



# Box Hill Burwood Bulletin

Rotary Club No.18355 District 9810 DG - Alma Reynolds Club President - PDG David Tolstrup

Vol 64 No.10 Dec. 2020 Editor: PP Lyndon Smith Email: lyndonmady@gmail.com



## *President David's Message*

What an absolute delight it was to have dinner at the RSL with a few of our members, many of whom we were seeing face to face for the first time in many months. The highlight of this Rotary Year to date is and will be the fantastic opportunity for us all to get together for our Christmas Dinner. This year there will be some innovations at our celebration - no spoilers you'll just have to wait and see.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to having an, as near enough, to normal Christmas celebration with our families. A few weeks ago this situation was not looking certain at all. Alison & I trust that every member has an enjoyable time with those special to them.

Recently I have had the opportunity to communicate with a few of our members who are unable to attend the dinner.

Barbara Shaw sends her greetings and regrets that she is unable to attend the dinner. Barbara is to have some medical procedures undertaken on her legs which will slow her down, which is, in itself, quite an achievement. Barbara's big news is that she has purchased a unit in Rowville, near where her Daughter lives, and will share her time between there and Somers.

Mick Matthews is currently in hospital [at the time of writing anyway] receiving some attention for his heart condition. He and Jewell also send their greetings. Jewell advises that she and Mick are enjoying life and hope to see us all sometime in the New Year.

Continued.....

## **Where are we? (When Covid-19 restrictions end)**

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood meets at 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings of the month in the Upton Room, Lower Level, Box Hill RSL, 28 Nelson Road, Box Hill. Members are requested to contribute \$10 per meeting to meet the hire of the Upton Room. Meetings are followed by a meal at 7.30 pm in the RSL Bistro.

Also informal Fellowship meals are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at 6.15pm at the RSL Bistro.

(During Covid-19, meetings are via Zoom at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays and hosted by President David Tolstrup).

## President's Message Continued:-

This whole year really has been a challenge but I am very proud of the fact that we have held the club together, largely thanks to Mr Zoom. The Board has been functioning efficiently and effectively and the Marketing Committee in particular has been working on re-positioning our Club into the Burwood area once this jolly Covid thing is out of the way.

The way our Club was able to respond to the fall out of the Corona Virus locally was outstanding with our two major initiatives of the Coffee for emergency workers and the student food project. Both these projects delivered effective and well targeted relief and was a credit to our Club.

With the Op Shop up and running again, gangbusters is a word which springs to mind, and the Farmer's Market back in business our ability to raise funds is now looking brighter.

In the New Year we will all be involved in celebrating and creating community awareness around the Centenary of Rotary in Australia. A key element will be the Baton Relay which will involve our club members identifying significant landmarks and buildings relevant to the history of our Club. We will be joined by our Interact Club members in what should be an impressive marketing effort.

Alison and I extend our most sincere of Christmas Greetings to all of our Rotary Family and we look forward to meeting up again, in person, in the New Year. Our first meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> will still be by Zoom, but hopefully by our first meeting in February, we will be back to the RSL.

Merry Christmas to you all.

