



The Timeball

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Rotary District 9800
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Rotary Year 2020-2021

Date 3 May 2021

Youth Service Month

Apologies

Guy Chatain, Jo Walker, Peter Gray, Kathy Roberts, Daniel Keas, Irena Celan, Fred Grundy

Guests

Stuart Catley, Gaynor Whitehead, Judy Doughty, Vanessa Hoyser

Anniversaries

Beres Martin, 8 years 1 May 2013

President's Report

- We had 24 members attend Ragusa last Thursday. It was a good night, thanks to Daniel for organising this event. I also had the pleasure of inducting Angela Grogan into our Club.
- 22 May is the District Assembly. This will be a virtual assembly and Club Directors and new members should attend to increase their knowledge. I have circulated flyer.
- North Williamstown State School cubby house renovations – work has been completed and we have received a letter of thanks from the parents of the two students.

- Our second project, the bird hide at the Jawbone Conservation Reserve has progressed well. The path/fencing and wall for the bird hide are almost complete thanks to the work of George, John, Daniel, Damien and Stan. Next stage is scheduled to take place in three weeks and includes completion of fencing, relocation of a gate and finishing touches to the bird hide structure. A planting day will also be undertaken by friends of Williamstown Wetlands.
- Damien has been discussing the installation of the peace pole with Newport Lakes Primary School.
- Finally I have circulated latest flyer on the Windeward Great Youth Challenge and would like to discuss the project after Brad's presentation.

Highland Foundation – Hazel Ackland

We have finally filled our container today. It was an awesome sight to see it filled. Shan, Stephen and myself had a good and hard day and at the end we got to close the doors. Very rewarding. We are not quite sure how long it will be before it is on its way to Kompian PNG.



Guest speaker – Brad Saunders

Our own Brad Saunders was our guest speaker tonight. Brad had just completed the Yvonne Moon OAM Memorial ride and spoke on the 6 day, 1000km event.

The ride commenced at Avington Resort with 27 riders & 5 support crew taking part.

The bike ride made its way from Avington to Ballarat on the first day spending the night in Ballarat.

Day 1 - Avington to Ballarat

A hard day at the office today. The weather wasn't kind. From 26 degrees and headwinds then 8 degrees and heavy rain as we approached Ballarat.



Day 2 - Ballarat to Castlemaine

A very brisk start. 6 degrees in Ballarat. After a steady climb to Creswick, from a cycling point of view the day was magnificent. Mild temperatures, no rain, a strong tail wind and mainly downhill meant for a faster and enjoyable ride.

Day 3 - Castlemaine to Bendigo to Castlemaine

With a stay of two nights in Castlemaine, day 3 was a tour of the local area. It was a long day with lots of climbing but taken at a steady pace.

Day 4 - Castlemaine to Nagambie

Day 4 we headed to Nagambie for a 2 night stay. Day 4 provided superb weather and great riding conditions. After initially climbing out of Castlemaine, the terrain settled down to be mainly downhill with a slight headwind.

Day 5 - Nagambie Yea Nagambie

Another great day. Warm weather and slight winds. Unscheduled gravel roads meant keeping the bike upright was a challenge. One big hill north of Yea called Ghin Ghin Road was about 5km in length and steep

Day 6 - Nagambie to Mt Macedon

Same, same but different on the second last day of this event. Another great day. Warm weather but some slight headwinds. More gravel roads, this time steep uphill meant spinning wheels needed concentration.

Day 7 - Mt Macedon to Avington

After a sunny start there was a section of fog around Gisborne. The road had no shoulder so care needed to be taken by riders and drivers alike. From then on it was re-tracing the same route back to Avington that we left on day 1.



The ride was very enjoyable and raised in the vicinity of \$70,000. Most riders have already joined up for next year's memorial ride.

Brad also provided an update on Rocan since Yvonne's passing in March last year:

Yvonne passed away in March last year and as a result, ROCAN lost its driving force. In addition, Dr Murray Verso, a fellow Trustee of the ROCAN Trust, announced he was retiring after nearly twenty years of dedicated service.

1. Prior to Yvonne's passing, ROCAN was in the process of being incorporated so that it could, if required, run an accommodation centre.
2. After Yvonne's passing, and Murray's retirement, 7 dedicated people stepped in to continue with the incorporation of ROCAN and become its inaugural Directors, they were:
 - a. Williamstown Rotarians - Eddie Knight, Damien Hynes, Fred Grundy and myself; as well as
 - b. Members of the ride committee – Gus Garnsworthy, John Boyle and Branco Marcina

3. ROCAN was incorporated on 25 May last year and has since been endorsed as a registered charity by the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission) and has received tax concession status from the ATO.

4. The seven Directors of ROCAN then spent the next 6 months undertaking a feasibility study of the proposed accommodation and wellness centre. This involved preparing a needs assessment, financial plan, construction costs and a future management plan. In doing so, the Directors held meetings with:

- a. The Wyndham City Council
- b. The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
- c. The Werribee Mercy Hospital
- d. The St Vincent Hospital in Werribee
- e. Western Health
- f. The Peter MacCallum Hospital
- g. The VCCC - Vic Complete Cancer Centre and
- h. The Royal Women's Hospital

5. It became clear that any previous support for an accommodation and wellness centre being built in Werribee had disappeared. So if an accommodation centre was to be built in its current location then it would not be supported by the local health centres.

