

# The Timeball

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Rotary District 9800  
Rotary International Club Number 7208

Rotary Year 2018

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July Month

## Presidents Report

I have managed to chair 2 meetings out of three so far. And I have not been dethroned yet!

We had a great changeover with approx 50 guests, a good band and lots of fun. Our DG, Bronwyn Stephens, honoured us with her presence. Hazel Ackland was given a Paul Harris Fellow for her contribution over the years.

We are continuing to work with the Halloween event. Eddie has been in contact with Jason Cranage from DONS (Dads Of Newport & Surrounds). We are now looking at a park in Newport as the venue. We will discuss a budget for this event at the board meeting.

I was contacted by WRFL (Western Region Football League) re gate duty for a number of venues during the finals of their Juniors league. The response from the clubs in the cluster has been underwhelming. Also RC Werribee and RC Laverton was contacted but have not responded. The 4 weekends were worth quite a bit of money but unfortunately sofar we are the only club prepared to take on any duty.

We have been contacted by The Village in the Rifle Range re a visit by our members as part of a community initiative by the Village. They will reward us with a \$500 Visa card for the effort. I know Ann Bury is interested in hearing what they have to say. I recommend we proceed with arranging this.

I want to encourage everyone to think about local projects we can do to have a bit of fun, get seen and get out of the house.

**Apologies:** Tony Boyd, Beres Martin, Neona Stiles, Jo Walker, Yvonne Moon

**Guests:** Alex Gomez who was a guest of Murray's, an University exchange student from Alpas, Texas, also a Rotaractor. He is attending Victoria Universtity studying engineering.

Lots of guests from the Hynes Family, Laurel, Terri, Bill, Gerard, Francis, as well as Christine Hurwood who recently celebrated her 70th Birthday and is this year's President of Probus, Glennys Vanderwalker who is President of Inner Wheel.

Our Guest speaker was sign language teacher Katrina and her 2 interpreters Renee and Tishani

## Announcements:

Nils: Altona Vocational workshop - How to start up a on line business Koorungal Golf Club on 22nd October, 6pm.

We have had a letter of resignation from Neona. She is overloaded with work and private issues at the moment. We want to give her as much support as we can so Nils and Kathy will do the Timeball, hopefully with some time Neona may be able to attend our meetings again.

Farmer's Market BBQ raised \$904 last Sunday

Vocational visit to RAAF Base, Laverton on Saturday 15th September. It will be in lieu of a meeting.

Hazel reminded us about the High Tea fundraiser for the Highlands Foundation to be held on the 26th August at St John's Church, Toorak. \$45 pp.

Kathy and Nils attended the Changeover for Altona, Peter Shephard is taking the reins again for a third time.



## Guest speaker Katrina gave the club a brief introduction to sign language or Auslan

### **What is Auslan (Australian Sign Language)?**

Many people in the Australian Deaf community have been using Auslan (Australian Sign Language) for over 100 years. It is a language like Chinese, French, English, Spanish, except instead of speaking, it is signed using facial expressions, hand and body language. Like any other language, it requires study and practice before gaining fluency, especially to become a Teacher of the Deaf or a Professional Auslan-English interpreter.

I wish to emphasise here that Auslan is recognised as a community language only. It was not until the early 1990s that deaf people began to take control of their own language and it is now recognised that in sign languages of the Deaf, these are fully legitimate human languages. We have sign language dictionaries and sign linguists (people who study sign languages) who first conducted research into the basic concepts sign language structure covering fundamental areas such as phonology, morphology, syntax and the use of language. Phonologically, Auslan has five parameters namely: Handshape, Orientation, Location, Movement and Expression (*HOLME*).



## What language does the deaf community in Australia use?

The Deaf community in Australia uses Australian Sign Language, known as Auslan. Many countries around the world will have their own documented sign language which differs from country to country. You will find Swedish Sign Language, Japanese Sign Language, New Zealand Sign Language, American Sign Language are all unique to their countries.

Many people assume that sign languages developed recently and that all sign languages are the same, but sign languages have been known to exist as far back as Egyptian times in 5000BC. As with spoken languages, sign languages developed to meet the needs of a particular group of people. Large numbers of different signed languages, like spoken languages, developed in isolation from each other. It is believed that early convicts and settlers in the Australian colony brought British, Irish and Scottish Sign Language with them. Much later when educational institutions were established the differences in some vocabulary items were noted as a result of the origins of the people who worked in those schools.

The differences in vocabulary still exist today but are not considered a communication problem for users of Auslan. On the other hand, learners of Auslan often comment on these differences and the struggles to remember a variety of signs for the same thing.



## How Many Emails Would ALL Your Club Members Send in a Month?

**1,000 emails or even more!!**

- Including a signature block in each email shows you are Rotary
- Opens the conversation and awareness about Rotary, your Club to your email recipients

### HOW?

**SIMPLE:** create a **Signature Block**

- Name, • Contact Details, • Your Rotary Club Logo

Signature Block for your office bearers, committee chairs and members add to professionalism of your public image for your correspondence.

