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Alice Terrill-Improving your Club Public Image

Alice, who among many other roles and interests is the Co-District Rotaract Representative for our District, gave a very inspiring presentation on how to improve the Club public image and expand its reach by using social media.

Alice outlined the importance of using Social Media, especially Facebook as it has 2.95 billion active users and 93% of NGOs are on Facebook. It is an ideal way to raise awareness of the Club and its projects, as well as building networks with like minded people. Currently our Club has 840 followers, which is quite a good situation, but could be improved.

There are 3 simple steps to consider, under the headings: Community, Connection and Content.

Community This requires considering who you are to the world, what makes you unique and what you want to present to the world. The 'community' to which you wish to relate may be location based, or it might be cause based. Any posts should be supportive, welcoming, non-critical and nonjudgemental. Effort needs to be made to find your community on-line.

Connection A simple way to make connections is to use hashtags. Adding three hashtags to a post increases the chance of the followers of other

organisations picking up on, and possibly sharing, Club posts, hence spreading information more broadly. In a similar way, tagging people in a post increases the chance of the Club post being liked and shared widely. Checking-in is a simple step that can also be of advantage to your location, such as the club meeting venue.

Content Photos are a very important part of FB posts. There should be a designated photographer for any event who should take multiple photos, at different angles. Smiling faces and action shots are more compelling and the photos must be high resolution—never out of focus. Ask permission before sharing.



Meeting Details

Where:

Tosaria's Café 60 Henderson Rd Rowville

When:

Tuesday, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

Meetings are hybrid unless indicated otherwise

Visitors are warmly welcomed

For information contact:

Kevin Harrison 0419 919 011

Meeting Zoom link <u>here</u>



Home Club of IPDG Dr Daryl Moran

Alice Terrill

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● Page 2 This week's meeting fun



For a bit of fun this week, members of the Club ate dinner while wearing glasses that are used to demonstrate various eye conditions. These glasses provided a compelling insight into how difficult it can be to manage everyday tasks, such as eating, with an eye defect. A quick 'whip around' resulted in \$60 that will be denoted to Vision Australia.

THANK 400 Corinne announced that the grand total of money raised from Bunnings BBQs, since November 11 2016, is now just **over \$50,500**. This is a tremendous effort and makes it our most consistent money raiser. President Kevin thanked Corinne warmly for all the work that is involved in planning the amount of sausages and bread that is likely to sell. Corinne has meticulous records which enable her to make excellent forecasts given the weather, month etc, and which leads to little or no wastage.

Thank you Corinne from all the Club for this planning and thank you to all the members who have been on rosters over the years to bring these funds into the Clubs coffers.

Page 3 Club News and Rowville Roundup

 Please refer to the email from President Kevin regarding a fun and fundraising night and sign up as soon as possible.

Date and Time: Friday February 24th at 6 pm

Location: Scoresby tennis club

Activities: Tennis—racquets and balls provided. Some other fundraising activities. A BBQ with sausages and hamburgers for \$20

- Secretary Heather announced that a VISA gift card has been sent to **Neha** and **Ahmad** as a wedding gift. Members would be aware that Neha is the Co-President of Knox Rotaract and the daughter of members **Anita** and **Rajeev**. Rajeev has sent through thanks from Neha and Ahmad.
- **Sue Batterham** recently ran a stall at the retirement village where she lives selling handmade fluffy animals. The \$376 raised has been donated to the Club. Thank you very much Sue.
- Adrian is currently in respite care after another fall and we all wish him well. Keeping in touch with a text would be appreciated.

Alice Terrill-contd.

A simple rule for content is 70% your own content, 20% sharing other content and 10% promotion, such as events or 'join us'.

Alice offered some feedback on our Facebook page, which is quite active, with lots of shared content. She suggested sharing 'chunks' from the newsletter, rather than the whole newsletter, with a photo and a catchy caption that would be more likely to gain attention. Doing these posts is a task that could be shared between several Club members, rather than creating an inordinate load for the Facebook manager. It is possible to schedule posts throughout the week and she recommends checking when the followers are most active and releasing posts at this time, to increase the likelihood of a post being noted.

The Club very much appreciated Alice making the time to share her experience with us and she has certainly given us much food for thought.







Hashtags

Tagging



Checking-in

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Rotary theme for each month

July- New leadership

August— Membership and New Club Development

September — Basic Education and Literacy

October— Economic and Community Development November—Rotary

Foundation

December—Disease Prevention and treatment

January-Vocational

Services

February—Peace building and Conflict resolution

March—Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

April—Maternal & Child

Health

May—Youth Service

June—Rotary Fellowships

Page 4 Volunteering for RICON 23

- Imagine Melbourne, in late May, when tens of thousands of Rotarians from all around the world arrive here for RICON 23.
- Imagine the buzz of different languages and different cultures, all with the common interest in Rotary.
- Imagine falling into conversation with strangers, knowing that you share a desire to help those in need.

