

From the President



Unfortunately, Martin van Elst (President, RC Bairnsdale) was not able to join us but at short notice Sandi stepped in with a video about hygiene kits assembled and delivered to Alice Springs for End Trachoma. We will reschedule the presentation on the bushfire recovery in East Gippsland.

Last Friday Cluster Presidents (Malvern, Prahran, Toorak and Chadstone East Malvern) met virtually with City of Stonnington Mayor Cr Steve Stephanopoulos and CEO Jacqui Weatherill.

Earlier this year Stonnington provided bush fire emergency support to Towong Shire (north east Victoria) and the meeting focused on how we could provide recovery assistance in the future together and in collaboration with Rotary Clubs in the Shire.

Sadly, it looks like it will be some time before we can assist in person, however we can start building relationships and connections with Shire Clubs now.

We are also hosting our quarterly Cluster meeting in November and to broaden participation to include Towong clubs is the aim.

This meeting also provided the opportunity for each Club to highlight their connections with Council and significant projects/activities planned for 2020-21.

Apart from discussing the establishment of RIMERN, Prahran are keen to set up street libraries in their area, Malvern are looking to install Rotary and other Peace Poles in public spaces, and Toorak are looking to ramp up their program of recycling of hearing aids.

For us, I highlighted our interest in environment, particularly involving Gardiners Creek, Alick's attendance at last Wednesday's Council webinar

relating to the Gardiner's Creek Management Plan, our connections with Rebecca Nichols of Council, and garden works around the George Pepperell Pavilion.

We all received very positive responses from the Mayor and CEO. It was further agreed that joint meetings be held regularly (quarterly) to maintain communication and momentum of projects requiring Council support (eg. access to, use of public spaces).

I am looking forward to meeting our Club 'alumni' this coming Wednesday evening and for as many of us as possible being involved. Paul and others have put in significant time and effort in contacting these past members and to generate their interest in engaging with us again. Let's all make this a fun and engaging evening.

Saturday's coffee catch-up was, as usual, another opportunity to share ideas and information about Club projects and to 'check-in' on everyone's welfare. Thanks to Sandi for hosting these sessions.

I have all the books we collected for this year's Family Fun Day and so if you need something to read please let me know your preferred interest/subject and we will rummage through the boxes.

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern Zoom Meeting – each Wednesday.

Topic: RCEM Weekly Meeting

6:15pm for 6:30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91258547029> - simply click on this link and it will take you to the Zoom Meeting.

*If you wish to **join** a zoom meeting from your zoom account, then the details are as follows:*

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Upcoming Speakers

Wednesday 5th August

RCEM Alumni Night

August is Membership night and we are holding an Alumni night to reconnect with past members and Friends of RCEM.

We will be giving a brief update on our plans in each of the Avenues of Service Youth, Community, International, Fundraising & Membership

Plus - some excellent fellowship with good friends!

Wednesday 12th August

Stonnington Cluster Meeting

RC Prahran Hosts

Bevan Warner – Launch Housing



Launch Housing is a secular Melbourne-based community organisation that delivers homelessness services and life-changing housing supports to disadvantaged Victorians.

We want to end homelessness and are passionately committed to creating lasting societal change to help those most in need in our community. In a country as wealthy as ours no one should be homeless.

Wednesday 19th August

Richard Elkington

Victorian Regional Development

RCEM Online Shop

<https://rccem-onlineshop.square.site/>

All funds raised at the RCEM On-line shop are going into the service account where they can be used for future projects!

July sales were \$584 including the takings from the virtual sergeant!

We have a great selection of re-usable masks in stock - \$15 each.



And thanks to Christina “Slow Cooked Orange Marmalade” is back in stock!



Slow-Cooked Orange Marmalade
\$4.00 - \$6.00

Annual RCEM subscriptions...

Yes - it's that time of year again when your club dues are, well... due.

As per Treasurer Richard's email of the 20th July.

\$300 by 15 August if paying in full.

½ Yearly (Half Yearly) – Please make a payment of \$150 by the 15 August 20 and a further \$150 by the 15 February 2021.

¼ payments (Quarterly) – Please make a payment of \$75.00 by the 15 August 20, 15 Nov 20, 15 February 21 and 15 May 21

Set up automatic payments in your bank account now so he doesn't have to come after you later!

District 9800 Business Leaders Breakfast

Our first Business Leaders Breakfast for the year is to be held via Zoom on Tuesday 25th August.

The topic is “Building Resilience in Today's Economic Business Environment” and will be presented by Michael Byrne who has an impressive background at Managing Director/CEO level within the supply chain and industrial sectors within multi-national organisations.

