



# ROTARY CLUB OF CROYDON & MONTROSE

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**President 2019/20 – Eric Thomas**

### 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.  
Meal following meeting at Dorset Gardens Bistro.

DATE	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
SUBJECT	Primary Schools Speech Contest - FINALS
VENUE	Swinburne University, Croydon Campus, 12-50 Norton Road, Croydon.
DATE	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . December 2019
SUBJECT	Joy Varughese to speak on the Foundation.
DATE	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
SUBJECT	Mark Sidandi to speak on 'Captain's Choice Academy'
DATE	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, at the home of PP Stephen Bode
SUBJECT	Christmas Dinner

#### 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.*

**A reminder to all members: - If you are unable to attend any Tuesday night meetings, the Club protocol is to notify Jean Stuart.**

*(except for those with special circumstances who instead advise when they will be attending)*

## MEMBERS' CORNER

**It is the responsibility of each member to inform the club if they are unable to attend any Tuesday meeting, OR if they are bringing partners / guests to a meeting.**

**Please notify Jean Stuart on 0416 036 489 or at [jeanieos007@gmail.com](mailto:jeanieos007@gmail.com) before 10:00 am on Monday**

**Cashier for November : Jean Stuart**

**Greeter for November : TBA**

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

**Raffle Prizes for Partner Nights: (would those mentioned below, please bring a gift for the monthly raffle)**

**Marlene Sinclair, Brady Stanton, Jean Stuart & Eric Thomas**

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

Brad Brown	1 <sup>st</sup>	November
Viv Baum	25 <sup>th</sup>	November
Terry McEvoy	29 <sup>th</sup>	November



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

**By emailing**

**[president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au](mailto:president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au)**

**By close of business on Friday.**

# President's Report: 26-11-2019



Stephen Bode emailed me the minutes of Swinburne's collaborative forum held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. It is obvious that Swinburne has had a relationship with Rotary District 9800 for some time. Nine Rotary Clubs attended the forum and 8 Rotary Clubs apologized. Our partnering with Swinburne at Maroondah Festival enabled us to display as the Rotary Club of Croydon and Montrose our new banner, our new shirts and our new flyers for the first time.

The weather, prior to the festival caused the council to change the site of the fun rides. The parking of the "NOT" Classic Cars on the roadway beside the fun rides isolated us, the Rotaractors and Swinburne from the main activities of the day.

I have attended a Cluster meeting. The Rotary Club of Lilydale gained 5 new members in 3 months. The proposed cluster dinner, on 25<sup>th</sup> February, is still on the agenda. The Rotary Club of Maroondah's Billy Cart event was most successful and they thanked the support they received from the other Cluster Clubs. They have not decided on a repeat, but are considering making it a Cluster Event every 2<sup>nd</sup> year. (Apparently one of the major problems is contact with the schools and the building of the Billy Carts. Most Billy Cart were made out of steel which involves welding (not a secondary school student's expertise).

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Keil Egging spoke about his life and his employment as a reporter for News Corporation's local papers. He emphasized that it is a digital world and print has become less important. News Corporation's local papers, offices and staff have all been reduced and Keil is responsible for two local papers where previously he was only responsible for the Maroondah Leader. He gave a hand out to all present on guidelines to have articles published in a local paper.

I attended the presidents meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 and Rotary District 9810's AGM. The following matters, amongst many others were raised.

- A memorial to Dick Garner is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 100 years celebration of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand is to be held in 2021. Committees have been formed at a National and District level.
- Rotaract rules have been changed. The changes are not fully understood and the consequences unknown. (9810 District Leaders were not enthusiastic about the changes)

Rotarians and friends who attended Friday night's theatre night enjoyed themselves.