The opportunity is there for all of us to share in the excitement of RICON 23, even if it is not possible to attend the Convention itself. Volunteers are needed for a vast array of jobs and this opportunity is open to Rotarians, friends and family. If the task is inside a Convention venue, volunteers will need to be registered for the Convention, but there are many other roles that will be required for jobs outside the venues.



Rotarians from Africa at the Hamburg Convention

A special opportunity exists for our Club to volunteer on Saturday May 27th for the signature event at the Melbourne Museum. Organisation of the volunteers for this event is being co-ordinated by our Club member PDG Daryl Moran. This is a great chance for many members of our Club to work together and be part of this exciting evening, so please give it serious thought. The Host Organizing Committee is hopeful for great support from our Club.

For more details about volunteering and to register to volunteer, click here.

Packing Day at Backpacks4 VIC Kids-Feb 1st



Our Club has received a Foundation Grant of \$9000 for Backpacks 4 VIC Kids, which is sufficient to provide 76 'y essetails' packs.

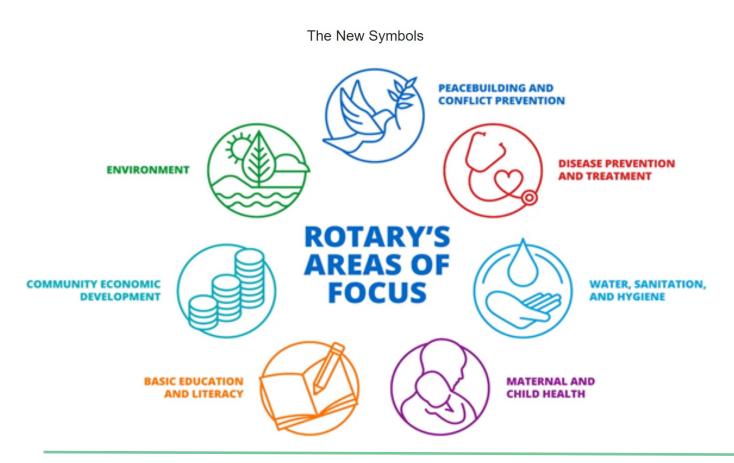
To follow through this process, a working bee will take place at the Backpacks factory on **Wednesday February 1st**, to pack Backpacks. These backpacks go to children who are taken into out-of-home care when their home environment is deemed unsafe and provides some necessary items such as toiletries and some comfort items such as a toy. More information is available on their <u>website</u>.

Eight people are needed for this day. If you are available and have not already put your name on the list, please let Marg know. Bring lunch, something to drink and something to share for morning tea. This is a great opportunity to see this amazing organisation close up!

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Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation recognize these seven areas of focus as organizational priorities, and there are countless ways that Rotarians can address these needs locally and internationally.





Club members who are keen walkers may be interested in taking part in the Lift the Lid Walk organised by the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills. This is a very well organised event with a range of options for walking distance, through the beautiful Gardiners Creek area.

See the link at the bottom of this flyer for more information about how to register.

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Behind the Curtain -3 Simple Steps to Maximising your Facebook Posts



📅 29 January 2023

12 noon - 1pm AEDT 2pm - 3pm NZT

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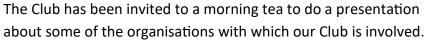
Alice Terrill, Whitehorse Rotaract; Sarah Hill, Wallsend-Maryland Rotary and Sarita McLean (Rotary Public Image Coordinator)

Morning Tea at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village

DATE: Friday February 3rd. TIME: 10.15 am

LOCATION: Peppertree Hill Retirement Village, Rowville.







