



## From the President Tania Aisbett

For good food, good fellowship, and the opportunity to serve through Rotary...



## The week that was...

The Social Evening at Tom Pockett Cellars was most enjoyable and seemed to be a hit with everyone who was there. Tom Pockett Cellars supported us with a voucher for our Taste of France event, so it was lovely to be able to return the favour and bring them some business.



## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September \*\*Victory Room\*\*

### International Update Cambodia Project

Paul Rake will give us an update on the work that is planned for Laák village and nearby areas in Cambodia.

Paul will explain there are two parts – firstly the ongoing work from Rotary Chadstone East Malvern in Laák – water supply and filtration, sanitation and hygiene training, education, and miniature enterprises involving sewing machines making goods for sale in the villages.

And secondly joining a consortium of Rotary Clubs to seek a global grant to sink up to 30 deep wells in nearby villages using money raised at the Cambodia Gala Dinner earlier this year and currently held in the RAWCS trust account set up for this purpose.

Speaker: Paul Rake

Welcome & Chair: Tracey Farnsworth

Sergeant: Bernard Henry

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Speaker: TBC

Welcome: Christina & David

Chair:

Sergeant: Alick

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Cluster Meeting

Hosted by Rotary Malvern at Malvern Town Hall  
with City of Stonnington Mayor Cr. Steve  
Stefanopoulos.



Photo: Martin Rowland 2011

## Chimney Project Working Bee

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 9:00 am at  
61 Westminster Street Oakleigh.  
Boots and gloves – we will be weeding  
and doing a general clean up on site.  
Plus there will be a overview of Heim &  
Veronica's plans for the site.**

## Progress Pikinini BBQ at Bunnings Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

It's the same format as our regular BBQ, but the entire net proceeds will go to Progress Pikinini. Contact Tracey to sign on!

## Membership

In 2017 our club started a conversation about new membership categories, but for a variety of reasons the initiative stalled.

Currently RCEM has only two classes of Membership – Active and Honorary. Your Board believes it is time to seriously investigate introducing a Business Membership and a Family Membership classification.

Both are accepted, and indeed welcomed by Rotary International, and have been implemented in many other clubs. Model rules exist for clubs to use, or modify to suit their requirements.

A Business member would be able to nominate a number of staff (say up to 5) who could attend meetings. For a Family Membership we would be looking at two people as members (spouse/partner).

In each classification one person must be nominated to be the active member, and they will have the right to vote at club meetings.

We are inclined to encourage all potential members to attend our meetings and activities – we want to extend the engagement and enthusiastic support and the opportunity for fellowship.

As with any change there needs to be a process to introduce, debate and determine the nature and extent of the change. Fortunately, our rules provide for this. To amend our rules the Board must approve and publish a resolution to be put to members. Then the Board must give 21 days-notice to members of a meeting to vote on the resolution. The resolution must be approved by 75% of the Members who attend that meeting.

We will be consulting with members before we finalise any resolution to be voted upon.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this please contact Paul Rake on Membership, President Tania, or PP Alick.

## RCEM Annual Dues

Your dues are due!

Our dues have been maintained at \$330.

These can be paid in full now, or in two equal instalments in now and December. Full details will be provided by Secretary Paul soon.

## Meals

Meals have once again been a topic of conversation – and unfortunately the conversation has been less than overwhelmingly positive.

We have explored a couple of options. Unfortunately, Matthew Flinders are not able to offer us open selection the Bistro Menu. We did

explore if a restricted selection was possible but because of our need to have meals served in a tight time period it is not feasible.

We have investigated alternate locations however the only options we have found with separate rooms for us to meet in are upstairs, and there is not enough room for larger (e.g. Cluster) meetings.

At this point it seems our best option is to look at increasing the price we pay to make a better quality and variety of meals available. It has been several years since we agreed to an increase on meal prices.

We would like feedback from members – can we move to a price \$28 for main courses?

The Board would also like to change our practice of collecting money to cover meeting costs. We need to cover a meal for our speaker and in most cases a gift. Currently this is factored into the meal price. However, if all members contributed \$2 when they attend, regardless of whether they have a meal or not, then this would be shared by everyone. This would be accomplished with an honesty box on the desk next to badges.

## Some dates to remember and record in your diary!

### Mucklefest – 5-6 October

What is a Mucklefest you ask? It is a two-day open-air event at Muckleford (near Castlemaine) raising money for the local CFA, steam rail and engine club. The event includes a steam train, a jumping castle, stationary engine and old farm equipment displays and several vintage cars.

Many of the cars come from Hein & Veronica's collection so these need to be driven from their farm to the site. The jumping castle (also Hein's) needs to be supervised and there will be other things to manage as well. We donate the proceeds from the jumping castle and anything else we run to the Mucklefest organisers.

So, if you like fresh air, fellowship and driving vintage cars, then this is definitely for you.

## Vocational Weekend away to Ballarat

- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October
- See Sandi or Louise for more information



## Pets in the Park / Family Fun Day

The City of Stonnington is running the annual Pets in the Park on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**.

As we all know for many years RCEM has run our Family Fun Day in conjunction with the City of Stonnington event. We need to work out the details, but we do plan for this to continue. And the good news is there is no clash with district conference.

\*Janet – please note all members are grounded at this time! Especially Dawn!!

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27-29 MARCH**



## Rotary Club of Malvern

invites you to attend the

### STONNINGTON CLUSTER DINNER

Wednesday,  
September 18, 2019

Commencing at the **Malvern Town Hall**,  
the **Stonnington Mayor, Cr Steve Stefanopoulos**,  
will give us a private guided tour of the building,  
and will then join us for dinner and discussions,  
**the location of which is To Be Advised**

**Tours to commence at 5.30pm, 6 pm and 6.30 pm**

(NB: Tour times available will be determined by the number of people attending;  
the 5.30 pm timeslot will only occur if there is a high level of interest)



### Remembering Lin

For some years Lin Hughes shared this famous poem with each incoming President in the lead up to the Changeover dinner. It clearly meant a lot to her – and it seems like a tradition worth continuing.

**If**

By Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too:  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,

And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream - and not make dreams your  
master;

If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster

And treat those two impostors just the same.:

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken

Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,

Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,

And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings

And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,

And lose, and start again at your beginnings,

And never breathe a word about your loss:

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone,

And so hold on when there is nothing in you

Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

If all men count with you, but none too much:

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!