Draft up whatever seems appropriate to your club, office bearers and members, it could look something like these:

Regards,  
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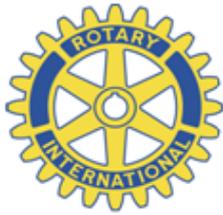


### SUGGESTION SAMPLES:

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# Farm & Road Safety Expo

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19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Past President and 2018-19 President  
As addressed

Dear Past President and 2018-19 President

Safety awareness and prevention of accidents is an ongoing issue in rural areas and of concern to the community as a whole. The Rotary Club of Rochester has held Farm and Road Safety Expos for the past 19 years to spread the safety message.

Our aim is to make aware and educate school children and adults on all issues pertaining to road and farm safety. Last year 500+ children, teachers and members of the public attended the Expo (numbers were well down due to the inclement weather). Feedback indicated they thoroughly enjoyed the day while at the same time experiencing the invaluable message of safety on the farm and road.

The committee is holding the Farm and Road Safety Expo on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018**. This will include interactive and static activities and displays in all aspects of safety involving emergency services and organizations.

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Schools in the Campaspe, Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton and Murray Shires have been invited to attend this year's Expo. The Expo is also open to the general public. The Expo is a non-profit-making event with free entry and a free barbeque lunch available to all who attend.



The Farm and Road Safety Expo (FARSE) committee invite you and members of your Club to attend this year's FARSE.

to witness and take part in this important event on the Rotary Club of Rochester's calendar.

**The Expo is to be held at the Rochester Recreation Reserve (Football/Show Ground), Reserve Street, from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm.**

Yours sincerely

Heather Watson  
President RC Rochester  
Secretary FARSE

## NEWS FROM THE HIGHLANDS FOUNDATION

We have received some **great news** from the Sepik region where one of our containers arrived. Below are some great photos of the container being emptied and some babies with their new gifts. All of your hard work has its final reward. I hope that you feel as proud as I did when I first saw these photos. I have also copied some of the letter that we received from Eddie Yehrewanie who has worked with Julie Kemp on the ground in PNG to help distribute our precious donations.

"Yes, we have opened the container and distributed the items. In fact, the container was originally destined for Ulupu health centre and Kombikum health centre in Maprik District of East Sepik Province. However, seeing the overwhelming request by other health facilities in the district for some of the medical items, I decided to include other seven health facilities. The items were equally distributed to nine health facilities altogether -inclusive of Ulupu and Kombikum.

Each received a truck-load. I believe we were generous enough. Those seven health facilities were so thankful for the initiative and assistance."  
From Eddie Yehrewanie



I hope these make you smile ☐

Also, a reminder that our Most important fundraiser of the year is being held on 26th of August. Buy a table of 10 or purchase individual tickets. We look forward to seeing you for an afternoon of enjoyable food, entertainment and some fun. Remember to bring along spare gold coins and EFTPOS facilities will be available on the day.



The try booking link is below

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=393468>

Please also let us know if you can help by **donating** any items to be auctioned or added to a hamper or used as raffle prizes.

We would also love some **help** with setting up and packing down on the day - please let us know if you can help with that.

Replies to this email would be great!

We look forward to seeing you at the high tea.

Thanks

# STRENGTHENING YOUR CLUB WORKSHOPS

The District Support Team is conducting three facilitated workshops, involving Warwick Cavell (Facilitator), Kerry Kornhauser OAM (Public Image/Communications), Yvonne Flynn (Club Service) and PDG Neville John (Membership Director).

These workshops will be hands-on interactive sessions that will include:

- Leading change in your Club
- Identifying the elements of a strong, vibrant club
- Project identification and selection
- Member and Community engagement
- Promoting your club projects and activities
- Your One-Page plan on membership recruitment and retention

## Details are:

- **12 August 2018**  
Rotary Gateway Function Centre, 26 High St, Kangaroo Flat 3555
- **19 August 2018**  
Baden Powell College, 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit 3029
- **26 August 2018**  
Montague Street Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague St, South Melbourne 3205

All sessions are 8.30 am for 9 am start and finish at 1.00 pm with a light lunch.

**RSVP by 6<sup>TH</sup> August, detailing session attending and any dietary requirements to Marjorie Gerlinger, [marbern@bigpond.net.au](mailto:marbern@bigpond.net.au), 0419 302 109**

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District 9800



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## August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	<b>30 Lunch</b> Christine Hurwood- Emergency relief	31	1	2	3	4
5	<b>6 Dinner</b> Kylie & Marie PNG	7	8	9	10	11
<b>12 Famer's market BBQ</b>	<b>13 Lunch</b> DG Bronwyn Stephens visit	14	15	16	17	18
19	<b>20 Dinner</b> Work Day	21	22	23	24	25
<b>26 BBQ's Farmer's &amp; Bunnings High Tea PNG</b>	<b>27 Lunch</b> Club Day/ Work Day - reports & Golf Day	28	29	30	31	



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Hazel, Kathy, Stan & Sven

## The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

President:	Nils Oman	Treasurer:	Tony Boyd
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