**PS: Would those members who have received their club shirts but not yet paid for them, please do so ASAP. The cost of the shirt is \$29.50.**

Regards,

**Eric Thomas**

## Our Club at Maroondah Festival

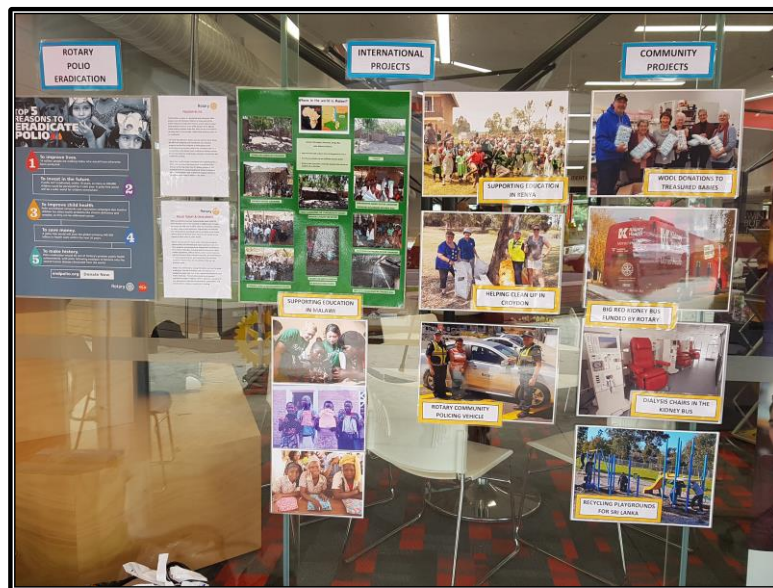
We participated again at the Maroondah Festival on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019, after missing it last year. We worked in collaboration with Swinburne University and hence our marquee was sited in front of their main building and cafeteria.

We displayed photographs with notes to make the public aware of the what Rotary does in the community as well as internationally. Our displays included Rotary's End Polio Campaign; Opening of Captain's Choice Academy in Kenya; Work at and support for the All Angel's School in Malawi; , Our Big Red Kidney Bus; our participation in the Recycling Playground Equipment project; our support for Treasured Babies; our participation in the Clean-up Australia Day project and our community policing vehicle.

The following members were at the marquee either in the morning or afternoon or the whole time. Stephen Bode, Carol and Frank Lawton, Tad Jung, Viv Baum, Jean Stuart, Marlene Sinclair, John Anderson, Eric Thomas and Joy Varughese. Ruth Bode assisted in a lot of the preparatory work and was at the venue helping to set up the display and other necessities. Thanks to Ruth and all the others who turned up to show a presence at the festival. Thanks also to Kirsty Hickson and Joel Martin for all the arrangements for our participation venue, the Swinburne University Campus.

It is necessary to note here that the flow of visitors to the Festival did not, unfortunately, move in the direction of the Swinburne site. Hence very few members of the public saw our display or interact with our members. We will have to rethink on how and where we should be sited next year so that we will draw the visitors to our marquee. We will also have to rethink on what display as well as activities will attract the visitors to our booth.

Joy Varughese





## Rotary Year 10 Four Way Test Speech Contest Grand Final 2019

The Grand Final of the Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest was fiercely contested once again at Swinburne Auditorium, Wantirna Campus. From hotly contested heats and semi-finals to the final competition the speeches got better and better. The contestants were certainly all winners. As well as Assistant Governor Geoffrey Logie-Smith, there were teachers, Rotarians, family members and other supporters (about 40 in attendance) to support the speakers and give them an audience.

### **The final contestants were:**

Kimberley Berger (RC of Mount Waverley) from Avila College “The Arts are more than a Lifestyle Choice”.

Valerie Sova (RC Mt. Waverley) from Avila College “Should we support Medivac”.

Melinda Virgona (RC of Croydon & Montrose) “Homelessness in Victoria”.

Elijah McEvoy (RC of Mordialloc) from St Bedes “Technology and the Truth”.

Lachlan Doyle (RC of Mordialloc) from St Bedes “Prejudice”.

