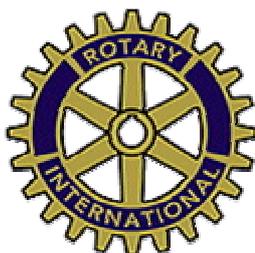


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IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME

VENUE	SPEAKER / TOPIC	CHAIRPERSON
Next meeting: Wednesday 13 January 2016 6pm for 6.30pm start		
Sean's place (refer member list for address)	Joint Club New Year Return with RC Monash	Sean
And then: Wednesday 20 January 2016 6pm for 6.30pm start		
LOC (Bistro)	Social Night	NA

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES & CLUB INFORMATION

Club Postal Address: P.O. BOX 295 GLEN WAVERLEY 3150

Web Address: <http://mountwaverleyrotary.org/>

FACEBOOK ADDRESS: <http://www.facebook.com/mountwaverleyrotary>

Bulletin Copy Deadline: **5.00 PM.** Sunday to Glen Watkins.

Other Important Addresses:

1. Oakleigh Market shifts are **6am-10.30am** and **9.30am till 1pm**. The address is Corner Atherton Rd and Hanover Sts Oakleigh.
2. Mount Waverley Market shifts are **7-11.00 shift 1** (x 2 pax) then **11-2pm shift 2** (x 1 pax). The address is Hamilton Place Shopping Centre, Stephensons Road Mount Waverley.
3. Leighoak Club (LOC) is located at 1555 Dandenong Road Oakleigh.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR MEETING ATTENDANCE TO PAUL POWER (WHILST KEITH KENDRICK IS TAKING ON PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES) ON 0400 994 746. ADVICES OF LEAVE DATES WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

OUR FOOD DONATION BIN FOR MONASH WAVERLEY COMMUNITY INFORMATION & SUPPORT (MWCIS) IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR THE CLUB. PLEASE BRING TO ROTARY MEETINGS A SMALL DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD FOR THE DONATION BIN, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE FRONT CORNER OF THE MEETING ROOM.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CLUB/ROTARY EVENTS IS IN THIS BULLETIN. ROTARIANS PLEASE CHECK FOR YOUR MARKET/ROTARY PROJECT COMMITMENTS ON THIS PAGE AND MARK YOUR DIARIES ACCORDINGLY.



President's Report for 13 January

No report.....

Kind regards
Sean Darbyshire

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING

See previous report.

CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

(Week of 13/1-19/1): Happy 75th birthday to Roger on 14th. Happy 10th wedding anniversary to Michelle and Arjan on 14th.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROMAC

Dear ROMAC Team,

I attended a meeting convened by the Manager ROMAC Southern Region, Gaynor Schols. A summary of the main points that came from the meeting is below.

Potential Patients: Southern Region has the potential to get a number of patients during 2016 based on the number of beds made available by the major hospitals. RCH has made 6 beds available to ROMAC and Monash Medical Centre has made available one 'charity' bed per month, ie 12 for 2016, to be shared between ROMAC, Children First, Timor Hearts etc, on a case by case basis. Beds might also be available in private hospitals if the attending surgeon operates from that hospital and if they have a bed available at the time. So it looks like the region could have busy year.

On that score, two patients have already been allocated to Southern Region. A heart patient, Talitha Tago from PNG, will be going to D9800 early in the year, taking one of the RCH beds. We were allocated a 22 month boy from Timor Leste, Tetoriano Da Silva, for removal of a kidney tumour at MMC in Jan. However, events have overtaken us and I received a call from Gaynor yesterday afternoon saying that Tetoriano's surgeon has seen his scans and has advised that Tetoriano arrive as soon as possible, preferably within a week. The ROMAC Operations Manager is moving to make this happen as quickly as possible but with the need for passports, visas, air bookings etc we do not have any clear idea, at this time, of when he might arrive. Nevertheless, we are ready. My sincere thanks to Dianne and Bill Sides who readily agreed to home host Tetoriano, and his father Santiago, and to their club (RC of Clayton) who immediately agreed to be the Sponsor Club. Likewise, our Tetum interpreter Lidia Soares, Convenor of the Timorese Australian Community, is ready to help as soon as Tetoriano arrives.

