

CLUB NEWSLETTER

Rotary 
Club of Templestowe

Service to the communities of Bulleen, Lower Templestowe and Templestowe

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President's Message

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Hi Everyone,

Last week we had a club forum where we discussed as a group some of the important matters for our club.

The topics included achievements, future plans, membership and Finns Festival. This

information has been extremely useful. Thank you to all those members who attended on the night, stayed back a bit later than usual and contributed to the very constructive discussions. This type of meeting is very important to the health of our club.

It is with deep sadness that I share with you, the passing of President Elect Erik Rubens who passed away suddenly at his home, on Saturday 2 December 2017. All our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Janene and daughters, family and friends. Erik was a member of our club for 4.5 years and was committed to the Manningham Community and to supporting local businesses. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace, Erik.

This week we will be welcoming our outgoing Youth Exchange Student, Jamie Bastian who will present a little bit about herself to our club. She will be joined by her family and it should be a great evening. Jamie is due to travel to her exchange country, Switzerland, on 15 January 2018.

This Friday 8 December, we will be having another of our lucrative Bunnings BBQs at Eltham. We are still looking for some helpers on the day so please let me know as soon as possible if you can help. I look forward to seeing you there.


Yours in Rotary "Making a Difference".

Janis




The plans we have for the conversations we will enjoy...

6th December – Headed for adventure and ambassadorship – Jamie Bastian

		<p>Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>Join us as we hear from Jamie Bastian, who is headed to Switzerland for a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.</p> <p>A month (and a little bit) before she leaves Australia, Jamie will share with us her plans, an outline of the preparation that she has accomplished, and her dreams for the year ahead.</p>	
Guest Speaker	Jamie Bastian	Registration	David Shrimpton Clim Pachenco
Vote of thanks	Janis McFarland	Setup, meet & greet	Brian Negus
Chair	Bruce Evans	Emergency	Diane Fisher


7th December – Onemda – community project – **Call for Volunteers**

	<p>Ruffey Lake Park 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Onemda are running a Festival for their clients at Ruffey Lake Park as part of the International Day for Disabled Persons.</p> <p>We are seeking volunteers to assist with supervising and directing the drop-off and pick-up of clients. It's not heavy work and is a great way of supporting a local community organisation with a couple of hours of community service.</p> <p>We meet at Ruffey Lake Park at 0930 and the event will finish at 1400. Any assistance you can provide during those hours would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Contact point for this initiative: Tony Monley: acmonley@gmail.com</p>
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Starting December 1 – a little ray of giving

	<p>898,000 children across Australia and New Zealand won't receive a gift, this Christmas</p> <p>To donate a gift, simply buy a present (make a note of gender and age group 10-12 years, 13-15 years and 16-18 years), wrap it and deliver it to Ray White Manningham.</p> <p>Ray White Manningham 5/259 Blackburn Road Doncaster East (03) 8841 2000 manningham.vic@raywhite.com</p>
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12th December – Odyssey House – our community Christmas project

 ODYSSEY HOUSE VICTORIA	<p>Odyssey House, Bonds Road, Lower Plenty</p> <p>5:30pm to (approx.) 8:00pm</p> <p>Dress code: Rotary shirt and hat/cap We are expecting 11 children and 110 residents and staff</p> <p>Set up starts at 5:30 for BBQ at 6:00 p.m.</p>
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13th December – Celebrations all round

  TEAHOUSE	<p>Christmas at Beasleys Teahouse 195 Warrandyte Road, East Doncaster 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. COMING TO OUR GLITTERING CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY AT BEASLEYS TEA HOUSE?</p> <p>Enjoy warm gourmet canapes and cheese platters with a welcoming glass of bubbly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Carols by talented student Jazzlyn . Christmas Message from Reverend Michael Goodluck . Meet his Honour, Mayor of Manningham, Cr. Andrew Conlon . Santa too - but No Kris Kringle for you! <p>Where - Beasley’s Teahouse, 195 Warrandyte Road, Doncaster East. When - Wednesday, 13th December from 6:30 p.m. Cost - \$30 pp Members and Members` Partners \$40 pp Visitors and Guests.</p> <p>Drinks at bar prices. Dress to Impress!</p> <p>Details: Graham Kane 0418 416 616. Please prepay at Dinner Meeting Wednesday OR by direct credit to Club identifying payment with your initial and surname. Rotary Club of Templestowe: BSB 633 000 Account 140 967 696</p>		
Guest Speaker	Michael Goodluck	Vote of thanks	Janis McFarland
Chair	Graham Kane		

Then into 2018...

