

CLUB NEWSLETTER

Rotary
Club of Templestowe



Service to the communities of Bulleen, Lower Templestowe and Templestowe

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President's Message



Last Wednesday we heard from District 9810 Chair of Interplast – Elizabeth Guiver. Elizabeth gave us an up to date briefing on the wonderful work being done by Interplast “changing futures through medical care and training” in the Asia Pacific Region. Not only do the teams provide surgical assistance to those most in need, they also train local doctors and medical staff in those procedures, thereby offering a sustainable

program for the future.

On Friday we had our final Bunnings BBQ for this Rotary year and business was brisk. It was a beautiful day and while the helpers who were able to come were a bit stretched it was good fun and the customers were all wonderful and friendly. The Bunnings BBQ has been a very successful fundraiser for this Rotary year.

On Saturday the club loaned 5 marquees to Birralee Primary School in Doncaster for their Autumn Fair Fundraiser and our club also had a stand selling lucky dips and books. A big thank you to David Chua who drove our club's involvement and thanks are also owed to the helpers on the day including Gysbert Diepeveen, Felix Wong, Brian Tyedin and Michael Mimmo. In addition to assisting the community and raising a bit of money, we also collected some great ideas for our next Finns Family Festival. Congratulations to all involved.

This coming Wednesday we will be hearing from the Executive Manager of Odyssey House about the latest changes to their program and site. Our club has had a very long association with Odyssey House and we look forward to hearing an update on their programs.

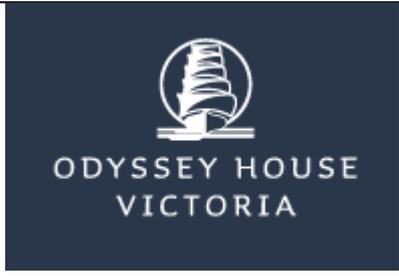
All members and partners should mark Wednesday, 28 March, 2018 in their diaries as a fun social night as we are all getting together to celebrate our club's 41st birthday.

Yours in Rotary “Making a Difference”

Janis



21 March, 2018 – Residential Services – Odyssey House - Victoria

		<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>Odyssey House is a residential rehabilitation program structured for people who experience severe problems with alcohol and/or drug use and the associated mental health issues. https://www.odyssey.org.au/</p>	
		<p>Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Eric Alan, Executive Manager</p>
<p>Vote of thanks</p>	<p>Bruce Evans</p>	<p>Setup, meet & greet</p>	<p>Kathy Monley</p>
<p>Chair</p>	<p>Keith Anderson</p>	<p>Emergency</p>	<p>John Henderson</p>

22 March, 2018 – City of Manningham – Citizenship Ceremony -Thursday

	<p>Civic Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster 6:45pm for 7:00pm – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Becoming a citizen of this nation is a very special moment in the lives of the people who have undertaken this step.</p> <p>We are looking for two members to represent our club at this event. You'll see the pictures and comments from Brian Negus who represented our club at the last ceremony.</p> <p>Please contact Brian, if you can join Clim as our second representative at this very special evening.</p>		
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28 March, 2018 – Our Birthday! Focus in 1977 – a night of nostalgia...

	<p>Springbank Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>\$45.00 per person – please remit funds to the club account prior to the evening.</p> <p>Cost of the evening covers a three-course meal and complimentary drink on arrival.</p> <p>Rotary Club of Templestowe BSB:633 000 Account: 1409 7696 Ref: Club Birthday Please add your last name</p>		
	<p>Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Janis McFarland</p>	<p>Registration</p>
<p>Vote of thanks</p>	<p>Graham Kane</p>	<p>Setup, meet & greet</p>	<p>Marilyn Fraser – Ryan Peter Gurry</p>
<p>Chair</p>	<p>Graham Kane</p>	<p>Emergency</p>	<p>Rod Simkiss</p>

28 March, 2018 – Special General Meeting - Wednesday

	<p>Springbank Room at the Manningham Club</p> <p>1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen</p> <p>6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>Notice has been circulated that the club will convene a Special General Meeting to elect the President to serve our club for the 2018/19 year.</p>
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4 April, 2018 -- The Hon Kevin Andrews MP – Member for Menzies

	<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club</p> <p>1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen</p> <p>6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>He is the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and Chairman of the Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.</p> <p>This will be an engaging evening as these topics are very central to the affairs of our nation.</p>
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Guest Speaker	Kevin Andrews	Registration	Rosina Cincotta John Bennie
Vote of thanks	Janis McFarland	Setup, meet & greet	Trevor Dawson
Chair	Graeme Cobb	Emergency	David Chua

