

From the President Alick Osborne

A fascinating presentation from former RCEM member George Bassili on technology covering not only what is being developed, but why.

And explaining one of life's infuriating mysteries (well for me anyway) which is when you are proving you are not a robot on a website, and you have completed the annoying "captcha" puzzle correctly, why does it make me do another one?



Well apparently the reason is because we have all been conscripted into the Artificial Intelligence process and we are helping the computers learn what these images are... in the example here it is a car which will help lead us towards computer controlled driverless cars.

So there is a purpose to what can appear to be a pointlessly repetitive exercise.

There is of course a much bigger discussion on how all of this technology will be used in the future, and the ethics surrounding those decisions.

The comments about George's presentation after the meeting were very positive and it would be worthwhile having George back to another meeting to help keep us a little closer to current and future technical developments.

Also well done to our newly minted Sergeant Tracey who introduced a novel and particularly remunerative session entertaining and almost painless. Thanks to Trevor for the winning bid!

Our upcoming speaker for **Wednesday 1st August** is our AG Mandi Wendt who will fill us in on the RI Conference in Toronto, and also observe our Board meeting.

From strategy to implementation.

Before listing all of the activities we have coming up there is an important question I would like to ask. It stems from our club planning sessions and goes directly to how we will implement our club strategy.

A fundamental piece of the strategy work was that members wanted to be involved in a hands on community project.

So my question is **what do you mean by hands on?**

I suspect it will be different things for different people, whether it involves "physical" activities like tree planting or making garden boxes, or making preserves for our stall. It could be direct involvement with programs like Busy Feet where you work closely with the beneficiaries of the activity.

When I look at the activities we have it seems there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, but at the same time the fact a hands on community project was a specific outcome of the strategy work suggests that we are not yet hitting the mark.

So I would like all members to let us know what does hands on mean for you? You can do this by emailing me on alickosborne@yahoo.com.au or calling me on 0437-318-311. Or you can talk to any of the board members and team leaders. I just think it is really important to understand this.

Upcoming Events – Still lots of them!!!

Bunnings BBQ Sunday 5th August

I think we have the numbers but you are welcome to stop by and lend a hand or say G'day at any time.

Meeting Wednesday 8th August Team Meetings

Final monthly planning session. Team meetings will move to every second month.



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



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Chadstone/East Malvern



If you are available to help at the Market but haven't let us know please contact David Knight or Chris Don.

Meeting

Wednesday 15th August

Speaker: Richard Umbers – former CEO of Myer.

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.

Where's Sandi?

Lots of wonderful pictures coming through from Nepal where Sandi and a number of other Rotarians are visiting the Seven Women organisation in Kathmandu.

Looks like everyone is having a great experience!



National Tree Planting Day City of Stonnington / Gardiners Creek.

Weather was very threatening on Sunday (29th July) morning, but it cleared to a fantastic day - sunny and cloudy - for the National Tree Planting Day at Glenburn Bend Park, Glen Iris.

Several Rotarians and family planted trees beside the walking paths and also beside the freeway fence, and also manned the sausage sizzle tent to

provide food to the 50-60 volunteers assisting the Council and Friends of Gardiner's Creek (FOGC). Over 500+ plants were planted as part of the yearly project, and our club's participation was warmly acknowledged by the Council staff and the Mayor.

Thanks to Tawanda, Rod and James and Emily, Frank and Jo, potential member Raj and his daughter, Chris (especially for obtaining Bunnings-type sausages after the council only bought vegetarian ones!!!) and Lyle.

Another Rotarians In Action Day supporting the local community.



The End.

Duty Roster

Date	Welcome & Regalia	Sergeant	Chair - Speaker Introduction
1st August	Dawn & Trevor	Richard Dixon	Janet Massie
8th August	Dave & Julie	Bernard Henry	Alick Osborne

