

# Yarra Bend Rotary

# BULLETIN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our meeting last week was a 'Visioning' session very ably led by PP Bob Lambert and an excellent summary by the scribe PP Matt Pollard. Such a session had not been conducted for some time so it presented an ideal opportunity for club members to provide their ideas for the club's future.

Matt has provided an excellent, but lengthy, summary on the session so I will pick out the most important points.

We are a small but very active club, not only maintaining current commitments in the Avenues of Service but also developing an additional line of income for the club through gardening. Our major obstacle that can prevent further developments is our small membership. We have the talents, enthusiasm and ability to work with each other. However, our small membership indicates we need to do two things: - increase our membership and to increase our collaboration with other clubs. The idea of collaboration is growing within our cluster and indeed, our district, but we ought not consider ourselves limited to geographical boundaries. We ought to seek out other clubs with similar needs, perhaps size and more importantly a similar club ethos and willingness to work with us. In this way we can engage in better and bigger activities to make a difference.

Current and emerging societal constraints on younger people have, and probably will continue to inhibit membership growth. However, other clubs are increasing their membership so what do we need to do? The simple answer is to change our mindset, methods and activities in seeking new members; we need to market our 'brand' more effectively. There are various ways of doing this but results will not come early or easily. More on this as we further digest Matt's summary of the evening and develop action items of a nature that all club members can make a positive contribution.

We have some very interesting speakers on our program and I remind members that the Cluster Meeting on 17th April at the Glenferrie RC venue, Kooyong Tennis Centre will replace our normal weekly on the 18th April. Bookings are to be done through Trybooking (see notice attached for details).

Ken Maher

## OUR TEAM

### YARRA BEND EXECUTIVE

President	Ken Maher
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Secretary	Anne Brown
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Treasurer	John Pocock
President Elect	Edda Williams

### CLUB AVENUES OF SERVICE

Community	Bob Lambert
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Club Service	Bill Chow
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Foundation	Matt Pollard
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International	Isabel Armer
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Vocational	David Shave
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Youth	Edda Williams
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## Our Next Dinner Speaker 11 April 2018

Dianne Sides - President of The Boroondara Family Network: a Rotary initiative providing support to young families in need in the City of Boroondara.



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## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

11 April	Dianne Sides, President The Boroondara Network
17 April	Dr Robert Webster, President RSL Victoria
02 May	Michael Headberry, Director, Saluting Monash Council

## Upcoming Events for your Diary

17 April	Joint Meeting with Riverside Cluster – Kooyong Tennis Club
16 May	Board meeting outgoing & incoming Board
20 May	D9800 Assembly - TABCORP Park Melton
25-27 May	Model United Nations Assembly
04 July (TBC)	Yarra Bend Changeover Dinner
29 July	Plant a Tree Fritsch Holzer Park
10 November	Garden Design Festival on 10, 11, 17, 18 November

## WEEKLY DUTY ROSTER

DATE	CHAIR	THOUGHT & GONG	MEMBER'S MOMENT	SET UP / PACK AWAY	BULLETIN NOTES
11 April	Clint Sceney	Bill Chow	Bill Chow	Ed Brown	Matt Pollard
17 April	Joint Cluster Meeting				
25 April	No Meeting Anzac Day				
02 May	John Orr	Anne Brown	Anne Brown	John Orr	Bob Lambert
09 May	Tony Boyd	William Liew	William Liew	Ed Brown	Isabel Armer

## ROTARY SUNDAY MARKET DUTY

15 April	Tony Boyd	06 May	Ken Maher
22 April	Bob Lambert	13 May	William Liew
29 April	Clint Sceney/Ross Ollquist	20 May	John Orr



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## Dinner Meeting – 04 April 2018



### Chairman – Bob Lambert

The usual meeting agenda was put aside for a workshop session to discuss the current state of the Club and our future objectives of Yarra Bend Rotary.

The session was facilitated by Past President Bob Lambert

Past President Matt Pollard (I) captured member's comments and ideas to assemble a Report. His Summary is on page three of this Bulletin.



*This week's Door Prize was presented to Darren Grevis-James (L) by Chairman Bob Lambert*

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## Dixon Reserve Playground Restoration

From Bob Lambert

Stage one of the painting phase for this project was completed by 5 members last Thursday. This involved painting all the timber with two coats of decking paint.

