



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now, most of you will be aware that September is **NEW GENERATIONS MONTH** – a time for Rotary Clubs to give special focus to the promotion and awareness of Rotary's youth-based programmes, such as MUNA, NYSF, Siemens Science Experience, etc...

While our Club has had good involvement in New Generations over past years, I am hoping that we can continue to further develop upon the opportunities we have to engage with youth and young people. We were certainly inspired recently by hearing about the passionate experiences of our two MUNA teams and seeing first-hand the positive impact and influence that programmes such as this make on the youth of today.

I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to our New Generations team - **Charlie Xu (Director), Kath Binns, Joshua Cheng, Clem Joyce, Patricia Kiang** and **Geoff Swain** – for their valuable time and effort contributed to strengthening our club's involvement amongst youth!

With a change in District leadership, one can expect a change in structure and operations. One such new direction is the introduction of **Cluster District Seminars** - District's commitment to bring Rotary training & information sessions to Rotarians locally! This new initiative means that our regular weekly club meeting will be cancelled on a quarterly basis to allow these seminars to take place. The first of these is detailed below. Hence, our meeting of 4 October will be replaced by a Cluster Seminar on Wednesday 5 October.

NEW GENERATIONS SEMINAR

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Templestowe

Special Guest Speaker:

Ian Robson (CEO Essendon Football Club & Past Youth Exchange Student)

WHEN:

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER - 6:00pm for 6:30pm start

WHERE:

Monte Carlo Receptions (5 Mitchell St East Doncaster – Melways 47J1)

COST:

\$30 for 2 course meal

I would strongly encourage members to diarize this Cluster meeting and plan to support this event. Merv will circulate an attendance sheet asap, so you can indicate your attendance.

“Reach Within To Embrace Humanity” – and have a great week in Rotary service!

Tim Lynn

PRESIDENT

Rotary Invocation

For Good Food, good fellowship, and the opportunity of Service through Rotary, we thank you O Lord.

Amen

LAST MEETING

Rob Bishop started the meeting with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

President Tim Lynn welcomed our guest speaker John Shearer, and other guests Joanne Booth, Barbara Wheelton and Stephanie Orr.

Tim also let the meeting know that our secretary Mick Matthews is still active with Rotary emails to him, despite being on holiday in a sunny location.

Tim also let the meeting know the good news that Clive Nicholson (aka Uncle) hopes to be able to join us at our meetings again as of 20 September. It will be great to have you back in our Rotary family, Clive.

Tim then handed the conduct of the meeting to Chairman for the evening Robert Leach.

Op Shop Roster Vacancies – Clem Joyce

Clem thanked those who have volunteered to fill almost all the Op Shop roster vacancies advertised in the last bulletin. The only remaining vacancies to be filled are the following shifts:

Tuesday 18th October	AM
Tuesday 25th October	AM

Please let Clem know if you can help.

Opening of playground at Box Hill South Neighbourhood House – Melissa Mardjetko

Melissa attended the Grand Opening of the new playground at Box Hill South Neighbourhood House.

Our Rotary Club contributed to the funding for this project. The opening was well attended by notaries including the mayor, as well as representatives from surrounding schools, and also by Box Hill TAFE students who helped with the building works.

The playground is reportedly a great success.

Presentation of cheque from Priceline Pharmacy – Vincent Li

President Tim was very pleased to receive a cheque from Vincent for \$686. This money was generously donated by the customers of Vincent's Priceline Pharmacy.

Thanks to Vincent for promoting the causes of Rotary in this way.

GUEST SPEAKER – John Shearer

TOPIC - East Timor Roofing

John Shearer is a member of Doncaster Rotary Club, and was president in 2006/2007. John is qualified in medical technology and marine biology. He is also the survivor of a ship wreck, which he acknowledges was a life changing experience.

We were privileged to hear John tell us about the very worthwhile and successful Rotary project – East Timor Roofing & Training Co-op, which has now been operating for over 10 years.

The project was started to address two important needs:

- The need to create useful vocational training and work opportunities for the locals;
- The need to restore the many buildings for which only the concrete walls remained, as the thatched roofs had been burned or otherwise destroyed during the Indonesian occupation.

East Timor Roofing was set up on a commercial arrangement, but with all profits going back into the community. It employs 22 full time local workers, and is managed by an Australian volunteer, Norm Bruce.

The company has a steel rolling mill which produces an increasing range of steel products. It produces steel roof trusses, purlins, roof cladding, etc, which are used to provide sturdy new steel roofs to the concrete building shells. The buildings which have been restored this

way include schools, hospitals, orphanages, as well as many other buildings.

