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NEXT MEETING 21st June

This will be a Face-to-Face meeting.

The meeting will commence at 7:40am and conclude no later than 8:45.

NO GUEST SPEAKER: This will be a Club Forum

Theme for the meeting: Celebration!

Current Service Chairs will showcase achievements over the past year for all to celebrate and recall what calls us to become members of Rotary, especially of our Club.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The RCM Board met during the week and considered Amir Dastaviz's membership application which was accepted. His membership classification is Education - Tertiary. In accordance with Article 4.4 of the Rotary Central

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
GREENWOOD, Herb

Greeter/Zoom Host
DRIVER, Allan

Reporter
DYMOND, Trevor

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
JACKSON, Maureen

Bulletin Editor
INCHAUSTI, Ignacio

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[RIMERN Warehouse Working Bee](#)

Jul 30, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Melbourne Inc. 2020 Bylaws, "If no active member, representative of a corporate member, associate member or family member of this club submits a written objection, including reasons, to the Board within seven (7) days after the name and classification of a proposed member has been published to this club, that person shall be invited to join this club, and upon payment of the admission fee and relevant pro-rata dues, shall have been elected to membership". Unless written objections are submitted no later than 7 days from today, Amir will be inducted into our club.



Inductee - Amir Dataviz

FROM THE LAST MEETING - 14th June

Posted by Rhys WILLIAMS

ROTARY CENTRAL MELBOURNE – MEETING REPORT 14th June 2022

President **Elias** acknowledged the traditional owners of the country, and **Malcolm Fielden** chaired the meeting and made the toast to Rotary International.

President's announcements

- **Trevor Nink**, Melbourne Rotary, and **Teresa Carlson**, Echuca Rotary were welcomed as guests
- **Alan Seale** was congratulated on his OAM for diverse community services announced yesterday on the Queen's Birthday 2022 honours
- An email was received from an African Rotarian seeking employment assistance for his son who is studying at La Trobe University; please contact Elias if you can assist
- Members are welcome to attend the July 15 Board Meeting (last one for the current Rotary year) with current and in-coming Board members in attendance
- Next Tuesday's meeting (face-to-face) on June 21st (last before changeover) will be a Club Forum showcasing the past year's activities with presentations from current Service Chairs – a time for celebration

Member Milestones

Member's Birthdays

Nil

Partner Birthdays

NIL

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Date Joined Rotary

NIL

Speakers: Fiona Still from LiverWell (incorporating Hepatitis Victoria) and Andree (lived experience presenter)

Topic: Ending Viral Hepatitis

- **Trevor Nink**, Rotary Club of Melbourne: Introduced the speakers and described his club's partnership with LiverWell; the aim is to mobilise Rotarians to assist in the rollout of the vaccine for Hep B and the anti-viral treatments for Hep C based on increased testing; similar to Rotary's work on polio elimination; elimination by 2030 in Australia is the goal
- The liver is a much-maligned organ; however, it performs 500 critical functions, including blood cleansing and vitamin storage, and is one of the body's major metabolic organs, second in size only to our skin
- Incidence in Australia: Hep B: 230,000 reported cases; Hep C: 130,000 reported cases; HIV: 29,000 reported cases
- If untreated, Hep leads to significant health issues
- Key example: 1/3 of liver cancers are due to viral hep; liver cancer is now the fastest cause of cancer death in Aust
- Hep B & C are transmitted via blood-to-blood transmission (ie. tattoos, dental, transfusion, intravenous drug administration sharing)
- Hep C testing was introduced in Australia in 1990
- Hep B has had a vaccination program since 1991
- No Hep C vaccine yet; however, there are effective anti-viral drug treatments available; it can be eliminated via treatment
- There is significant discrimination against specific high-risk groups (for example drug users, prisoners); this stigma must be addressed if elimination is to be achieved
- The Rotary partnership with LiverWell is due to synergy between their missions and Rotary's polio elimination program
- Covid-19 has delayed the fight against Hep
- Andree has lived experience of Hep and provided her story of living with the condition; publicising these stories is an excellent way to reduce stigma and hence increase testing and community understanding
- No notes were provided here on her story due to the request to keep the details confidential; the key, broad takeaways were to highlight the need to reduce stigma and encourage more testing
- Trevor Nink: What can we do as Rotarians to assist?:

