



ROTARY CLUB OF CROYDON

46 Years of Serving our Community



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President 2018/19 – Jean Stuart

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Standard meeting venue and time: Dorset Gardens Hotel, 335 Dorset Road, Croydon
6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start, unless otherwise specified
\$25 for a two-course meal.

DATE	Tuesday 3 rd July 2018.
SUBJECT	Club Information Night to provide plans for the New Year 2018-2019.
SPEAKERS	Club Directors
CHAIR	Jean Stuart
DATE	Tuesday 10 th July 2018.
SUBJECT	Direct Chemist - Pharmacist in Main Street
SPEAKERS	Mark Pullybank
CHAIR	Tony Wright
DATE	Tuesday 17 th July 2018.
SUBJECT	“The Essence of Rotary” - Vocational Service
SPEAKERS	Greg King
CHAIR	
DATE	Tuesday 24 th July 2018.
SUBJECT	Out of Home Care Foster for Children
SPEAKERS	Meg Beilken of ‘Out of Home Care’
CHAIR	Ross Taylor
DATE	Sunday 29th July 2018 at The Greenway, Heathmont
SUBJECT	National Tree Day at The Greenway, Heathmont
DATE	Tuesday 31 st July 2018, at Melba College, 20 Brentnall Rd, Croydon – 6:45pm for 7:00pm start.
SUBJECT	Primary Schools Speech Competition
CHAIR	Marlene Sinclair

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Contd.)	
DATE	Tuesday 7th August 2018, at Melba College, 6:45pm for 7:00pm start.
SUBJECT	Primary Schools Speech Competition
CHAIR	Marlene Sinclair
DATE	Tuesday 28th August 2018.
SUBJECT	Youth Services, Maroondah
SPEAKER	Adam Cooper
CHAIR	Marlene Sinclair

PLEASE NOTE:

It is the responsibility of The Chair for the night to write a small summary of the night, 2 to 3 paragraphs and email to the editor so it could be printed in The Chronicle.

MEMBERS CORNER

Theresia Goebel



Theresia Goebel was an exchange student, sponsored by the Croydon Rotary club.

She was very popular with the members and excelled at school whilst at Yarra Valley Grammar.

Some older members might be interested that she recently married Antonius and they have moved closer to their parents; the address is as follows.

Theresia & Antonius Gödecke
Auf der Rinne 15
37308 Heilbad Heiligenstadt

MEMBERS CORNER (Contd.)

**All members to advise apologies or additional numbers for meetings to:
Jean Stuart on: 0416 036 489
before 10:00 am on Monday**

Cashier for July : Sue Jonas

Greeter for July : Michael Jackomos

If you are on duty and cannot attend, **PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE.**

Raffle Prizes for Partner Nights:

Ian Cumming, Kevin Francis, John Gander John Hexter.

Warm Birthday wishes to all those celebrating their special day during July.

Jenny Coburn 2nd July

Margot Francis 7th July



Chronicle contributions and any articles of interest are invited from all members and persons that have an interest in the promotion of Rotary International.

Please email Jean at: prcommunications@rotarycroydon.org.au

By close of business Friday.

President's Report: 03-07-2018



It is quite an honour to be asked to lead the Rotary Club of Croydon as the 46th President in the year 2018-2019. I was quite humbled to see so many of our friends and members at the Changeover. A thank you to the many overseas guests that were present: PDG Dr Rajindar Singh and wife PP Surendra Kaur from District 3300, Malaysia, as well as PP Shirley Hoe representing our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Subang, Malaysia who supported our global grant project, "The Big Red Kidney Bus" Project.

The Rotary Club of Croydon has many experienced members who are only too willing to lend a hand when needed and I know that I will have their support to steer the club in the right direction. I would like once again to thank the club members for having faith in choosing me to lead our club.

During the past years we have organized several fund-raising activities to benefit the local community and I hope to do so again this year.

