



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is managing alright. This lockdown does seem to be lasting forever. But hopefully the coming week will bring us some better news.

The Farmer's Market was again extremely busy – definitely a case of people having not much to do and nowhere to go! Thank you to everyone who volunteered on the day. Our Team Leader Adrian's report is further on in this newsletter.

For the moment, of course, we are continuing our meetings on zoom at 6pm each week. Bridget has done a great job re-arranging our program, and we have some very interesting and varied Speakers organised over the coming weeks.

As I mentioned at our meeting, we are having our Board Meeting at 6 pm on Tuesday 14 September. Any member is welcome to attend. Please contact Secretary Greg Every for details.

I certainly enjoyed the football on Friday night and I'm sure some fellow members did too. With so little to entertain us, it has been great fun.

GO DEES!

Yours in Rotary

Lynda



Next Meetings

Thursday September 16

Zoom Meeting

6 pm start

Catherine Smyth-McMullen

The Making of TV Series

Chair: Greg Every

Thursday September 23

Zoom Meeting

6 pm start

New Members Talk

Michelle Butt

Chair: Megan Glenwright

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

Covid rules apply as advised.

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Black Rock Farmer's Market Report

Under the current COVID restrictions Farmer's Markets are allowed to operate, but must ensure a strict COVID safe plan is in place. For our market on Saturday Regional Farmers Market (RFM) had prepared

The weather was excellent, although windy early, it remained dry and quite warm. No doubt due largely to there being no activities or entertainment currently allowed the attendance was very heavy right from the start.

RFM kept count of those on site and we limited the number at 340, at which point we invoked 'one out, one in'. This resulted in having a large queue waiting to enter from between 10:30 to 11:45. The limit of 340 being set to be under our '1 person per 4sqm' density which was 390.

RFM endeavoured to ensure people abided by the COVID rules of not stopping to eat, congregate, and limiting stall queues to 5 people, but this was quite challenging and the site did feel continually quite crowded. All stall holders I spoke to were delighted with the trading, many selling out early; The bell-weather of Bromleys reporting that they brought an extra 15 trays of bread than last market, and still sold out at 11am.

The large attendance was reflected in the gate takings, although slightly down on last month presumably due to limiting the number on site. Many thanks to Viv, Mark, Malcolm, Michelle, Gail, Maureen, Antony and Charmaine for being our team for the day.

Adrian Culshaw

Joel Douch, This Week's Speaker.



This Week's Joke

A priest, a pastor and a rabbit walked into a blood donation clinic.

The nurse asked the rabbit: 'What is your blood type?'

'I am probably a Type O', said the rabbit.

Courtesy Greg Every

In these times we all need a laugh so more contributions welcomed.

Sight of the Week (last page)

A sunflower with seeds removed to create a smiley face is pictured in a field on a hot summer day in Kasaoka, Japan

Buddhika Weerasinghe / Getty

This Week's Speaker

Speaker: Joel Douch

Topic: Melbourne City Mission (MCM)

We welcomed Joel Douch, Assistant to the CEO of MCM (Melbourne City Mission).

Joel told us there were three layers of homelessness.



WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS?

7%

Homelessness in Australia is often referred to as a 'three layered situation'² but what does this mean?

Homelessness is defined as "a state of non-permanent accommodation or accommodation that falls far below minimum community expectations."

1. **Primary homelessness** is the definition applied to those without conventional accommodation – this could mean 'sleeping rough' (under a bridge or on a park bench) or living in a car.
2. **Secondary homelessness** is defined as when people move frequently from one place to another, such as 'couch-surfing' at friends' houses or staying in a refuge.
3. **Tertiary homelessness** is defined as when people have accommodation but it is considered unstable, such as living in a caravan park or rooming house.

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At 2016 estimates were that there were 116,427 people homeless in Australia, of those 25,000 live in Victoria. The usual gender breakdown is 58 % male, 42 % female. The largest cause of homelessness is Family Breakdown and Family Violence.

MCM provides amongst other services : Palliative Care, the Hester Hornbrook Academy to re-engage young people in Education, and Front Yard - Victoria's only specialised youth homelessness service. MCM has 800 employees and a budget of \$80 million; funding breakdown is 15% fundraising, 50% government and 35% NDIS.

Joel noted that they try to work in partnerships particularly to address sector fragmentation. In response to a question Joel has provided us with egs. of what particular donations can do.






The lack of Social Housing (which comprises on 3% of housing in Victoria) is a major contributor to Homelessness and accommodation insecurity.

Trish Smyth

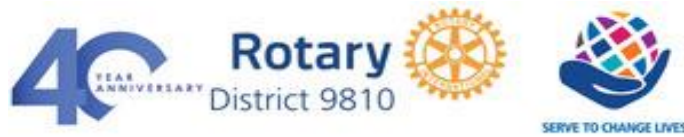
Some of the key things we need to end youth homelessness

1. More substantial, wide-scale prevention and early intervention programs
2. More affordable housing options
3. An increase in Youth Allowance
4. Holistic, integrated, wrap-around services
5. Wider availability of flexible education and training, and supportive transitions to sustainable employment
6. More investment in models that we know work, such as Foyers

Examples of what your donation can go towards

-  \$35 – Psychologist appointment
-  \$55 – Emergency pack of personal care and hygiene products
-  \$95 – One night of emergency accommodation
-  \$135 – Food and clothing vouchers
-  \$595 – One week of emergency accommodation

International/Foundation Seminar 16th September



Thursday 16th September 2021 7.30 pm – 8:30 pm

CLUB AND DISTRICT 60 INTERNATIONAL / FOUNDATION MINUTES

- 1) Summary of 2020/21 District and Global Grants – Winning Projects
- 2) Stronger Kiriwina – how could it be done again (with hindsight)?
- 3) Creating better projects – How we can win/win on both RAWCS and The Foundation.
- 4) Building stronger International / Foundation Networks
- 5) ‘Bringing home the bacon’ – what you need to make a great project come to life.

We need to deliver some of the best Club projects, that collectively, we can all support, so come along and participate in the discussion – *for just 60 minutes*.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86988491734>

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Soula Deville	Malcolm Sawle
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Bayside Charity Golf Day

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Jim O'Brien	Richard Jones

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Ken Mirams	Liz Tanzimat
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