A word from the President

We have the name of another potential new member currently being circulated to all. Assuming this succeeds it means that we will have inducted three members in just over three months. A great start for the year, but we all need to do a lot more. Laurie Rose and I joined on the same day in 1985 when there were over 60 members (and women were not allowed!). We need all members to actively address this issue which is critical for the long-term survivorship of our club. At the board meeting last Tuesday we canvassed the idea of approaching the traders in the Ivanhoe shopping centre. Clearly a door knock would be a waste of time as many traders simply could not give up the time when we meet. We shall investigate those who may be able to make it and look for members to approach them. We also need every member to consider their own contacts and family members.

Our board meetings are of course open to all members to attend. Our newest member, Emma, took advantage of this invitation and came along.

Tom Payne has very generously offered to us the function room at the Sir Henry Barkly Hotel at a discounted price on Monday, 30 October between 6 PM and 7:30 PM. Please support Tom’s generosity and bring your partner along. Why not also consider that potential member?

President Tony
Gordon: Austria
Ray: Soon to leave for Taiwan

DATEs TO REMEMBER

24 October: Safe Plate Day

30 October: Fellowship Event
TIME: 6.00 - 7.30 PM
VENUE: Barklys Hotel, Burgundy Street, Heidelberg

06 November: No Meeting

08 November: Oaks Eve Calcutta
Ivanhoe Golf Club

HAT DAY to Lift the Lid on Mental Illness

Giuseppe and Wayne organised Hat Day and awarded prizes for most outrageous, biggest, and most colourful hats. It was all in good fun and those who forgot to bring a hat were fined $5. It was aimed at “Lifting the lid on Mental Illness” by bringing it out in the open. At the Board meeting on 10 October it was decided to make up to $500, the amount to be donated to Australian Rotary Health for research into mental health.
Thanks from the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre.

On behalf of Austin Health and its Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre, Leigh Wallace has sent a note of thanks to us for our recent support of and involvement in three significant fundraising events for the ONJ Centre. Leigh thanked our members for the significant number of tickets bought by our members in the Bayford Mustang raffle. Unfortunately none of us won this magnificent car but it is good to know that our contributions helped to raise approximately $70,000 for the ONJ Centre.

The lucky winner, Tony from northern Victoria, purchased just one ticket and that was enough to win the Mustang! Two members of Tony’s family had been touched by cancer, so this motivated him to buy a raffle ticket when they saw the car on display at Winton Raceway earlier this year. “We feel completely overwhelmed, excited, blessed, it was so unexpected. To be contributing means a lot to us,” Tony and his wife said.

The second thanks related to the attendance by some of our members at the recent ONJ Gala, held at Crown Palladium last month. It was a great night of entertainment, featuring performances by John Farnham, Delta Goodrem, Dami Im and of course Olivia herself, all helping to further raise the profile of and funds for the ONJ Centre.

The third thanks was for our club’s help in staffing the IGA/Farm Foods sausage sizzle at the Wellness Walk & Research Run, also held last month at LaTrobe University. Just over $1,100 was donated to our amazing volunteers and handed on to the ONJ Centre, where so many people are receiving world class treatment in their cancer journeys. You can see some of our team in the photograph above, hard at work as usual. This event was attended by several thousand people and was a huge financial success, raising $430,000 for the ONJ Centre.
MACLEOD STATION

Who would have thought that the Rotary Club of Heidelberg would have organised a meeting at 5am on Wednesday 11th October at Macleod Station!

Thanks to Kent and his hard work and organisational ability, backed up by Wayne, a team of twelve Rotarians were on deck to cook and supply 700 sausages and vegie burgers to city bound commuters who had to “detrain” and “embus” at Macleod station.

Those present were Kent, Wayne, Harry, Peter, Leigh A., Geoff Cook, Laurie, Richard, Ken, David, Rodger and Bruce.

Thanks to our sponsors who made this event possible:-
Melbourne Metro Rail Authority
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Pre- Dawn cooking at Macleod Station

PDG Richard

Distinguished Gentleman (in Pith Helmet)

Geoff wins the bottle