- Promote testing
- Promote awareness in our networks
- Assist to reduce stigma and promote wellbeing
- Burnett Institute, Uni of Melbourne: new vaccine program into the future recently announced, includes a planned Hep C vaccine using mRNA technology
- Questions:
 - What are the differences between the types of Hepatitis:
 - A: Bacterial; caught from faeces
 - B & C: Viral; caught via blood-to-blood transmission; can only get C if you've got B; B & C are different liver-inflaming viruses
 - There are additional types of Hepatitis classification; however, no details were provided

Announcements

- Kevin Love: 23 July Phillip Island new planting day at the same location; please look out for Kevin's email
- Doug Robertson: Second Youth Mental Health Program on 4 & 5 July; some vacancies still available; please spread the word
- Neville John: Taste of Africa fundraiser on Sat 11 June was a great success for SSHMI Menstrual Hygiene project; please refer to story in the bulletin for further details
- Neville John: July 10 Sausage Sizzle at Collingwood now fully staffed; there will be another event in August
- John Ilott: Encouragement to please register for Changeover dinner; only 49 registered; we need about 70 to avoid a penalty; now urgent; book via Trybooking
- Teresa Carlson, Rotary Echuca (sister club): Its large Steam Rally which we has been postponed to October; 2 July Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser; 16 July changeover dinner- all welcome; Contact Teresa
- Peter Duras (on behalf of Rob Hines): 12 July Port Melb Sausage Sizzle raised \$980; A good result thanks to all involved

OUR CHANGEOVER DINNER - YOU'RE INVITED

Editor's Note: URGENT CALL TO ALL MEMBERS - The Club needs an additional 20 registrations for the dinner in order to avoid a substantial penalty fee. Please register for a great opportunity to re-connect and celebrate another Rotary year.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE



RI 2023 MELBOURNE CONVENTION - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2023 Rotary International Convention - Volunteer Opportunities

In less than 12 months, Melbourne will be hosting Rotarians from across the world! Our Club has an opportunity to help showcase our town, whilst extending our hospitality to fellow Rotarians during their visit. Here are the details of the Volunteer Opportunities for events occurring as part of the 2023 Rotary International Melbourne Convention, but outside the Convention location and times. These city locations should be of interest to members of the Batman Cluster Clubs.

The opportunities are as follows:

- Melbourne Museum: Held at the Melbourne Museum on May 27th. Two shifts of volunteers required: 5:30pm - 8:00pm for 24 volunteers and 8pm - 10pm for 8 volunteers. All volunteers shall be able to have a complimentary beverage at the museum as a thank you. Volunteers shall meet at the main Museum entrance and then be allocated a task. They shall be assisting with directing delegates from the bus drop-off points in Rathdowne and Nicholson Streets to the main entrance before and after the

event as well as directing delegates into and around the museum.

- South Wharf - Food of Melbourne: situated at the west end of South Wharf. Two shifts of volunteers are required, one on May 29th and the second on May 30th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm both nights for 10 volunteers each shift. They shall meet at the Promenade exit at MCEC and be placed along South Wharf directing delegates towards the food venues along Dukes Walk up to the Showtime Events Centre.
- Flemington Melbourne Cup Event 30 May: Volunteers are required to meet at Southern Cross Station and direct delegates to the correct dedicated platform for train departure to Flemington Race Course. One shift for 10 volunteers from 5:30pm - 6.30pm.

All volunteers need to first register at <http://www.rotarymelbourne2023.org>, and this can be done now. Once registered, and after September, volunteers can go online and choose their event and shift. For more information, contact Stephen Lamont PDG, Host Organising Committee Director - Services and Volunteers, mobile: 0412 152 933, e: stephenlamont9780@gmail.com

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HOSTING INTERNATIONAL ROTARIANS - RI 2023

This email is being sent to Presidents and President Elects:

"Good Afternoon

I am emailing regarding a wonderful opportunity during the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne next May. As you may be aware, delegates are offered the opportunity for an evening of home hosting, which entails a small group of delegates visiting a Rotarian's home for a meal in the evening. This has proved incredibly popular and delegates love this chance to visit a private home.

