

After nearly 11 years of being a member of the club, I formally tendered my resignation as President and member of Rotary Albert Park to the Board, effective from 28 February 2019.

This decision will come as no surprise to you, as I have been pretty open and transparent around my intentions to move to Queensland for a complete lifestyle change. My property has sold and will settle on Monday 4 March.

Whilst it isn't ideal to resign prior to finalising my year as President, and I apologise for any inconvenience, I am assured that the club as a whole is much more powerful than any one member. I know each of you, where possible, will step up and rally together to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support over the last several months, and in particular my Board. Stephen for his friendship and at times fatherly advice, Vicki for her experience and dependability and of course friendship, and David for being an excellent sounding board for all things Rotary. To my Avenue of Service Directors: Chris, Jim, Ish, Ivo and John – thank you for supporting me and everything you do for Rotary and your passion and commitment to work with members to achieve amazing results.

David will be taking over the President reins in my absence, along with fellow past Presidents who will assist with the weekly meetings. I wish John all the very best for his President year, I'm sure he will be a terrific President and take the club from strength to strength.

I've had the most amazing support from corners of the club that I would never have expected, and will always be grateful for the support and acknowledgements throughout my time as President.

I will miss the members of Rotary Albert Park and being a part of our many achievements in the local and international communities over the last decade, which has been a large part of my life in Melbourne. However, I am looking forward to getting back the many hours I've dedicated to Rotary to have more time for myself and my other interests.

Thank you for allowing me to share in the fun 'n fellowship and the opportunity to give back to the community in which I've lived and worked. Onwards and upwards RAP!

Look forward to having the opportunity to say goodbye over the coming weeks.

Cheers, Deb.
10th February, 2019