

Yarra Bend Rotary

BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent but the ones that are most responsive to change." Charles Darwin

"There is nothing more difficult to arrange, more doubtful of success and more dangerous to carry through – than change." Niccolo Machiavelli.

Rotary, world-wide, is in an era of change. We can either accept and embrace it, or remain staid, believing that's not the way we've always done things. Collectively, and at individual club levels, we need to find ways to make Rotary attractive to younger members if Rotary is to survive the 21st century.

Change may be external – governance or actions imposed from higher levels – RI or District. Internal changes made with agreements at single club level give members a sense of autonomy or control over change and finally, evolutionary change – the stage where we now sit and the one that meets with the most resistance.

Change is a process, not an event. It requires courage to transform personal frames of reference, to let go of the old and seek a position of comfort with the new – and in doing so keeping the higher goals of Rotary firmly in our sights.

Together, through conversations and supporting each other, we can achieve common understandings and attain our Rotary goals.

If you are reading this and would like to talk to one of us about joining Rotary or how you can join in our activities, we'd love to hear from you. You can connect with us through our web page at www.yarrabendrotary.com.au or on our Facebook page.

Edda Williams

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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Our Next Meeting
15 August 2018

Guest Speaker
Bruce Van Every
North Korea



BE THE INSPIRATION



Yarra Bend Rotary

Upcoming Speakers

15 August	Bruce Van Every – North Korea
05 September	Mike MacNamara – Melbourne's Property Market
03 October	DG Bronwyn Stephens

Upcoming Events for your Diary

20 August	Canterbury Rotary – Declining Bee Population
29 August	Joint club evening at Greenacres - Guest speaker David Parkin
10 November	Garden Design Festival on 10, 11, 17, 18 November
05 December	National Reconciliation Action Plan Conference

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Dinner Meeting 8th August 2018

Chair: Tony Boyd

Thought: : Mark Miller: We are all ignorant - just about different things. Will Rogers (actor & author)

Directors Reports:

President Edda: Attended Swinburne Volunteering Expo last Tuesday and spoke with Boroondara Cares, Kew Op Shop and other Swinburne representatives.

Dates in August: 9th – Edda and Isabel to attend the Rotary / Swinburne Information Exchange evening

20th – RC Canterbury is presenting a speaker who will inform us of the importance of bees and how easy it is to host a hive – details in our newsletter

26th – RC Glenferrie holding their Walk for Parkinson's event. David Chivers will volunteer – if anyone else is in a position to assist with the BBQ please refer to last week's newsletter

26th – Edda to "Strengthening Our Clubs" workshop. Also I am liaising with Neville John re. Follow-up workshop dates regarding membership

DG Bronwyn Stephens will discuss how D9800 clubs can assist NSW farmers, their families and communities with drought assistance. Clubs in Riverside and Eastside clusters have been contacted as to how we can offer assistance as a combined group. Outlined the 3 main opportunities to give assistance.

Isabel Armer: Outlined things to do if RC Yarra Bend visits Nepal



Ed Brown: Ed showed photo (left) of the works being done in Wellington St, Kew as well as the preparation needing to be done at Kew High School before the container arrives and is placed in position. David Chivers and John Pocock to assist Ed.

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Members Moment: John Pocock



John is celebrating his 50 year anniversary of his adventurous trip from Melbourne to London.

He and his friend Laurie, began the journey by driving to Adelaide, where they placed their car on a train – because in 1968 the Nullarbor Plain was no place for a lone car! – and arrived at Kalgoorlie, where they picked up their car and drove to Perth. They boarded an Italian ship with 2000 disgruntled passengers returning to Italy. A few days into the voyage, John and Laurie decided to leave the ship at Durban and find other transport.

First, they had to hitch-hike to Cape Town and took a couple of naïve risks on the way.

