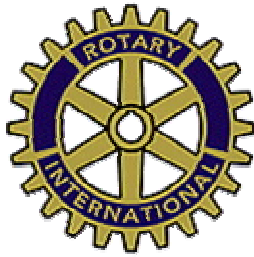


THE ROTARY CLUB OF
MOUNT WAVERLEY Inc.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Mt. WAVERLEY CLUB BULLETIN

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IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME

VENUE	SPEAKER / TOPIC	CHAIRPERSON / GREETER
This meeting: Wednesday 22 November 6pm for 6.30pm start		
LOC	Ms Julia Banks – Federal Member for Chisholm	Ros / Malcolm
Next meeting: Wednesday 29 November 6pm for 6pm start		
LOC	4 RYPEN students and Sinead Kelly winner of the 4-Way Test Speaking Competition	Margot / Terry

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 **7am-1pm** (permanently Charlie/Beth) with closing **shift 1-2pm** (x 2 person assisted by Charlie). The address is Hamilton Place Shopping Centre, 283 Stephenson's Road Mt Waverley.
3. Leighoak Club (LOC) is located at 1555 Dandenong Road Oakleigh. We meet upstairs unless otherwise indicated.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR MEETING ATTENDANCE TO FIONA CLEARLY 0410605233 AND BULLETIN EDITOR WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVICES OF LEAVE DATES.

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 YOUR MARKET/ROTARY PROJECT COMMITMENTS ON THIS PAGE AND MARK YOUR DIARIES ACCORDINGLY. IF YOU CAN'T MEET DESIGNATED COMMITMENT FOR THE MARKETS OR FOR MEETING CHAIR AND GREETER, THEN PLEASE ADVISE ANDREW (FOR MARKETS) AND TERRY OR GLEN (FOR CHAIR/GREETER).



Presidents Report for 22nd November 2017.

Our Wednesday night meeting was a social night held at the LOC Bistro with 12 of our members enjoying some good food accompanied by great company.

We had our Bunning's BBQ on Friday and fortunately we did not experience the heat that we had earlier in the week so cooking was pleasant and customers were consistent throughout the day. Thanks again to Beth and her band of merry members who were involved in the day's BBQ; net takings for the day were \$470.00.

Philip McKenzie attended the District International Seminar on Friday evening gaining much information on International projects; Philip will be looking at the feasibility of a possible District Grant for one of the planned International projects.

On Tuesday I was fortunate to be invited along with Ros Clowes and Margot Eaton to attend a meeting with staff at the Holmesglen Youth Foyer in Glen Waverley. The Youth Foyer is a learning and student accommodation centre for young people aged 16-24 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Holmesglen Foyer is keen to be involved in Community activities and I see an opportunity for our Club to commence a dialogue with the Foyer with a view to finding activities that will provide mutual benefits. Ros Clowes has arranged for the Holmesglen Foyer Manager, Bianca Joyce, and some students to meet up with us at a Club meeting in early February.

As a reminder to all members that last week's Bulletin had notifications from Clubs in our Cluster group for up and coming fundraising events. The **RC of Glen Waverley** is having a fundraiser for Monash Health at a Chinese restaurant in Springvale on 26 November and the **Monash Rotaract Club** is having a **Wine and Cheese Tasting** in support of 'End Trachoma 2020' on Saturday 2nd December.

I attended the Monash A & B Cluster meeting on Friday night and a variety of topics were discussed including membership growth, community projects within Monash and joint fundraising options between Cluster Clubs. Our Club is in the Monash B cluster along with Waverley, Monash and Oakleigh. Monash A Cluster includes Wheelers Hill, Glen Waverley, Clayton and Huntingdale.

This week we have as our guest speaker **Julia Banks MP** the Federal member for Chisholm. The following week we have the RYPEN students visiting and telling us of their experiences and we also have our 4-Way Test Public Speaking winner, Sinead Kelly from Avila College as our guest.

Our final meeting for the year is our Christmas meeting scheduled for 6th December; this will be a great fun night so please bring your partner and participate in the Christmas spirit.

See you at LOC.
Geoff Logie-Smith

PHOTOS (compliments Adrian)

None this week.

CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

FOR WEEK 22/11 - 28/11:

Happy Birthday to Beverley on 25th.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONASH ROTARACT FUNDRAISER

Monash Rotaract's annual Wine and Cheese Tasting is back and both the committee and the club are hoping to see many of our Rotarian friends at our event supporting us - **we need your help!** Please see attached for a copy of our flyer, which we hope you will **forward on to the members of your club**. We would also greatly appreciate you advertising this event at your next club meeting.

