



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

We had a very fitting last meeting of the year, getting to know Soula better via her new member talk. Those present were treated to one of the most heartfelt talks we have had, and it was wonderful to see the connection Soula has already made to Rotary. Soula shared her fear of having to speak in public, and we reflected that it can be very rewarding stepping out of your comfort zone! Taking on the role of President of our club has been an opportunity for me to take on a challenge and, as always with these things, you end up getting more out of it yourself than you contribute, in terms of growth opportunities and satisfaction. I hope all members, but particularly the incoming board, will embrace the opportunities on offer to give service through the club in the year ahead!

Thanks to all those in the club that have helped me navigate through the year and made it as action packed as it could possibly have been, given the circumstances. It's nice this year that we can have our changeover actually on the 1st July and I look forward to seeing many of you there for this special occasion!

Yours in Rotary
Adrian



Next Meetings

Thursday 1 July

Changeover Night

6:30 for 7:00 pm

Thursday 8 July

Victor Perton

Optimism: Why and How

Chair: Malcolm Sawle

Cash Desk: Gail Anderson, Michelle Butt

Thursday 15 July

DG Visit

Cash Desk: Vivian Zoppolato, Jan Cooper

Thursday 22 July

Arna O'Connell

Cheltenham Community Centre

Chair: Chris D'Arcy

Cash Desk: Adrian Culshaw, Mary Cunnington

Venue is VGC, 6:50 for 7:00 unless otherwise noted.

Covid rules apply as advised.

Were available more detail of the speakers topic can be found in the Club Calendar on our website.

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Help build a more sustainable planet

Join us and Citywide, Bayside Council horticultural service providers

No Cost - Hi vis vests supplied

When: Saturday, 10 July 2021.
Where: Beach Park near Hampton Lifesaving Club
Time: 10.00am to 12 noon.
Parking: In Beach Road near Hampton Lifesaving Club
In Small Street Hampton 3188



Contact Geoff Tickner
(Mobile - 0412 834 347, Email - geoffrey.tickner@bigpond.com)
to advise numbers by 2nd July so that sufficient trees will be available:

More Details – Ctrl Click on:

[Tree Planting Challenge](#)

Photo of the Week Last Page: Australian photographer Luke Simpson took out first prize in Agora's Landscape2020 worldwide photography competition with this full moon shot captured at Goblin Valley State Park in Emery, USA.

This Week's Speaker

New Member Talk Soula Deville

I received an email from Adrian requesting for me to be guest speaker, I declined as I had other plans along with the fear of public speaking.

I live in Patterson lakes and walk the Patterson River most mornings. It's a beautiful relaxing walk which allows me time to get my thoughts together and plan.

As I walked around the river, I started to think about the reasons I joined Rotary and they were:

1. To help other people, people in the community which were disadvantaged and needed help, and volunteer. (which I have already been involved with through MATTS PLACE)
2. Wanted to meet likeminded people who had a common goal.
3. Wanted to learn new things, grow and be challenged.

So this was my challenge to speak in public and by the time I finished my walk I knew I had to do it.

I have decided to speak about important and significant people and events in my life and let you all know a little bit about myself.

From The beginning my parents came from Greece from the island of LEFKADA which is one of the Ionian Islands. I was lucky enough to travel there five years ago and it is a beautiful place and although people may know about Mykonos and Santorini this island is a hidden gem.

My Father John arrived in Melbourne in 1955 and mum Sofia arrived in 1956. They married in 1957 and settled in the suburb of Carlton. The following year I was born a year later my brother Ange and six years later my brother Tas. I don't have a lot of memories of my early years but would like to share two stories with you.

I went to a primary school where the majority of the students were Australian. Every day there was a roll call and this was the worst part of the day for me. When the teacher called my name they never pronounced it properly and all the students would laugh. I so wished my name was not Soula and that I had a Anglo Saxon name. Till this day I wish my name was different.

The second story is about our next-door neighbours Mr and Mrs Johnson who were like our surrogate grandparents. Mr Johnson was a Headmaster, and I was really scared of him, he was a typical headmaster back then. Mrs Johnson was a beautiful soft woman who introduced me to my first cup of tea. She would make me a cup of tea with half a can of condensed milk. It was heaven, I made every excuse to go next door regularly just for



that cup of tea.

I went to Princess Hill High School in Carlton, which was close to the Carlton Football club where my older brother and I would go and watch the footy. I was a Carlton supporter and was more at home kicking footballs with the boys rather than doing girly things. I was a bit of a tomboy. My favourite player was Alex Jesaulenko who I had an enormous crush on so when he left Carlton and went to St Kilda my alliances changed and I became a St Kilda supporter and my family still have not forgiven me.