### **The five finalists certainly were all winners and the judges had a very difficult time picking the placegetters.**

The winner was Kimberley Berger with the Runners Up - Valerie Sova and Elijah McEvoy. It was commented that the world is in good hands if these young people were anything to go by.

Thank you to our judges, Sue Forster, Judith Talanoa, and Annie Martin who had a very difficult task.

Thank you everyone from the Rotary Club of Croydon & Montrose who helped on the night. Special thanks to our supper coordinator Ruth Bode and her assistant Bev Thomas. A special thank you to all the clubs that gave the program its support and sponsored these young students.

### **Marlene Sinclair, Distinguished Toastmaster**

Year 10 Four Way Test Speech Competition Coordinator.



*Grand Final Winner Kimberley from Avila College with equal runners-up Elijah from St Bedes College and Valerie from Avila College.*



*Marlene Sinclair with speech Contest judges.*



*Melinda Virgona from Mt Lilydale Mercy College sponsored by our club.*

# Malawi Project as at 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Students

23 students are being sponsored through secondary school, and 2 through tertiary education.

## Sponsors

- **Secondary:** We have sponsors for 16.5 students (one half share is needed at \$200), 2 sponsors who have still to confirm they will continue, and 4.5 students still requiring sponsors.
- **Tertiary:** One nursing student (Chisomo) is being sponsored by RC Maroondah and a matching district grant. Sponsorship of the other tertiary student (Maxwell) is under consideration for sharing (with RC Croydon & Montrose) by RCs Maroondah and Lilydale. – Lilydale has yet to confirm the support of the tertiary student, their board will make a decision about that.

## School/Community

Some money is needed – amount yet to be specified – for roof repairs and general maintenance at the primary school.



*2014 Team Malawi*



*Carrying my D4G Kit*



*Formal welcome by Community Leader*



*Machine sewing lesson*



*Refurbishing & painting*



*Sewing Class*





# AUSTRALIAN DROUGHT APPEAL



## About the Appeal

Farmers are in crisis. Record-high heat and record-low rain mean their livestock is starving. Their crops are dying. Many farmers and their families are suffering in silence.

The Rotary Clubs of Australia have partnered with Channel 9, Great Northern Brewing Co. and Bendigo Bank to raise funds and in-kind donations for the drought affected communities across Australia.

The appeal is administered by Bendigo Bank's charitable arm, Community Enterprise Foundation™.

## Where does the money go?

Money raised will be used to provide charitable relief in locally identified drought affected areas by supporting projects that assist in the relief, recovery and reconstruction for drought affected persons and communities across Australia.

Following a consultation process, Rotary along with representatives of drought affected communities will be conducting a localised consultation process to understand the needs and assistance required for those directly impacted by the drought. This will define how funds are best allocated in supporting families and communities.

Distributions of grants will be made to eligible ITEM 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Charities and Not-For-Profit Organisations.

## How to Make Donations

1. Donations can be made online via the following link: <https://www.bendigobank.com.au/rotarydrought>
2. In person by visiting any branch of the Bendigo Bank: <https://www.bendigobank.com.au/locate-us/>
3. Or by Cheque. Cheques to be made payable to "Community Enterprise Foundation" and posted to Community Enterprise Foundation, PO Box 480, Bendigo, VIC 3552

## I'm a Corporate Organisation and I want to get involved

If your organisation wishes to support the appeal please head to [www.bendigobank.com.au/rotarydrought](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/rotarydrought) and click on the "Ways your business can help" button. Upon completion of your email correspondence someone will be in contact with you directly to discuss.

## I'm a Charitable Organisation and would like to apply for a grant

Following the community consultation process with drought affected communities, applications for funding will open in late November, 2019. Further updates will be provided as they are confirmed.

If you require further information regarding the Community Enterprise Foundation™ grant process please click on the following link: <https://cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Documents/FAQs.pdf>







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.

## Club Information

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