The details are as follows:

TIME: Saturday 2nd December at 7.30PM

PLACE: Glen Waverley Community Centre

SUPPORTING: End Trachoma 2020

THEME: Christmas

COST: \$35 early bird (until 18 Nov), \$270 for table of 8

We have wines from 2 wineries paired with cheeses, along with platters and opportunities to purchase wine. We will have a guest speaker (or two!) talking about End Trachoma 2020, as well as games and prizes so bring spare change. Last year was a great success, as we raised \$1500+ on the night which we were able to donate to the Queen Elizabeth Centre's Therapeutic Garden - and this was **only possible with the help of Rotarians!!!**

As most of you will know, End Trachoma 2020 is a Rotary Australia initiative, and as Rotaractors, we are doing our bit to help prevent trachoma - **so we hope you join us in the fight!** We are also intending to have Rotaractors attending Rotary meetings in the next few weeks, but I will be in touch with you when this has been confirmed.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,

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MONASH HEALTH FUNDRAISER

Marvellous Monash Night 26 Nov

Hi All

As I mentioned on the phone this afternoon, we are having a spectacular evening at a very nice Chinese restaurant in Springvale on 26 Nov. If your club could make up a table of 10, that would be wonderful. Even if you can't make up a 10 we are happy for any Rotarians to join us. I attach a flyer which gives details. It does cost \$60 per head but this includes dinner and floorshow! Bookings are either direct via Trybooking or just contact me and I will work some magic. Hope to see you there!

Jeff Steel

CLUB WEBSITE

Those who visit the website will notice some changes over the next few weeks. Immediately there is a small change to the calendar of events on the front page. If you click on the current meeting date (noting it is a live hyperlink) you will see the guest speaker for that meeting. Keep your eyes open for future exciting changes coming up.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The Rotary Club of Mount Waverley has supported the Lotus Children's Centre in Ulaan Batar for the past 11 years. The Centre was started by an Aussie Gabriel Dowling (who is known as Didi Kalika in Mongolia) over 20 years ago in response to the need to care for and support homeless, abused and orphaned children when Russia walked out after Perestroika.

My recommendation is that the Club increases its sponsorship from \$1200 to \$2000 for the next budget year. This is the cost of education for one year for one of the students who show potential. We have supported Lotus with an education scholarship for the past four years.

Below is their latest newsletter.

Regards

Geoff T

News from Autumn 2017 at The Lotus Children's Centre

[View this email in your browser](#)



At this time of year we have two main focuses for donations.

Firstly, we are looking for help with our winter fuel costs. We are hoping to find 50 donors to each pledge 50,000 MNT (\$20) per month from Nov-May which will cover the heating costs at our Gachuurt site.

Secondly, we are starting to collect donations for the children's Christmas/New Year gifts. Each child will receive a gift of around 20,000 MNT (\$8) in value.

If you would like to sign up to buy a child a gift or if you can pledge a monthly amount towards our heating costs then please email us at info@lotuschild.org.

Thank you.

[How to VOLUNTEER](#)

Dear Margaret and Geoff Taylor,

Hello and welcome to our Autumn update for 2017. We hope you had a wonderful summer, and are enjoying the beautiful autumn. Actually, here in Mongolia we've had winter peeking around the corner already, with 20cm of snow and nighttime temperatures falling to -20° Celsius already this week. We've had a very busy few months since you last heard from us. The summer was as fun-filled as ever with dozens of fantastic volunteers from across the globe coming to give their time and energy to enhance the lives of the Lotus children.

We are well into the 2017/18 academic year now and it is great to see so many of our children flourishing and excelling in new schools this year. As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, we have been working on finding new educational opportunities for some of the Lotus Children and we now have 12 children attending various private schools in Ulaanbaatar. More on this below.

We have continued organising a variety of successful local fundraising events throughout this year including a picnic at our site in Gachuurt, a stargazing evening, and an Autumn Gala Dinner last week. From our local events so far this year we have raised almost 50 million tugrug (\$20,000 / £15,000) which is testament to the incredible work and generosity of our local friends and supporters in Mongolia. You can keep up to date with further such events by following our [fundraising page](#) on Facebook.

In this email you will be able to read about what else we have been up to since you last heard from us. We are very excited to have opened our new training workshop in Gachuurt, we've made progress on our sustainable housing project, we've been developing our new Café in Ulaanbaatar, and more!

As always we would not be here without the many friends around the world who actively support us to enable us to continue our work in Mongolia. We send out our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you. We'd love to stay in touch with you, and there are many ways you can contact us. You can email us info@lotuschild.org, message us through our [Facebook page](#), and we are also on [Twitter](#).

We hope you will enjoy this update from The Lotus Children's Centre. As the end of the year approaches we wish you all a happy and peaceful festive period

Warm regards

The Lotus Children's Centre, Mongolia



On Friday November 3rd we officially opened our new vocation training workshop. The project would not have been possible without the sponsorship offered by our friends at IVCO, Global Explorations and other individual sponsors. This new building has a garage, bakery, hair and beauty training room as well as two further multi-purpose training rooms. We will now be able to bring in skilled teachers and with these facilities our children will have regular access to vocational training opportunities which will give them a better chance of being successful in life.



We are delighted to have been able to send 12 children to study at new private schools this year, giving them new opportunities and brighter futures. We have four children attending the English School of Mongolia (pictured), four students at the Ulaanbaatar Elite International School, and four others at different Mongolian private schools. These opportunities are only available through the generosity of the schools coupled with the generosity of individual sponsors from around the world. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child to attend a better school next year then please [contact us](#), private school fees start from around \$2,000 per year.



