community. The Southern Districts covers five districts, which includes 9800.

Although we all see Tracey's drive and ability the fact is she has had two strokes and they have taken a toll on her health and slowed her down quite a bit - my goodness can you imagine what she was like before?!

Tracey was one of 20 adults who were nominated for recognition, along with 5 youth nominees. Each of the nominees received a citation. A small number were then selected by the Technical Expert Panel to receive Higher Recognition.

This is where Tracey had the opportunity to shine even brighter as she was presented with a "Highly

Commended for Community Service for her work with Progress Pikinini in Vanuatu.

The overall winner was Ayman Barbaresco who was nominated by Rotary Prahran for work with the LGBTIAQ+ community.



Tracey being presented her award by Natalie from Bendigo Bank.



Well done Tracey !



Shine On Recognition 2019.

I'm not sure what I was expecting last week when our speaker Lisa from AA got up to speak. But her presentation was powerful, moving and inspiring. Lisa was very clear about the factors and behaviours that had led to her being a member of AA and how it had helped her. She acknowledged AA does not work for everyone, but for those it does help it is clearly very powerful.

Wednesday 10th April

Team Meetings

Chair: Tania
Welcome: Lin & Cheryl
Sergeant: Tracey

Our Team Meetings have frankly been a bit flat for a while now. We identified in our strategic plans that as a club we want to be more involved in hands-on projects. That objective does not seem to me to have been fully realised.

The Team meetings are an opportunity to discuss what is working and what we can do to be even better. They should provide an excellent opportunity for engagement and generating new ideas.

I think this round of team discussions is important for us to review what we have achieved this year and to start thinking about what we can get our teeth into next year. One of the issues at the start of the new Rotary year is that we are trying to form a budget and form our project plans simultaneously. Let's see if we can get the jump with some solid planning now and the opportunity to work out budgets and funding opportunities a little in advance of our normal schedule!

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.



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*

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Bunnings BBQ

Thanks to Lyle who had the BBQ all set to go at Bunnings when I arrived on Sunday morning, Paul who covered when I short shifted to get to the Shine on awards and Dawn, Mark and Rosemary who took the afternoon shift.

Upcoming Events

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.

The Market



**Saturday
11th May '19
10am to 3pm**

Phoenix Park Community Centre
Rob Roy Road, Malvern East

Over 40 Fabulous Stall Holders
Cafe & BBQ

Dog Fashions | Jewellery | Handbags | Body Care Products
Clothing | Baked Goods | Kids Stuff | Postcards & so much more



@ChadstoneCraftMarket

Rotary



Chadstone/East Malvern



MS BBQ – Sunday 2nd June

Last year this clashed with the District Changeover and with a wonderful but small team we were flat out like lizards drinking keeping up with demand for sausages and bacon and egg rolls.

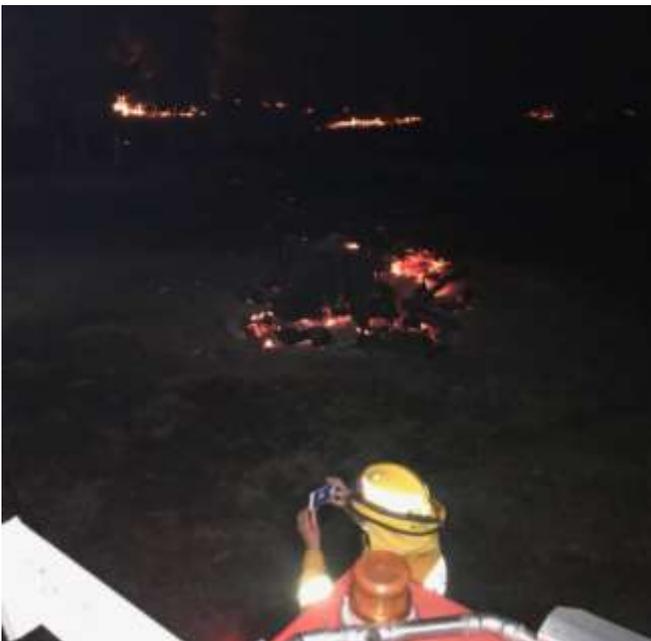
It's a great event but we need a minimum of 10 people – and hopefully more – to run this without running ourselves silly.

Please mark it in your diary and let Alick know that you will be available on the day. It's an important community and fundraising day – and a lot of fun when we have a full crew!



The biggest kid in the playground gets to drive his own train!

Speaking of Hein he has been on the front line with the Muckleford CFA attending the fires to the west of Ballarat two weeks ago.



Then to top it off he and Veronica were exhibiting and admiring some of the trucks at the Bacchus Marsh Rotary Vintage Truck Show. I reckon next year we get ourselves a little convoy rockin' through the night from Hein's place to Bacchus Marsh – it would be a beautiful sight!



Some of the trucks on display at the inaugural Vintage Truck and Trades Show organised by Bacchus Marsh Rotary.

While she was away Tracey caught up with the Rotary Club of Port Vila and exchanged banners with President Greg Proctor.