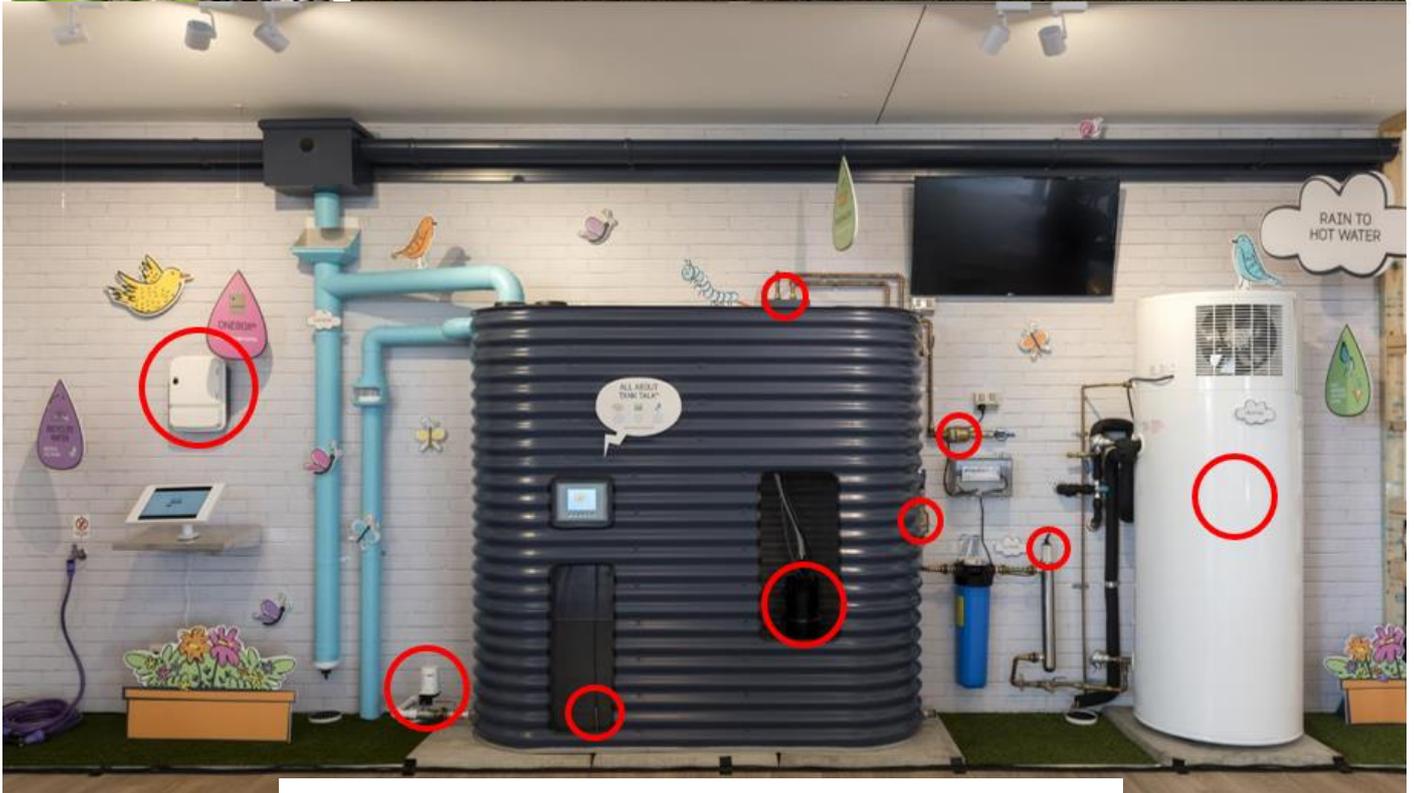
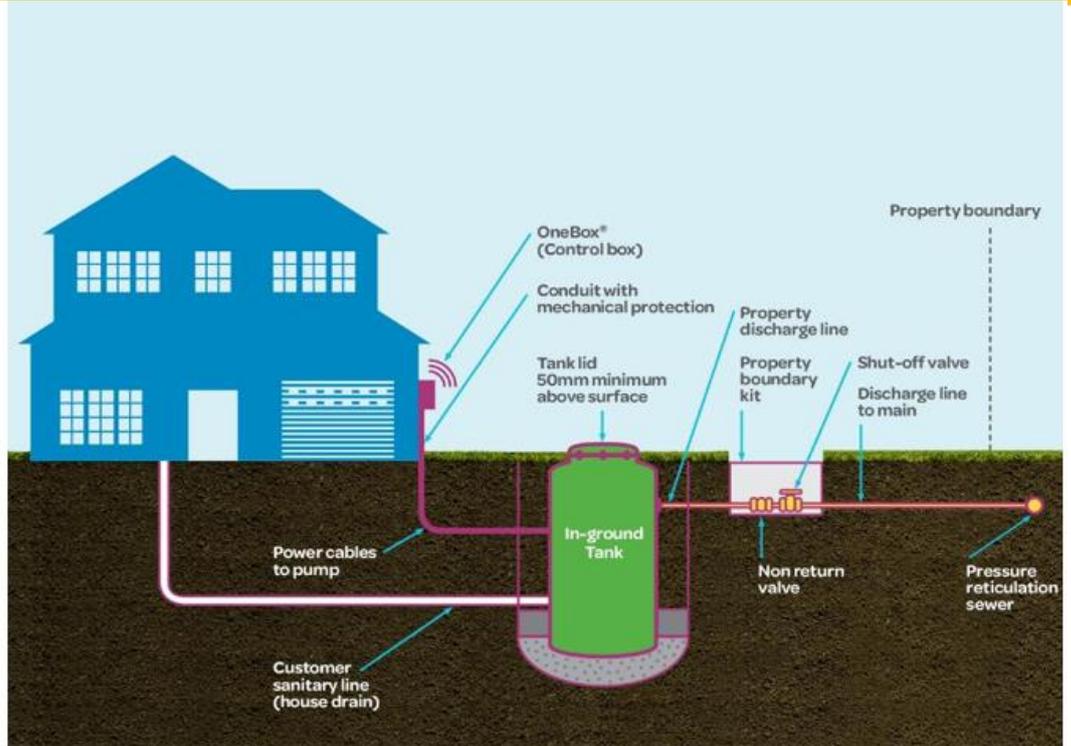
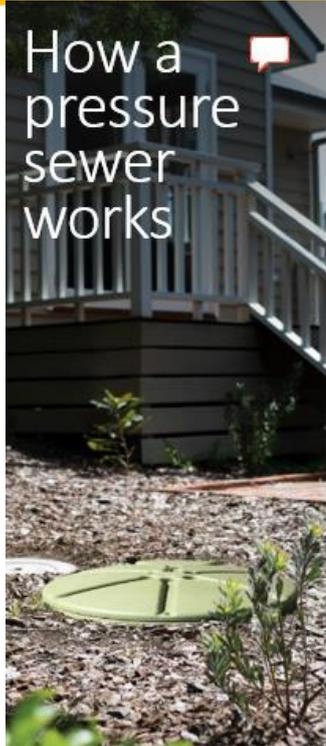
After I finished my HSC I went into the workforce and joined the Public Service and worked in the Department of Defence. I met my husband there and we were married in 1981. My first child James was born in 1984. James is now 37 years of age, he is a marketing Manager with Mastercard and lives in Southbank in the city with his partner Kate. My second boy David was born in 1989 and David now is 32 he works at Deakin University as a copywriter. He lives in Camberwell with his partner Emily. My children are my pride and joy. I am proud of what they have achieved but prouder of the fine young men they have become. They are very loving to their father and I and they are considerate and kind people.

