

From the President Alick Osborne

It was fantastic to have Stonnington Cluster Assistant Governor Mandi Wendt join us last Wednesday to share her tremendous enthusiasm for Rotary and experiences from the RI Convention in Toronto.

Mandi also joined us for the Board meeting as a precursor to DG Bronwyn Stephens visit in September.

I'm sure we will see more of Mandi during her term as AG – potentially interviewing RCEM members during some of our activities.

At the Board meeting we reviewed the initial budgets. The Board **approved funding** for the following Youth and Community activities:

- RYLA
- RYPEN
- Bert and Audrey Healey Drama & Music Award to Christian Brothers College in St. Kilda.
- Currajong School – 2 x half bursaries.
- Avalon Centre – \$2,000. (Year two of three year program).

The Board also **approved** a \$500 contribution to the development of BMDI Rotary House.

We do need to work on our Fundraising plans for the year ahead. The Family Fun Day will not enjoy the same level of support from Council as it has in the past. We will quickly deplete our reserves if cannot replace this funding and if we are not prudent. The Board will consider the full team budgets at the September Board meeting.

We briefly discussed Project Chimney, the development of a hospitality venue to provide training for disabled people proposed by Hein and Veronica Otten. The project has our enthusiastic in principle support and we will invite Hein and Veronica to present to the Board at the September meeting (or the most appropriate time).

Finally a big thank you to Rosemary Johnston for taking on the role of Almoner for RCEM. The role

of Almoner is essentially to provide support and to follow up with members and friends of the Club who may be unwell, unable to attend meetings, or just needing a little support and kindness. I couldn't think of anyone better than Rosemary for that task!

Royce Abbey Presentation

There was one pleasant job we did not get to do at Changeover and that was to present Richard Dixon with the Royce Abbey award for Enthusiasm and Commitment to the Ideals of Rotary.

Richard has demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment over the past year or so – and long may it continue! (We will see how enthusiastic he really is early on Saturday 11th collecting and setting up the BBQ for an 8:00am start!).



Well done Richard.



Strategy to Implementation – part II

Last week I asked you to let me know **what do you mean by hands on?** Thank you to everyone who responded.

The answers I received included – getting your hands dirty whether fundraising or an activity; anything where we are not just writing a cheque; engaging with other club members; activities like Mock Interviews, BusyFeet, Craft Markets, tree planting and maintenance at Currajong School; working with the community.

One of the concerns raised by a few people was that some of the projects are too physical. It is true that some aspects of some projects involve physical work. But all of the projects include a non-physical component – please don't underestimate the contribution you make just by being there to share some ideas, a laugh and some fellowship. I will try to make sure that I have a chair in my car whenever I am attending an event so it will be available for overseers. Especially if they do a coffee run!

Or stop the BBQ tent from taking off!



We really would love to see ALL of our members involved in a wide range of projects. Sharing ideas and fun as well as the load.

We will work on sharing the calendar of events in a more user friendly format to help you plan when and where you can be there to help.

Strategy to Implementation – part III

I have heard many times in Rotary that “we don't help individuals” and I now want to make sure we know what this really means for our club in 2018.

Of course I understand we do not provide direct financial assistance to people in need. We support various agencies that provide this type of support.

However we clearly do support individuals, in particular to attend Rotary programs and events. From time to time we have supported individuals to attend non Rotary programs.

Many people (individuals) have benefited from scholarships and contributions from Rotary that have helped them to attend or complete a course, or a requirement of their course. Often, and hopefully always these people go on to help many others and contribute to not only their own communities, but also to people and communities far from their homes or the place where the support was originally provided.

So my question is where do we want to draw the line? Are we prepared to back individuals that we think can “make a difference” and “be the inspiration”? Will we only support people to attend Rotary sanctioned events, or could we – in the right circumstances – provide meaningful support to an individual?

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 8th August
Team Meeting
Finalisation of Project Plans and Annual Budget

Wednesday 15th August
Speaker
Richard Umbers
The future of retail – what's in store?

Richard Umbers was until recently CEO and MD of listed department store chain Myer, a position he held during a period of significant industry disruption and change. Under his leadership, Myer embarked on a significant investment

program, to reposition the retail offer, and pivot the business towards online and digital as a source of future growth.

Prior to joining Myer, Richard was the CEO of express logistics carrier StarTrack and led Parcel and Express Services at Australia Post. He had responsibility for the enterprise wide eCommerce program, a major change initiative designed to position Australia Post to take advantage of the shift to online. Parcels subsequently became the major revenue and income generator for Australia Post.

Richard has previously held a range of senior and General Management positions in fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) retailing, including as Managing Director of supermarket chain Progressive Enterprises in New Zealand, and as MD for North West UK and Ireland for discount grocery retailer Aldi, where he led the market entry of the brand into Ireland.

Richard holds an MSc in Finance from the University of Leicester (UK), and a BSc in Geology and Geography from The University of Exeter (UK). He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Richard lives in Victoria and is a keen cyclist.

RCEM FEES

Friday 31st August

Fees have been set at \$330 (unchanged) and are payable in full by the end of August, or in two instalments 31 August and 31 December.

