

Yarra Bend Rotary BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year started with a banger (sic) but also with a sad note and a happy note.

The banger of course, was the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Hawthorn which netted us around \$1100 which is not bad for an Australia Day holiday. The following day was the barbeque at the Pollard McCrae Estate attended by most of our members and partners. Apart from yielding \$880 it was the usual splendid event hosted by Matt and Dianne Pollard and, of course, enjoyed by all who attended.

The sad note was the passing of Sara Chivers, daughter-in-law of our member David and his wife, Margaret. Although expected, these events are always difficult for close family and our thoughts are with David, Margaret, their son Leigh and of course the two grandsons.

The Chivers family have not only lost a daughter-in-law but the younger grandson, Alfie, also has the same condition so the battle continues, and I am sure that all members will agree that we will support the Chivers family in whatever way we can.

The happy note is that Anne Brown was recognized by the City of Boroondara with a commendation for Volunteer of the Year for her work with Guide Dogs Victoria and well as with Rotary. We all know the effort that Anne puts into whatever she does so we all say – Congratulations and Well Done!

David Shave has produced an excellent program for the next few months, so all members are encouraged to bring guests – keep an eye on the bulletin. In addition to some high profile and very interesting speakers we also have a visit to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook in March so there is plenty of opportunity to raise our profile with others. Speaking of profile in the community, we are well short of our membership target for this Rotary year however, some members are very active in contributing to our Facebook page and our website. Raising our profile is not a quick and easy activity, it does take time and effort so for those who have been contributing – keep up the good work. For those yet to contribute, please get started – it is not difficult and there is no shortage of club members who can assist.

Ken Maher

OUR TEAM

YARRA BEND EXECUTIVE

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

CLUB AVENUES OF SERVICE

Community	Bob Lambert
Club Service	Bill Chow
Foundation	Matt Pollard
International	Isabel Armer
Vocational	David Shave
Youth	Edda Williams

CLUB PROTECTION & PRIVACY OFFICER

John Orr

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ian H.S Riseley

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Peter Freuh

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Rosalind McMorrow

Club Calendar

07 February – Club Board Meeting

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

07 Feb 2018	Yang Xu – Problems of ageing & philosophy of longevity.
14 Feb 2018	Jeremy Scott - World bicycle trip through 52 countries
21 Feb 2018	Geoff Carr - Cosmologist
28 Feb 2018	RYLA Delegates - TBC
07 Mar 2018	Speaker - TBC

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WEEKLY DUTY ROSTER

DATE	CHAIR	THOUGHT & GONG	MEMBER'S MOMENT	SET UP / PACK AWAY	BULLETIN NOTES
07 February	Isabel Armer	Matt Pollard	Matt Pollard	Mark Miller	Jane Stott
14 February	Anne Brown	Edda Williams	Edda Williams	Ken Maher	Darren G-J
21 February	David Shave	Tony Boyd	Tony Boyd	Ed Brown	Mark Miller
28 February	Matt Pollard	Bob Lambert	Bob Lambert	Bill Chow	David Shave
07 March	Bob Lambert	John Orr	John Orr	Tony Boyd	William Liew

ROTARY SUNDAY MARKET DUTY

04 February	Mark Miller	25 February	David Chivers
11 February	Bob Lambert	04 March	Jane Stott
18 February	William Liew	11 March	Matt Pollard

Dinner Meeting – 31st January 2018

Chairman – Matt Pollard

Thought from David Shave – ‘Age is a very high price to pay for maturity’ Anon

Directors Reports

Ed Brown. Working bee required for next Monday at CamCare and in the coming weeks at the playground in the Yarra Bend Park. This work will be mainly preparation of timbers. Future working bees also required at Kew High school for landscaping maintenance.

Isabel Armer. Reported on latest activities in Nepal including proposed renovations to the BFCC buildings.

David Shave. A rundown of the next three months program of guest speakers and a vocational visit to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook.



This week's Door Prize winner – Matt Pollard (left) with John Orr

Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge – Walking with the Bears

Guest speaker – John Orr



Yarra Bend Rotary member – John Orr, an intrepid traveler, presented a detailed insight into his recent visit to the remote northern parts of Canada and Alaska. The trip included several flights, train travel and finally a cruise across the Pacific.

From Winnipeg in Canada, John and Lynette took a flight to the small town of Churchill in far north Manitoba and from there travelled aboard a single engine aircraft to Nanuk Lodge on the Tundra in Hudson Bay.

It's a very isolated place. No people live closer than 100 miles to Nanuk. On the flight to the Lodge, the Orr's spotted about 50 Polar Bears roaming through the environment. John said the weather is cold in the extreme and layers of clothing are needed to keep warm. He said the guides who conducted the trips out on the tundra, observe the body language of the Polar Bears to determine if it is safe to approach them and use several methods to distract the bears if they get too close.



The extensive trip across this vast and remote part of Canada was the highlight of the entire trip for John and Lynette even though they had further encounters with other bears; sighting eight Grizzlies in Denali Alaska, and two other Grizzlies at Icy Strait Point. However John said nothing compared to how close they got to see Polar bears in the wild at Nanuk.



Photos by John Orr



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Recent Yarra Bend Events

Australia Day BBQ – Fund Raiser



Yarra bend members were out in full force on Australia Day raising funds for our community projects from the ever popular sausage sizzle outside Bunnings in Burwood Road Hawthorn.

2018 Boroondara Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards



Yarra Bend Rotary's Anne Brown pictured right was awarded a special commendation at the Awards on Australia Day

The City of Boroondara Australia Day awards were bestowed on several local citizens including Yarra Bend Rotary member Anne Brown a special commendation for volunteering her professional skills supporting Guide Dogs Victoria and Rotary for the past seven years. Vivienne Harkness was named Boroondara Citizen of the Year for services to the Boroondara Stroke Support Group (BSSG). Congratulations Anne and all the other Award recipients for 2018.

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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

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. Just contact the Club Secretary to make arrangements.

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