



Meeting Report



The last meeting for 2019 was a BBQ breakfast at the North Balwyn Cricket Club, Macleay Park.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Our Leadership



RI President
Barry Rassin



DG 9800
Bronwyn
Stephens



AG Eastside
Barry
Hickman



President
RCNB
Nino Sofra

Thanks everyone for the overwhelming collection for Boroondara Outreach Network.

With the reorganisation of Social Services, Servants Housing is now associated with Boroondara Outreach.

Deacon Natalie Dixon sought toiletries and single serve ring pull cans of foods to make up the usual Christmas bags/hampers, which is double the numbers of past years to around 400 bags.

This year we combined the generosity of RCNB, North Balwyn Uniting Church and Days-for-Girls for this collection and the response far exceeded expectations.

We also received cash donations of over \$500 which will be used by Natalie to purchase any short fall of supplies so all the bags were adequately filled.

Natalie Dixon was overwhelmed with our combined response and sends her Heartfelt Thanks and Best Wishes for This Festive Season.

Diane & Hugo Goetze.

Club Diary

Sunday January 13th – Brunch at Warrandyte
February 15-17 2019 Multi-Districts Conference
February 22 Annual Charity Golf Day
Australian Grand Prix 11–17 March 2019
Camp Getaway Working Bee 11–13 October 2019
Fellowship Weekend 15–17 November 2019
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APOLOGIES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

Sign the “apology sheet” at the front desk at the prior meeting if you know in advance. Or E-mail to Hugo Goetze at hugogoetze@netspace.net.au or 9857 6701

Please apologise no later than 5pm on Tuesday.

MEETINGS
THURSDAYS
6 for 6.30pm
Kew Golf Club
120 Belford Road Kew
3102
Ph.
9859 6848

	<u>Meeting No.26</u>		Thursday, 20th December 2018
<u>Present:</u>			BBQ Breakfast Meeting - last meeting before Summer Break.
	NB Members	37	
	Partners	2	Bev Sofra & Sally Sutherland
	Alumni	1	Bernie Smith
	Meals Served	40	Members Present 37 = 51.4% ; Membership now 72
<u>External Activities</u>		10	<u>2nd Bite delivery to CamCare</u> - Closed for Christmas. Next run 10th Jan.
	(Board Approved)		<u>Reading Program</u> at St Bridget's :- schools closed
			<u>Men's Shed</u> 18 & 20 Dec. - P. Elliott, T. Hart, G. Matthews
			<u>Camberwell Sunday Market</u> - in recess until 30 Dec.
			<u>Catering 20th Dec.</u> - G.Cribbes, T. Keyhoe, B.Oakley, D.Taylor, J.Studebaker,
			& Ted Wilkins.
<u>Apology for Rosters - Next Club Meeting 17th January</u>			
	<i>T.Angelton, P.Cleary, F.Cornell, P.Elliott, B.Lacy, J.Liao, R.McClean, S.McDonald, J.Romanis.</i>		

Drought Relief Fund – St Arnaud

Mid December, a number of our DRF Committee members ventured to St Arnaud, 240km north-west of Melbourne. President Nino, Immediate Past President Rob H, President Nominee Greg C and youngster Geoff K. As a promising sign of support, two Balwyn RC members also joined the team – Peter O'Brien and Chris Finley.

The St Arnaud Town Hall meeting has already been reported upon however since the meeting processes and commitments have been made with a range of selected retailers, the Rural Financial Councillors et al. Printing is commencing within the days post-Christmas and our coffers are now at \$50k.

Late this week The Men's Shed kindly donated a range of hand-crafted toys and other goods. Thanks to Larry and Bernie's efforts, these toys and other items are being distributed by the Salvation Army just in time for Santa.

December rainfall in St Arnaud has seen some properties receiving the same volume of rain in 2 days to that which they received in the previous 12 months. Note the dry dam on the right with sheep searching for moisture. This property of dust only 10 days ago, received rainfall of 170mm last weekend – in the last 12 months they had received 160mm compared to a historical average of 502mms. Sheep were seen floating away – drowned. Meanwhile farmers Colin Coates and Greg Fithall tried vainly to save their crops.

"A land of droughts and flooding rains.."

We look forward to a very productive year ahead in 2019 to both financially support our Wimmera region farmers and their community, as well as to work together on special events that bring a little relaxation time, a few smiles, during this sustained tough period.