When Rotary commenced 115 years ago, we as members helped each other out vocationally through the sharing of ideas. Today, with challenging business settings because of COVID-19, we must help each other and our business friends by connecting and sharing ideas that will help build business resilience.

The link for the invitation to the breakfast is: <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/event/series-business-leaders-breakfast-1/>

Save the Date

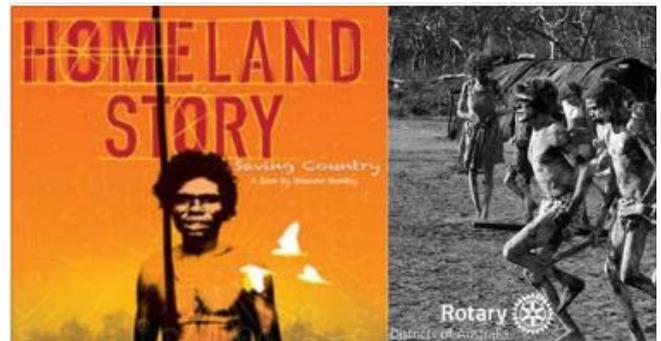
Wednesday 12th August – Stonnington Cluster Combined Meeting – Speaker Bevan Warner CEO of Launch Housing.

Sunday 13th September – National Tree Planting Day with City of Stonnington & Friends of Gardiners Creek.

Friday 13th November – Cambodia Gala Dinner at Kooyong Tennis Club.

Friday 27th November – the inaugural RCEM sleepout in support of the Avalon Centre.

End Trachoma



From 1974, Dr Neville White, a biological anthropologist, spent part of each year on the Homeland, responding to the community's request to resist the threat of mining license claims.

HOMELAND STORY is a moving portrait of a resilient and determined community facing the challenges of maintaining their Donydji Homeland and preserving their vibrant culture.