Fast forward to 2009 where unfortunately my marriage of 28 years broke down and I found myself alone for the first time in my life. I was sad, disappointed and devastated. I then had to decide whether I was going to Sink or Swim. Thankfully, I decided to Swim. I re-evaluated my life. With no offence to men, I believe that women end up wearing lots of hats. We have so many roles in our lives. I was a wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister. I was the cleaner, the cook, the driver and so much more. I had no regrets but decided it was now going to be all about me. Like most people, I had dreams, mine were to travel. I always wanted to go to Paris and New York. So I booked a ticket to Europe, joined a tour and had the best time of my life. The highlight was of course Paris. My fondest memory is the first night in Paris I was on a boat on the Seine River sailing towards the Eiffel Tower which was lit up and what a sight it was. It was very emotional, and I thought at that moment that it was no longer a dream, it was reality. Fortunately, a few years later I travelled to New York.

The last 10 years have been life changing for me, and what I have learnt about myself and life?

I have learnt I am independent, resilient, brave and that I am really proud of who I am. I have learnt about life that age is only a number and should not be a barrier, It takes more energy to be negative than to be positive so I choose to be positive. The glass is always half full and I believe the two most important attributes a person could have is gratitude and empathy. I have learnt that this journey is short and we need to make the best of everyday and just be Happy.

This Week's Speaker



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- Empty pipe alarm (detect theft, broken main)
- Maximum daily flow (could indicate pressure issues)
- Customer leakage (continual flow for 24 hours)



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