Delegates who have already registered for the Convention have signed up for this opportunity in big numbers and hence many local Rotarians are needed to host and currently we do not have sufficient local Rotarians to meet the demand.

So I am requesting that you encourage your club members to sign up to host on Monday 29 May and give our delegates a real Aussie experience.

It would be much appreciated if you could circulate this information to all your club members. The information for how to register is attached.

Many thanks for your assistance with this and I look forward to many Rotarians hosting our delegates that night.

Mary"

Mary Barry
Chair - Host Organising Committee
RI 2023 Melbourne Convention

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THAT WAS TASTY! - TASTE OF AFRICA

The Taste of Africa dinner last Saturday night was a great success. Special thanks to host Cecily Neil and to Kuei Ariik, who spent day and night cooking for the event. Thank you also to the 41 supporters from both Rotary Central Melbourne and South Sudanese Health Matters who made the effort to attend on a freezing cold and wet Melbourne evening. As a result we have managed to raise \$2,000, which will have the impact of assisting 80 girls.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, or purchased an auction item. The funds raised will support a project to distribute 800 re-usable menstrual hygiene kits, which will include a carefully designed education program on the subject of menstrual health care. The principal, intended outcome is to improve girls' school retention and educational performance in the village of Lou Ariik, Tonj North county in South Sudan. Again - Thank you all!



CHANGEOVER DINNER - ECHUCA MOAMA



President Teresa Carlson and President Elect Kate Miller invite you to help us celebrate the achievements of the last Rotary year and welcome the incoming board for the new Rotary year at our annual

Changeover Dinner



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Saturday 16th July
6:00pm for 6:30pm
Echuca Workers Club
165-171 Annesley Street
Echuca



Cost is \$55 per head which includes a delicious 3 course dinner with drinks at bar prices.

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

RSVP by Friday 8 July - All Welcome

Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAGZD>

Or direct deposit: BSB: 633-000 Acc: 110642188 Ref: Surname

Please advise all acceptances, apologies and dietary requirements to Kate Miller

E: secretary@echucarotary.org P: 0400 566 830

NGSE IS STARTING AGAIN - HOSTS NEEDED!

Posted by Alan SEALE

After a two-year COVID imposed break we are resuming where we left off with the **New Generations Service Exchange** program. You might remember Lotta Rink, the talented young Bassoonist who had to go home early thanks to the pandemic.

Nevertheless, in July this year two young Australian opera singers, Louise Keast and Michael Dimovski, will be heading off to Bavaria where they will be hosted by German Rotary families for around 6 weeks. They will be participating in the Bayreuth Young Artist's Festival, attending master classes, and in Michael's case, performing at the D1950 District Conf.

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GARDEN DESIGNFEST - NOT LONG TO GO

Posted by Roger THORNTON



Garden DesignFest 2022
is only a few months away

- Have you blocked out the dates in your calendars?
 - November 12-13: Melbourne metro & Mornington Peninsula**
 - November 19-20: Regional Victoria**
- Can you **identify potential advertisers** for A5 full colour garden booklet?
 - Full page: \$1000; half page: \$500
 - Tell Roger Thornton

CLUB FUND RAISING - How You Can Help

Posted by Rob HINES

Voluntary contributions

To everyone that has made or intends to make a donation towards club projects, thank you!

If you are in a position to make a donation or even a series of weekly donations please

arrange to transfer those funds directly to the club bank account with the reference "Donation".

Bank Account Details:

BSB 033-000: Account number: 791085

Thank you for your support!

GALLERY



Guest Speaker - Fiona Still



Chair - Malcolm Fielden



Guest - Trevor Nink, RC Melbourne



Guest - Teresa Carlson, RC E-M

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