6. Accordingly it has been resolved recently by the Directors not to proceed with construction and instead the block of land in Werribee will be sold.

7. That was the bad news. The good news is that the Directors are now holding discussions to complete the project of providing an accommodation and wellness centre by teaming up with another similar charity. This will enable us to pool funds to create a larger centre, which can be located within walking distance of major hospitals, which will be endorsed by health authorities and which will have professional full time managers operating the facility.

8. Our goal is to raise enough funds within the next 2 years to finalise the project. Discussions and meetings are underway with other charities and we are hoping to provide a significant update to all of the riders and sponsors by way of a newsletter later in the year.

9. The Directors would like to thank all of the riders and the sponsors for their continued support. Rest assured the Directors of ROCAN are dedicated to finalising this project with your continued assistance. We want to make Yvonne's dream a reality.



Beres Martin celebrating his 75th birthday.

**Morning Tea
with the DG**

10.00 am– 11.30 am
Saturday 15th May 2021

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Secretary

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District 9800 Assembly 2021
(Virtual)
9.30am – 11.30am
22nd May 2021

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MULTI DISTRICT INTERACT CONFERENCE VICTORIA

SUNDAY 30th MAY 2021
12.30 PM - 4.30 PM

ONLINE ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84521796610?pwd=WXVRZnBDdC9LaWpjZC9vQ20wemZHZz09>

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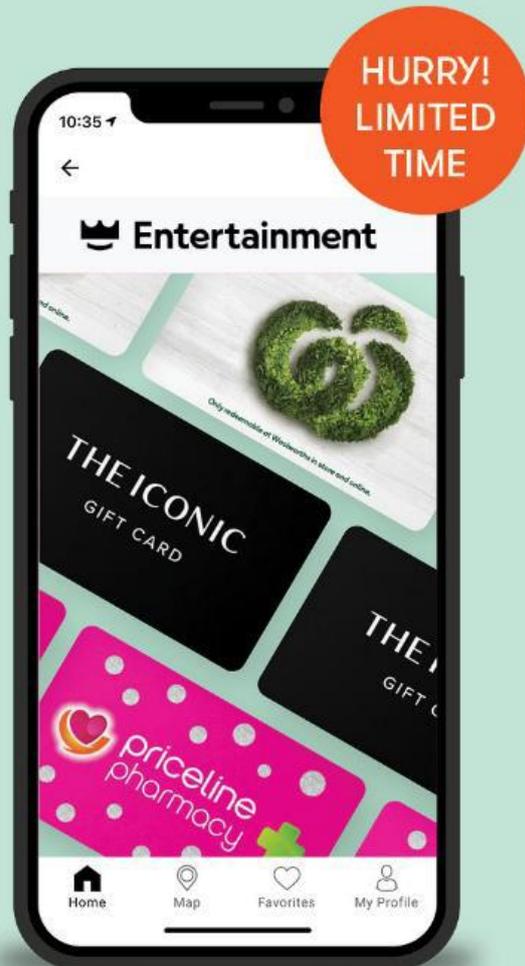
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SATURDAY 22ND MAY 2021

At

The Altona Sports Club

11 Altona Road Altona

7.00pm for a 7.30pm Start

\$20 per person/Tables of 10 \$200

Drinks available at bar prices

Bring your own basket of nibbles

(NOTE: No refrigeration or food heating facilities are available)

FOR TICKETS CONTACT

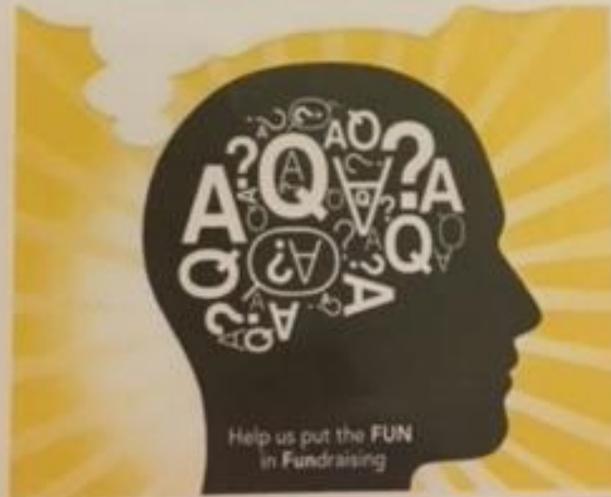
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- Proficiency in English
- For the master's program, a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of full-time relevant work experience
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HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.

REVIEW: The entire application online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

SPEAK TO: A Rotarian that you know, before 31st March 2021

CONTACTS: Dennis Shore, Tania Miletic (Peace Fellow Alumnus) or Bob Fels at office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au

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Is there someone that you know who might benefit from this program? Please circulate this flyer to them.

	CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Mon 10 May	RCW Pelicans Landing	7pm
Sat 15 May	Morning Tea with the DG	10-11.30am
Mon 17 May	RCW Pelicans Landing	7pm
Fri 21 May	BBQ at Newport Railways Museum for tour group	
Sat 22 May	Inner Wheel Trivia Night , Altona Sports Club.	7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 22 May	District 9800 Assembly 2021	9.30-11.30am
Sun 30 May	Multi District Interact Conference Victoria	12.30-4.30pm

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