

IMPORTANT DATES

February is **WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH**

District Leadership Meeting (Face to Face)

Feb 03, 2019
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

District Board Meeting (Face to Face)

Feb 03, 2019
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

RLI Session 1 - Berwick

Nossal High School

Feb 09, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

RLI Session 1 - Leongatha

Leongatha RSL

Feb 09, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Rotary Leadership Awards - Session 1 Berwick

Feb 09, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Happy New Year to you all – let's make the second half of this Rotary year a successful and positive one – what wonderful opportunities we have ahead of us to 'Be the Inspiration' "Vannikam" is a Tamil greeting – and one of the only two words of Tamil I learnt! (may I say the locals were very excited that the Australian Government recognised this ancient language as a third official language for India while we were away. The return Friendship Exchange trip has been an incredible experience for us all. India is a country of noise; people; traffic, cows, goats, chickens and dogs everywhere – including wandering along dual carriageway highways!!! Your senses are continually on high alert. The main thing about the trip though was the overwhelming welcome & friendship we received from those with whom we came in contact. We were there for the Pongal Festival which goes for roughly 5 days and is like our old Harvest festival but in overdrive!! Drummers, dancers, special food, feats of strength were all part of the celebrations we attended in venues as varied as Colleges, an orphanage and a rural village. Similar general theme but each had its unique twist on the celebration. We also thoroughly enjoyed catching up again with the team that visited us in 2018 – it was wonderful to see them.

There is need, certainly! The Rotarians (D2981 has over 4000 members in some 114 Clubs) are doing great things to assist their own people but more can be done and we as D9820 leaders will certainly be looking at options for projects. One of the things I least expected was to see the devastation particularly to crops and mango trees, banana and coconut palms from Cyclone Gaja which swept across the country late last year – again, through our Emergency Management fund we will be looking to assist in some way.

When we do another Friendship Exchange I more than recommend you to put your hand up! Closer to home of course, Conference is the main focus now and only three weeks away. If you haven't yet registered there is still time and it should be a wonderful weekend with almost 1500 registrants already. Don't forget the winery tour on Friday!

...and for those who may not yet have heard, Melbourne will host the 2023 Rotary International Convention – this is a huge event for Melbourne, Victoria and most of all for us as local Rotarians – there will be so much happening so please – do as I've already done and put the date in your diary – this is a perfect opportunity to attend a World Convention even if you've never done so before!!

On a sad note I wish to close by noting the passing of PDG Peter Newman earlier this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fay, his family, friends and the members of the RC Frankston North as they lose a mentor and close associate.

Hope you enjoy the photos from the trip!

Nanri (thank you), Janne

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CONFERENCE UPDATE

*****DON'T MISS OUT!*****

There is still time to register for the 2019 Multi District Conference!

Friday's activity will be a bus trip to Rochford Winery in the Yarra Valley.

Tickets are \$82 and include bus travel, wine tasting, 2 course lunch (which includes wine, of course!)



JOIN THE FIRST *FOUR DISTRICT* MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

RC of FOSTER OPENS WALKING TRACK

The Rotary Club of Foster recently celebrated the official opening of the Loader Walking Track at Mt Nicoll in the Hoddle Range between Fish Creek and Foster.

The track was completed as a part of the 50th anniversary of the Club (1967-2017). Works on the track were part funded by a Rotary International Grant and a Grant from the Foster & Toora Bendigo Community Bank. The Track is at times a difficult walk, it provides wonderful views of Corner Inlet and Wilsons Promontory. It will now link up with the Fish Creek Mountain Walk over the Hoddle Range. The round trip from Fish Creek is 16kms via the Great Southern Rail Trail, or it can be done in sections.

The Rotary-appointed committee three were Bruce Lester, Rod Copper and Kevin Flett. The project enjoyed the assistance of bobcat operator Terry Williams and surveyor Ed Jensen. Rod Cooper constructed the archway at the start of the track and Rotary constructed Tables and seats along the track.

Mount Nicoll and the Loader Walking Track were named after two original selector families that still have descendants living in the area.



From left: Rod Cooper, Amanda Loader, Bruce Standfield, Bruce Lester, Noel Loader, Peter Tilley, Cr Ray Argento, Kevin Flett and Steve Barnes.

EYE ON IT Rotary D9820

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

February 5th

Tet (Vietnamese Lunar New Year) Ends 8 Feb

Vietnamese people celebrate Tet with family reunions, special foods and gifts. This festival is also an opportunity for Vietnamese Australians to share their cultural heritage with the wider Australian community.

February 23rd

Pako Festa

Pako Festa is a celebration of cultural diversity and attracts thousands of people to enjoy food, folk dancing, art exhibitions, films, craft, activities for children and the Pako Parade.



