



Rowan's Reflections

Where has the 2016 year gone? I know they say that years go faster when you get older (and also when you are having fun), but I think this year has been quite incredible.

R.I. introduced relaxed attendance requirements that were adopted by our District Governor. That has meant changes to the status quo: attendances are less predictable on one hand, but we should be able to expand our community with some young and busy people finding a place for Rotary in their lives on the other. It is a significant change for us, but it should ensure the future viability of Rotary. Time will tell.

What else has happened in our club? We will be hearing from individual Directors about their portfolio areas at our first club dinner meeting for 2017 on Thursday 19 January, so I won't steal their thunder about specific issues. I'll just outline some general, important things we have done so far this year.

- We added two new positions to the Board, Findley Cornell as Director Foundation and Garth Symington as Director Communications and Image.
- We appointed an external accounting firm as the club's auditors, and that helped us achieve compliance. We are managing to a budget based on Directors' plans.
- We consulted the District Governance Director on insurance and risks and have subsequently appointed the club's first OH&S officer.
- We decided to share an Exchange student, Moritz Ellerman, with Balwyn Rotary.
- We have continued to develop a database of strategic decisions made at Board meetings as an archive for future reference.
- We presented community awards to Bob Griffiths (Chris Cross), Erica Beinert (North Balwyn Primary School) and Ian Huntington.
- We held an enjoyable debate with Balwyn High School Interact students that helped strengthen our ties with the school and the students.
- We completed a stock take and reviewed our assets needs: we purchased a lapel mike for meetings and set about acquiring a new BBQ trailer and coffee machine.
- We have commenced a club diary/timetable and improved our website.
- We have continued our excellent Days For Girls project.
- We have continued our Rotary Gardens Project, commenced in 2011, which receives great feedback and gives us high visibility in the community.
- We supported the North Balwyn Village Traders at their pre-christmas Festival.
- We have successfully "cloned" our Vietnamese community development model with another Rotary club and a second poor community. On 19 January we will be joined by our Vietnam country manager, Thuy Nguyen, who will be on her first visit to Australia.
- We have reviewed our lists of Alumni, Members, Friends, and Contacts, and have had applications from four people to become members. The pipeline of prospective members is strong.
- We have had very good speakers on a wide variety of topics.
- We have had excellent Fellowship activities.
- We have achieved new levels of fund-raising through our raffle and catering activities.
- We acknowledged excellent contributions to the club by two individual members through the awarding of Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions.
- We have issued a survey to members to "take the temperature" and advise the Board of member priorities.

We have made good progress in relation to the Men's Shed over recent months and are hoping to be able to enter the implementation phase in the New Year.

I am sure if I have missed any important matters the Directors will pick them up at our 19 January meeting, but this list of activities and achievements would not be possible without the commitment of the Board and engagement of club members.

I thank and congratulate everyone for what we have been able to do in this first six months of the Rotary year. We have demonstrated Rotary Serving Humanity very well.

Finally, have a pleasant and safe Christmas/New Year break with your families. I look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Best wishes,

President Rowan.

Our Leadership 2016/2017



RI President
John F. Germ



DG 9800
Neville John



AG Eastside
Jonathan Shepherd



President RCNB
Rowan McClean

MEETINGS

THURSDAYS
6 for 6.30pm
Kew Golf Club

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Christmas Cheer to you all!



Here is a shortened version of The Grapevine with some reminders for next year and congratulations to everyone for the supreme fund raising efforts leading up to Christmas and for everyone's fantastic participation in fellowship activities.

From The Caterers.

We held our last BBQ at Bunnings last Thursday after our Breakfast Meeting.

After a slow start the punters lined up like fans waiting for tickets to a test match and demolished all Bill's Jams and parted with \$800 to sample our delectable sausages in bread.

We appreciate the support provided by Bunnings, Woolworths and Aldi for inviting us to raise funds through BBQs at their stores and for their generous discounts and gifts which they randomly offer in appreciation of our efforts to create a friendly and welcoming shopping experience for their customers.

The BBQs give us great exposure to the public with many asking about our activities and offering donations.

Our Bunnings Box Hill store liaison staff member has been transferred to Vermont and she has asked us to conduct a BBQ at Vermont on New Years Day. We have been invited due to our high performance at Box Hill. These opportunities are hotly sought after by other community groups so we feel privileged to have been asked.