"Wellbeing not Welfare for Aussie Farmers".

Geoff Kneale.

DRF Committee.



MEETING ROSTERS

Thursday 17 January**Greeters:** Duncan Ansell, Barry Cummings**Set Up:** David de Garis, Peter Downton**Desk:** Larry Fitzpatrick, Chris Flavelle-Smith**BBQ****Host** Geoff Kneale**Speaker** Dr John Boffa,

Dr Boffa is the Chief Medical Officer of the Northern Territory.

Dedicating his career to Aboriginal health, John has played an active and inspirational role in changing attitudes toward alcohol in the NT through supply reduction, early learning and mental health programs. In 2012 John was Runner-Up to the Australian of The Year.

Thursday 24 January**Greeters:** Sam Hardikar, Tony Hart**Set Up:** Rob Head Adam Hillary**Desk:** John McBride, Estelle Kelly**Speaker:-** Ms Kathy Kaplan, OAM**Host:-** Bev Sofra**Topic:-** Impact and Bags of Love

In 2011, Kathy was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her work in the area of domestic violence. In 2015, Kathy was honoured with the prestigious Ron Castan Humanitarian Award for lifetime achievement.

Founded in 2006, Impact has been providing "Bags of Love" to women and families feeling extreme domestic violence.

**Thursday 31 January****Greeters:** John McBride, Rowan McClean**Set Up:** Sue McDonald, John Magor**Desk:** Maurie Walters, Philip Wade**Speaker:-** Dr Peter Brukner**Host:-** Geoff Steinicke**Topic:-** Sugar by Halves

As co-Founder of Sugar by Halves, Dr Peter Brukner is determined to halt the alarming deterioration of this country's health.

Two-thirds of adults and 50% of children are obese, 2 million of us suffer from Diabetes and over 50% of children suffer tooth decay.

All reversible, Dr Peter is delivering the program to reduce our sugar intake by half – otherwise, the current generation will be the first generation in history to die before their parents.

Thursday 7 February**Greeters:** Bob Bott, Joe Butler**Set Up:** Ian Adams, Findley Cornell**Desk:** Eileen Toohill, Garth Symington**Speaker:-** Professor Justin Mariani – Cardiologist**Host:-** Geoff Steinicke**Topic:-** Heart Failure**Club Meeting summary for December and January is as follows:**

- * Thursday Dec 27 – No meeting.
- * Thursday Jan 3 – No meeting.
- * Thursday Jan 10 – No meeting.
- * Sunday Jan 13 – Fellowship brunch at Warran Glen café, Warrandyte.
- * Thursday Jan 17 – First regular meeting for the year at KGC – BBQ.
Guest Speaker: Dr John Boffa, Chief Medical Officer of the Northern Territory.
- * Thursday Jan 24 – Regular meeting at KGC. Australia Day meeting.
Guest Speaker Ms Kathy Kaplan, OAM
- * Thursday Jan 31 – Regular meeting at KGC.
Guest Speaker: Dr Peter Brukner – co-Founder of Sugar By Halves.

CAMBERWELL SUNDAY MARKET UPDATE

Firstly, a big thankyou to all the volunteers that attended the CSM in our first quarter. Now I am looking for volunteers to fulfill our obligations for the second quarter to the end of March.

Please let Geoff Steinicke know before the end of December if you can put your name down on one of the vacant spots. 0418175130 gwsteinicke@bigpond.com



CAMBERWELL SUNDAY MARKET ROSTER – No 11

Sunday	6.45am – 10.00am	9.45am – 1.00pm
30 December	Greg Ross	Tak Yukawa
6 January	Rob Head	Terry Keyhoe
13 January	Ted Wilkins	Geoff Steinicke
20 January	Bill Oakley	Ian Richardson
27 January	Don Taylor	Janie Pirret
3 February	Steven Greateorex	Estelle Kelly
10 February	Greg Cribbes	Greg Cribbes
17 February *	David de Garis	
24 February	Phil Francis	Joe Butler
3 March	Geoff Haddy	Anthony Stokes
10 March	Garth Symington	Adam Hillary
17 March +	Jim Romanis	Marcel Muntwyler
24 March		Ted Wilkins
31 March		
7 April		Adam Hillary
14 April	Greg Cribbes	Greg Cribbes
21 April Easter Sunday		
28 April		
5 May		

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are cancelling

Geoff Steinicke Mob 0418 175 130 email gwsteinicke@bigpond.com

* Multi District Conference Feb 15 -17 + Grand Prix 17 March

Rotary Club of North Balwyn Fellowship Weekend.