The transformation from what it was to its current state is remarkable.

Only some green paint on the metalwork is now required. One more working bee should do it.

Pictures below show the transformation:



**Before our Work**

**After our Work**

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## Horizon Workshop

*Summary by Matt Pollard*

Yarra Bend members held a workshop to address the forward three-year horizon for our Club. The session was led by PP Bob Lambert. The detailed notes of the workshop will be made available to each member.

The session was highly interactive and identified a number of key strengths and a few opportunities for positive change.



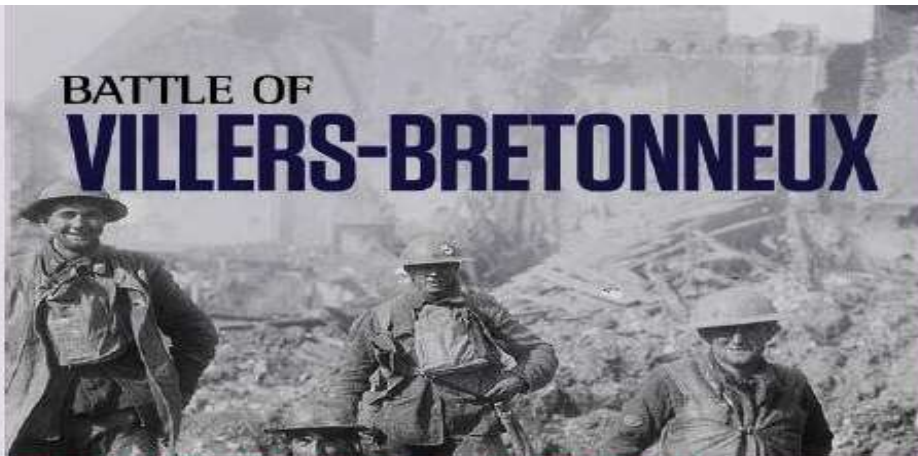
### In general the workshop concluded that:

- The Club is financially sound but needs to do more to attract members or it will wither. We have a strong following on Facebook and via Friends of Rotary but need to recognise that people are time poor. We need to get the message out that Rotary no longer has attendance requirements.
- Our Club is small but very active, informal with generally high member participation levels. We need to promote our projects as this is a major way for potential members to understand what we do and to get involved without a major time commitment.
- There is growing cooperative action in our local community and major projects are increasingly cooperative efforts between a number of Rotary Clubs. Notwithstanding this our Club needs to maintain its own projects in which members and friends can become involved “hands-on”.
- We need to adjust the weighting of our activities to ensure the projects we have are delivering maximum benefit for the communities we serve. Visibility of our Club and its activities needs to grow to maximise potential for new member involvement.
- Processes to make guests and speakers welcome will be enhanced and meeting formats and costs will be reviewed to further enhance fellowship, learning and participation
- Our revenue sources are being diversified to reduce risk and ensure we can fund new projects and grow existing ones. Members have identified the need for new projects in our local community and in our region. These need to meet a presently unfulfilled need and provide an opportunity for hands-on input from members
- All members will be surveyed to help identify growth opportunities and ensure everyone remains engaged as our Club develops.
- Club processes and document management will be enhanced and modernised.





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## TUESDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 2018 REMEMBERING THE ANZACS

**Rotary District 9800 Riverside Cluster Joint Meeting  
Glenferrie, Hawthorn, Kew and Yarra Bend Rotary**

Please join the combined Rotary Clubs of the Riverside Cluster as we join together to commemorate the 2nd Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, in which Australian and British troops helped to turn the tide of the Great War.

Join us to commemorate this important battle, the beginning of the end, about which the Supreme Allied Commander during WWI, Marshall Foch of France, spoke of the "astonishing valiance" of the Australian troops, and following which General Sir Henry Rawlinson attributed the safety of Amiens to the "...determination, tenacity and valour of the Australian Corps".



