

# Yarra Bend Rotary

# BULLETIN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With some members travelling, our numbers were down a bit this week but Suzie Cole gave a great presentation on the current status of Rotary's huge Project to rid the world of Polio. We were reminded that Rotary needs to finish the job, or just like the embers from a bushfire, the world will again be afflicted by this disease. Members are encouraged to participate in some of the events being held to mark World End Polio day next week and to help with fund raising.

A reminder that we are visiting the Melbourne Recital Centre next Wednesday so there is no regular meeting at The Amora. Contact John Pocock for details.

Our working groups to address the reposition of our Club are due to report back to members on 14 November so the leaders of those groups are encouraged to get their teams together and resolve the high-level action items and timelines for implementing change. The changes to reposition our club as an active project oriented concern are crucial to our membership drive.

If you can help the Club through membership or with our projects please get in touch via our Facebook page or the website.

You can connect with us through our web page at [www.yarrabendrotary.com.au](http://www.yarrabendrotary.com.au) or on our [Facebook page](#).

Matt Pollard

Acting President

## OUR TEAM

### YARRA BEND EXECUTIVE

President	Edda Williams
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Secretary	Anne Brown
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Treasurer	William Liew
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### CLUB AVENUES OF SERVICE

Community	Bob Lambert
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Club Service	Ken Maher
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Foundation	Ross Ollquist
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International	Matt Pollard
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Vocational	Clint Sceney
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Youth	Edda Williams
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## Next Week's Yarra Bend Rotary event

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

## Melbourne Recital Centre & Fellowship dinner



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## Upcoming Speakers

<b>21 November</b>	<b>Tim Webster – Queen Victoria Market</b>
<b>27 November</b>	<b>Ted Baillieu – John Monash a great Australian</b>
<b>31 October</b>	<b>Bob Farrawell - Probus</b>

## Upcoming Events for your Diary

<b>24 October</b>	<b>Melbourne Recital Centre</b>
<b>29 October</b>	<b>Chances Golf Day at Box Hill Golf club. Gather your golfing friends to join YBR for this event</b>
<b>30 October</b>	<b>Closing date for early bird registration for multi-district conference on February 15-17th 2019</b>
<b>07 November</b>	<b>Oaks Eve event – Members &amp; Partner - Amora hotel</b>
<b>10 November</b>	<b>Garden Design Festival on 10, 11, 17, 18 November</b>
<b>27 November</b>	<b>Combined Club dinner Canterbury – Speaker Ted Baillieu</b>
<b>05 December</b>	<b>National Reconciliation Action Plan Conference</b>

[\*\*Dinner Meeting Roster Click Here\*\*](#)

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## Dinner Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018



**Chairman:** Ed Brown

**Guest Speaker:** Suzie Cole

**Thought:** Bob Lambert: *'Two things are inevitable – death & taxes. The only difference between them is death doesn't get worse every time Parliament sits,' – Will Rogers*

**Directors Reports:** Matt Pollard: YBR has donated \$5000 to the Farmers Drought Relief Fund, and \$5000 to assist the community ravaged by the earthquake/Tsunami in Indonesia.

This Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>) at the Glenferrie Rotary Farmers Market – Emergency Services Fun Day.

Boroondara Skilled Volunteer Meet will be held at the Council offices on 23 October. Members are also encouraged to attend the annual White Ribbon Day event 31 October 11am at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.

William Liew: Please place your orders for the annual Rotary Christmas cake & puddings. Also our next donation at the Red Cross Blood Bank will be in November, please advise if you can donate.



**Door Prize:** Chairman Ed Brown presented this weeks door prize to guest speaker Suzie Cole

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## Members Moment - *Bob Lambert*

### *How the Mediterranean Sea was formed*

Bob spoke about the history of the Mediterranean Sea from a presentation he attended aboard a ship cruise earlier this year. The formation of the Mediterranean Sea is traced back to the separation of the super continents Laurasia and Gondwana that occurred millions of years ago. Geological evidence indicates that around 5.9 million years ago, the Mediterranean was cut off from the Atlantic Ocean and was partly or completely dried out over a period of some 600,000 years during the Messinian salinity crisis, before being refilled by the Zanclean flood about 5.3 million years ago when it opened up to the Atlantic Ocean off Gibraltar. Sea water poured through the gap and took an estimated two years to fill the Mediterranean basin.

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## **Suzie Cole is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Prahran. She is also the District 9800 End Polio Now Ambassador**

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralysing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five.

The last reported case of polio in Australia was in 1972, but according to Suzie the fight to eliminate the disease is never ending and for us it's potentially - just merely an aircraft arrival away from once again occurring in Australia. She says in 2018 there have been only 19 cases of polio across the 3 countries that still report polio cases: Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. The disease has almost been eradicated thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Rotary clubs around the world that began this enormous health project in 1985 when Rotary launched its Polio Plus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

Every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds provide operational support, medical personnel, educational materials for health workers and parents. Rotary clubs donate funds and many members work side-by-side with health workers transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries.

World Polio Day is Tuesday 24th October

[End Polio Now video](#)



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## Boroondara White Ribbon Day

Wednesday 31 October 2018



Join us for the seventh annual Boroondara White Ribbon Day event to help raise awareness of the negative impact of violence against women.

This free event will include a keynote speech by Tarang Chawla, a 2017 Young Australian of the Year Finalist. Tarang will speak about his experience of overcoming adversity following the murder of his 23-year-old sister Nikita.

Learn about how you can make a difference and the support services available.

A panel discussion will also be held and the session concludes with a free lunch for attendees. Wed 31 October 2018

11:00am - 1:15pm

Hawthorn Arts Centre

360 Burwood Road Hawthorn VIC 3122

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## Rotary – Swinburne Collaborative Forum

You are warmly invited to attend the final Rotary-Swinburne Collaborative Forum for 2018. The Collaborative Forum was established to identify collaborative opportunities to the benefit of communities we serve. At the Forum, mutually beneficial initiatives are discussed in order to strengthen our collaborative efforts and amplify the impact for the local community. Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 10am at SPS building, meeting room SPS137, level 1, room 137. 24 Wakefield Street Hawthorn





# Yarra Bend Rotary

## 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

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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