***PRESIDENT DAVID'S DELIBERATIONS* Wednesday 12th May**

**Meeting #2062**

**SOCIAL NIGHT, WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY**

Last Wednesday night 13 members of the club including partners, enjoyed a social evening. We met for a meal at the Groove Train, which gave us plenty of opportunity for fellowship, catching up on what we are all doing. From there we went next door to Reading Theatre to see the Australian film “June Again” starring Noni Hazelhurst and Stephen Currey. The film was a delightful mix of comedy, and drama. Had to bring the tissues out a couple of times!

Jan Gillett

Unfortunately Trish and I were away for Tuesday – Thursday. We went down to Lorne with friends from Melbourne. We stayed at the Grand Pacific and explored the area over the days we were there. Funny how you do not look at your own back yard sometimes. We had tea on Tuesday night at Movida, excellent food and service. Travelled to Apollo Bay on Wednesday, some inconsiderate person has put a Gin Distillery down there. They served nice light snacks with Gin , and we had our arms twisted to buy some gin.

We took the longer way back via Turton’s track to Beech Forest, where we had a glass of wine sitting in the sun on the side of the road. Then back down Turton’s track, which incidentally was a beautiful drive amongst to dripping trees and ferns.

We had tea in the Dinning Room at the GPH which was just like the night before 10/10.

After breakfast we headed to the Great Ocean Rd choclaterie. This was followed by wine tasting at Bellbrae Estate where a few Pinots were purchased. From there we headed to Mr Grubb at Oakdene for lunch.

Still not content with our journey of exploration, we had one more stop. The Whiskery just out of Drysdale. Yes more Gin tastings.

All of this on our Own Back Door.

**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**May 19th**  Joint Board Meeting on zoom. Same details as usual. 7.30pm start.

**May 26th**  Dinner Meeting at Rice Village. Partner's and guest’s night. **Speaker is Mary McPherson. "Living in the Middle of the Desert ". Numbers to Jan please by Sunday 23rd on 0419341112**

**JUNE 2ND NO MEETING**

**June 9th TBA**

**June 16th Joint Board Meeting via Zoom**

**June 23rd Guest Speaker is Rachael Johnson from the ‘Orange Door’ program.** Dinner meeting at Rice Village. Partner and friends night.

The **Orange Door** is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children. ... you need more support with the care of children, e.g. due to money issues, illness, addiction, grief, isolation or conflict.

There seems to be scope here for several clubs to become involved either financially or hands on.

We will find out more on 23rd Due when we are joined by Rachael Johnson from T.O.D.

I know several other clubs are interested.

We meet at Rice Village 6.15 for 6.30pm

If you just want to come and see what Rachael has to say then feel free to arrive around 7pm. Rachel herself is not joining us for a meal.

Either way please book in with Jan Gillett 0419341112 or [jhe73316@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jhe73316@bigpond.net.au)

**June 30th BBQ at Rice Village. Planning for the Change Over Dinner. Committees can meet as well, if required. Numbers to Jan by Sunday 27th please.**

**JULY 7th**  **Change Over Dinner at Rice Village. Numbers to Jan no later than Thursday 1st July please on 0419341112.**

**You need to book in , we need to have fairly accurate numbers for the kitchen.**

**We are not doing this very well. Please call or text Jan. Unless you do this we assume you are NOT coming.**

**I realise we may have people turn up on the night, and others who have something pop up which means that they cannot attend. Such is life.**

**President David**

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