11 April, 2018 – Duncan Elliott – CEO North East Link Authority

	<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club</p> <p>1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen</p> <p>6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>The idea was first considered in 1929.</p> <p>Now the Victorian Government is committed to build the North East Link – Victoria's next priority road project identified by Infrastructure Victoria and the single biggest transport infrastructure investment in Victorian history.</p> <p>Join us for an insider's view, provided by Duncan Elliott, CEO of North East Link Authority.</p> <p>Here's the link to the web site, if you'd like to have a sneak preview http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/</p>
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Guest Speaker	Duncan Elliott	Registration	Gysbert Diepeveen Stephen Fisher
Vote of thanks	Brian Tyedin	Setup, meet & greet	Marilyn Fraser-Ryan
Chair	Brian Negus	Emergency	Graham Kane

18 April, 2018 – Nicola Daws – Doncaster Hill Project

		<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>Nicola (Nic) Daws, Doncaster Hill Place Manager at Manningham City Council, will provide an overview of development of Manningham’s Doncaster Hill Strategy 2002 (revised 2004) and an update on progress of the Doncaster Hill Activity Centre.</p>	
Guest Speaker	Nic Daws	Registration	Peter Gurry Rod Simkiss
Vote of thanks	John Bennie	Setup, meet & greet	Kathy Monley
Chair	Tony Monley	Emergency	Bruce Evans

19 April, 2018 – Schools ANZAC Day Commemoration Service - Thursday

	<p>Templestowe Cenotaph - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Cnr Foote Street and High Street Templestowe</p> <p>The commemoration of Anzac Day through the schools was a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Templestowe over 20 years ago and this year we continue our community observation. This year we are expecting just over 800 students and staff.</p> <p>Special Note to members: Please be at the Cenotaph by 11:00am to help with set up and ushering of children to seating.</p>
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25 April, 2018 – ANZAC Day

	<p>Our Club does not conduct a meeting on ANZAC Day</p>
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Past conversations – Liz Guiver – Interplast March 14, 2017



Liz Guiver – Chairman –
Interplast Committee District
9810

Captured by: David Shrimpton

The Rotary Club of Templestowe was provided with a presentation by Liz Guiver (District 9810 INTERPLAST chair). Liz outlined some of the critical work being undertaken by volunteers in improving the self-esteem of patients in Asia Pacific Region through reconstructive surgery (burns, cleft palates, deformed limbs, etc). Liz concluded by outlining Interplast's ultimate achievement of "doing itself out of a job" through the development of independent teams in the Asia Pacific region that will facilitate partnerships to support reconstructive surgery activities. She also touched on some of the INTERPLAST funding activities undertaken by Rotary clubs.

When the Rotary International President is in town...

Vice Regal Reception at Government House – Tuesday March 14, 2018

Captured by: Graham Kane

Tuesday March 13, The Hon. Linda Dessau AC., Governor of Victoria, invited Rotarians from all over Victoria to attend a reception honouring Rotary International President Ian Riseley and Past District Governor Juliet Riseley, at Government House.



L to R Michael Mimmo, John Henderson,
Graham Kane, David Chua
Taken in the Ball Room at Government House

Past District Governor John Henderson, Michael Mimmo, David Chua and I were privileged to be among the throng who filled the Grand State Ballroom. A trumpet fanfare heralded the arrival of the official party. Governor Dessau, Victoria's first female Governor and Patron of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, extended a warm welcome to us and reflected warmly on Rotary's contribution to making the world a better place to live.

Rotary International President Ian Riseley responded graciously and thanked our Governor for opening the historic house exclusively for Rotarians. When formalities concluded guests were invited to tour the State Apartments. Outstanding original oil paintings and ornate mantelpieces decorated the magnificent

reception rooms and opulent banqueting hall. Photos of all former State Governors bedecked the Chinese red walls of the billiard room.

Guests also spent time in the leafy grounds beside a tall fountain before heading home.

Thank you, President Janis, for inviting four grateful members to represent our Club on this memorable occasion.



Across the assembled – estimates of 800 Rotarians from across Victoria in attendance



Examining the portrait gallery of the Governors who have served Victoria

Dedication of a tree in Rotary Park – Wednesday March 15, 2018



RI President Ian Riseley OAM with Mary Barry, President Rotary Club of Melbourne re-enact the photo from 1932.

One of the delightful traditions, emanating from being the host city of the first Rotary Club in Australia, is that the Rotary Club of Melbourne conducts several very special events whenever we have eminent serving Rotarians in town. We have a Rotary Park. Next time you are in and around the Botanical Gardens – or have dropped into Domain Road for refreshment, take a moment to visit Rotary Park. It is located on the corner of Anderson Street and Domain Road.

