

# Maroondah M.A.D.ness

## *Making a Difference*



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### What's on, at a glance:

Date	Event	Time
Sept 7	Committee meetings	6 for 6.30pm
Sept 7	Golf Meeting	5.15pm
Sept 8	Q & A Audience at Southbank	
Sept 14	Meeting Guest Speaker DG Ken Miller	6 for 6.30pm
Sept 20	4TK Committee Meeting at The Base	6pm-7pm
Sept 21	Meeting Guest Speaker Sherryn Aslani Nurse Unit Manager, Mental Health Unit, Maroondah Hospital	6 for 6.30pm
Sept 28	Board Meeting	6pm-8pm
Oct 9	"Pound the Pavement Fun Run" Lilydale Lake for Eastern Palliative Care – Maroondah RC catering with BBQ	9.30 – 1.30pm
Nov 6	Maroondah Festival at Town Park, Norton Road, Croydon	10am -4pm
Nov 25	Maroondah Charity Golf Day	

This month's Club Newsletter is issued a bit later as Roger and I have been in Queensland having a taste of what is to come in the next few weeks once Spring settles in. After such a long, cold, wet winter in Melbourne, you are no doubt looking forward to some sun and warmer, drier weather.

In this issue some newer members have answered some questions put to them about themselves, to help you get to know them a bit better. Thank you to those members.

### Vic Police - Community Policing Vehicle

Acting Sergeant Peter Williams from Croydon Police came to our meeting in the Community Policing vehicle, a 12-month-old Mitsubishi SUV which had been funded by Croydon-Montrose Club. It has no police signage, no police radio and no sirens and lights. It is easier to build trust among the local youth when not approached in a police vehicle.

Congratulation, Croydon-Montrose on your initiative in providing this vehicle which has become a valuable asset to the police in dealing with youth and the multi-cultural members of our local community. Now our Club has taken up ownership of the vehicle we shall have it sign written with our Club name.



### Congratulations

Peter Daniels recently was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship award in recognition of his work on the Board and in leading the International Committee in so many of its projects. Congratulations Peter. It is well deserved.

## **“Pound The Pavement” for Eastern Palliative Care**

Eastern Palliative Care provides palliative care at home across seven Local Government Areas and care presently for approximately 520 clients, in the Eastern Region of Melbourne, (2000 clients annually). Clients and their carers receive a range of medical, nursing and allied health support, including extensive volunteer and bereavement programs.

Eastern Palliative Care (EPC) are organizing their first ever fun run and hope to raise funds to go towards the most necessary services needed to care for clients at home, and to die at home if that is their wish.

**Please can you assist EPC in this fundraising event by putting your name down to assist at the BBQ organized by our Club to be held on the Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Lilydale Lake. You can volunteer on the front page of our club website**



## **Welcome to Carol Lawton**

We were pleased to induct Carol, a former member of Croydon-Montrose Club and a Past District Governor into our Club. Carol, we are familiar the wonderful work you have been involved in Malawi and we look forward to being able to further support this work, through our International Committee. As our members are aware, through you, we have we have supported a female student through her secondary and tertiary studies, and she is now a qualified nurse working in the Malawi community.

## **Update on Bedford Park**

Further to us providing Jess Ness and Bedford Park Community Garden with our support, for compensation for the land at the rear of their buildings, to be used by the Rail Authority, during their rail construction works, Jess has recently been in touch with Roger D to bring he and our Club up to date.



The Community Centre had been told the land was required within 2-3 weeks and Jess informed Roger that the Community Centre had arranged to move the fruit trees, orchard children's area, compost heaps, signage etc to an area at the front of the site. Jess had been able to acquire some raised garden beds and the Dept of Justice had supplied some folks on Community Service orders to assist with the relocation of the garden.



