

Maroondah M.A.D.ness

Making a Difference



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What's on, at a glance:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Nov 2	Club Meeting - Committee presentations	6.30pm-8pm
Nov 5	Set up for Maroondah Festival	3pm
Nov 6	Maroondah Festival at Town Park, Norton Road, Croydon	10am -4pm
Nov 9	Club Annual General Meeting	6.30pm-8pm
Nov 16	Club Meeting -Guest- Richard Joseph: Council's Positive Ageing Framework and Action Plan 2021-2025	6.30pm-8pm
Nov 23	Board Meeting Face to Face Meeting	TBA
Nov 25	Maroondah Charity Golf Day	8am-5pm
Nov 27	Family Fun Day for Mental Health – Ringwood Bowls Club	Noon -4pm
Dec 7	Club Christmas Celebration – More details to come	6pm-10pm
Mar 18	Fundraising Dinner at Karralyka	7pm-midnight
Mar 3,4 & 5	District 9810 Conference in Canberra	
Mar 26	Highland Games	TBA

Another busy month ahead. Isn't it great that we are able to get out and about helping people in our local community and abroad again. During the past two years our wings were clipped with Covid lockdowns and Zoom meetings and it's great to see so much enthusiasm amongst our members, again.

This time our "Getting to Know You" interviews are with Tracy and Phil who have been members of Maroondah & Ringwood Rotary clubs for a number of years. Having known Tracy and Phil for a long time I found out something about both, that I didn't know before. Will you be the same as me?

"Pound The Pavement" for Eastern Palliative Care

Luckily the great rains had not begun when we had this day earlier in the October. It was a perfect day for those walking around Lillydale Lake to raise funds for a great cause.

Richard, Trish, Viv, Wendy, Darrin, Andrew and Pam all did a great job either cooking, serving or setting up on the day. Thank you to all of you. We have made a donation to EPC, which was made up mainly from the sale of sausages and rounded up from Club funds to \$500.00. EPC really appreciated our efforts, and the event so far has raised a total of \$39,936.40. A fantastic effort and result.



Induction of two, new members

Michelle Hansen

We were pleased to induct Michelle Hansen into the Club. Michelle was invited to join by Carol Lawton and is a newcomer to Rotary. Please make her welcome. Michelle, we hope you enjoy getting involved in Making a Difference to people's live in our local community as well as internationally.



Tad Jung

Tad, a former member of Croydon - Montrose Rotary Club has also decided to continue his membership of Rotary by joining our Club.

We are glad you have decided to join us to continue carrying on work in the community as you had done in your former Club. Tad is particularly keen to continue to assist in working with students at a local primary school.

Polio Now

Andrew and his team consisting of Wendy, Carol, Joan, Peter, Viv, Richard, and Greg K had a very fruitful day collecting for the Polio Now program at Croydon Central Shopping Centre.

Patrons were able to get a painted, purple pinky in exchange for a gold coin. However, many people donated a greater amount and over the day an amazing amount of \$662.10 was collected. Well done team.



Packing Day

Our Packing Day for Share the Dignity, Reaching Out Because We Can, Uniting and others affected by homelessness, domestic violence and mental health was a great success.

The saying "many hands make light work" was graphically displayed that day. We had a great roll up at 8am and amazingly by 10.00am, we had not only eaten our bacon and egg roll breakfast, but packed up all the toiletries, combs, skin products, toothbrushes, socks and into bags for distribution or for sale to raise funds for other causes at the Maroondah Festival. Our packers, who did a marvellous job, were Mark, Leanne, Viv, Peter, Carol, Andrew, John A., Trish, Roger, Pam, Merlin, Donna and John H-S.



Wendy & Darrin supplied brekky and Darrin and Brandon were our fantastic cooks. Donna and John, you now have lots more room in your studio again. Thank you.



"Getting to Know You"- Tracy R

For our newer members and those from Croydon-Montrose Club, Tracy is the face you see up on our screen each week at our meetings and she is also our Community Service Chairperson. Read on to find out more about Tracy.

I was born in Ferntree Gully, and I live in Ringwood (near Costco, everyone seems to know where that is!). I have been in Rotary for about 10 years (I can't remember!), I was President in 2018-2019



What is your employment? Teaching science, secondary education.

What are you happiest doing when not working? Hobbies? Visiting museums, being out in nature, sewing and other crafts.

Do you have any skills or talents that most people don't know about? I used to practice Taekwondo, and I am fairly good at archery.

Who inspires you? I don't really have any particular person. Lots of people do things that I learn from.

If you could be anywhere other than here, right now, where would you be? The Scottish Highlands.

Name three words that describe you ? Caring, helpful, gentle.