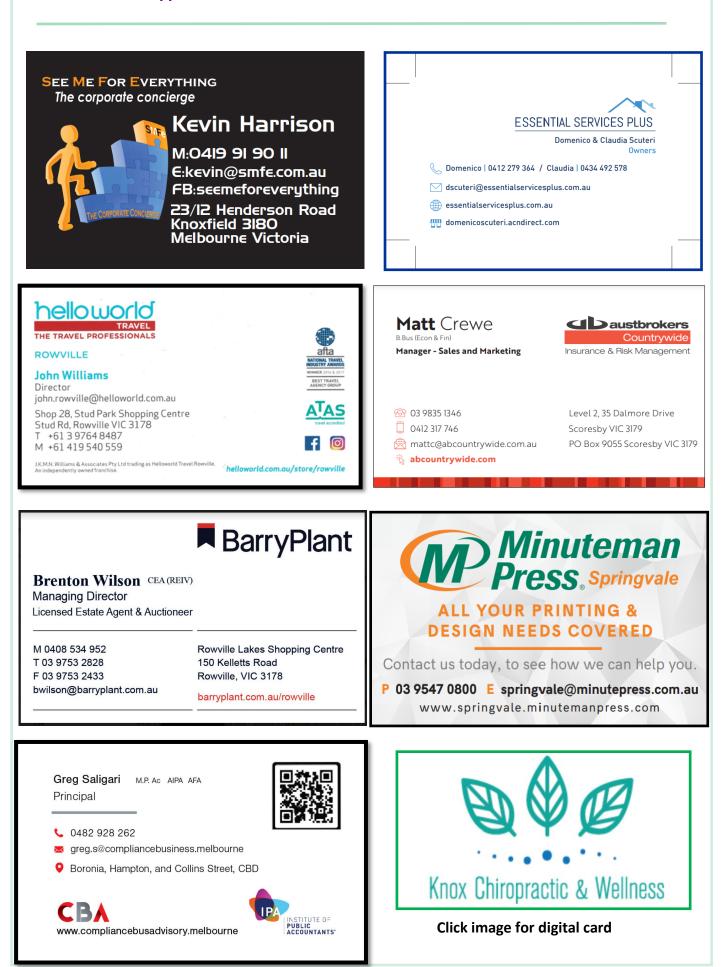
Many of these oganisation also gain benefit from the time and effort that members of the Village devote to helping others. This will provide the opportunity for newer members of the Village to become more informed.

Marg would like a good representation from the Club at this event, so if you are able to attend, please let her know.

(Food will be provided by Peppertree Hill)

Providing Sweet Treats for **Foothills Community Care** will commence at the start of February. Thank you to all those members who have volunteered to be on the roster. More details to come soon.

Page 8 Let's support our members in their business endeavours.



Page 9 Forward program 2022-2023

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program			
January—Vocational Services							
31	Kate	Pete	John Alan Stephen	Colin Byron DGN 'The opportunities and challenges lying ahead for District 9815'			
February—Peace Building and Conflict Resolution							
Wed 1	Packing day at Backpacks 4 VIC Kids 10 am-4.00pmish 8 people required. Our Club has received a \$9000 grant for 76 ME packs. Bring your lunch and something to share for morning tea.						
Fri 3	Morning Tea and presentation at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village 10.30 am						
7	Jeff	Carol	Stephen Bob Ian	Thameena Zarani 'My career progression in Melbourne'			
14			NA	Visit to refugee Community House 'Brand New Day' in Dandenong			



ANZAC Day adventure at Mansfield

It is proposed to mark ANZAC day in 2023 by having a Club trip to Mansfield. This could involve attending the 6.00 am Dawn Service and the 10am service. The ANZAC march for this service is very different, as it is led by mounted soldiers.

Possible lunch venues include wineries in the area.

Accommodation is available at various places close to the Vesey house including an air b'n' b in the same street. Bookings would need to be made soon to be sure of getting accommodation.

More details to come soon.

Website: www.rowvillerotary.com.au

Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>Rotary-Club-of-Rowville-Lysterfield-</u> <u>171446576246728/?ref=bookmarks</u>

Website: http://www.9810rotary.org.au

District 9810

2022-25 DUA	ARD MEMBERS	OTHER ROLES		
President	Kevin Harrison			
Vice-President	Marg Vesey	Rowville Secondary		
Secretary	Heather Morris	College Council Rep	Rajeev Wadhwa	
Treasurer	Neil White	Newsletter	Jenny Moran	
President Elect	Carol Constantine		Heather Morris	
Immediate Past Presid	ent Murray Wilson	Facebook	Kevin Harrison	
Director	Steve Macdonald	Website	Alan Lunghusen	
			Stephen Palamara	
2022-23 C	OMMITTEES	Club Protection OfficerAdrian Klep		
		Program Committee	Marg Vesey	
Community	Marg Vesey (mentor)		Jenny Moran	
	Kate Kidd		Kaye Sharman	
	Pete Batterham	On-to-Conference	Heather Morris	
Youth Service	Max Williams	Art Show Committee	Rajeev Wadhwa	
	Jeff Somers (mentor)		James Wilson	
Environment	Gary Forrest	Rowville Lysterfield Community News		
	Ayanthi Gunatilake	Correspondent	Jenny Moran	
Foundation	Neil White (mentor)	Fundraising Committe	ee	
	Adrian Klep		Carol Constantine	
International	Alan Lunghusen		Adrian Klep	
	(mentor)		Bob Morris	
	Arshad Samsudeen		Stephen Palamara	
Vocational	John Williams		Arshad Samsudeen	
	Neil Marshall		Kaye Sharman	
Membership	Ayanthi Gunatilake			
	Gary Forrest			