10th January 2018 – BYO everything picnic at Wombat Bend Park



**End of Duncan Street adjacent to Finns Reserve
We meet at the picnic shelter which is near the
playground and public facilities.**

Melway 33A4

Everyone welcome, and please feel invited to bring the visitors who are staying with you for the festive season.

A relaxed evening of conversation and storytelling.

17th January 2018 – BBQ organised by our Fellowship Committee



Onemda is the location, details are being finalised

Onemda is located at 123 Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East. This is the third year that we will enjoy the hospitality of Onemda.

Take a moment, if you are not familiar with Onemda to have a look at the services that they provide to our city, our community.

<https://www.onemda.com.au/>

24th January, 2018 – Our program begins again....



Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen

6:30pm for 7:00pm

This will be the first meeting where we return to The Clarendon Room at Manningham Club.

Invitation to all members, partners and friends to join us as we launch into a new calendar year.

Guest Speaker		Registration	Keith Anderson Felix Wong
Vote of thanks		Setup, meet & greet	Rosina Cincotta
Chair	Janis McFarland	Emergency	David Chua

Getting ready for (more) adventure

Recently held in our District was the gathering for the outbound Exchange Students who will leave our country in the early weeks of January – headed for many points across our globe.

Leading into the year as a youth ambassador, the students selected in District 9810 participate in a number of training days.

Celebrating the diversity and the common purpose the current inbound students and “getting ready to go” outbound students took a moment to share some of the flags that represent their destination or their home nation.



Our thanks to Dr. Luke Bastian for the photo.

The challenge for all readers is to identify Neele – our inbound exchange student and Jamie Bastian who is headed to Switzerland in January – both girls are in the photo!

29th November – Club Forum – Our direction and our progress

Club forum is a key activity in the life of each Rotary Club and we took the opportunity to review the activities that have been completed in our community and for our club and ourselves, over the last 5 months. Here are some of the highlights – this is not the exhaustive list.

For our club and for our community these included:

- Participating again in Youth Exchange with Neele joining our community and Jamie about to head overseas
- Change of venue to the Clarendon Room at The Manningham, with the associated change in menu options
- Renewed website, with current newsletter content
- Attendance at many District Seminars for program information
- Completed a series of interviews with members who have left our club
- High Tea – Fundraiser for Brain Cancer Research
- Grand Final evening for our Footy Tipping competition with the proceeds to Doncare
- Starting a monthly BBQ on a Friday at Eltham Bunnings
- Sakura Picnic Day – direction of the car parking
- Finns Festival – a fundraiser for the projects for our community
- Attendance at the Manningham Citizenship Ceremonies
- Participation in the Manningham Mayoral Ball in support of Headspace
- Participation at the Manningham Business Excellence Awards

And the just for fun activities:

- Dinner at Base Camp Restaurant
- Social weekend at Queenscliff
- Spring Carnival Racing Night
- Sang with the LAARFS Singers

The balance of the year has a number of activities planned including some new ideas for activities.



Vale – Erik Rubens

It is with great shock and sadness that we report the untimely passing of our club member Erik Rubens on Saturday 2 December 2017, after a medical procedure.

Erik joined the Rotary Club of Templestowe in July 2013 and has been involved in many areas of the club since that time. He has held the role of Membership Director and more recently, was selected President Elect for the club, to lead our club in 2018/19.

Erik was a strong networker and was well known in the Manningham community. Erik has been heavily involved in the Manningham Business Excellence Awards for many years and was a member of the Board for the Ajani Living and Learning Centre. He also spent time as a member of the Manningham Business Network (MBN) for a number of years.

Erik and his wife Janene, have a travel business called The Travelstore located in Templestowe.

Erik is survived by his wife Janene and his daughters Helenka and Sarah.

Erik will be sadly missed by our club and by all who knew him and we send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Vale – Barry Lawry – President 1997/98

We received the message this week that Barry Lawry passed away on Saturday December 2 2017.

