

6th September – 19th September 2023

PRESIDENT PAULINE's PONDERINGS

- **Thank you John Franklin:** *the big-dish barbeque served us for many years, but AusDay 2012 was the last time it was used at a major event. Over the subsequent twelve months, John Franklin fabricated /*



built the current trailer. He has cleaned it after every major use since and carried out necessary maintenance and repairs (12 years). And now, after the move into a new home, John is not able to continue cleaning up. John, I would like to thank you for your consistent service in this way over the past twelve years.

- **Thank you MARKET COMMITTEE,** Chaired by Judy Alexander, for all your work preparing for the relaunch. Market Manager Ian Symons outlined the work in revamping/streamlining the administration, right down to new site markings for the 74 sites now available ...before moving into overflow areas. New signage has started to appear around town and Ian called for volunteers to take on smaller, specific roles to help lighten some heavy loads. Carol negotiated very good deals for advertising in the Gazette and on 3GG. *Thank you all.*
- **Thank you Ian Haughton** for your organisation of the social dinner at *Food4Thought* last week. By all reports it was a most enjoyable evening.
- **Thank you Lois** for your preparation and management of tonight's activities in 'Basic Education & Literacy Month' and for our speakers – Josh and Dick – for your preparation and talks. It all made for another enjoyable evening.
- **ROTARY'S GOAL** for 'literacy' is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.
 - Be inspired at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/supporting-education> particularly with the video on the work of Rotary in this area.

ANNIVERSARIES

- *In this coming period:* Shane & Suzy Candappa and Lynn & Paul Davine celebrate wedding anniversaries; by Dianne Wallace & Lois Ryan (1 year), Jo McKechnie (16) & Ian Haughton (13) celebrate induction anniversaries

DATES for the DIARY

SATURDAY 16th September – Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market

TUESDAY 19th September – DINNER MEETING at 6.30 at Hong Kong Inn – **PIE NIGHT** 

WEDNESDAY 27th September – RC Warragul Pie Night at the Railway Hotel 6.00 - 6.30 PM

TUESDAY 3rd October – DINNER MEETING at 6.30 at Hong Kong Inn – *Mental Health month*

TUESDAY 10th October – BOARD MEETING at 6.00 at the Hong Kong Inn

Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th October – *Garden & Home Expo* at Lardner Park

TUESDAY 17th October – DINNER MEETING at 6.30 at Hong Kong Inn – *DG Linda Humphries visit*

FRIDAY 20th October – *Big Blokes event clean-up at Lardner Park*

THE GARDEN & HOME EXPO – 14th/15th October

Kevin seeks drivers plus 'cabin crew' on the people-mover tractors for at least 8 shifts. Two tractors for two days. **Please give Kevin a call – 0408 457 505 - to discuss the options.**



PROGRAM – Literacy & Basic Education – Lois Ryan

LITERACY refers to the ability to read, write and communicate and its importance can not be underestimated. And critical to the education of children is that they are properly fed.

Lois shared some facts, figures and comments on the paths to and the value of literacy and the way our language, English, has borrowed from so many languages and is, perhaps, the most difficult of all languages to master given that so many of our words have multiple meanings and multiple ways in which they can be used...not to mention how many words that sound the same can be spelt differently.

Josh then came to the podium, a place where he said he most uncomfortable, but then held member’s keen attention as he spoke of his own journey with literacy and reading, and how reading to his children has not only helped his confidence but also his skills.



DvL then spoke of his education in the Netherlands, with an early priority being “What to do when the bombs are falling”. Having survived all that he was a candidate for High School and so had some classes in English, through which he learnt to say: “Good morning Mister Haldeman” and “I have a mouthful of cold potatoes”. Clearly a different start from Australian students of the same vintage who learnt that John and Betty’s dog, Scottie, could run...often in pursuit of Fluffy, we assume. At High School, Dutch students learnt four languages other than their own. Certainly a significant variation to our own system.

Lois finished with a few literacy ‘exercises’ which engaged the members in diverse thought and amusement.

NEWS from ABROAD

The Proposch/Howe travelers are now cruising up the Thames. They met up in Windsor where David & Pauline thought the chaps wondering the streets outside their hotel were making a lot of noise which may be a bit much. They went over the road to have a chat to their neighbours but, as Chas and Cammie were not home, they just had to put up with it and enjoy the show. Now the foursome is on their *Le Boat Mystique*.....looks pretty good. *They met up with Lynne Zeldenryk on the Thames...small world! Her boat is ‘Gippsland Girl’.*



Noisy street



off to see the neighbours



on the Thames

REMINDER

Bucket hats from Phoenix Screen Prints – Warragul *protect those ears from the sun.*

Includes the decoration if applicable. Item prices exclude Setup and Delivery.



4223, BRUSHED SPORTS TWILL BUCKET HAT, NAVY

SIZES: **Medium (57cm) or L/Xlarge (60cm)**
 QUANTITY: **1**
 ITEM PRICE: **\$ 17.60**

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION at DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024

Next year will see the final District 9820 Conference. All District clubs have been asked to produce a photographic presentation of work that they have done or been involved with in the community for a display at the conference.

The Board has asked Russell to put our presentation together and to do this he needs member’s help. Please either send him via email any photographs you might have. If you do not have them stored digitally then please hand him photographs that he can scan and return to you safely. **All this to be completed by the end of October.**

Possible subject areas include, but are not limited to: Drouin District Conference attendees, Lyre Bird Village, Motorfest, Student Exchange, Cemetery Work, Saddington and other Pavilions, Playground demolition (renovation), Street Seats, 1944 Historical Photographs, Defibrillators, West Gippsland Hospital, Habitat For Humanity and Philippine’s Global Grant and ???

Some examples:



BOOKINGS and APOLOGIES

Members are reminded that they need to make contact with William Wong **0418 391 586** not later than 11.00 AM on the Tuesday of our meeting if you are not going to attend, or if you will have a guest.

You will be charged if no apology has been received.