Payment to RCEM Club Account
Please include your name.

BSB: 083-187
Account: 172382789

A Paul Harris Quote

Life invariably has its values if we will but find them. They are not in bank accounts nor in other possessions.

Upcoming Events



Saturday 11th August 2018

Phoenix Park, Rob Roy Road, Malvern East

10am to 3pm

Indoor Market

Over 40 Fabulous Stall Holders

Cafe & BBQ

Leather Goods | Dog Accessories | Cupcakes | Nougat | Jewellery
Toys | Clothes | Terrariums | Original Artwork & So Much More



@ChadstoneCraftMarket

Rotary



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DISTRICT 9800 LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

If anyone wants to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute programs on the **12th and 19th August** (9:30 am to 2:30pm) at the Montague Continuing Education Centre (100 Montague Street, South Melbourne) please logon to the District 9800 website <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/> or contact Alick or Tania.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Course is "fun, fast paced and totally interactive". It has been designed to further Rotary knowledge, and leadership, management and interpersonal skills and behaviours. During the four two and a half hour sessions participants will share their ideas and Rotary experiences in small and whole group contexts, engage in facilitated experiences and complete a range of set tasks.

Rotary Club of Canterbury Beekeeping

This very special and important awareness evening will explore the international gravity of the decline of the bee population and the joys of Beekeeping.



Speakers **John Sipek**, Mayor of Moonee Ponds, on what his Council is doing in this field and **Faye Kirkwood**, Apiarist and Rotarian, on the fascination and enjoyment of bee keeping.

Our aim is to gather the interested Rotary people and form an Action Group for our District to encourage more Rotarians to keep bees and have hives. We then hope our District model will lead to other Districts in Australia and globally to address this potentially very serious world challenge.

It will be a fascinating and fun evening with some special surprises like honey tasting (and honey mead for non drivers). We will have a bee quiz and the prize will be a beautiful freshly baked beehive cake for the winner.

Meeting at the RC Canterbury venue: Bass Centre, 2 Rochester Rd, Canterbury
Date Monday 20th August, 2018

Time 6.30pm to 8pm

Cost \$30 per person. (two course meal plus tea/coffee etc). Drinks at bar prices.
RSVP John McCaskill. E john@mcresources.com.au

the two days Cost per team will be about \$375. Melbourne students will travel to and from Swinburne University each day. Out of Melbourne students will be billeted with Rotary families in the area.

The Meeting Roster

Date	Format	Speaker	Welcome & Regalia	Sergeant	Chair - Speaker Introduction
8th August	Team Meetings	N/A	Dave & Julie	Bernard Henry	Alick
15th August	Speaker	Richard Umbers Former CEO Myer	Tracey & George	Sandi Fulcher	Trevor or David K (tbc).
22nd August	Speaker	Krystal Chambers Entertainment Book	Frank & Dawn	Trevor	George
29th August	Rotary Foundation	Rod Kenafacke	Cheryl & David K	Chris	Chris
5th September	Cluster Meeting Host RCEM	Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer Member for Higgins	Rod & Dee	N/A	Tania
12th September	Speaker	Avalon Centre Tim Taylor	Caroline & Richard	Mark	Lyle
19th September	DG Visit	DG Bronwyn Stephens	Trevor & Archna	Hein	Alick

When can I do a BBQ?

Saturday 22 September - Bunnings

Saturday 20 October – Malvern Valley Primary School Fair

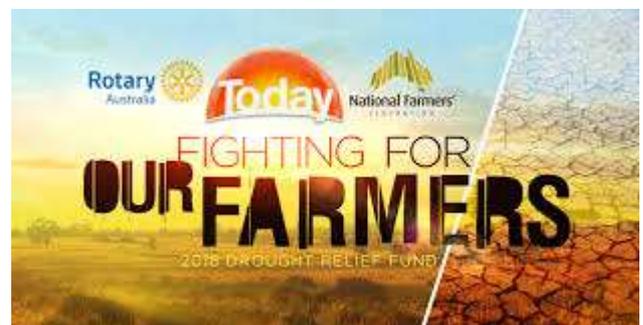
Saturday 27 October - Bunnings

Saturday 17 November - Bunnings

Saturday 15 December – Bunnings

Mark them in your diary so you don't miss out!

Rotary Australia Drought Campaign




GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Riseley OAM
President of Rotary International 2017 - 2018
"Why good people should want to be Rotarians"

All Rotarians, Presidents, Past Presidents & Friends of Rotary welcome

\$70pp (early bird \$65 to 31Jul18)

For registration:
<https://www.trybooking.com/359673>
OR Sue Jones, suejones@oiltech.com.au



Help President Meg Ryan and members recognise the outstanding achievements of Past International President Ian

Supporting



Rotary Brighton North

www.northbrightonrotary.org.au

MUNA is back and RCEM will be there to help! (One for your 2019 diary).

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) will be held at Swinburne University in Hawthorn, on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April 2019. Parents, siblings, teachers, Rotarians and the public will be welcome to come and watch MUNA anytime over