

Rod's Ruminations

Dear All,

As always seems the way in the last 3 months or so of each Rotary year, things just get BUSIER! So, to make sure you don't miss out on anything, it's essential to have a read of the Club Calendar in the pages of the Chatter each week - the program is also moving a bit to make sure we can fit everything in - so keep abreast of the changes!

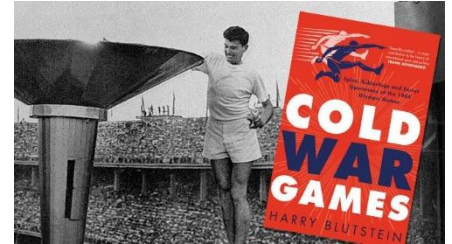
One of the things we need to fit in is the next stage of Club Forum/Visioning. Whilst we didn't get through everything we wanted last Wednesday, I think what we did achieve was a really solid base to build on. For those that haven't had their say on the night please complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGZBSQ7>, it will only take 3 clicks for your thoughts to be counted. For those that have provided feedback, thank you, especially those who provided additional comments. The Board will use the survey to guide the next steps.

Lastly, thanks to the brave crew who took on the might of Melbourne's weather last Saturday for the Bunnings BBQ: Julie, Dave, Alick & Lyle. Rumour has it that even with extra ballast and lashing the tent to the BBQ, they almost got blown away. So it was a sensible call to pull the pin early. We have plenty of snags for the next BBQ and the Avalon Centre received a good supply of fresh bread for their endeavours helping the homeless! 😊

Thanks, Rod.

What's on this week?

Guest Speaker: Harry Blutstein "Cold War Games" - the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. The so-called "friendly games" of the 1956 Melbourne Olympiad were, in fact, intensely political and Machiavellian, coming hot on the heels of the Hungarian uprising... ..



And next week?

No meeting 25th April

Weds 2nd May
Club Forum Part 2. (tbc)



Lyle holding the tent whilst Julie guards the sausages, and avoids being taken like Dorothy from Kansas 😊

**Who's coming on the Star this Sunday?
So much fun to be had!**

See Tania 'ASAP' to book your spot as one of 10 in our pod.

Sunday 22nd April from 5:30pm

Rotary Albert Park invites you to join us on the Giant Ferris Wheel **The Melbourne Star** at Harbourtown Docklands

22nd April 2018 from 5.30pm

Star Carnivale

Your chance to swing on the Star
Lit Up in Rotary colours for one evening only

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Club Meeting Calendar

| Wednesday | What's On? | Welcome & Regalia | Sergeant | Chairman | Front Desk |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Weds 18 April | SPEAKER: Harry Bursten – The Cold | Rod & Bernard | Frank | Hein | David |
| Weds 25 April | No Meeting – ANZAC DAY | | | | |
| Weds 2 May | Club Form Part 2 - TBC Board Meeting | Judy & Rosemary | Caroline | Alick | Cheryl |
| Weds 9 May | Visit to Currajong School | | Tania | Lyle | Frank & |
| Weds 16 May | Guest Speaker: Councillor Glen | Frank & | Alick | Andrew | Bill |
| Weds 23 May | School Transition Night | Cheryl & | Paul | Judy | Barbara |
| Weds 30 May | Cluster Meeting hosted by | Andrew & | | | Lyle |
| Weds 6 June | SPEAKER: TBA Joint Board Meeting | Caroline & Mark | Richard | Christina | Frank |
| Weds 13 June | Social Night | Trevor & Raj | Chris | Rod | Bill |
| Weds 20 June | SPEAKER: TBA | Alick & Rod | Hein | Janet | Barbara |
| Weds 27 June | Presidential Changeover | | | | Bernard |

Unable to attend a meeting?

Please contact **Lyle** to avoid being charged for dinner: lylec@netspace.net.au Phone/text: 0408 585 266

The cut off for advising of absence is: **2pm** on the day of the meeting - *via email*

6pm by *phone/text*

6.15pm – if running late call Lyle to request a meal.

Events Calendar

| DATE | EVENT | Details/ Contact |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Sunday 22 April | All Aboard the Melbourne Star for the evening | Tania |
| Weds 25 April | 6AM - Attend the East Malvern RSL Dawn Service & Gunfire Breakfast. Stanley Grose Dr, Malvern East | |
| Saturday 28 April | Working Bee at Currajong <i>Please advise Lyle that you can help</i> | A.M. Lyle/Alick |
| Saturday 28 April | DIK – help needed to unload/load beds <i>Please advise Alick that you can help</i> | P.M. Alick |
| Sunday 6 th May | BBQ at Bunnings <i>Helpers needed</i> | Chris D |
| Monday 7 th May | 2018-2019 Rotary District 9800 Foundation Grants Regional Seminar – Kangaroo Flat | Alick |
| Saturday 12 May | Our Chadstone Craft Market <i>All hands needed</i> | Chris D |
| Sunday 20 May | District Assembly | PE Alick O |
| Saturday 2 June | Set up for MS BBQ <i>Helpers needed</i> | Chris D |
| Sunday 3 June | MS BBQ <i>Helpers needed</i> | Chris D |
| Sunday 3 rd June | District Governor's Changeover | Rod & Alick |



DIK needs lots of assistance on Saturday 28th April – can you help?

We have some 99 hospital beds and a number of other items to collect from Peter Mac Hospital.

The major uplift will be directly into a 40 ft container which will go to the Russian Hospital in Cambodia. The balance of the goods will be collected by vans.

We need quite a few hands for this task as the beds are spread throughout the various floors of the hospital and will all have to be brought to the loading dock for the loading. That means lots of pushing to the various lifts to get to the loading dock. We will need to have a good team of people to carry out this task and get a really great result for DIK and for the hospital.

Please let Alick know if you can help – ideally at both Currajong in the a.m & DIK in the p.m..

All Members are invited to attend the *District Assembly* – especially the incoming Board, and our newest Members. Please let Alick know if you can attend.

The President will buy you a drink if you tell him what this is... 😊

DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER
Sunday June 3rd 2018 11.30am for 12 noon - 3pm

Brighton International 81 Bay Street, Brighton
Featuring The Barking Dogs
LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH LOTS OF FUN

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Early Bird price: \$68 per person
\$75 per person (after 18th May).

REDGUM Wealth Group Brighton BMW



Fundraising Helpers Needed – Can you help?

Please contact **Chris Don** to let him know when you are able to assist: Mobile: **0413 434 503**

| EVENT | DATE | HOURS | Names so far | Helpers needed |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| BUNNINGS BBQ | Sunday 6 th May '18 | 9am-12.30pm | Alick O | +3 |
| | | 12:30pm – 4pm | | 4 |
| MS MARATHON - SET UP | Saturday 2 nd June '18 | 12pm – 2pm | Chris D Andrew H | +2 |
| MS MARATHON - BBQ | Sunday 3 rd June '18 | 7:45pm – 1:30pm | Chris D Andrew H | +9 |
| BUNNINGS BBQ | Saturday 7 th July '18 | 9am-12.30pm | Chris D | +3 |
| | | 12:30pm – 4pm | | 4 |

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