President David Tolstrup

## Previous Club Zoom Meeting Tuesday 1st December 2020



President David Tolstrup welcomed 15 members and guest speaker James Murphy

## Previous Club Zoom Meeting continued    Tue 1 Dec 2020

- Our RCBHB **Christmas Dinner** is all set to happen at the Box Hill Golf Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Tuesday 15 Dec. 2020 with no hugging or hand shakes and masks to be worn into the venue to be later removed for dining.
- Although there will be no singing at our Christmas Dinner, **Tim Lynn and Trish Carr** have arranged some joyful activities to entertain us.
- The Christmas Dinner will be our last formal event for 2020 and we will resume on **Tuesday 19 Jan. 2021** with a Zoom meeting. (We may have a social New Year function in January - yet to be announced).
- The **Op Shop** is still doing great business but will **close on Wednesday 23rd December** for Christmas and reopen on **Monday 4th January 2021**.
- **Clem Joyce** advised a correction to a previous announcement regarding **Op Shop** earnings from 28 Oct were \$14k not \$7k.
- Our new **Club Polo Shirt** announced by **Ray McLeod-Dryden** is on hold at the moment but we can look at alternate samples provided by **Trish Carr**, and try on for size, at the **OP Shop** to place orders from **Monday 14 Dec**.
- **Tim Lynn** announced that hard copies of our **2021 Club Handbook** will be distributed at our Christmas Dinner, and **Ray Riehm** will provide us with our new **Club Name Badges**.



**Sergeant Robert Leach** delivered another Zoom session and again hit us hard with lots of clever fines including:-

- David Tolstrup for cricket results
- Les Marton for his Op Shop Minion purchase
- David Tolstrup for loosing his front tooth
- Ray Riehm for his RSL dinner special
- And lots, lots, lots more!

**Tim Lynn** gave us a clever joke of the week and **Robert Leach** will provide us with the next joke at our next Zoom meeting on **Tue 19 January 2021**.

## Whitehorse Farmers Market BBQ stall help

Last minute help for Rotaractors was provided by RCBHB members, including Lyndon Smith and Ray Riehm, to man the BBQ stall on Sunday last.

Ray Riehm (pictured right) did a great job for over 3 hours in showing the young girls how it was done. (and he seemed to enjoy himself as well!).

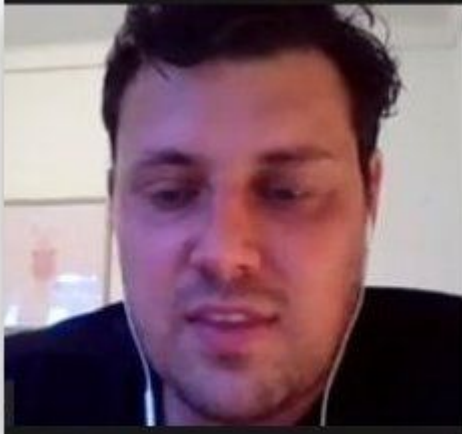




Tuesday 1 December 2020

Guest Speaker:

## James Murphy - “Activate Whitehorse”



James Murphy works at Whitehorse Council as the Placemaking Coordinator.

James has a passion for helping people connect with their community and joined Council in 2019 to assist with “the vibe” of our public spaces.

During COVID-19 James has helped beautify the Box Hill Mall, spearhead the Whitehorse Couch Choir and most recently **Activate Whitehorse** launched 1st December 2020. James outlined what “Activate Whitehorse” is about:-

“**Activate Whitehorse**” encourages people to work together to activate places in Whitehorse. It is about sharing ideas and passions with the broader community and invigorate our places, making them vibrant, welcoming and utilised. These qualities are essential for building and supporting the community and local economy.

Box Hill  
Character  
Changes



Council led  
Activations

May 2020 –  
August 2020



Chairman **Simon Wheelton** thanked **James Murphy** for his informative and colourful presentation. We wish him well with this excellent community project.