On March 16th 2019, the Rotary Club of Casey will be running the Holland Festival at the Berwick Showgrounds. The Festival had been running for 40 years until 2104 and was re-ignited very successfully in 2017, attracting more than 6500 visitors.

The 2019 Festival is expected to be attended by more than 8000 people.

The 30+ Dutch Food offerings by more than 40 food vendors that are booked and include hot and cold foods, both savoury and sweet. The Dutch love their foods and these will be a powerful attractor for the Dutch community and those of Dutch Heritage.

The City of Casey that controls the Berwick Showgrounds (also known as Akoonah Park) are proving to be most co-operative and are thrilled to have a Multi Cultural event that has been a proven success in their city. A Vic. Government-multicultural Grant has been applied for and received as have Principal Sponsorship from John Behrend Instruments (JBI) via John Behrend a Dutch born Rotarian/business man, and major sponsorship from Scholten, Collins, McKissock Financial Services via Rotarian Michael Scholten also with Dutch heritage. Other sponsors such as Just Real Estate, Tesselaars, Holland Bike Tours (in Holland), Bendigo Bank and more ensure there is more than enough funding for the event.

The 2023 Rotary International Convention

It is with great excitement that we announce Melbourne as the host city for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, the largest conference secured this century for Victoria. Melbourne is a Big Events City! Set to deliver over \$88 million to the Victorian economy, the Convention is the most valuable conference ever won for the state, with the four-day event anticipated to attract more than 20,000 Rotarians from around the world. The global spotlight will be on Melbourne and how we present ourselves to the world. The Convention will take place 27-31 May 2023 using superb venues; Rod Laver Arena and the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. All activities and events are within the Heart and Soul of Melbourne. Over 7000 hotel rooms over 50 properties across Melbourne. Our transport plan uses our famous trams, ferries and buses to quickly and easily move delegates between venues, hotels, event and restaurants. And of course, Melbourne is a very walkable city with many interesting routes and laneways to tantalise visitors. In addition, the Victorian visitor economy will be bolstered with expenditure from thousands of visiting Rotarians utilising transport, hospitality, entertainment, venues, attractions, tourism services, event planning, freight customs broker services, technology rental, security and various other members of the local business event and tourism supply chain, as well as the flow on benefits across regional Victoria for pre and post touring. Rotary has a business heritage as well as community service. We are proud to make an impact on local business and create jobs. The effort to secure this exceptional event was no small feat. Our approach was tenacious, going that extra mile to demonstrate Melbourne's ability to meet the stringent bid regulations and strategically demonstrate our capacity to accommodate the specific needs of Rotarian delegates and Convention format. This was all made possible by a unified approach between the Melbourne Convention Bureau, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Rotarians from 5 local Districts, Melbourne City Council, State Government and Team Melbourne partners. They have come up with a package that is bound to thrill delegates. This win is everyone's and demonstrates what can be achieved when we collaborate and work together.

The sublime benefits for local Rotarians include:

- Showcasing Melbourne to international Rotarians
- Continuing the partnership of 5 local Rotary Districts
- Local visibility and publicity for what Rotary achieves
- Engagement of Rotarians in new events
- Providing a magnet to attract new members



What Happens Next? Our local Host Organising Committee is shovel ready. Team members are drawn from 5 local Districts, RC Melbourne, the Rotary Foundation and the 2014 Sydney RI Convention. We will work with an International Convention Committee and staff from Rotary International based in Evanston, USA to deliver the best possible Convention. The focus of the Host Organisation Committee is on Promotion, Publicity, Welcome, House of Friendship, Events, Customer Experience, Finance and Volunteers. The current team will be expanded in coming months to add more horsepower with a broader talent pool. Melbourne has previously hosted this Convention in 1993. And the 2014 Sydney RI Convention has fast tracked our ability to create a wonderful event. Our Sydney colleagues have shared their experiences and systems to give us a flying start. A vital part of hosting is to have an engaged and energised volunteer team to assist all visitors during the Convention. We wish to include volunteers from all ages - so be a Rotary Ambassador for Melbourne by registering to volunteer at the Convention in 2023! Recruitment starts immediately at multiple District Conferences to be held in Melbourne and Maryborough in February and March. In the meantime – "Save The Date" 27-31 May 2023. In the future a dedicated website is planned for volunteer registration and other Convention information - until then please connect to www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au for progress updates



RYPEN NEWS



RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) will be conducted at The Summit Adventure Camp, 21 Cemetery Road, Trafalgar East 3824 from 4pm Friday 29 March to 3.30pm Sunday 31 March. The organising clubs are Dromana & Rosebud-Rye on behalf of District 9820.