They were delighted to find passage on board a 700 passenger ship of mostly university students – mainly female! The ship cruised up the west coast of Africa making stops along the way until, at the Canary Islands, the crew went on strike and the voyage's progress was delayed a couple of days until grievances were sorted out. On to Barcelona, Mediterranean islands, Brindisi and embarking at Venice, the young men made a circuitous route across Europe before crossing the Channel via ferry to England.

Door Prize: Speaker Ken Maher presented this week's door prize to Isabel Armer



Give blood.

Red Cross Blood Donation – Volunteers Needed

Yarra Bend Rotary members and Friends are needed for a blood donation morning at the Blood Bank in Collins Street at 9.15am on 19th August 2018.

Please advise your availability to William Liew on 0408 885 290



Guest speaker: Ken Maher – Mexico and USA



Monument valley in the south west of the United States

Ken travelled with his wife, Helen, Helen's sister and her husband from 08.12.17 - 11.01.18. The group travelled together to visit Ken and Helen's son, Adam and his family, in Chihuahua, Mexico and to spend Christmas with them. Ken and Co entered the USA at LA Airport and flew to New York via Dallas due to a medical emergency. From NY, they flew to New Orleans, where they had a stop-over, and then on to Mexico



Manhattan Island – New York City

Some highlights of the visit to NY: Empire State Building, Macy's, Chrysler Building, The Highline, Guggenheim Museum, Central Park – where it snowed – Ground Zero and the Rockefeller Centre. They stayed in Greenwich Village and East Village.

In New Orleans they saw: Bourbon Street, listened to music at the Snugg Harbor Jazz Club, went on plantation tours, visited the above-ground cemetery, attended a football game and had a hurricane or 3 at Paddy O'Brien's fine establishment.

The Maher's went south of the border to Chihuahua Mexico; At 1500m above sea level and in the desert, it's a commercial centre for northern Mexico. In Chihuahua they did all the touristy stuff like visiting the Qunita Gameros house, the Governor's Palace and Hacienda de Pancho Villa.



Horse Shoe Bend - Arizona

On the return trip back in the United States, the group visited El Tajin – a Totemic city where sporting heroes didn't keep their heads; the Grand Canyon, Route 66, Horse-shoe Bend, Antelope Canyon, Zion National park where they made the mandatory bison-head purchase, back to LA and home.





The Rotary Club of Canterbury is presenting a very special and important awareness evening on **Beekeeping** with presentations on the international gravity of the decline of the bee population and the Joys of Bee keeping.

Speakers on the night will be John Sipek, Mayor of Moonee Ponds and Faye Kirkwood, Apiarist and Rotarian, on the fascination and enjoyment of bee keeping. The aim is to gather interested Rotary people and form an Action Group for our District to encourage more Rotarians to keep bees and have hives. We then hope our District model will lead to other Districts in Australia and globally to address this potentially very serious world challenge. It will be a fascinating and fun evening with some special surprises like honey tasting.

Date Monday 20th August, 2018

Meeting at the RC Canterbury venue: Bass Centre, 2 Rochester Rd, Canterbury

Time 6.30pm to 8pm

Cost \$30 per person. (Two course meal plus tea/coffee etc. and drinks at bar prices.)

For catering and planning purposes, please advise John McCaskill of names and number of people attending (email is john@jmcresources.com.au).



The District Support Team is conducting three facilitated workshops, involving
Warwick Cavell (Facilitator),
Kerry Kornhauser (Public Image/Communications),
Yvonne Flynn (Club Service) and
Neville John (Membership Director).

These workshops will be hands--on interactive sessions that will include:

- Leading change in your Club
- Identifying the elements of a strong, vibrant club
- Project identification and selection
- Member and Community engagement
- Promoting your club projects and activities
- Your One-Page plan on membership recruitment and retention

26th August Sunday at Education Centre Montague St South Melbourne
8.30 for a 9.00-1.00 – light lunch provided – no cost to club – who is coming?

RSVP is essential by 6th August, 2018 detailing session you will attend and any dietary requirements to: Marjorie Gerlinger, marbern@bigpond.net.au or 0419 302 109

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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