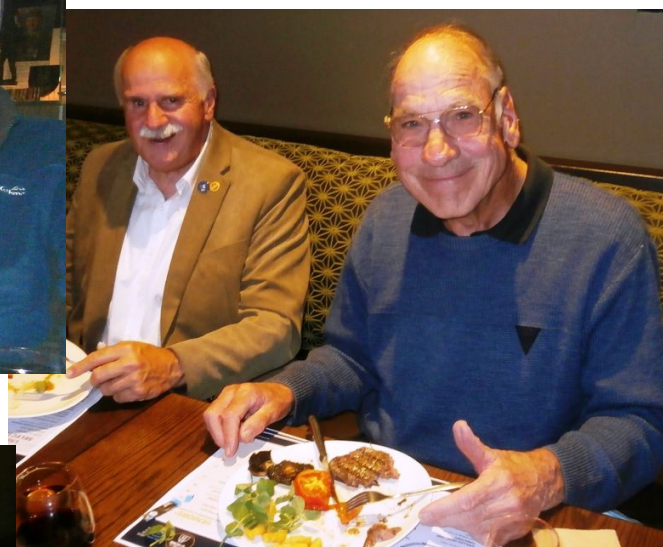
# Club Social Dinner at the RSL

Vice President Ray Riehm arranged the first social get-together for our club members since Covid lockdown at the refurbished Box Hill RSL.

It was a great evening attended by 13 members, Thanks Ray, well done.



**David, Charlie & Rob Fenton**



**The two Rays!**



**Robert, Steve and Tim Lynn**



**Les and Trish**



**Ray McLeod-Dryden leads Lyndon astray with a rich sweet dish !**



# International Students Food Drive

This turned into a major project for Rotary Club Box Hill Burwood partnering with St Tom's Hope organisation to provide regular food for struggling international university students over the Covid 19 virus period in Melbourne. Ray McLeod-Dryden organised a new promotional banner for us and our key driver of the project is Simon Wheelton.



Ray McLeod-Dryden & St Tom's Team



Director Simon Wheelton with our new promo banner



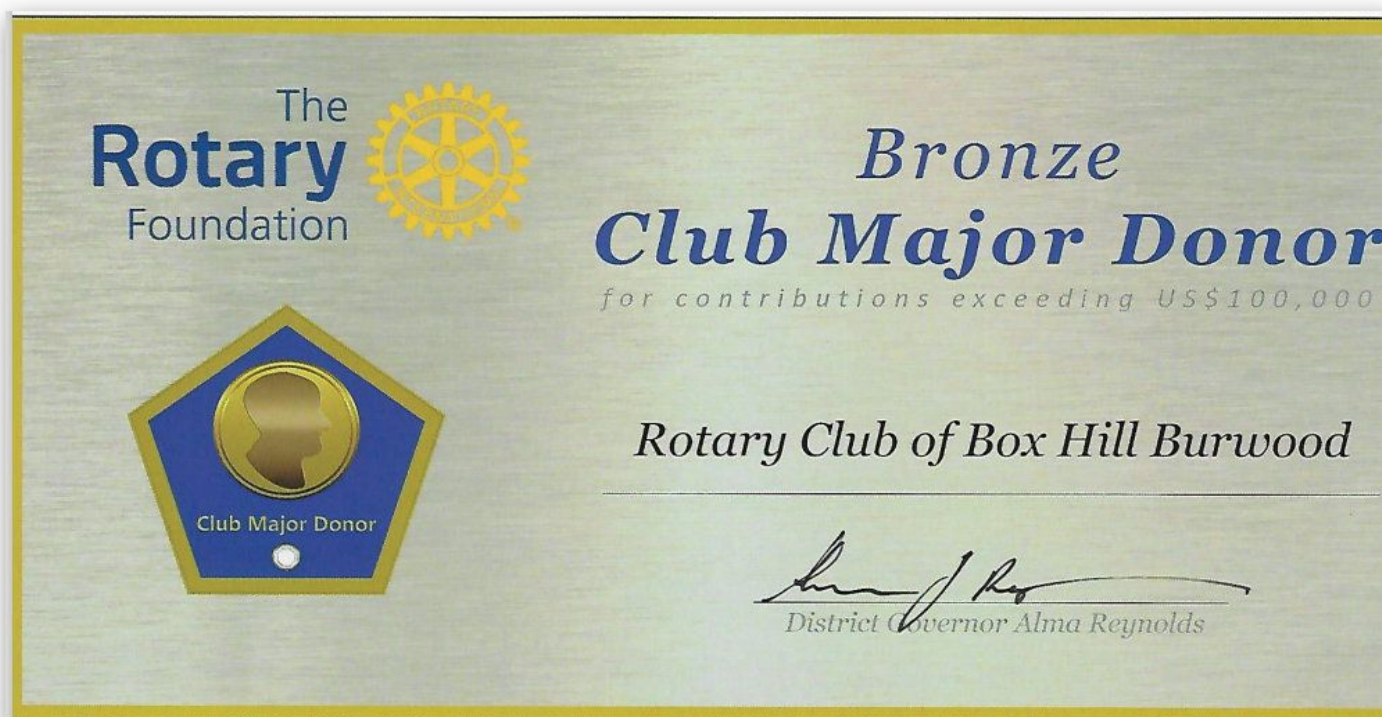
Food laid out for international students to collect each week at St Tom's Burwood