This simple triangle of land is managed by the Rotary Club of Melbourne Rotary Park Committee and in the park are dedicated trees from a few of the visiting Rotarians who have led our organisation. Perhaps it is that the first Australian Rotary International President was a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne (Sir Angus Mitchell 1948/1949) the reason is not articulated. In true Service above Self nature – the park exists, and this team ensures that at every opportunity a new tree is either planted or dedicated – whenever an RI President (or President Elect) is in town.

You'll find the tree dedicated by Ian Riseley OAM very close to the one dedicated by Royce Abbey.

On Wednesday morning a very brief ceremony of dedication was conducted in the park and then followed a much longer photo session of both the dedicated tree and the Paul Harris bench and a re-enactment of a photo from 1932 when Paul Harris was in Australia and together with the then President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, and the then Lord Mayor of Melbourne the photo was snapped. Missing in the re-enactment was the Lord Mayor of Melbourne. (*Ed: Perhaps because we don't have one at the moment? Only an acting Lord Mayor.*)

Angus Mitchell Oration Rotary Club of Melbourne – Wednesday March 15, 2018

A visit with the Rotary Club of Melbourne is an experience that should be undertaken. Grand in the meeting style, efficient for the use of time, the club attracts excellent speakers and maximises its profile as the premier (as in 1st) club in not only Victoria but Australia.

The Angus Mitchell Oration is a concept that was incorporated into the club's program of speakers in 1971, as the club turned 50. Always close to February 23, the birthday of Rotary International the event has hosted some outstanding speakers both in profile and in message. This year continued the tradition.

There were clear themes in the oration:

- Focus on membership in developed nations noting the imperative to reverse the trend for the reduced membership, reduces the capacity for service and the impact we have to Make A Difference.
- A reflection on the last time the International Convention was held in Melbourne (1993) and a hint that perhaps the next time is close.
- Polio Eradication with a link to the absolute need that Rotary must be seen as the key player in this initiative (after all we started it). The concept that a Peace Prize would be announced in response to the eradication of Polio without Rotary being cited in the recognition was a palpable moment across the room.
- Reminder of the two (2) factors that we are asked to record on Rotary Club Central – the hours that we invest in making a difference in our communities and the dollars that we spend in doing so, through our clubs.
- The planting of trees – the request for one tree per member (minimum) from each club, across the world – which will deliver over 1.2 million trees into our communities – this was recognised as an achievement by the Rotary Club of Melbourne – who had completed this task ten times over with the planting of trees near the West Gate Bridge.

RI President Ian, closed the address with a poignant quote – underpinning the importance of partnerships in our service to make a difference, quoting Helen Keller, Ian said:
"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".



RI President Ian Riseley with PDG Juliet Riseley, as peaceful as this looks it was a short moment of seating in a very busy day.

Celebrations of service to our community...

Peter Gurry March 28, 1977 – joined the Rotary Club of Templestowe – 41 years' service to our community



Referenced reading....

Click [here](#) for the link to the full story. This link will take you to the Rotary International web site.

On the nightly news and around her city, Pia Skarabis-Querfeld saw the refugees arriving in Berlin after fleeing war, persecution, and poverty in their home countries.

Wanting to help, she gathered a bag of clothes to donate and headed to a nearby gym filled with refugees.

What began as a single act of charity eventually evolved into an all-encompassing volunteer project. Over the next three years, Skarabis-Querfeld would build and run a network that, at peak times, would include more than 100 volunteers helping thousands of refugees at community centres, tent camps, and other shelters across the city. Today, her non-profit, Medizin Hilft (Medicine Helps), continues to treat patients with nowhere else to turn.



That day she went to the gym was a few days before Christmas 2014. Skarabis-Querfeld had been busy with work and preparing for the holidays. She was looking forward to a much-needed break, and she thought clothes for the refugees would be a kind gesture befitting the spirit of the season.

When she arrived at the gymnasium to drop off her donation, Skarabis-Querfeld found sick children, most of them untreated because hospitals in the area were overrun. Helpers were not allowed to give out pain relievers or cough syrup due to legal constraints. All they could do was send people to the emergency room if they looked extremely ill. Click [here](#) for the link to the full story – it is a 3 – 4 minute read, that will leave you uplifted by the principles of using one's vocation in making a difference, where the principle is service above self.

From the Editor's Desk...

As we approach our 41st birthday celebrations – we welcome contributions from members of our community and people who have served our community through our club over the four decades that we have existed.



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