

From the President Tania Aisbett

As I mentioned at last week's meeting, I caught up with RI President Mark Daniel Maloney in Ballarat. Mark also visited Melbourne and here is a recap of some of their activities in Victoria (taken from the October edition of The Networker).

Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and Gay Maloney have capped off a visit to Victoria this week with a number of events.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne was delighted that Mark and Gay were able to attend the Rotary Park tree dedication ceremony prior to addressing Rotary Melbourne's luncheon meeting on Wednesday, 25 September.

Mark unveiled his own Red Gum Eucalyptus tree planted in his honour at Rotary Park along with 28 trees dedicated to Rotary International Presidents and other significant Rotarians.

At lunch, both Gay and Mark addressed a large gathering of Rotary Melbourne Members and guests and visitors from District 9800 before flying out to continue their visit of many other countries. Mark's address: "How Rotary Connects the World?" was well very well received.

Rotary Melbourne gifted one of our first Rotary 100 Year Centenary Baton which will be provided to every Rotary District in Australia ready for the Baton Relay, which is one of the many initiatives Rotary Clubs throughout Australia are preparing for the 100 Year Celebrations in 2021.



The Week That Was

It is always so rewarding to learn more about our fellow Rotarians, and that was certainly the case when Kathryn O'Connor generously shared some of the highs and lows from her life.

From growing up on an orchard in Ringwood to an island near Lakes Entrance, with planes and butcher's shops, farms, daughters and basketball. Plus life's inevitable tragedies with a sister gone far too soon and a loving husband deeply missed.

Thank you Kathryn!

For a Meal Tuesday 24th September

President Tania was one of the many Rotarians, students and others who joined together to pack thousands (35,000 in fact!) of meal packs. Well done Tania.



The Week Ahead

Mucklefest Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th Oct

Vintage Cars, Small Engine Displays, Steam Trains, Tractor Pull, Jumping Castle, Thomas the Tank Engine, and a sneaky serve of fairy floss!

Muckleford Railway Station
Walmer Road Muckleford.

If you need directions to Hein & Veronica's farm, please contact Hein or Alick.

Upcoming Meetings Wednesday 2nd October

Speaker: While we have a great line up of speakers for October, this week's speaker is proving hard to find! Let's just say their identity is a mystery for now!

Welcome: Cheryl & Paul

Chair: Alick

Sergeant: The prince of Mucklefest (Hein)

Wednesday 9th October

Speaker: Louise Young – Birthing Kit Foundation Australia – 3145 Coordinator



At the 1995 UN Women's Conference in Beijing, actor Sally Field inspired Adelaide Doctor, Joy O'Hazy with the idea that women in developing countries could survive birth in far greater numbers if they had access to a few basic, clean items.

After four years of research Joy developed the Birthing Kit using six items packed into a small zip-lock bag. 100 kits were put together at the first 'Assembly Day' in 1999 by the Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills. Those kits, distributed in Papua New Guinea, were incredibly successful. Joy sought support from Zonta, the word spread and 'The Zonta Birthing Kit Project' was adopted.

Welcome: Rosemary & George

Chair: Louise

Sergeant: Richard

Wednesday 16th October

Speaker: Sedtha Long – Founder and CEO of Build Your Future Today.

The success of Rotary Chadstone East Malvern's Project in Cambodia is due to the special relationship that we have formed with BFT a Cambodian NGO run by Cambodians for Cambodians. This relationship ensures that the project meets the specific requirements of the villagers, it is delivered in a culturally sensitive manner and is sustainable once we come home.

We would like to invite all our partners and friends to join us for Sedtha's presentation over dinner. Please let Lyle Chasemore know if you are coming 0408585266

Welcome: Janet & Raj Shinde

Chair: Paul

Sergeant: Bernard

Wednesday 23rd October

RCEM Club Birthday Social Evening

Guests, Partners and Friends all Welcome!

Wednesday 30th October

Speaker: Rhonda Harris – Level Crossing Removal Authority.

“We're removing 75 level crossings – with 30 already gone for good”

Welcome: Sandi & Bernard

Chair: Trevor “I love infrastructure” Simpson-Bull.

Sergeant: Frank

RCEM Weekend – 18-20 Oct

For a variety of reasons (availability of accommodation, busy Rotarians, etc.) the weekend has been postponed.

That means more people will be available to Walk to End Polio... see below.

DISTRICT 9800 WALK TO END POLIO 19 Oct



district 9800

ROTARY WALK TO END POLIO

Join us for a lovely walk around the beautiful Albert Park Lake or Eaglehawk's Lake Neangar on Saturday 19th October @ 10am

Together, we can eradicate Polio from the world



https://rotarywalk.raisely.com/?fbclid=IwAR3JcG_ebZDy4i6dhsqZXZnVHwCDdncZxIzXBdfvmFqBRjokImiMq5PNSCPQ

News from our friends at Friends of Gardiner's Creek Valley.

The Friends of Gardiner's Creek Valley submitted a proposal to install rubbish collection nets on stormwater outfalls in Gardiner's Creek. This was considered by the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program. They have now been invited to submit a formal application.

If they are successful it will hopefully mean less work is required downstream in the Yarra!



Former Stonnington AG Caroline Ord fishing for rubbish in the Yarra with Gabe Hau. (Yarra River Clean Up – hosted by Melbourne City Rotaract Club).

Meals

We continue to negotiate with Matthew Flinders regarding the quality of the meals. There is a view that the roast is the best value and most interesting option on the menu.

We will be exploring with Matthew Flinders if we can make the roast dinner the staple fare, with options for those with special dietary requirements and of course the special soup!

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Four Rotary Clubs were chartered "Downunder" in 2021 after a visit from 2 Rotarians from Halifax and Calgary. That's how Rotary started in Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland and Sydney. And the rest is history shared by 38,000 Rotarians across Australia and New Zealand.

CHADSTONE EAST MALVERN JOINS ROTARY CONSORTIUM FOR MAJOR PROJECT IN CAMBODIA

The Rotary Clubs of Chadstone East Malvern (Melbourne) Paddington (Brisbane) and Upper Northern Beaches (Sydney) have formed a consortium to apply for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to:

- Install 30 deep bore water wells;
- Construct 25 toilet blocks;
- Install 3 filtered water systems;
- Educate and train villagers in maximizing health outcomes from, and sustaining, the above resources; and
- Provide Seedlings, seeds, soil and associated requirements for vegetable growing.

These new assets will go into the villages of Sre Robong, Spean Klmeng, Doan Ok and Kromom Bo in the Siem Reap Province in Cambodia.

The total project budget is \$US91,000.

The project will be delivered in partnerships with the Rotary Club of Battambang (near Siem Reap) and Build Your Future Today (a Cambodian non-government organization run by Cambodians for Cambodians).

These villages lack the basic requirements for human life (including clean drinking water and proper sanitation) and the consequences are dramatic:

- High rates of infant mortality;
- Stunted grow from under nourishment of expectant mothers;
- High absences from school due to gastro issues; and
- Lack of clean drinking water and proper sanitation. Some villagers have to shift

villages in the dry season because of the lack of clean drinking water.

Working together with the villagers and their supporting NGO, ROTARY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