Between Friday 3 July 2020 7:30 PM and Friday 31 July 2020 7:30 PM

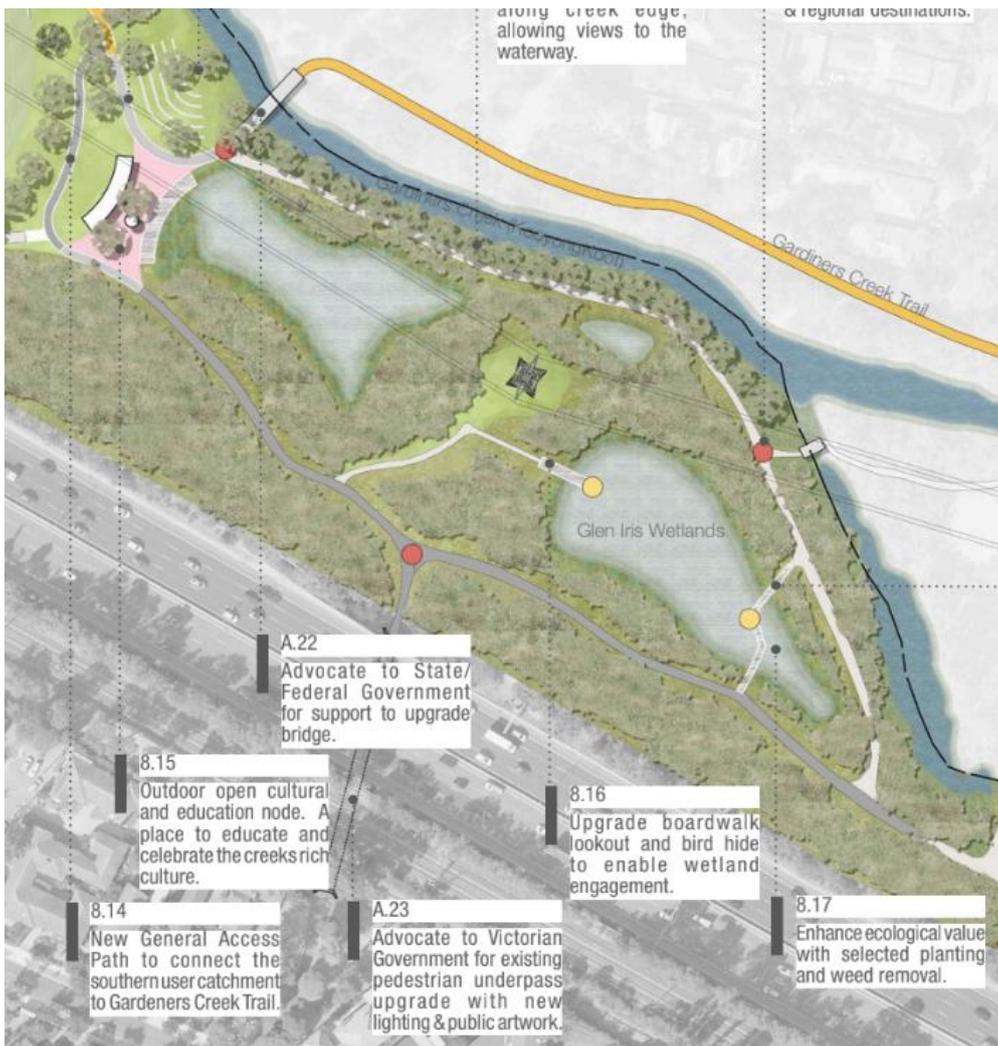
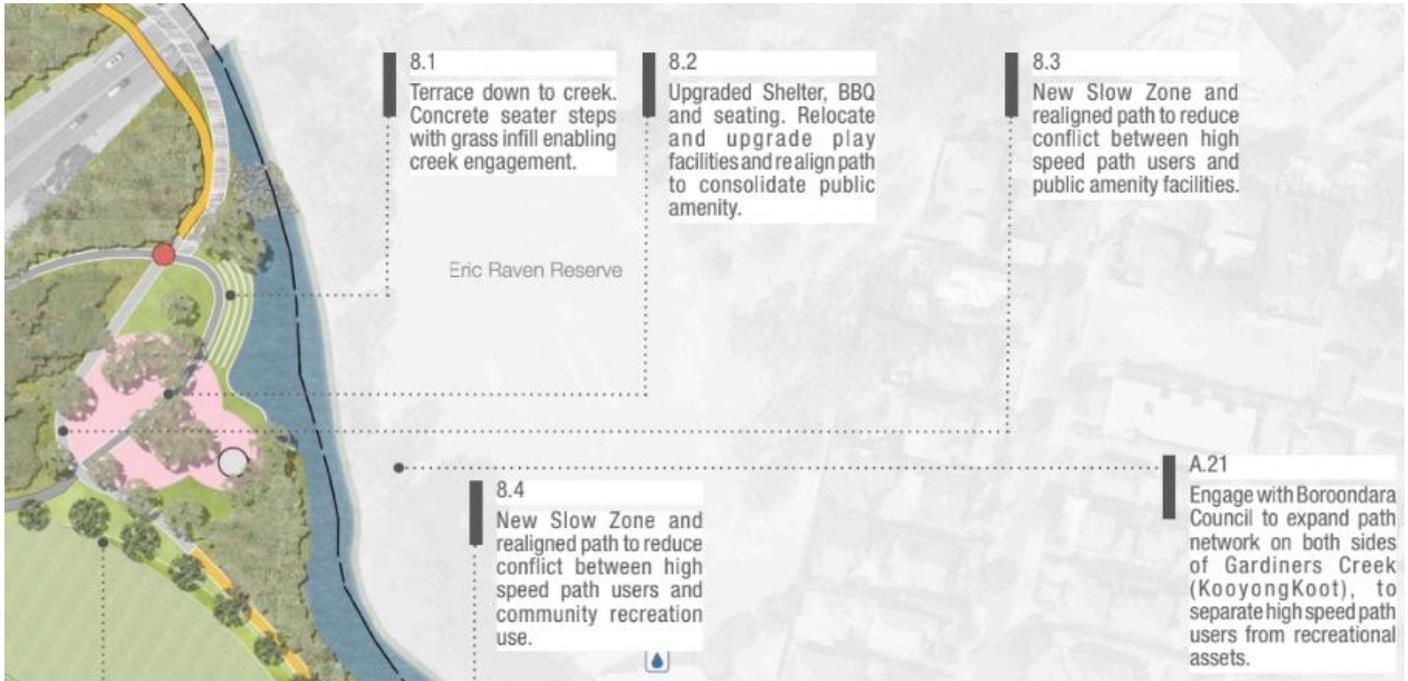
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Gardiners Creek Masterplan

The City of Stonnington has completed the draft masterplan and it is now available on their website for viewing and comment.

<https://www.connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/gardinerscreek>

This is of interest to RCEM as we wish to develop a community biodiversity garden in the Gardiners Creek precinct. The area around the George Pepperell Gazebo and the Glen Iris wetlands are all noted for improvement.



The map above shows the area around the George Pepperell Gazebo where there will be terracing down to the creek, a relocation of the play equipment and upgrades to the shelter and tables.

The map at left shows the Glen Iris wetlands and includes a proposed an outdoor open cultural and education node, replacing the existing council works shed and yard.

The entire area is to be improved with plants selected for their ecological value. This could be an area that RCEM could take responsibility for... RCEM Friends of Glen Iris Wetland..