

# THE COG



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Rotary Club of Heidelberg Inc. Zone 8 – District 9790 – Club No. 18278 ABN 91 870 845 490

**29th June 2026**

**Vasko Restaurant 6.30 pm**

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District Governor Elect: Paul Miegel  
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District Secretary: Rosemary Freeman  
District Treasurer: Rodney Bramich  
**President Rotary International: Francesco Arezzo**

**PROGRAM 2025-26**

**JUNE**  
29 Changeover: Evening meeting, Vasco Restaurant 6.30 pm.

**JULY**  
6 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm  
Guest Speaker: Susie Cole, RIMERN  
13 Sycamore Tree 10.30 am  
20 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm  
Guest Speaker: Bek Herron, Artist making artwork to Commemorate Veterans in the State of Victoria  
27 Sycamore Tree 10.30 am

\* RSL = RSL on Bell – 180 Bell Street Heidelberg Heights  
\* OE = The Old England Hotel - 459 Lower Heidelberg Road Heidelberg  
\* Sycamore Tree Coffee Shop = 185 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg  
\* Second Bite (volunteer roster)  
\* Bowlen Dunstan and Associates – 38 Beetham Parade, Rosanna  
\* Rotary Club of Ivanhoe - Ivanhoe Uniting Church Hall, Seddon Street, Ivanhoe  
\* RIMERN 32 Lincoln Street East Brunswick (corner of Moreland Road)  
\* Vasko Restaurant 111 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

**ATTENDANCE**  
\*\*Members are reminded to advise Ken Norman 0437 770 831 or [ken.w.norm@gmail.com](mailto:ken.w.norm@gmail.com) before 9.30 am Monday, of their planned attendance or apology\*\*  
Ken maintains Club stats including attendance records and liaises with venues.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, this is the last of a two-year anxiety around getting The Cog distributed weekly, at least vaguely on time! Thank you to all who have contributed &/or helped in other ways; especially, Jeff with distribution, and incorporation of “funnies”; and others who have been contributed to the “supply” of content! To date, no one has taken us to task....or to court!”.

There have been lots of challenges on other fronts, especially when office bearers and other key people went travelling for extended periods! In an earlier life (2009/10) when I was first Club President, there were more than 50 members, sub-committees and committee Chairs: and certainly, no concept of “Presidential recycling”! These days we don’t need to go to lunch to meet our business or even social friends! We can and do hold effective “face-to-face” meetings, even when separated by large distances, simply by hooking up some electronic gear! We, RCH, have yet to exploit this to any great extent: and certainly, we can learn from the Rotary e-Club of Change Makers in our District! They are thriving with members, local and from around the world, meeting once a week online.

The hybrid meeting earlier this week, to discuss the 1956 Olympics project was a good example of what we can do. It was a good (hybrid) meeting, and clearly there was to be strong follow-up use of social media. The Olympic Village was to have been getting quite an “airing”, soon after the meeting!

As a finale here, and there will be further acknowledgement at Monday’s Changeover, this double (repeat) club presidency would not have been sustainable, even feasible, without Lorna’s support and various practical inputs, including Cog layout! It is fitting perhaps, that my last authorisation of expenditure, has been the recent Club donation of 1000 USD (1390 AUD) to The Rotary Foundation End Polio program. This was Lorna’s District Governor Partner program in the 2015/16 Rotary year, during which more than 50,000 AUD was collected in D9790, and matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation.

Now for Changeover next Monday, and my best wishes to incoming President Allison, Secretary Nancy, and their team. May they be given at least the level of support that I have enjoyed!  
Richard L.

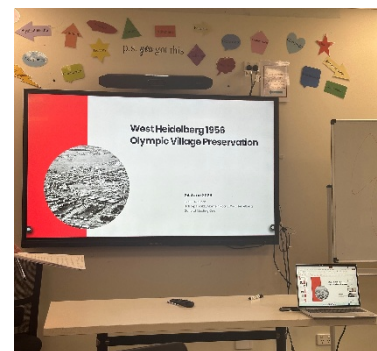
## STOP PRESS!! (from Nancy)

Not sure if it’s too late for Cog content:



1. Olympic village project meeting we went on Wednesday afternoon, attached photo.

2. Allison and I attended Ivanhoe Rotary changeover dinner on Wednesday night.



3. Noel and I attended Bunnings Preston Community Networking event last night, with about 50 others from other organisations and groups, Preston Rotary was also there. Meagan and Michelle from Bunnings were very helpful with updates and event coordination.

(Special thanks to Michelle, Regan received a kid-size Bunnings umbrella, he’s excited to see it when I got back home, he no longer needs to hold the ‘giant’ Bunnings umbrella under the rain -he loves it but too big for him indeed 😊)

We’ll discuss the grant opportunity (\$10,000 AUD if eligible, round one is July and round two in Jan 2027, total giveaway \$1 million) in next board meeting, and other update from Bunnings Preston, I’ll circulate agenda before the meeting.



# FUNNIES

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The 2017 Miss Clogged Drain pageant



THANKS TB!