Peter Gurry telephoned Shirley and had a great conversation and shared reflections of their time in Templestowe. Barry was diagnosed with brain and lung cancer in September.

Barry and Shirley made a great contribution to Rotary and the community and were much loved and dear friends. Barry was President of RCOT in 1997/1998 . It was always a great delight to be in his company.

Shortly after Barry retired they moved to Lake Macquarie NSW where their tireless efforts for the community continued.

Shirley is not “ into computers “ but can be contacted by telephone or post - [02 - 4959 3993](tel:02-4959-3993) -
114A Kilaben Rd - Kilaben Bay NSW 2283

Service Milestones:

Rosina Cincotta Joined our Club on December 7, 2016

Diane Fisher Became a Rotarian (Rotary Club of Forest Hill) December 12, 1995.

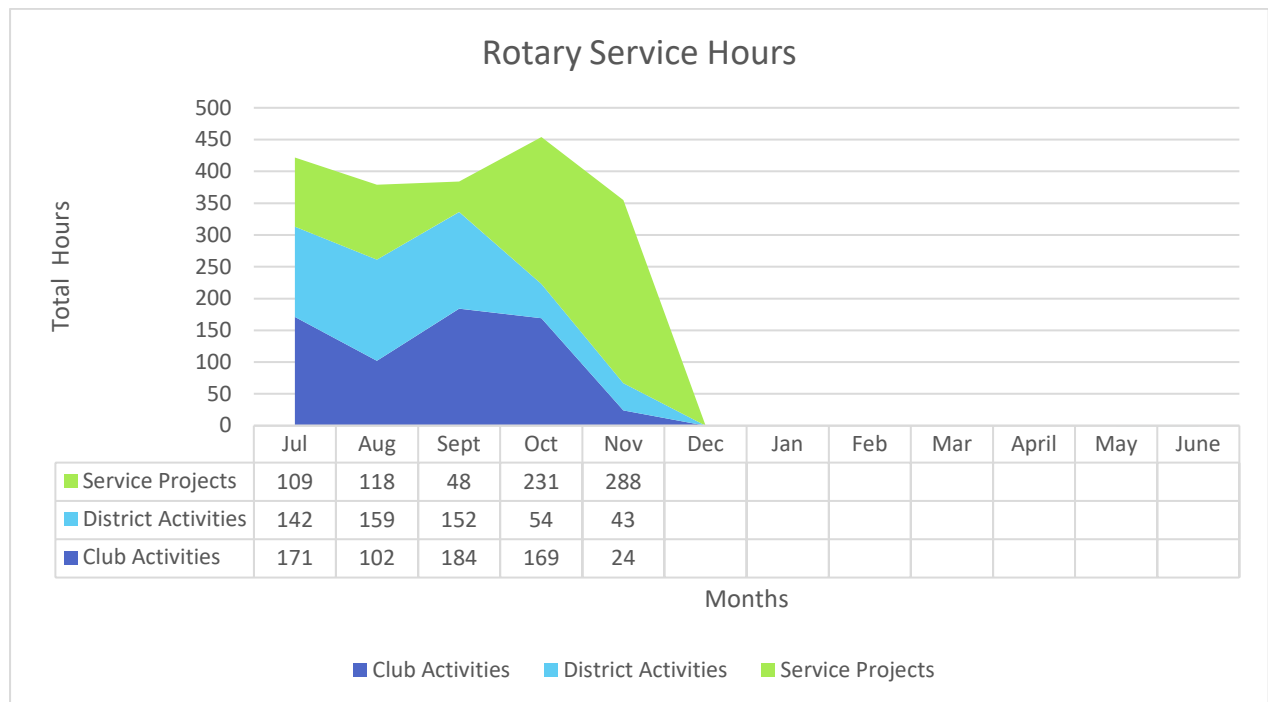
This week our birthday wishes go to...

Michelle Chua December 11



Our Service to our community...

At the end of last month we put out a call for members and friends of our club to provide their service hours, and the difference is quite astonishing. Thank you to everyone who is providing the records of the hours that they invest in our community. At the very conservative \$40.00 per hour with almost 2,000 hours, the value of our work in our community is just over \$80,000. We are on track to match our documented contribution from last financial year.



From the Editor's Desk...

Your editor will be travelling in India during January and early February, there is an opportunity for a short-term editor during that time.

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