

Thank you to many of you for your words of encouragement editing the Bulletin. I succumbed to a virus last weekend, with a very fancy name – Human Metapneumovirus! It is part of the RSV family! Given the treatment I had last year, it is unlike the common cold.

Hence a big thank you to Pauline Maunder and Ian Haughton for briefing me with notes and photos from last Tuesday’s meeting.

Please keep sending through any news or photos or ideas for the Bulletin.

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Guest Speakers - Di and Tony Carson from the Rotary Club of Warragul

Di and Tony Carson spoke to us about their work with communities in Vanuatu. This was a great follow-on from the presentation by Darlene Fankhauser at our previous meeting.

Di and Tony Carson from the Rotary Club of Warragul initially engaged with seasonal workers from Vanuatu in 2016 when they were contacted to support 5 workers housed in Drouin.

Since then, they have and still do provide pastoral care for PALM (Pacific Agriculture Labour Management) Scheme workers and assist the Pastoral Care Worker employed by Flavorite.

They are part of a National Seasonal Worker support group that not only supports workers, but also identifies issues within the PALM Scheme that require rectification. Through Rotary and the Warragul Uniting Church, they have provided containers of medical and educational aid along with a project where they refurbished the Port Vila Central Hospital’s Children’s Ward. In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Port Vila and the SHaRM Foundation in Vanuatu, they have assisted with the reconstruction and refurbishment of schools in remote areas along with the installation of reliable water supplies. The schools, when refurbished, are also used as community centres and cyclone refuges.

Projects currently being developed are the construction of a medical centre in Mele and the development of a child safe centre at Port Vila Central Hospital.

They have found that projects developed with partnerships are more fruitful and successful.

Note from Sub Editor: *The last two weeks have opened my eyes to Vanuatu. I had previously envisaged Vanuatu as a holiday resort island. Both these talks made clear to me the plight of the villagers and general population in terms of exposure to extreme weather, food security and basic income.*

To learn more about Vanuatu open <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanuatu>



Donated school desks being delivered to their island destination



Unloaded & awaiting pick-up



Ready for the students

Thank you to the Carsons for forwarding these photos of the work being undertaken to refurbish schools in remote areas of Vanuatu. President Mike is keen to explore how we might contribute to such an important work.

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Updates from Members

Bob Vogt informed me his phone died when at *The Carvery* on Tuesday night 30 August and he was unable to record the fun and fellowship shared by the 22 who braved the freezing weather and gathered at *The Carvery* for a great meal, drinks and plenty of convivial chatter and banter.

“Thank you to the staff at *The Carvery* for their service and to all those who attended. Cheers, Bob V.”

Thank you to those who came and cooked for the volunteers cleaning up Robin Hood Reserve on Sunday 28 July.



Ian and Sharon with Nathan Buckley at the RC Casey fundraiser for the Variety Bash “Elvis” cars.

Leigh Bates reports that the attendance was only 104 but that \$8,000 was raised. A great effort from RC Casey and all those who attended.

What’s ahead in August ?

President Mike reminds us of the following activities on our Rotary program :

- Our speaker for the Rotary meeting on 20th August is from the *Knoxbrooke’s ‘Coffee Vibes’ café*, which is an all-abilities social enterprise cafe that is at the Warragul Arts Centre
- Board members meeting on 12th August
- And, the Drouin Rotary Market is on this coming Saturday 17th August.

We are all encouraged to come along to the market and enjoy a great community event.

Upcoming Events

Birthdays: Di Wallace & Janette Pocklington

Wedding Anniversaries: Roger & Jane Playdon

Joining Anniversaries: Pauline Maunder (21st in 2007)

Tuesday 20 August: Dinner Meeting 4 at Hong Kong Inn 6pm for 6.30pm.

Saturday 17 August: Drouin Market.

Friday 23rd August: Longwarry Food Bank deliveries

September: six mornings of DSC Breakfast Club



The Rotary District 9815 MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) is happening in the Auditorium at Lyndale Secondary College, Dandenong North on Saturday 17 August, starting with the Flag Procession at 9.00am.

Guest speaker, Gabrielle Williams, State MP Dandenong, is the Minister for Government Services, Consumer Affairs, and Public & Active transport. She will address delegates on topics relating to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Humanitarian Issues. (*Speak to Russell if interested in attending*).

P.S. We are sponsoring a team from the Chairo Scholl this year.



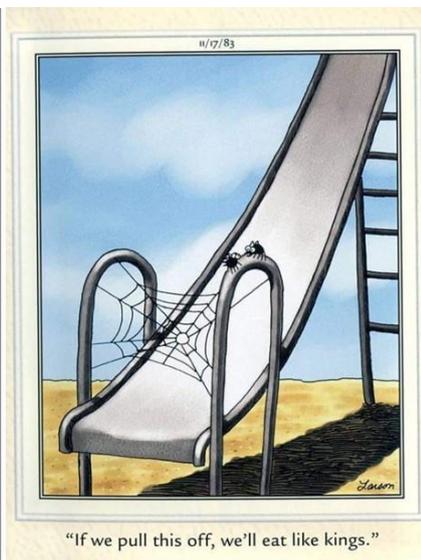
Keep up with events across our District 9815 by visiting the new District website at www.district9815.org.au

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Dad get the kids ready for school.

Oh dads...