Barrie Rassin, our International President's theme for the Rotary Year 2018/2019 is '**Be the Inspiration**' for positive change within our communities, which is what our club would work hard to achieve this year.

We hope to be able to attract Corporate memberships this year. The Club joined the Croydon Chamber of Commerce and hope that it will prove to be one potential source of new members. We do need to focus on bringing in new and younger members this year to secure the future of our club.

The following members were recognized at the Changeover:

President's Service Recognition: **PP Jim Tinney**

Paul Harris Fellow Awards: **PP Kevin Francis**
PP John Gander

Rotarian of the Year: **PP Joy Varughese**

In honour of our late member Brian McDaid's work with youth and International projects, we have established the **PP Brian McDaid – International Child Welfare Grant**. This will be a system of perpetual funding, in the name of Brian McDaid by a Club contribution to a project by an overseas Rotary Club which directly improves the welfare of Children.



For 2018/2019 we have chosen the Rotary Club of Subang's '**Back To School**' annual project as the recipient of this Grant.

Our first meeting on the 3rd July 2018 will be dedicated to the Board to advise our members of our plans for the Year 2018-2019.

Thank you All,

Regards,

Jean Stuart



BIG RED KIDNEY BUS “2-SUZI” LAUNCH (26 June 2018)

Address by PP Dr Joy Varughese

Dr Lisa Murphy (KHA)

Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen

Thank you to Kidney Health Australia for allowing me to address this august gathering at such a historic event. I am both humbled and privileged to speak on behalf of the Rotary Club of Croydon. So I am going to tell you the story of the Rotary Club of Croydon's ***Big Red Kidney Bus Project***.

This event marks the end of a long journey for the Rotary Club of Croydon, a story which started sometime in May 2015 with a meeting between the then Incoming Club President Richard Gilham and PP Brian McDaid of our Club and Jo Fairbairn of KHA and Helen Williams, a haemodialysis patient. Helen in particular impressed our representatives with her story about the first Red Bus *I Vince*; how it enabled her and her husband and 3 other couples to take a beach holiday at Angelsea,, something she had not been able to do before the arrival of the Red Bus. Jo hastened to provide the how and what of getting such a bus going and the immense benefit it brings to patients and the community.

After further discussions with KHA where more details were obtained including the project cost, the idea was put forward to the club. The immediate question was - how do we raise \$150,000, the estimated cost of the project. PP Brian McDaid, with his knowledge of the system and his various contacts, lost no time in working on the possibilities of getting a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation. With approval for such a grant, the funds that our club would need to raise locally would be only about \$35,000; definitely an achievable target for fund raising by the club. With that the club members supported the project wholeheartedly. The project was formally announced by President Richard Gilham in July 2015.

Our fundraising efforts took off in October 2015 and comprised the following events:

2 Concerts,

The Christmas Raffle,

Pegasus Swap Meet - sausage sizzle

Charity Golf day

A movie night,

Wine sale

And others

We were fortunate to receive a grant from Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark for this project.

Over and above this our Rotary District provided us with a District Grant of US\$ 10,000.

The Rotary Club of Doncaster supported the cause with a donation of \$10,000.

The Rotary Club of Wandin also donated \$2,000 towards the cause.

We also had to meet one of the criteria of the global grant ie 30% of the grant fund must be sourced from International partners, so we approached Rotary Districts in Malaysia and Brazil. PP Brian McDaid worked on the Brazilian District while I was assigned the task of liaising with the Malaysian District. To cut the story of fundraising short, they agreed to provide District grants that we requested from them. If that was not enough, a Rotary Club in Malaysia (that I was a member of in the past and am still an Honorary Member of) wanted to support the project with a donation as well. With all those funds, our requisite 30% target of international funds was achieved. Hence the total approved Global Grant funds for the project was US\$ 112,667 or AU\$152,100.

With delays and other issues along the way of the project, the final project cost was much higher and the club decided to contribute a total of \$173.492 with the balance being borne by Kidney Health Australia.