DG Alma congratulated the Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood and confirmed that we have been awarded a Bronze Major Donor Status Award from *The Rotary Foundation* for our Club's lifetime giving of \$US169,256. Individual donations add impressively to that amount.

Our Club has a proud record of being strong supporters of the Foundation.



- Rotarians are encouraged to make an annual contribution to our charity, the **Rotary Foundation**.
- Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world.
- There are numerous levels of recognition available for individuals who make contributions to the Rotary Foundation including Paul Harris Fellow recognition.
- Information about these can be found on the My Rotary pages of [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

# Rotary 2021 Baton Relay

The R100 Baton Relay is an event across Australia & New Zealand to celebrate 100 years of Rotary working in our communities. R100 Baton Relay will run throughout Australia, State by State, District by District, Club by Club. The Rotary vision is to have every club to participate and involve their communities, to bring local colour and culture, to own their celebration of 100 years of Rotary service with the R100 Baton.

## RCBHB Update by Director Ray McLeod-Dryden:-

*"I met with Mark Balla (RCBHC), Anne Teese (Mash) and Daniel Du Bois (Rotaract) last week to discuss arrangements for the **Baton Relay on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.*

*Our Cluster has broken up into A & B. with our Club working with RCBHC, MASH and Rotaract. ( Nunawading, Mitcham and Forest Hill will form the other group).*

*Our group have now organised the baton changeover locations and times, with our club being the last group to receive the baton from Rotaract at 3.30pm at the Box Hill Town Hall.*

*It is then our task to move the baton through the list of places we have nominated to end up at Northcote Tavern at the Burwood Brickworks at 6pm. All clubs have 2.5hrs to work their way through their locations.*

*The Baton Relay will commence at the Farmers Market at 8am with MASH. There will be a changeover from MASH to RCBHC at 10.30am at Alkira and Box Hill Central will changeover to Rotaract at the Baseball Club at 1pm where there will be a BBQ. As stated, Rotaract will then changeover with us at the Town Hall at 3.30pm*

*In order to organise our section of the Relay, Our Club has formed a Baton Relay Committee comprising of the following members:*

- Ray McLeod-Dryden
- Lyndon Smith
- Charlie XU
- Rob Fenton.



*Our Committee will now set about planning our Baton Relay route from Box Hill Town Hall to Burwood Brickworks.*

*This is a great opportunity for our Rotary club to promote the work we do for our community, particularly our Art Show, Community Grants, Op Shop etc*

*There are also possible Membership opportunities as well.*

*We are looking at involving our 2 Interact schools PLC and Kingswood in the Relay as well."*

**Director Ray McLeod-Dryden**



## Next Meeting:

Date: Tue 19th January 2021 7.30pm

Venue: Zoom (host log on - David Tolstrup).

Speaker: TBA

## December Birthdays:

Val Johnson, Lyndon Smith, Les Marton

## December Anniversaries:

Induction - Mick Matthews

Wedding - Jewel & Mick Matthews



## WILD LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY FUN!



*Bulletin Editor Lyndon Smith would welcome lots more information from members to enhance our communication during this difficult Covid-19 isolation time.*