This is an excellent opportunity for clubs to connect with young people in their area aged between 14 & 17 years old who would benefit from the personal development opportunities of building confidence & self-esteem, increasing self-awareness, considering of the impact of life choices & building trust. The cost is \$550 per participant.

Fully completed forms must be returned to clubs no later than 11 February 2019 & clubs must then sent the forms to the committee, with their payment, no later than 28 February 2019. A minimum of 20 places are available but additional places can be provided if there is sufficient demand.

LANG LANG SHOW & SHINE

Lang Lang Show & Shine
Hot Rod Custom & Classic Car
and Swap Meet
Sunday 10th February 2019
@ the Lang Lang Showgrounds
Gates open Public - 9am Entrants - 7am

Public Entry \$5.00 Per Person (Children under 16 Free)

Entrants - \$5 per PERSON
Entrants (judged) \$15 Per Car Inc Driver
pre-booking available - Ph: 0408 307 458

Swap meet stalls - \$20
includes insurance (6mt x 6mt site approx)

Trade stalls from - \$30
see website for details

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Stalls - John: 0438 332 421
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SHANNONS

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup & Lang Lang you are all invited to the Lang Lang Show & Shine event on Sunday 10th February 2018 at the Lang Lang Showgrounds. This event is a main fundraiser for the local Lang Lang Aged Care project.

The day will include a variety of Hot Rods, Custom and Classic Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Swap Meet and stalls, including Motor Mowers 'Racing Mayhem' Kids Rides and Activities. It is going to be a Great Family Day out!

Public Entry 9.00am, just \$5.00 per person (under 16 free). This includes free parking. There are great trophies and prizes to be won! Entrant Cars \$5.00, Judged cars \$15 (both including drivers).

More details can be found online at www.langlangshownshine.com or, find them on Facebook for regular updates.

MARKET CELEBRATES 40 YEARS - Lyn Linton

The promontory Produce and Craft Market is ready to celebrate its 40th year. The first market was held on Saturday 30 December 1978. The idea of a local market was first entertained by Foster potter Margaret Lester, who was inspired by the thriving markets at Red Hill and thought they were something that could be replicated locally. Husband Bruce a member of Fish Creek Jaycees shared that vision with the Jaycees, who backed the idea. Foster Rotary and Foster Apex club members were equally receptive. An alliance was formed between the clubs, with Bruce Lester and Rotary president at the time, Charlie Middleton, driving the establishment of the market. Initially the Lions Club of Toora could not commit to joining, but twelve months after the first market they too joined. The market was initially run by a volunteer committee of members from the four Service Clubs but as Jaycees and Apex are no longer in operation the responsibility now rests with a volunteer committee of Lions and Rotary. Current Rotary president who was a member of Jaycees at the time it was set up - said aside from anything else - the market was a way to give the local economy a boost.

"At that time things weren't going all that well, farm-wise. People were looking at other ways to increase their income. There were some very good craft people around here too. It really kicked off and I made the bold statement at the time that it was a great idea, but it will never last." He said he was happy to be wrong.

These days the markets cannot run without the many volunteers from the Service Clubs who work around the grounds each market day, manning the gates, putting up signs, checking on the stall holders or helping in the office and cleaning up afterwards. Some original and long term volunteers like Neil Nicoll who has only missed two markets over the years, Max Parnell and Neville Williams, and Bill Van Kyke and the late Peter Berghoef, tireless workers, who have been the real drivers of the events' success. In a story from 1978, The Mirror predicted a charity auction of coloured sheep and goats would help draw a big crowd for the first market. The claim proved spot on and 2000 people came through the gates on December 30 in search of - amongst many other things - fresh fruit and vegetables, glass blowing, indoor furniture, jewelry, paintings, skin and coloured fleeces, garden furniture, native plants, textiles, and pottery (of course). Given the success of the market of this first market, others were planned for the Australia Day weekend and Easter Sunday. As the popularity of the events grew so did their size, with the Easter market boasting about 90 stalls. Later, other attractions were added to the markets, to help draw even larger crowds and to publicize the event (numbers had already swelled to about 4000 in 1980). More coloured sheep auctions, vintage car rallies, panel vans, Easter egg hunts and novelty bike rides added to the fun, helping to make the markets more than just a place to buy things. The oft-held claim that there was something for everyone rang true when it came to an event that was now firmly entrenched on the local calendar. Tourists, mums, dads, kids and grandparents were all keen to be part of the fun. One of the most popular attractions over the years has been the Rotary train, it's a much loved feature of the markets and income raised from this goes to child related organizations. As far as popularity goes, nothing has changed up to 4000 people were still coming to "a good market", helping to continue a tradition that seems guaranteed for all time. Over time the market has changed with many stallholders now coming long distances and the mix of goods sold has varied from the original purely craft and home grown to a varied mix of market goods and food. "It's the most successful ongoing fundraising event we've got going in the community, where a large proportion of the money raised comes from outside the district. As a local charitable concern, the market is something very special. Over the years the market committee has distributed more than \$1million to the active service clubs (and that figure does not take into account the true value of money in previous decades). Funds are raised by site fees paid by stall holders and a small entry fee donation from the public. Add to this the money raised by stall holders, local charities and clubs and the spin off to the local traders on market days... it's considerable! It's estimated that two thirds of the income comes from outside the area. The money is split between the active service clubs, now Toora Lions and Foster Rotary, and it all goes back into the community as donations toward worthwhile projects that otherwise would not be funded. That's why market dates generally fall on holiday weekends. They're drawing on the holiday traffic and if the weather's right it really works"