If you can spare a few minutes (hours) on New Years Day to man this BBQ please get in touch with Bill ASAP.



The next BIG GIG is the Australian Grand Prix and organisation for this event is already underway. Put the dates in your diary. Cancel all holidays! Get ready to be excited!

The event's official name is "The 2017 Formula 1® Rolex Australian Grand Prix" and is Australia's biggest and most watched motor sport event. Showcasing the best in both on and off-track action, some of the

world's biggest stars and best drivers are set to deliver an unforgettable experience.

...and by volunteering [you get in for free](#) and share the excitement everyday.

During the set-up of the Albert Part Lake precinct (The week before the GP) we will also be catering for the contractors for which more volunteers will be called.

So keep your Catering Hats on and get prepared for more fun and fellowship in 2017.

Merry Christmas from Nino and Bill et al.



Dates in JANUARY

Whilst we are generally in holiday mode in January please assist those who are organising club activities for January and for our start-up again in February.

JANUARY 15th BRUNCH. [WARREN GLEN](#)

Don't forget to come if you have booked and paid. NOTE Well: There will be no refunds.

Sunday, 15th January 2017 [Warran Glen Café](#) 373 Ringwood

Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte: Time: 9.30 am

David Cheney Fellowship Committee.

Canterbury Gardens: Monday 16 January (BYO everything)

Fellowship get together with colleagues from other Eastside Clubs.

Relocate to RC Canterbury if wet weather; Rochester Road.

No need to RSVP. Just arrive! All members, alumni and Friends are welcome.

Attendance: Thursday 19th Jan: BBQ at Kew Golf Club.

Our meal number man Hugo is feeling stressed! What if members don't turn up and don't tell?

What if too many turn up and there is not enough food?

PLEASE ADVISE Hugo if you are not coming to this BBQ.

Its essential for Hugo's well being and for The Club to run a successful activity.

THIS IS IMPORTANT! READ THIS! DO IT NOW!

Also Important

Hug your Children and Grand Children!

Don't miss the start of The 72nd Sydney Hobart 1pm 26th December.

Watch the Cricket Test Match at the MCG—Australia V/s Pakistan.

..and watch the fireworks and kiss everyone in sight at midnight on the 31st !

...and don't let anyone see you burn the cockroaches off the BBQ on Christmas Day!

Merry Christmas, and don't get stuck in the chimney!

Slip Slop Slap and Slide!



Even more notices .. How are you coping?
If you are reading this without a pen and a calendar—go
and get both; NOW !

Have you done your Club
Survey?

Please complete it and
return to Brian Lacy.

COMPLETE YOUR
SURVEY

And another thing ! Group Study Exchange from The Philippines visiting in
February.

Read all about it [HERE](#)

Can you help with accommodation?

11 February 2017 for a week.

Rowan would love to hear from you ASAP.

Participants are Adult self sufficient Rotarians;
like these fine folk pictured from 2011->



Rotary Showcase in Bendigo on Jan 26th.

Come and Celebrate Australia Day with the
Rotary Club Bendigo Sandhurst: Lake We-
eroona **10.00am - 3.00pm**

Official Ceremony 10.30am

BBQ, entertainment, family activities, commu-
nity displays and Rotary Art & Craft market.



Thursday 2 February - you know what to do! Tell Hugo if can't make it!
First "normal" meeting for 2017
(for those who have survived the New Year and are feeling normal)

2017 DISTRICT 9800
CONFERENCE
SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL



Connecting Communities - Serving Humanity

MEETING ROSTERS

Thursday 29th December
Christmas Recess No Meeting
Thursday 5th Jan
Christmas Recess No Meeting
Thursday 12th Jan
Christmas Recess No Meeting

Thursday 19th January
Fellowship BBQ at
KGC.

Thursday 26th Jan.
Australia Day, No Meeting
Thursday 2 February
First "normal" meeting for 2017



Merry
Christmas
from The
Sergeant

Meeting Report for GV

Meeting No.26

Thursday, 22nd December 2016

Present:

Guest Speaker	0	Club Christmas Eve Breakfast.
NB Members	39	
Friends & Alumni	1	Terry Keyhoe
Other Activities		Catering 13; DIK - Peter Sutherland
(Board Approved)		

No rosters until the 2nd February 2017 regular dinner meeting.

Next club meeting will be at KGC on Thursday 19th January.