The main delay was acquiring the bus. It did take some more time than we expected. But when we saw the bus that was made available, we were flabbergasted. It was not the school bus we expected. It was a tour coach far bigger than the normal school bus. The difference in size itself created issues of its own along the way. Then the fittings had to be modified or new items purchased to fit the bus. State of the art fittings added on to the budget.

The end product is an absolute beauty and not a Beast. It awaits you in front of the hotel if you have not had a chance to see it yet.

Today we are gathered to celebrate the formal launch of “**2SUZI**” made possible by the efforts and support of many individuals and organizations.

I would be remiss if I did not say a big thank you to the major players in this project.

1. Kidney Health Australia which brought us the idea and the resulting project and who worked closely with us all the way and are our partner in service. Being partners in service, it will be good to see our club shown in that light on the KHA website. Thank you KIDNEY HEALTH AUSTRALIA !
2. Monash Health who was involved in developing the specifications and ensuring that all standards are met and who also provide the medical services required for the bus to operate effectively. Thank You MONASH HEALTH !
3. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for approving the Global Grant for this most worthy humanitarian project. Thank you THE ROTARY FOUNDATION !
4. The Rotary District 3300, Malaysia for providing funds and being our international partner. The District Foundation Chair of that District who approved the funds is here, PDG Dr Rajindar Singh. Thank you DISTRICT 3300 !.
5. The Rotary District 4470, Brazil for providing us with funds. Unfortunately they are not represented here today. Thank you DISTRICT 4470 !
6. Rotary District 9810, Victoria for the District Grant that was approved for this project and the support for the project all along. DG Malcolm Chiverton is here representing the District. Thank you DG.Malcolm !

7. The Rotary Club of Subang, D3300, Malaysia for funds for the project. PP Shirley Hoe, who was President then, from the club is here today. Thank you PP Shirley !
8. Thank you Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark for a grant for this project.
9. Thank you Rotary Club of Doncaster for funds for the project.
10. Thank you Rotary Club of Wandin for funds for this project.
11. Last but not least a very big thank you to the public in our community who contributed freely to ensure that this project is a success.

Before I end, I must pay a special tribute to the one person who spent so much time and effort to make this project a great success. For him, nothing was impossible, nothing was too much. We miss his hands, his know how, his spirit of service. Our club and this project, just like many. many other projects of our club in the past, owe a great debt to the late Past President Brian McDaid. Thank you Brian !

Finally, this event also coincides with the celebration of 50 years of service by Kidney Health Australia. On behalf of Rotary Club of Croydon. Let me wish you a Happy 50th Anniversary and hopes for another 50 years of yeomen service to the community.



THE BIG RED KIDNEY BUS



MEDIA RELEASE

June 28, 2018

For Immediate Release



New Big Red Kidney Bus Launches in Victoria

Kidney Health Australia, Monash Health and the Rotary Club of Croydon are delighted to have united for the launch of a new, upgraded Big Red Kidney Bus, at Croydon, Victoria, on 26 June 2018.

Councillor Kylie Spears of Maroondah City Council attended the event, which served to acknowledge the roles of the partnering organisations and founding consumer group, who together, celebrated the positive impact of the bus for dialysis patients travelling across Victoria.

The Big Red Kidney Bus is one of two state-of-the art mobile dialysis units that travel to popular holiday destinations across Victoria and NSW. The program allows people living with kidney disease to go on holiday and meet up with the buses to continue their life saving treatment, at no cost to patients.

Kidney Health Australia's Interim CEO, Dr Lisa Murphy, said she is thrilled with the bus program. "Dialysis is a debilitating and restrictive regime and it can be extremely difficult for those with end-stage kidney disease to take a holiday," she said.

Under the expert care of the Monash Health dialysis team, the Victorian Big Red Kidney Bus is fitted with three chairs capable of providing up to 1,500 treatments a year. "On average, dialysis patients need to have treatment for up to five hours at a time, three days a week, and holiday dialysis chair availability is very limited around Australia," said Dr Murphy.

