

Maroondah M.A.D.ness

Making a Difference



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2023 Rotary International Convention 27-31 May 2023

Last Club meeting Tony Monley spoke of plans for the 2023 Convention in Melbourne.

Some key points are as follows:

- 17,000+ Rotarians from around the world to attend
- 5 Districts in Victoria to be involved
- Plenary sessions to be at Rod Laver Arena and Melbourne Exhibition Centre
- Evenings – Footy match at the MCG, Welcome Dinner at the Melbourne Museum, Dinner at South Wharf, China Town or Lygon Street restaurants, Dinner at Flemington Racecourse & chance to hug-a-horse.
- 600 Rotarians/other volunteers needed. Volunteers to enrol in September followed by a training day
- Conference will provide a financial benefit to our District and is expected to deliver \$88 million to Victoria's economy.
- Convention registrations open in June 2022 with registration cost increasing as event gets closer.

Anglicare Easter BBQ

The Anglicare BBQ & Easter Egg Hunt at Maroondah Golf Park was manned by Andrew, Tim, Merlin and John who once again did a tremendous job providing BBQ sausages to the families of children and foster children who attended. This is a fun, relaxed night that recognizes the wonderful work these families do, taking on children who have come across difficult times. Once again, we were pleased to be of assistance



The Easter Bunny with helpers, Andrew, Tim, John, Merlin and the fairy princess

Some Sad News

Our condolences go to Phil and family on the loss of his mother on 21st April after a short illness. She lived to the almighty age of 100 years. She is now re-united with Phil's father who passed away 45 years ago. Our thoughts are with you Phil.

District Rotary Foundation, Grant Planning and Management Seminar – May 4

This evening is about the allocation of District Grants to Clubs in District 9810. A Club needs to be in attendance to apply and qualify for a grant in 2022-2023.

Andrew and Wendy are attending on our behalf but if another club member would like to attend this seminar please register by email to gmrichardson@bigpond.com

A District Grant can provide us with a dollar-for-dollar grant, like we received in the past Rotary year, for the Reaching Out Because We Can, food transport vehicle. We provided \$4000.00 and the District matched it with a \$4000.00 grant. Money we didn't have to earn ourselves. How good is that!!!

In the past we have received District Grants for the Bedford Park Community Garden and the Disability Vehicle to name a couple of others.

AKCO – Aussie Kenya Community Organisation

At our last meeting, Mark Sidandi from AKCO, spoke about a project in a village, near Lake Victoria, in the west of Kenya. For many years, Croydon-Montrose Rotary Club have supported the building of the Captain's Choice Academy in Kanyimach village which provides a high-quality education, for pupils, with the number of pupils expanding to 350 children during Covid. These students come from disadvantaged backgrounds with a genuine and demonstrable financial need. The school has made a huge difference to the lives of many children. Personal tax-deductible donations can be made through RAWCS.



Graduation Day & a prep child in a uniform based on Australia's colours.

FORaMEAL

Wendy recently sent us all an email about a virtual Zoom Planning Meeting for a Packing Day at Yarra Valley Grammar. On **Sunday, May 1 at 11.30am** we shall meet Kev who recently organized a packing day with a number of schools producing 35,800 meals.

Our Club is going to run this day using funds raised at the last Rice Meal. The purpose of this virtual meeting is to provide info about how the day is set up, what Kev did, sorting out a date for the event and engaging with Pastor Joy from Yarra Valley Grammar. Canterbury Rotary have all the equipment needed on the packing day and supply all the food items for us.

Please support Wendy and other interested members of the Club to find out a bit more. This event will reap us the reward of providing meals for people overseas who have suffered during a natural disaster or those here who have hit hard times.

Join the planning meeting on Sunday May 1 at 11.30am by clicking the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/98290163283?pwd=eU4xbTdBL3poa2wzNUFNNTU2dWFOdz09>

RYDA-Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

Volunteers are still needed for the RYDA program Day on May 23 at Lilydale. If you can assist, please register via the front page of our Club website at www.maroondahrotary.org.au and look under "Current Volunteer Opportunities". Click on the RYDA event. It would be great if some other members could assist rather than the usual few. It's a very worthwhile program for learner drivers.



May Birthday

The only person celebrating a birthday this month is Tracy on May 12
Have a brilliant birthday Tracy and hope all the kids are good for you that day.

Shine On Celebrations -May 14

A volunteer is needed, to attend on behalf of our Club, at the "Shine On" Award Day. This is an award to a disabled person for doing something outstanding in the community. Because of COVID, during the past two years, the presentation has had to be cancelled. Our joint nominee with Forest Hill RC, is Anat who participates in the RYDA Day program. The saying is "third time lucky", so we hope this event goes ahead without any further delay. If you can attend, please contact Wendy or register on our website under "Current Volunteer Opportunities".



What's on, at a glance:

Date	Event	Time
May 1	FORaMEAL Zoom Planning Meeting	11am
May 4	Committee Meeting Night at Club Ringwood	6 for 6.30pm
May 4	Rotary Foundation Grant Planning Seminar	6.30pm
May 11	Meeting at Club Ringwood	6 for 6.30pm
May 14	Shine On Celebration	1pm
May 18	Meeting at Club Ringwood	6 for 6.30pm
May 22-29	District Assembly via Zoom	
May 23	RYDA Day Box Hill Institute Lilydale Campus	8.30am-2pm
May 25	Board Meeting via Zoom	
June 4	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Belgrave	10.30am
June 7	RYDA Day – Box Hill Institute Campus at Lilydale	8.30am-2pm
June 25	District Changeover	
June 29	Maroondah Rotary Club Changeover at Club Kilsyth	
Aug 9	RYDA Day Venue to be confirmed	8.30am-2pm
Nov 25	Maroondah Charity Golf Day	

And lastly, in these troubled times in the world, a true story to finish..... In a zoo in California, a mother tiger gave birth to a rare set of triplet tiger cubs. Unfortunately, due to complications in the pregnancy, the cubs were born prematurely and due to their tiny size, they died shortly after birth. The mother tiger, recovering from the delivery, suddenly started to decline in health, although physically she was fine. The veterinarians felt that the loss of her litter had caused the tigress to fall into a depression. The doctors decided that if the tigress could surrogate another mother's cubs, perhaps she would improve.

After checking with many other zoos across the country, the depressing news was that there were no tiger cubs of the right age to introduce to the mourning mother. The veterinarians decided to try something that had never been tried in a zoo environment. Sometimes a mother of one species will take on the care of a different species. The only orphans' that could be found quickly, were a litter of weanling pigs. The zookeepers and vets wrapped the piglets in tiger skin and placed the babies around the mother tiger... Would they become cubs or pork chops? Take a look.....



Now, please tell me one more timeWhy can't the rest of the world get along?