While the meeting format will be an informal gathering, the meals still need to be ordered.

With many members out of town, all members must advise via the club website or by direct email of their apology, or intention to be present so that meal numbers are established with certainty.

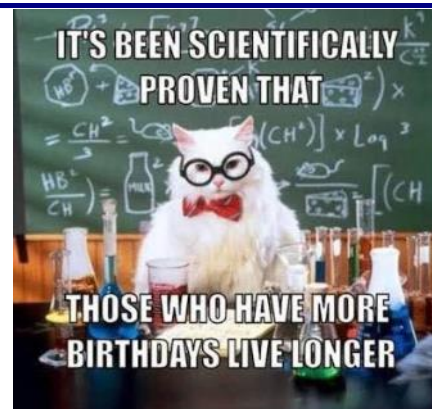
With a small attendance, it is easy to have a 10% error in meal numbers and suffer a surcharge which will be passed on to those who do not so advise.

Celebrations up until our first 2017 meeting

Birthdays: The Editor!, Findley Cornell, Kristine McDonell, Jan Cheney, John Gartlan, Gavan Schwartz, Greg Ross, Adrian Ranson, Ann Koa, Judy Steinicke, Sally Sutherland, Karen Fitzpatrick, Ivy Angleton, Alison Adams.

Inductions: Gavan Schwartz 2001

Weddings: Jack Liao and Joanne Huang, Tony and Jo Wells, Jane and Matthew Pauli, Nina and David de Garis, Joan and Russell Cooper, Rob and Lachelle Stewart, Ian and Joan Richardson.



MAKE NOTES OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

See also http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events_future

Sunday 15th January:

Brunch at Warran Glen Nursery, Warrandyte –

9.30 am to 11.30 am.



Monday 16th January: BYO everything, for an optional fellowship get together with colleagues from other Eastside clubs. If the weather is inclement, we will go to the RC Canterbury meeting venue in Rochester Road nearby. There is no need to RSVP. Just arrive! All members, alumni and Friends are welcome.

Thursday 19 January First club meeting for 2017. Fellowship BBQ at KGC. There will be no meeting the following week Thursday 26th Jan. **Normal meeting pattern will recommence on 2 February.**

Thursday 26th January, Rotary Showcase, Lake Weeroona on Australia Day, Bendigo

Friday 10th February 2017 Rotary Golf Day

Kew Golf Club 7.30am start for 128 Players with a shotgun start .

Saturday, 18th February 2017. TRAMBOAT LUNCHEON CRUISE

Sail from Victoria Harbour, down the Lower Yarra and up the Maribyrnong River.

www.tramboat.com.au

**Saturday 25th February—The Rotary Showcase**

Melbourne – In the Atrium, Federation Square on Saturday 25th February, 2017.

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30 MARCH - 1 APRIL

Connecting Communities - Serving Humanity

Please note: Rob Head has booked-out a nice compact motel for our Club very close to the Conference venue.

See Rob for accommodation details.
Registrations are now open!
Early Bird Discounts apply.

www.rotaryconference.org.au to register.

The Rotary Showcase Program 2016 – 2017

Echuca – At Rotary Park during the Queen's Birthday Steam Rally weekend from Saturday 10th June to Sunday 11th June, 2017.

District Chair, International Service, Ian Salek and his Showcase sub-committee are now seeking your active participation to demonstrate what Rotary does in the world locally and overseas.

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APOLOGIES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

1. Sign the "apology sheet" at the front desk at the prior meeting if you know in advance.
2. Click [HERE](#) for apologies, and log into website; select My Menu; Meeting Attendance/Apologies and Make-Ups; Select meeting date; Add Apology to this meeting; and send.
3. Or E-mail Hugo Goetze, hugogoetze@netspace.net.au with your personal message.
4. Phone 9857 6701 (leave a message if required). Mobile phone calls & SMS are not to be used.

It is important to advise absences, guests attending, and partners attending. This is needed as the Kew Golf Club needs to know how many are attending each week to ensure we have the correct number of places set, meals provided and service staff employed. The Rotary Club incurs charges if we overestimate numbers attending. A meal may not be available if additional people attend to that advised.

Please apologise **no later than 5pm on Tuesday**.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

DECEMBER IS

FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

I believe the world is one big family, and we need to help each other.
Jot Li

Rotary  www.rotary5730.org

D9800 Probus

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NORTH BALWYN

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