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The new and improved bus is named '2SUZI' in memory of Suzi Picken. Suzi Picken, along with Vince Tripodi, were founding members of the group who developed the mobile dialysis unit concept, enabling patients to travel beyond their local hospital and in turn, improve their overall health and wellbeing.

“In the very beginning, we thought the bus was a pipe dream,” Vince’s daughter, Daniella Baxter remembers. Sadly, Vince Tripodi passed away in 2012. Daniella says although Vince never got to use the bus service, he worked hard to achieve it for the benefit of others.

Vince and Suzi joined Bruce Bremner, Peter Maxwell and Margaret Blanck to form the Mobile Kidney Dialysis Group, banding together to transform their ambitious idea into reality. Vince’s daughter, Daniella remembers the group receiving enormous community support to help get the bus project off the ground. “I truly believe that the project gained momentum in those early days because of who each of them were, or are – wonderful, determined, hardworking members of our community.”

Daniella hopes that dialysis patients using the Big Red Kidney Bus service know that the award-winning program was founded by a group of people just like them. “It’s amazing to see the difference the bus is making. It’s exactly what Dad wanted – to restore people’s ability to break free of their regular dialysis routine. Now, people on dialysis can have a change of scenery.”

The Big Red Kidney Bus wouldn’t be possible without the continued generosity Kidney Health Australia receives from individuals and organisations in the community, who support the ongoing program and running costs of the bus.

Kidney Health Australia urges people living with kidney disease, and their loved ones, to book holiday dialysis, a familiarisation visit, or request more information about the bus. Phone 1800 454 363, email bigredkidneybus@kidney.org.au or visit www.kidney.org.au/bus.

Kidney Health Australia is a national health care charity with a vision 'to save and improve the lives of people living in Australia affected by kidney disease'.

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ROSTER TO VISIT YARRA RANGES ROTARACT CLUB

Club Meets **every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays** at 7:15pm for 7:30pm

at

Kimberley Place Community Centre, 33 Kimberley Drive, Chirnside Park

DATE	NAME	
June 12 th 2018	Michael	✓
July 24th 2018	Marlene	
August 2018	Joy	
September 2018	Ross	
9 th October 2018	Ian	
November 2018		
December 2018		
January 2019		
February 2019		
March 2019		
April 2019		
May 2019		
June 2019		

Tree Planting Day - co-joint event with the Rotary Club of Southbank



As you all know, Rotary International President Ian Riseley had challenged all 1.2 million Rotarians to plant a tree before Earth Day on Sunday April 22, 2018. Riseley explained that, “The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary’s concern. It is, and must be, everyone’s concern.

We have organised with the Rotary Club of Southbank to go ahead with Ian Riseley’s request to plant trees in the Heathmont area in conjunction with the ‘First Friends of Dandenong Creek’ at the Greenway in Heathmont on Sunday, 29th July. I would like to see as many of you as possible, even though you may not be able to do the actual work. **Please help make this a fun day.**