Keynote Speaker

Dr Robert Webster  
OAM

State President,  
Victorian RSL



Book and payment  
strictly in advance  
by Friday April 14th  
2018

Book and pay via  
TryBooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/362483>



**KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS  
CLUB**

489 Glenferrie Road  
Kooyong

Tuesday April 17th, 2018

6:30pm for 7:00pm

Remember you must Book if you are going to attend. Click below on this link

**[www.trybooking.com/Glenferrie event](https://www.trybooking.com/Glenferrie%20event)**





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## DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER

Sunday June 3rd 2018 11.30am for 12 noon - 3pm



**ROTARY  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

**Brighton International 81 Bay Street, Brighton  
Featuring The Barking Dogs  
LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH LOTS OF FUN**



[www.trybooking.com/367423](http://www.trybooking.com/367423)  
Early Bird price: \$68 per person  
\$75 per person (after 18th May).



This year the District Changeover is celebrating our District and all we have achieved together – Rotarians and Clubs, with assistance and support from the District Leadership Team.

There will be fun, special projects and Rotarians honoured.

Entertainment by our own sensational “Barking Dogs” with Sue Foley.

Dress to impress but don't feel you need to be uncomfortable, AND bring your dancing shoes.

In true Rotary style, there will be funding opportunities for two projects of \$1,000 each. Submit a short, informal project plan, register a table of 10 before May 18th. Be ready to claim the prize and announce the project to all our District Rotary friends. Maybe you will gain support from other Clubs and possibly receive a Foundation District Grant 😊

**Please join District Governor Peter Frueh and Anne,  
District Governor Elect Bronwyn Stephens and Mark  
as we whoop it up at “The International” in Brighton.**

**Book at: [www.trybooking.com/367423](http://www.trybooking.com/367423)**



FOOTSCRAY-YARRAVILLE CITY BAND PRESENTS  
**THE SILENT ANZAC**



28 APRIL, BOX HILL TOWN HALL, 8:00pm  
1022 WHITEHORSE RD, BOX HILL



EXPERIENCE THE UNTOLD STORIES OF WW1 INCLUDING A SPECIALLY  
COMMISSIONED WORK, COMPOSED BY TODD SMITH, COMMEMORATING THE  
MEN OF HMAS AE2

MUSICAL DIRECTOR PHILLIPA EDWARDS

A-RES\$45\* - A\$30 - C\$20 - F\$80

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## Rotary Foundation Cluster Dinner

Hosted by Rotary  Club of  
Essendon Inc.

### Lien Trinh

#### Manager of End Trachoma 2020

Lien holds a Bachelor of Optometry from the University of Melbourne and Master of Optometry from the University of NSW. She has experience working in low-income settings internationally as well as throughout Australia. In 2013 she was awarded the inaugural D9800 Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation to study a Master of Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has since worked at Indigenous Eye Health, and now manages 2 delightful tots as well as our Project EndTrachoma by 2020



Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness globally. Australia remains the world's last developed country where it still persists. Blindness from recurrent trachoma infections is irreversible. But trachoma is an entirely preventable disease, and infections can be treated quickly and effectively.

### PDG Dr. Murray Verso

Murray is a retired medical practitioner. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Williamstown since 1981. He was Governor of Rotary International District 9800. He is now a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and is also a member of the End Trachoma Core Team.

### David Abbey

Son of Royce and Jean Abbey, David will speak about the Royce and Jean Vocational Scholarship and the Royce Abbey Award. 2018 marks 30 years since Rotary Club of Essendon member, PP Royce Abbey, was Rotary International World President.

**WHEN** Tues 10 April 2018 6:30pm for 7pm start

**WHERE** Waterloo Cup Hotel, 252 Maribymong Rd, Moonee Ponds

**COST** \$45 pp 3 Course meal, Drinks at bar prices

**BOOK** <https://www.trybooking.com/TXPB>

**RSVP** Monday 26 March

For further information: Roger Leask 0412 706 566 or Jane Carbone 0417329 005





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## Learn more about what we do

Would you would like to know more about Yarra Bend Rotary, please call Club Secretary Anne Brown on 0404029165 or email: [anneanded@iinet.net.au](mailto:anneanded@iinet.net.au)

You might like to join us for dinner. We meet every Wednesday over dinner at the Amora Hotel 649 Bridge Road Richmond at 6:30 p.m. for 7:00p.m.

If you would like to come along and find out more about what we do or have a particular interest in hearing one of our guest speakers, please first contact the Club Secretary to make arrangements.

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