Assistance Dogs Australia

Most people fell in love with the dark brown eyes when they entered our meeting room. Of course, I'm talking about Snowy, the Labrador, Ambassador for Assistance Dogs Australia. Jhaneen Trimble, Snowy's carer told us about how the dogs can assist people in wheelchairs, with autism, those with mental health issues and PTSD. Snowy showed us how he could pick up objects, help at pedestrian crossings, assist if their owner falls etc. Such smart animals.

However, Jhaneen also spoke of how the organization is looking for those in the community who may be interested in helping or know someone who wants a dog, but not necessarily for life, who would fit around their life, holiday, trips etc. Food and vet costs are covered by ADA. If you know someone who fits the latter description, get them to contact ADA to have a chat about taking a dog on.



Maroondah Festival

This fun day will take place on Sunday, 6th November from 10am to 4pm at Town Park , Norton Road, Croydon. This is usually the day that kicks off our Christmas Raffle in a big way.

Tracy has been liaising with Council and we have now been allotted a site to erect our canopy, position our raffle trailer and set up information about many of the programs we are involved with.

Thankyou to all those who have offered to assist on the day.

"Getting To Know You"- Phil N

I am a local lad, born in Melbourne and had my childhood in the Balwyn area. I have an elder sister and I have 3 boys who have between them, have 6 children, so we are very busy with our extended family that all live within 20 minutes of us.

I joined Rotary during Andrew B's first year of Presidency, in 2005-2006. I took on the Presidency in 2015 - 2016 year.



I am currently retired from my career in the medical pharmaceutical industry. However, I do help friends and relatives with needs in business when required so I am busy with family, golf, a large garden, and wood working. I enjoy making small boxes from rare pieces of hard to obtain wood, my specialty being timbers such as birds eye Huon Pine, Tiger wood, Horizontal, Myrtle, fiddle back Queensland Mahogany, Leopard Wood etc. Most have been sourced from a timber mill in Burnie Tasmania, all hand-picked.

I am inspired by sensible clear-thinking people who espouse standards that will grow and maintain a society that is truly caring of all peoples, no matter where they are from, and do this equally so no group is singled out as being more important than any other, and accordingly society is not divided.

I think to name a single person, Abraham Lincoln had some great thoughts. For example, he wrote the following on the simple topic of **initiative** back over 100 years ago –

*You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong
You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn
You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.*

If only our leaders everywhere would read and practice the words of wisdom above.

Where would I like to be right now? I would like to be able to travel safely to several overseas countries and visit friends – USA – UK – Europe etc. Too many choices!

Three words to describe me – Caring, faithful and can be a bit of a talker!



For those who have Family members with Mental Health Issues

Please keep Sunday, 27th November clear. This event will be at Ringwood Bowls Club 12 Noon to 4pm. More details shortly.



Christmas is coming!!!

So, time to think about the Christmas Trailer Raffle

We are going to have a number of great opportunities to sell tickets during November, at Maroondah Festival and our Golf Day. Then in December, we are going to be allocated a shop in Eastland and sales will be available to shoppers throughout December.

Sales of tickets can be **now** made on line on the website: <https://www.raffletix.com.au/maroondahxmasraffle2022>
Ask friends and family if they would like to purchase some tickets. It's very easy to purchase tickets and the prizes are outstanding. You never know, someone in your family or office may be the winner.

Time to think about ordering your Christmas cakes and puddings

You all tried the cake last week at our meeting. You would have to agree the cake is so nice and moist. In fact, the longer you keep it the better it tastes. Cakes and puddings make great Christmas presents for family, office colleagues or friends.

Phil took pre orders last week. If you would like to order a cake, pudding or small puddings and you don't catch up with Phil at a meeting, contact him by email or phone.



Conference 2023 District 9810 Canberra – 3rd 4th & 5th March

Following Shia's presentation to our Club about next year's District Conference, I have some details that some members may be interested in.

The Conference is to be held at Realm Hotel in Canberra. On Friday night, 3rd March, if clubs have a number of registrants, they may decide to have a club dinner at one of the world class restaurants in and around Canberra.

Plenary sessions start on Saturday 4th March followed by a gala dinner in the evening. More plenary sessions are held on Sunday 4th and the closing ceremony will be at 1pm on Sunday.

Please find below the Conference website link, TryBooking link, Lynn Whelan's contact details (accommodation).

Conference website: <https://conference2023canb.wixsite.com/conference2023d9810>

Try Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BYTDD>

Registration is at a reduced rate if booked before 30th November 2022

Lynn Whelan – Accommodation Co-ordinator: lynnwhelanevents@hotmail.com or 0409 938 694

If you require any further information about the conference or have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Birthdays in November

Nov 1 Brad K, Nov 15 Cheryle R, Nov 25 Viv

Wishing you all a fabulous birthday celebration and a great year to follow.