ROMAC DISTRICT UPDATE

Our District is currently hosting little Emilia Dos Santos and her dad Tomas from Timor Leste. Emilia is a 3 year little girl who had a Wilms Tumor (kidney tumor) originally the size of a water melon. After some initial Chemo in Dili to try and reduce its size and to keep little Emilia alive, ROMAC organized her to come to the Royal Children's Hospital to have the tumor removed.

She arrived in Melbourne on November 26th 2018 and is being hosted by the wonderful Mt Eliza Rotarian couple Inez and Guenter Steinbrecher. A big thanks also to the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza for being the sponsoring Club for Emilia.

On the 3rd December, Emilia had the operation to remove the 1 kilo tumor from her body. It was a very successful operation thanks to the amazing doctors and nurses at the RCH. Unfortunately the tumor had perforated and had left some cancer in her abdomen. This now requires additional Chemo and Radiation treatment before she can return home.

Continued testing and initial Chemo treatment happened at the RCH before Christmas. Emilia continues to gain weight (thanks to the feeding tube and pump). She had a wonderful Christmas and New year with Inez and her family.

As the Radiation treatment which started on January 9th is for 13 treatments at Peter Mac, ROMAC requested for another host family who lived close to the hospital to volunteer and be able to reduce the significant travel time from Mt Eliza and the City. Graeme and Carmel Lawrie from Essendon, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Strathmore are now hosting Emilia and Tomas. What wonderful volunteers we have in Rotary.

Once the Radiation is completed, Emilia will return to Inez and Guenter and finish her Chemo treatment. The wonderful RCH Oncologist Michael Sullivan is still optimistic that Emilia will recover fully and return to Dili to lead a full and healthy life.

A big thanks to all the ROMAC volunteers who have assisted in Emilia's treatment including the wonderful local Timorese community and especially Lidia Soares who has helped support Timorese ROMAC children with outstanding translation, support and cooking for nearly 20 years.

COLIN BYRON

D9820 ROMAC Chair





Rotary is Fellowship. Real Fellowship is frank, spontaneous, full of warmth, and if you want to gauge its depth you will find that it is the difference between “Mister” and “Bill” — “Reverend” and “Jack.”

— 1914-15 Frank L. Mulholland (law), Rotary Club of Toledo, Ohio, USA. Rotary vision: Rotarians united as a brotherhood to promote the good of humanity.

BBQ for the Boys (and Girls!) In Blue

An innovative community program to support our Police as they prepare for New Year's Eve duties, is an annual event funded and staffed by the Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye. Now in its seventh year the staff at Rosebud police Station as well as recruits from other areas meet at Rosebud Station for a Bar-Be-Que meal and salads prior to their muster to go out on duty. Meals are also sent to neighbouring stations, Sorrento, Rye and Mornington, Police hierarchy thank the club each year saying the community support shown to the officers is greatly appreciated and sends a positive message of recognition of the duty they perform in our community not only on New Years but each night of the year. Morale is greatly enhanced and the troops are in an appreciative and positive attitude as go out into the community to maintain order and keep our community safe.

This program is co ordinated by Rotarian Barry Irving, and is supported by members of the club each year. Community support also extends to local businesses with Bakers Delight Rye donating bread and dinner rolls for each of the seven years. This year Woolworths Rye contributed with a meat voucher for \$50 and slabs of bottled water.

Hamburgers, sausages, eggs, pasta salad, coleslaw, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, lettuce, pineapple and cheese with bread and dinner rolls with a soft drink or water make up the menu for night. In all 115 Police officers are fed dinner for \$4.00 per head.



Doug Hellenen, Barry and Lynne Irving, with Doris and Bernard Wong serving up dinner for the officers above.