ROMAC Website: A new ROMAC website has been commissioned. Please check it out and if you have any comments let me know so we can pass them up the line.

Costs: It comes as no surprise that medical/hospital costs are rising. Last year the four Southern Region patients at RCH cost \$159,000, not including flights, living expenses etc. Overall, the average cost of a ROMAC patient across Aust and NZ, given that some operations are done on a pro bono basis in private hospitals, is around \$25,000. 44 patients were treated last year so the ROMAC costs are around the \$1,100,000 mark per year, at present. Obviously, the number of patients we can treat is limited by the amount of funds available. Currently there are some 60 patients on the waiting list.

Fundraising: Last year the NZ ROMAC Region was successful in getting a RI Foundation Grant. This year the Australian Regions are joining NZ to submit another grant application. Districts have been asked to contribute some DDF towards the application. Three of the Southern Regions have done so, but unfortunately D9810 was not in a position to help.

Donations emanating from the Southern Region Districts are also below trend. From our D9810 ROMAC Committee point of view, we have noticed a downturn in our club donations. Normally, there is a strong correlation between the presentations we give to clubs and donations received from those clubs. So far this Rotary year we have given 11 presentations and only two of the clubs have donated. I am aware, that this Rotary year, there are some other projects given priority within the District so that may account for some of the drop off. However, I think that if we adopt a 'bottom up' approach and each of us approach our clubs and ask the Board to consider a donation to ROMAC, the trend could be reversed. Let's be proactive as individuals and ask our clubs to support ROMAC. We now have 39 ROMAC Volunteers within the District so a fair number of the clubs are covered.

An exciting ROMAC fundraising initiative will happen in Southern Region around the Feb/Mar period. Details are yet to be confirmed but Roger Woodward, the internationally renowned Australian pianist, has agreed to present a fundraising concert for us in Melbourne. Let's all get behind supporting this event.

Overall, we have had a fairly busy 2015. We have hosted three patients who were with us for a total of 8 months. Whilst Celestina is still here with Children First at their Kilmore farm both Geovanio and Heldericky have returned home, are healthy and are getting on with their lives. Liz Olie recently visited Celestina and she is out of her metal leg braces and now has full length leg plaster casts to support her legs. She is getting around well on crutches and the current plan is that she will be able to go home around Feb. Heldericky is well, enjoying life and has got back into his university studies. I received a nice thank you card from him last week and he is in constant Facebook contact with Norm Casey and Jason Chetty, who tell me he has been 'friended' by a number of young women since his return home.

As we look forward to 2016, it is shaping up to present us with another busy year. I am confident that, with the support we have in D9810, we will handle it well. If you haven't been able to get involved with our patients to date, please consider doing so in 2016. You will get more out of the experience than you put in, I can guarantee that.

Best Wishes

Graeme Chester

Chair D9810 ROMAC Committee

POTENTIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Hi Glen, I would like to put forward the following fund raising project.

The Memorial Pat Lannan Bike Ride for the RCH

- From Jells Park Wheelers Hill to the Bay (Carrum) and return around 60 km
- Using Eastlink and Dandenong Valley bike paths so there is no road riding
- Open to all who have a bike and complete the ride.
- Sponsorship of some kind (Ron's Sons bike shop?)
- Possible tie shirt etc
- To be held from now until the end of March, before GF

Could you put this in the next bulletin?

Regards

Malcolm F

CALENDAR/PROGRAMME

If you are aware that the nominated chairperson will not be available please let the bulletin editor know asap. For addresses - please refer page 1 of this bulletin except Rotarian addresses in which case refer Rotary Handbook.

LEGEND: ■ Club Market ■ Club Meeting ■ Rotary/Club Project

Date	Venue	Time	Event (or Topic)	Chairperson
15 Jan	Pinewood Coles	9.30am-10am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	Charlie
17 Jan	Oakleigh	6am-1pm	Oakleigh Market	Theo?/?
20 Jan	LOC Bistro	6pm-8pm	Social Night	NA
22 Jan	Pinewood Coles	9.30am-10am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	David B
27 Jan	LOC	6pm-8pm	Malcolm Freeman – Corporate Governance	Terry
29 Jan	Pinewood Coles	9.30am-10am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	David N