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A word from the President



Why did you join Rotary? I remember being invited to a meeting 32 years ago not knowing anything about Rotary. I was a sole practitioner looking to meet new people and get away from the office. I was impressed by the welcome I received and the more I have learned about Rotary, its ideals and projects the more interested I became. Importantly, Chris was keen to support my membership and to participate. We need to keep in mind these type of reflections when we locate a potential member. Talk to him or her not just about our projects or the projects of Rotary International but also the fellowship and the pleasure gained by attending our meetings and the wide variety of interesting speakers. Look at our program over the forthcoming weeks. It might just work out that a particular speaker would be of particular interest to the potential member. Last week's address about the removal of the level crossing in Rosanna could have been a perfect example.

When was the last time you spoke to a prospective member or brought them along to a meeting?

This is membership development month so I challenge every member to see what you can do, not just in August, but throughout the Rotary year. We have two people currently nominated but we need many more if the Rotary Club of Heidelberg is to continue.

President
Tony

CLUB CALENDAR

**August is Membership and
New Club Development
Month**

TODAY

21 August
TOPIC: RSL on Bell
SPEAKER: Veronika
Tsilomanis
CHAIR: Leigh Wallace

28 August
TOPIC: Brexit and Trump;
Sanders and Corbyn,- can
Australia find a Macron?
SPEAKER: John Funder
CHAIR: Max Chester

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*If life becomes
hard, soften it with
random acts of
kindness*

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Rodger and Aileen still basking in the sun at Port Douglas

Brian Overton at ONJ

Wayne and Doreen off to Europe

Laurie and Jane in USA and Canada

WHERE WERE THEY

Leigh and Janine just back from Hawaii

Richard and Lorna back from UK

Geoff Cook safely back from the back of Bourke?



Guest speakers Jordan DiStefano with Lance Wilson



Geoff strikes it lucky again

Last week our guest speakers from the Level Crossing Removal Project at Rosanna (Lance Wilson and Jordan Di Stefano) gave our members a detailed update on the railway works associated with the level crossing at Rosanna including the new bridge crossing Burgundy Street Heidelberg and a second tunnel under Darebin Street Heidelberg.

The many questions from members during and following the talk showed how much interest there is in this project.

It was pleasing to hear how the project team are doing all they can to support the local businesses in Rosanna. The team are also mindful of the impact on local residents and doing what they can to help with any disruptions.

More information on the works at the Rosanna station and Lower Plenty Road can be found on the level Crossing removal website.

<http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/crossings/lower-plenty-road-rosanna>

DATES TO REMEMBER

08 September: The ONJ Gala 2017

17 September: The Olivia Newton-John Wellness Walk and Research Run

18 October: Noel Trevaskis OAM at Windy Hill

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK...

MEMBERS	17
APOLOGIES	10
GUESTS	3

Lance Wilson with Chairman for the Day David Schultz

How fortunate we were to have David chair the meeting last week. David had many roles at VicRail and the Met. At the meeting he mentioned his role as 'Manager Civil Construction' for 4 years. Prior to that he was District Engineer for Central Victoria based in Bendigo and before that Site Manager for the construction of the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop at the Spencer Street Station portals. After the 4 years as Manager Civil Construction, David was Group Manager Finance and Resources for the Met . All of this over a 19 year span!!



District Conference at Yarrowonga/Mulwala. 22 -25 March 2018

Thanks to Doreen and Wayne's homework, we have access to three units opposite the Conference venue in Mulwala, each one being three bedroom, three bathroom units that could be shared if members are happy to consider that option. One unit has been booked on a share basis with two units still available. One unit is \$500 per night; the second unit is \$400 per night.

I am still searching for other accommodation options but it would be appreciated if members intending to go to next year's conference could indicate their interest in the "shared" accommodation so that we have a clearer view of other accommodation options required. If, for example, the three shared units are booked, we can accommodate 9 members plus partners in that arrangement.

Could club members please let me know your thoughts about the initial accommodation option by Friday, 18 August, including the number nights' accommodation required over the Conference weekend.

Thanks in anticipation,
Leigh Aitken
On-to-Conference Coordinator

I tend to refrain from telling political, religious and blonde jokes, but a bit of good humour can occasionally be found. As most of you would be aware, Moses received the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai (or Mt. Horeb maybe) and tourists (and others) have gone there ever since to have a chat to God, and seek his wisdom. One conversation with such a visitor went like this:

Man: "Lord", (Looking upwards, arms wide open) what does a million years mean to you?"

God: "A minute".

Man: "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

God: "One cent."

Man: "Lord, could you spare one cent?"

God: "In a minute!"