The mill has rolled over 700 tonnes of steel. The steel all requires delivery by hand, as there are no roads or other infrastructure at most locations (This was the state in which East Timor was left after the various occupiers and colonists departed).

East Timor Roofing is expanding into producing the following spin off products, which are also of vital need to the East Timorese:

- A drilling program (called “Water for the hungry mouths”) to provide reliable access to good quality water. They sink bore holes using a drilling rig they have bought; case the holes; and provide hand pumps.

Currently children are wasting a large part of each day collecting water for their families, when they could otherwise be in school.

Currently there is also a very high infant mortality rate, largely due to water borne diseases.

The drilling program is helping to overcome these problems.

- Building small steel food silos (200 litre to 500 litre capacity).

There are 180,000 small subsistence farmers in East Timor, however there are only 3 months of the year when crops can be grown. These crops must provide food for the whole year, however around 30% of crops are lost to pests, resulting in death by starvation in many instances.

The food silos will enable crops to be safely stored.

John is pleased to report that East Timor Roofing has started a whole industry. Three other steel rolling mills have now started in competition.

East Timor Roofing has also set up a training centre next to their factory. This factory has taught building skills to 300 students to date. Box Hill TAFE has assisted with the training.

John said that East Timor Roofing has been well supported by many Rotary clubs by way of time, skills, and money. This is truly a wonderful project which has been life changing in many ways.



Chairman Robert thanks John Shearer for his excellent talk

SERGEANT'S SESSION – GEOFF ILES

Sergeant Geoff Iles then conducted another entertaining sergeant's session, including a fines session, “stones raffle”, joke of the day and thought of the day.

Nova Music Theatre Production

of

Beauty and the Beast

at

The Whitehorse Centre

Friday 21st October

8pm

Includes Supper afterwards

\$40.00pp

Please let me know if you are interested.

Melissa Mardjetko

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

New Generations Northern Cluster Seminar

Date: Wednesday 5th October

Venue: Monte Carlo Receptions - 5 Mitchell St East Doncaster (Melways 47 J1)

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm Start

Cost: \$30 for 2 course meal

The seminar component of the evening will include addresses on:

- * Ian Robson - Youth Exchange
- * MUNA - Carol Lawton and students
- * Camp Awakenings - Simon Mildren
- * Rotaract - Sarah Heathcote
- * Summer Science Experience - Paul Taranto
- * Interact - RC of Beaumaris

The evening should be a great opportunity to hear what our new generations are up to.

Important note: Our regular Tuesday night meeting will be cancelled on 4 Oct that week, and members are strongly encouraged to attend instead on this Wednesday evening.

Members are invited to submit upcoming events of interest for inclusion in this segment of the bulletin.

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ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	30
Members:	26
Partners:	Nil
Visitors:	4 – John Shearer, Joanne Booth, Barbara Wheelton, Stephanie Orr
Apologies:	5– Sue Bishop, Rae Harding, Colin Johnson, Lyndon Smith, Timothy Winter
Leave of Absence:	5 – Mick Matthews, Clive Nicholson, Steve Dardamanis, Ross McPhail, George McLean
Make ups:	Merv Agnew, Trevor Donegan, Geoff Iles, Colin Johnson, Malcolm Webster
Weekly raffle winner:	Joshua Cheng

If members have items of interest they would like to contribute to the bulletin, please email to Bulletin Editor Rob Fenton by Friday for inclusion in the following week's bulletin.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Rotary Club of Box Hill

CLUB PROGRAMME

Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
September			
20 th	Whitehorse Young Citizen of the Year	Mathew White	Charlie Xu
27 th	Grand Final Fever	Scott McLaren Former AFL Umpire	Geoff Iles
October			
4 th	NO MEETING replaced by Cluster Activity		
5 th	New Generations Cluster Dinner Monte Carlo Receptions Doncaster		

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Cash Desk (1)	Cash Desk (2)	Greeter	Grace / Toast
September				
20 th	Lloyd Cranwell	Tim Winter	Malcolm Webster	Geoff Weeks
27 th	Colin Johnson	George McLean	Ray McLeod-Dryden	Geoff Swain
October				
4 th	No meeting at Golf Club			
5 th	Meeting at Doncaster			

* **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are unable to fulfill any of the allocated duties, it is your responsibility to arrange a "swap" with another person listed.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Member	Event
September		
26 th	Judy Joyce Joan Donegan	Partner's Birthday Partner's Birthday

