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

**30th March 2026**

**The Sycamore Tree 10.30 am**

**Rotary Heidelberg 2025 – 2026 Executive**

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District Secretary: Rosemary Freeman

District Treasurer: Rodney Bramich

**President Rotary International: Francesco Arezzo**

**PROGRAM 2025-26**

**MARCH** Water Sanitation and Hygiene Month

30 5th Monday in Month: “double up” at Sycamore Tree: to maintain 1st & 3rd Mondays at RSL, and 2nd & 4th Mondays at Sycamore Tree in April.  
Special invite to partners and ‘Friends.’

**APRIL**

6 Easter Monday. No meeting.  
13 Sycamore Tree 10.30 am  
20 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm  
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)

**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

The past Rotary week has been a busy one, with "standard " Sycamore Tree" gathering on Monday morning, the monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, the annual District Conference at Pentridge (former gaol) during last weekend, and extended visit by several of us to Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Response Network (RIMERN\*) on Thursday. There is to be follow-up from each of these,

but for this week's "Cog", there is something more significant for (at least) some of "us oldies": celebration of our Club's very successful District Conference; held in another converted gaol (Ulumbarra Theatre in Bendigo), 10 years ago. It was an exciting climax to several years of planning and activity, led by Conference Chair Lynne Rodda. Thank you Lorna for the evocative collage.

While natural attrition is unavoidable, and each of us experiences our own grief with "loss", there is also opportunity (and responsibility?) on those who of us who remain, and on those who have joined us since, to work for continuity of our Club, as it approaches its 70th birthday. Our Rotary concepts, including "service above self", can guide us; and the related camaraderie, friendship, and companionship" are ours to foster and enjoy!

Our visit to RIMERN

(Rotary Inner Melbourne Relief Network) has raised new possibility, that of our helping once-a-month, at a time when introduction of Monday "opening" is being discussed. This at a time when "housing" is such an acute issue, for so many in our communities! As members of a nearby club, that meets on a Monday, we have opportunity: do we have the will (yes, I am very well aware there are members that have "survival"/paid work, to do! As planning occurs elsewhere, please might any expressions of interest (not binding at this stage) be passed to me, as soon as feasible?

Thank you, all

Richard L.

\*for detail, see last week's Cog

### 9790 DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016



## SECONDBITE ROSTER

To date this year, our help has not been required and need/involvement is on a week-by-week basis: so, no need for names in the roster (yet?!). No fault on our part, just no help required (reduced supply of “sortable”)

Thank you, RL

## FUNNIES

MATT



*'Peter Mandelson demanded £550,000. That's very nearly a whole tank of unleaded!'*

MATT



*'While Ed Miliband was busy rejecting North Sea oil, I siphoned the petrol out of his ministerial car'*

MATT



*'Have you seen the price of fuel? Could we ask the Americans to tow us to Cyprus?'*

MATT



*'It's worse than I feared. Their tins of travel mints are stuck in the Strait of Hormuz'*