



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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President David's Message



It is disappointing but we all know the world will wait for us and all our optimistic plans and proposals can wait till Thursday to recommence. It is sad that our first "face to face" meeting for eleven Months has once again been deferred,, but, with any luck, we will undertake that happy occasion on Tuesday March 4th . Until then, this week's meeting will once again be on Zoom.

Last week sixteen members gathered at the RSL for an "informal bistro" meal.

The chattering was engaging and we all really enjoyed being back together again. We are certainly all looking forward to our first "face to face" meeting since last March. What a great speaker to have to kick us off again, telling us about our food for students project.

Many members are enjoying the social interaction of working as volunteers at the Farmers Market and the Op Shop. Both projects are really flying when we came out of lockdown, and back again soon we hope.

A very busy Board Meeting discussed a number of matters vital to our immediate and long term future. We were pleased to hear that we have four prospective new members – what wonderful news.

The recent change of Club Name to incorporate Burwood is bearing fruit with the Management of Burwood One Shopping Centre approaching us to discuss how they can help us in our promotional activities and the prospect of a potential project.

This year seems to be the year of "The Significant Birthday". We have just helped Tim Lynn celebrate his half century, and what a fulfilling innings it has so far been, and now word has leaked out that next week Ray McLeod-Dryden will chalk up a significant day and not to be out done Rae Harding and Simon Wheelton will, in May, emulate Ray's feat. None of the above look anywhere near their age.

The Club's Community Grants Program is about to be launched, so check the Club website and encourage any eligible groups to put in an application. The presentation of awards night will be May 4th.

David Tolstrup.

Where are we?

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood meets at 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm every 1st and 3rd 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 on alternate Tuesdays as scheduled at 6.15pm at the RSL Bistro.

Club Zoom Meeting Tuesday 2nd Feb. 2021



President **David Tolstrup** welcomed 18 Rotarians, partners and guests to our Zoom meeting and speaker **Kim Waters** from "Dream Stitches".

Items discussed:-

- When current Covid19 restrictions are over we will resume fortnightly meetings with dinner at the RSL on the first and third Tuesday nights each month.
- **Trish Carr** was thanked for producing excellent RCBH polo shirts. Members who have not obtained their shirts yet, please order from Trish.
- Membership Committee will meet on Monday 22nd February.
- RCBH Baton Relay Committee will meet on Sunday 21 February.
- Thanks to **Ray McLeod-Dryden & Simon** for organising our Australia Day Celebrations on 26/1/21 at Surrey Drive Park.
- The Board discussed a number of matters vital to our immediate and long term future. Information will be shared with members soon.



ROBERT LEACH announced Anniversaries and Birthdays including Tim Lynn's 50th birthday milestone.

Robert fined seven Rotarians with clever fines but still could not collect due to Zoom.

Les Marton gave us a good joke re nude women and alligators in a pond.

Next week's joke will be by Clem Joyce

Last Week's Guest Speaker Tue 2 February 2021

Kim Waters - "Dream Stitches"

"Dream Stitches" is a community-based sewing program for migrant and refugee women. Funded by The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, in partnership with Anglicare and the Anglican Parish of Box Hill, the program was formed 13 years ago. Run out of St Aidan's Church Hall every Friday, a dedicated group of volunteers teach sewing skills to refugee women, with the aim of helping them to supplement their family income.



Teacher and passionate sewer, Kim Waters was one of the first staff members to volunteer. She enjoyed the experience so much that she signed on to become a regular volunteer in 2018.

More information is available on their website Dreamstitches.org.au.

Where it all happens



Dream Stitches
A Migrant and Refugee women's sewing program

Lockdown and Covid-Masks and Quilts



750 masks for The Alfred Hosp for allied Health Workers



Dream Stitches Family

Approx. 25 students from cultures including-
South Sudan Iran Egypt Macedonia
Myanmar



Approx. 35 volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds
Teachers, professional dressmakers,
machinists, patternmakers, textile artists,
fashion designers, mostly retired



What we do -things to sell



What we do -Liturgical wear



WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIG 50th BIRTHDAY ??