## **Plants moved to the front of the site**

She invited Roger to meet with her to inspect the works. Upon meeting her it was immediately obvious to Roger that she was quite stressed and annoyed. The reason for her annoyance was quickly obvious. The Community Centre had just been officially informed, after moving all the plants, that the Authority has found an alternative site that met their requirements, and they no longer required the land at the rear of the Community Centre. Apparently, the air was quite heated around the centre that morning.

**Disturbed garden after moving plants**

## Getting to know Viv Baum

Viv tells us she is widowed, has a son and a daughter, and 1 stepson, 6 grandchildren, 3 of each gender ranging in age from 21-6yrs.

**Favorite Team:** Richmond Football Club and the Vixens Netball Team

**What are you happiest doing, when you're not working?** She is retired and loves discovering new walking tracks to explore but her main passion is Pickleball which she plays 3-5 times a week.

**What is or was your employment?** Prior to her retirement she was an Integration Aide for 20yrs working with primary school children with physical and other disabilities.



**Do you have any skills or talents that most people don't know about?** No.

**If you could be anywhere other than here, right this minute, where would you be?** Right where she is now. She is extremely happy with her life as it is and where it is.

**Name three words that you describe you:** Easygoing, independent and friendly.



### Birthdays in September

Keren	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny D	19 <sup>th</sup>
Leanne T	10 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle H	19 <sup>th</sup>
Trish	12 <sup>th</sup>	John A	21 <sup>st</sup>

**We all wish you a great day and lovely celebration**

## Latest on Coonabarabran

You will recall that in 2018 our Club purchased \$3,000+ of gift vouchers to give to the farmers in the Coonabarabran area who had been in the middle of the terrible drought being experienced by central and western NSW. Roger and Pam travelled to Coonabarabran on behalf of the Club and handed these vouchers out to the community members to purchase things they may have been doing without or were unable to afford.

Roger and Pam recently passed through Coonabarabran on their road trip to SE Queensland. We are pleased to report to the Club that the countryside has had lots of rain recently and it is looking so much better than when they travelled there in 2018. There is now water flowing in the Castlereagh River that runs through Coonabarabran which was a dry riverbed in 2018, the dams are all full, the paddocks are green, they are going to have a bumper wheat crop this year and they have even planted seedlings on the traffic islands in the middle of the main street. It was very pleasing to see such a vast difference in the countryside and town again.



**Dry dam in Nov 2018 & dams are full, today**



**Dry riverbed of the Castlereagh River at Coonabarabran, in November 2018**



**Castlereagh River running through the town of Coonabarabran, today.**

### **A bit more about member, Richard Royle**

Richard has been a member since earlier this year, and we thought you may like to learn a bit more about him.

**Favourite Sporting Team:** The Wallabies

**What are you happiest doing, when you're not working?** Gardening and golfing

**Who is someone you admire and why?** "My wife Cheryle who has brought up great children, been a respected CEO in the hospital industry, been a Victorian businesswoman of the year, and mentored many aspiring business women – as well as looking after me!"

**What is or was your employment?** Now a Board Chair. Was a group hospital CEO



**Cheryle, Richard & Molly**

**Do you have any skills or talents that most people don't know about?** I successfully implemented Australia's first fully digital (paperless) hospital – 2014 – in Hervey Bay, Queensland

**If you could be anywhere other than here, right this minute, where would you be?**  
Sedona, Arizona

**Name three words that you describe you.** Respectful, Thoughtful, Inquisitive

### **Club Website**

Have you all had a look at the Rotary Club of Maroondah website since Darrin showed you all the features that are on there? It is a great resource to have, and Darrin has put in hours and hours on the website to make it more user friendly.

On the front page alone, down the right hand side you can see:-

- A calendar of events
- Opportunities to volunteer by just clicking an event and registering your name – how easy is that? No more bits of paper to add your name to and you can volunteer in the comfort of your own home.
- The Club Facebook page is there even if you are not on Facebook

Thanks, Darrin, for all your time and effort.