You may have noticed we have a new-look [website](#). Please let us know what you think of the new style. We are still looking for a 'virtual' volunteer who can help update and maintain the website from time to time. Please let us know if you or someone you know can help us out with this.



On Saturday November 4th we held our Autumn Gala Dinner fundraising event at the Kempinski Hotel Khan Palace in Ulaanbaatar. A hundred guests joined us for a wonderful evening with superb food from the hotel and a stunning range of entertainment including famous faces such as Mongolian singer/producer Sosorbaram and singer Nominjin who generously gave their time to perform. The event was a huge success for Lotus as we raised around 12 million tugrug (\$4,900, £3,700) and built on our growing reputation for quality fundraising events.



In September, on the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha we were visited by Turkish Airlines who delivered gifts including toys, stationery and food funded by donations collected from the people of Turkey.



This season our winter clothing budget has been sponsored 100% by JACOBS Engineering. We have had a very good relationship with Jacobs since they arrived in Mongolia last year and we have become their official local charity. In addition to the winter clo



We are delighted to announce a new partnership with Santis Educational Services which is a highly regarded English language training centre in UB. Santis provides English courses to a variety of clients including contracts with some of Mongolia's largest companies as well as some government departments. Santis has agreed to give free English language tuition to the Lotus children.



Since June we have been running the Lotus Café in Ulaanbaatar. The café offers a range of delicious vegetarian and vegan dishes as well as coffee, tea and fresh smoothies. More importantly, it has given new opportunities eight teenagers who have been learning skills including cooking and baking, customer service and management. We are very lucky to have had the support of Alliace4Kids in Switzerland who's financial backing helped made this project possible.



During the summer we continued our relationship with the Mongolian Amateur Cricket Association who came to deliver weekly coaching sessions to the Lotus children. Unfortunately the weather now has brought this to a temporary stop which we search for a suitable indoor venue to continue the sessions through the winter. Our children have however been taking part in a number of indoor sports competitions at their schools over the past month, with outstanding success.



One of the big projects of the summer was Australian volunteer Maha's sustainable housing project. With many helping hands from volunteers and Lotus children alike, Maha is building a house made from sandbags at Lotus. The project is due to be completed in early summer 2018 and will serve as a blueprint for future projects with an emphasis on sustainable and affordable buildings which can potentially be replicated for Lotus graduates when they leave and need a new home to live in.



ROMAC - Successful departure and arrival home for Patricio R-1114

Hello to all our ROMAC volunteers. The sudden departure of Patricio and Norberto on Friday night was successful with eight people who saw them onto the plane to Darwin. They arrived in Dili and we were notified on Saturday around 11.00am. Family celebration and thank you messages to the host families were received by phone from the very happy and thankful Mother and other children.

The great support of the ROMAC Operations team, of Barry Wilson, Carol Bourne and Rod Myers in Darwin & Mario de Jesus in Dili. made this part of the process go smoothly. I have attached a photo of those who were at the airport to see them off home to a much better life for Patricio and his family. Again my thanks to all those who support this work in whatever way you do. Fundraising to save a child's life, hosting, feeding, transporting, visiting and support through translation and friendship all go to make this a wonderful example of Rotary in Action. Keep up the dedication and support.

Norm Casey (acting chair D9810 ROMAC committee)

CALENDAR/PROGRAMME

If you are aware that the nominated chairperson will not be available please let the bulletin editor know asap. For venue addresses - please refer page 1 of this bulletin.

LEGEND: ■ Club Market(s) ■ Club Meeting ■ Rotary/Club Project

Date	Venue	Time	Event (or Topic)	Chairperson & Greeter
24 Nov	Coles P'wood	9.15am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	Geoff L-S
26 Nov	Oakleigh	6-1pm	Oakleigh Market	Andrew / Ron
29 Nov	LOC	6-8pm	4 RYPEN students and Sinead Kelly winner of the 4-Way Test Speaking Competition	Margot/Terry
1 Dec	Coles P'wood	9.15am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	David
3 Dec	Oakleigh	6-1pm	Oakleigh Market	Pete / Glen
6 Dec	LOC	6-8pm	Christmas Dinner & Celebrations	Geoff L-S
8 Dec	Coles P'wood	9.15am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	Terry
10 Dec	Mt Waverley	7-2pm	Mt Waverley Market - Christmas Raffle Drawn	Charlie/Beth/Roger/Terry
17 Dec	Oakleigh	6-1pm	Oakleigh Market	Paul/Malcolm
24 Dec	Oakleigh	6-1pm	Oakleigh Market	?/Don
31 Dec	Oakleigh	6-1pm	Oakleigh Market	Geoff L-S/ Andrew
7 Jan	Oakleigh	6-1pm	Oakleigh Market	Geoff T/Rhonda
10 Jan	TBC	6-8pm	Restaurant meal with RC Monash	NA
12 Jan	Coles P'wood	9.15am	MWCIS Coles Food Pickup	Adrian
17 Jan	LOC Restaurant	6-8pm	Club Forum – Fundraising	Geoff L-S & Beth