15-17 November 2019 on the Bellarine.



Jenny and I cordially invite all fellow Rotarians and Partners to join us at a special place, Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff, an easy 1hr 45-minute drive off-peak from Melbourne.

This Fellowship weekend is planned to be an interesting, relaxing, enjoyable and wonderful time to enjoy the amazing sights whilst partaking in the very homely hospitality of the area!!

Quite suitable “seafaring” accommodation at the Point Lonsdale Guest House has already been reserved under RCNB as guests – more details in the New Year but please *put the above dates in your 2019 diary now*. To assist you, the broad plan is to:

- arrive for drinks/Dinner before/at 6.30pm on Friday 15th Nov,
- sightseeing activities, golf, bikes etc. followed by Dinner on Sat 16th,
- more wanderings, golf etc. then Lunch at a winery on Sun 17th Nov.

Like this year, many may choose to stay for a ‘quietish’ Sunday night. Some may even consider returning to Melbourne via the Sorrento ferry as an alternative to the Geelong road. Makes it a round trip.

Watch this space for more details – hope you all can make it.

Cheers for now,

Greg & Jenny Cribbes

President Nominee 2020/21

Mob 0413 270403

Rotary Club of North Balwyn Fellowship Weekend

15-17 November 2019 on the Bellarine



5 Rooms
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booked!!
Get in quick
and book your
preferred
room!!

How and when to book your own accommodation?

- ✓ Decide how many nights away – 15, 16 & 17 November?
- ✓ Look at the great array/photos of rooms available on the easy Website link below.
- ✓ Equally comfortable, cost-effective family/shared configurations are available both upstairs and downstairs as well - whatever suits!!
- ✓ Ring our Hosts at the point Lonsdale Guest House mentioning our Rotary Club of North Balwyn 15-18 November 2019 group reservation. They know me!!
- ✓ Agree your desired accommodation.
- ✓ Confirm your settlement amount and payment arrangements so all is clear before November!!
- ✓ **Please book asap/January** as first in, best rest....! Our booking is for the entire Guest House for 15-17 November noting that any rooms not reserved by us by mid-June will be then be made available to the public.

So, please call Sue & Peter - our very welcoming hosts

Point Lonsdale Guest House

31 Point Lonsdale Road Point Lonsdale VIC 3225

Ph: 03 5258 1142 Fax; 03 5258 4223

www.pointlonsdaleguesthouse.com.au

Any queries, Greg & Jen welcome a chat anytime..... Mob 0413 270403



Prancing for Polio November 2018

On Saturday 17th November, District 9800 Rotarians and friends came together to help take the fight right up to Polio with the inaugural **End Polio Prance**. Forty-one participants and Walter the Great (Polio) Dane pranced their way around Albert Park Lake in Melbourne on a beautiful morning raising \$14,000 which translated to \$103,512.75 in the process – give or take a few cents – to fight polio. How did we raise this amount? Thanks to District and Foundation funds PLUS the matching 2:1 contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we were able to reach and exceed our target.

Special thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Albert Park, Caroline Springs, Laverton Point Cook, Malvern, Melbourne South, North Balwyn, Prahran, Southbank, Woodend and Wyndham who all created teams of "Prancers" for the day and, of course, to all the individual Prancers and their sponsors.

Look out for the event next year on **Saturday, October 26th** when we hope to be prancing under the banner of *End Polio* for the last time.

with thanks to Catherine (Kitty) O'Connor



Counterclockwise from above: Prancers (and Walter) on the walk; prancing princesses; photo op with Albert Park backdrop; Walter, the Great Dane, proudly wearing his District 9800 End Polio tee.



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Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is recovering from a head injury now

ROTARY INFORMATION

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	Twitter:-	https://twitter.com/Rotary
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	Networker:-	rotarydistrict9800.org.au/content/54/networker
Rotary Club of North Balwyn	Website:-	www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au
North Balwyn Men's Shed	Website:-	www.northbalwynmensshed.com
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