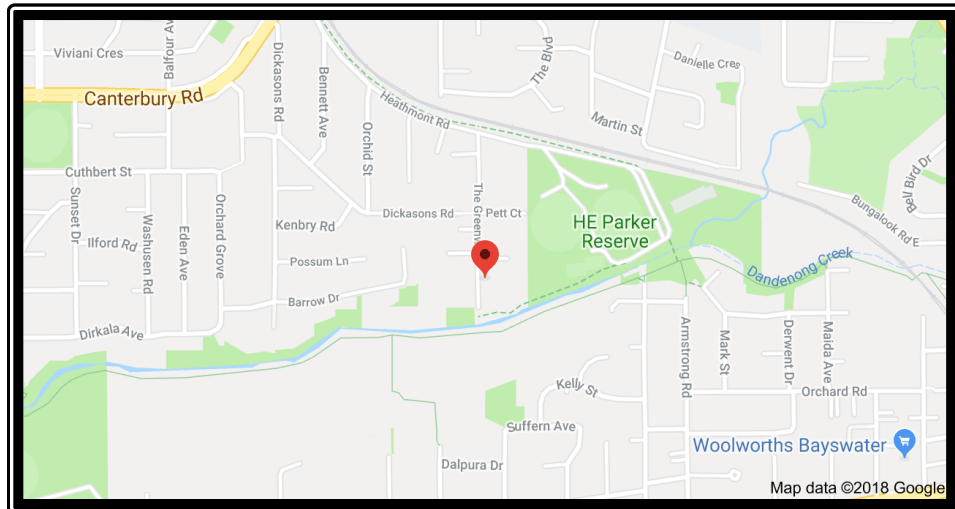
Details of this project and the site are as follows:

- Amritpal Singh who is the incoming President from Southbank Rotary and I have finally managed to get this going since we started communicating late last year. First Friends of Dandenong Creek are organising this event and it would be great to have as many of our members as possible.
- There is **NO COST** involved - Bottled water, refreshments and a BBQ are provided. However as advised, we need to inform the organisers for catering purposes.
- **See Details:** - <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10018415>
 - **Organising Organisation:** First Friends of Dandenong Creek
 - **Time:** 11:00am to 1:30pm
 - **Site Address:** The Greenway (end of) Heathmont Vic 3135
 - **Nearest Cross Street:** Pett Crt
 - **Directions:** End of The Greenway in Heathmont nearest the Dandenong Creek trail.
 - You can also park at HE Parker Reserve (near the Heathmont Bowling Club) and walk about 400 metres to the site.
 - **Suitable for Children:** Yes
 - **Accessible for disabled:** Yes
 - **Notes about the day for Volunteers:**
 - Sturdy footwear and gloves
 - For updates on or event details go to our website www.ffdc.org.au or Facebook page @FirstFriendsofDandenongCreek
 - **The following will be provided:** Drinking water, Refreshments, BBQ
 - **Activities that will take place on the day:**
 - Planting Activity
 - BBQ

I would like to see as many of you as possible, even though you may not be able to do the actual work. **Family and Friends are all welcome.**

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SEE MAP BELOW



For catering purposes, we need to advise the organisers of the number of people attending, so **please advise Jean Stuart by the 10th July of your availability on the day.**

Those attending are:

John Anderson
John Gander
Kevin Francis
Sue Jonas
Marlene Sinclair
Jean Stuart
Ross Taylor
Eric Thomas
Joy Varughese

Thank you ALL. Please ensure you wear **Warm Clothes, Sturdy Footwear and Gloves.**

Rotary

Club of Croydon

Serving Our Community



Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures,

Rotary continues to make an impressive impact. Are you:

- Keen to help others and want to make a difference?
- Seeking more meaning and purpose in your life?
- Looking for ways to help your community?
- Want to be part of a worldwide network for good?
- Interested in a Corporate Social Responsibility program in which your company can participate?

Volunteering with Rotary can provide you with a great work life balance. It's an opportunity to extend your life experience and business skills, to benefit your local community and the wider world.

- It provides a bridge from your working and home life – to meet and network with other business and community people
- Ongoing personal development
- Grow your understanding and knowledge
- Open to both men and women
- Make a new extended network of friends
- Weekly contact opportunities
- Links to a vast international network
- Provides a pathway to do good in the world

The impact our members make takes shape at our Club meetings and activities. These gatherings allow you to join other passionate, visionary people to discuss and act upon community needs.

Rotary Club meetings are also a place to strengthen connections to friends and neighbours and form meaningful relationships that last a lifetime.

If you are interested in finding out more about:

The Rotary Club of Croydon please visit: <http://rotarycroydon.org.au/>

or for information about Rotary International visit: www.rotary.org.au/

Club Information

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