Our twice Past President Tim Lynn reached the big 50 milestone on 1st February 2021 and was presented with a surprise birthday cake at his front door by Rotarian Trish Carr

Tim ended up with 3 birthday cakes, one showing the effect of 50 years!



Tim celebrated with a party thrown by Trish and Les at their factory premises for a select few guests.

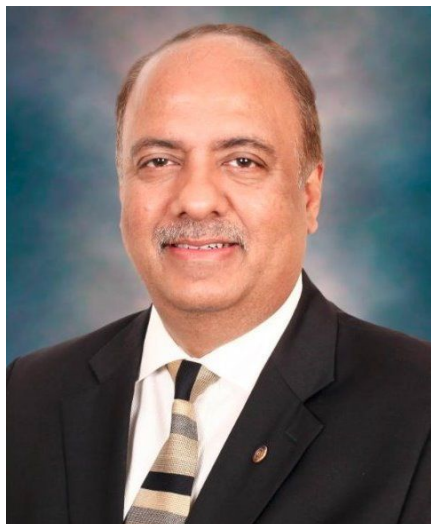
(Photos courtesy of Ray McLeod-Dryden)



CASUAL CLUB DINNERS ARE BACK ??...

...at least for a short time anyway, until our current Covid19 lock down hit us this week.

Hopefully our next casual dinner at the Box Hill RSL will be on Tuesday 23 Feb.



Shekhar Mehta of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the Nominated International President for 2021-22. His Theme for 2021-22 is **"SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES"**



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

OAM for Club Member **NORMA SEIP**



We are very proud of our member **Norma Seip** who was recently awarded **The Order Of Australia** in the general division for service to community health through advocacy and advisory roles.

Norma's areas of service include Monash Health (four areas), Victorian Women with Disabilities Network (three areas), Eastern Region Mental Health Association (three areas), Health—Other (five areas including Disability Resource Centre), City of Greater Dandenong Community Advisory Panel (and five other areas), Melba Support Services, Human Rights, Quality Advisory Committee, Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood Program Director, and many other community roles including current Accredited Presenter for Radio Eastern 98.1.



We congratulate Norma who now joins three other awarded club members, **OAM Charlie Xu, OAM Tom Thorpe and AM Paul Wheelton.**

Club Meeting 16 February 2021 Guest Speaker:-



Trami Truong
Community Outreach Worker
St Tom's Hope
Burwood

Trami Truong

Trami is the Community Services Coordinator at St Tom's Hope. She has organized the "Hope for Whitehorse" food drive for the past three years, in which volunteers across multiple Whitehorse churches and **Rotary Club Box Hill Burwood**, partner to collect non-perishable food from local residents to distribute to emergency relief agencies. Trami works for a software company by day and volunteers for St Tom's Hope, while juggling parenthood. She wants to encourage others to use their gifts to offer practical compassionate service to those in our community who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

This week on Zoom Trami will talk about the local program coordinated on our behalf by Director **Simon Wheelton** where St Tom provides food packages every week for up to 150 disadvantaged International students from Box Hill Burwood area.

Rotary Club Op Shop



Our Box Hill Burwood Rotary Op Shop is generating significant funds for local Charity in spite of the huge 2020 Covid 19 lockdown. YTD for FY 21 is only down 13% on same time FY20, and hopefully will continue to recover further towards the end of this Financial Year.

Big thanks go to Op Shop Manager, **Clem Joyce**, and his dedicated volunteers.

Next Meeting:

Date: Tue 16 February 2021 7.30pm

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

Speaker: Trami Truong — "St Tom's Food Program"

February Birthdays:

1st - Tim Lynn, Sue Smith

7th - Lisa Li

15th - Ray McLeod-Dryden

February Anniversaries:

Induction - 1st - Ross McPhail

3rd - Steve Dardamanis

19th - Rob Fenton

Wedding - 5th - Dorothy & Tom Thorpe



If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



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

I stepped on to my talking-scales this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time, please."