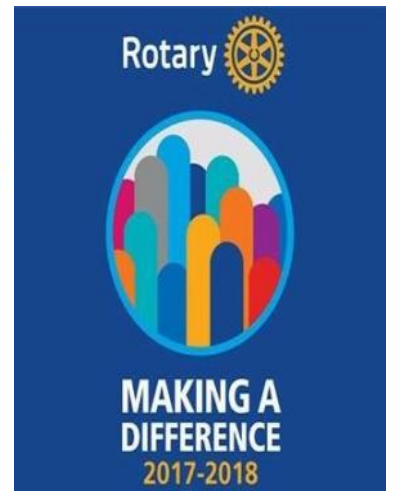


Rotary Club of Altona



Chartered on 8th February, 1963

“Under the Rotunda”



*We meet twice monthly at Altona RSL, 31 Sargood Street, Altona, 3018
On the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month*

August is Membership Development & Extension Month

Apologies: John Boyle, Bob Cameron, Shawqi Ein, Frank Fleming, Ian Fox, Graeme Glasson, Vinh Hua, Clara Westhorpe & Gaye Witney

Visitors: Liz Macdonald, Lyn McDonald, Gwen Shanahan, Rev Bruce & Gayle Watson

Guest Speakers: Tatiana Vanden Houte & Daniel Cook from Emmanuel College

Meeting No 2441 or TMC3/4 or RSL14, Tuesday 22nd August 2017



President Therese's Talking Points

Rotarians & Friends,

It was great to meet and hear from our Model United Nations Assembly attendees Tatiana & Daniel who go to school at Emmanuel College, Notre Dame Campus in Point Cook. Both are members of debating teams and as such were drawn to MUNA as a way to further their skills. They found the weekend challenging but also informative and they got to make some new friends along the way. While they did not win they got a lot out of the event and have promised to promote it next year to get us another team to send in 2018.

On Thursday 17th August I attended the Cluster meeting with fellow President's along with AG Peter Rogers and our own Peter Shephard in his role as the Clusters Foundation Advisor. There will be a joint cluster meeting with our cluster and Chirnside on Tuesday October 24th to make World End Polio Day. That is our regular scheduled meeting night so our club will participate. There was discussion around ways to get new members with some clubs having done leaflet drops in their local areas. In October there will be a focus on promoting and fundraising for the Lift the Lid campaign for Mental Health. We will look at opportunities to get involved. Rotary World President Ian Risely is encouraging all clubs around the world to take part in a tree planting that will see one tree planted for at least each club member. After discussion it was decided we would contact the Truganina Explosives Reserve to see if we can do a tree planting there. Lastly the Cluster have agreed that whenever a club books a speaker from district we promote it to the other clubs so that the speaker can capture a wider audience. The first of these will be District Governance Officer David Whiting speaking at Pt Gellibrand on September 5th.

Last Saturday 19th August the 3rd Annual Altona Beach Film Festival was held and I attended on behalf of the club which was also represented by Peter Shephard who was the MC. Our club sponsored the award for Best Young Adult which was won by Declan Magee. I was also surprised to see our own May Wilson in a film from the previous year "Did you see ACDC" about the time the legendary band played at Altona North Tech thanks to the work of May's son Stephen.

Finally my thanks to Liz Macdonald for translating various Maori words as I explained my recent work with a local Maori group.

President Therese McKenney

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE ORIGINAL SERGEANT PETER

A father walks into a restaurant with his young son. He gives the young boy 3 five cent coins to keep him occupied. Suddenly the boy starts choking, going blue in the face. The father realizes the boy has swallowed the coins and starts slapping him on the back. The boy coughs up 2 of the coins, but keeps choking. Looking at his son, the father is panicking, shouting for help. A well dressed, attractive, and serious looking woman, in a blue business suit is sitting at a coffee bar reading a newspaper and sipping a cup of coffee. At the sound of the commotion, she looks up, puts her coffee cup down, neatly folds the newspaper and places it on the counter, gets up from her seat and makes her way, unhurried, across the restaurant. Reaching the boy, the woman carefully drops his pants; takes hold of the boy's testicles and starts to squeeze and twist, gently at first and then ever so firmly. After a few seconds the boy convulses violently and coughs up the last coin, which the woman deftly catches in her free hand. Releasing the boy's testicles, the woman hands the coin to the father and walks back to her seat in the coffee bar without saying a word. As soon as he is sure that his son has suffered no ill effects, the father rushes over to the woman and starts thanking her saying, "I've never seen anybody do anything like that before, it was fantastic. Are you a doctor?" "No," the woman replied. "Divorce attorney."

On this Day in History - 22nd August

1770 - James Cook takes possession of the eastern coast of "New Holland"

1847 - John Forrest, Australian explorer and the first Premier of Western Australia, is born

1864 - The International Red Cross is founded

1872 - Giles begins his first expedition into the Australian desert

1872 - The Northern and Southern sections of the Overland Telegraph Line, crossing the Australian continent, are joined

1917 - Stockman Jim Darcy dies, causing a chain of events that eventually leads to the founding of Australia's Flying Doctor Service.

Thought for the fortnight

"The only one who got everything done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe."

DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 12th September, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm**
- **Sunday 17th September, Altona Miniature Railway Open Day, 11am**
- **Sunday 17th September, Altona Beach Patrol, 3.30pm**
- **Tuesday 26th September, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm**
- **Friday 29th September, AFL Grand Final Eve Public Holiday**
- **Saturday 30th September, AFL Grand Final Day**
- **Tuesday 3rd October, Yarraville Rotary, Guest Speaker Jeremy Scott, Yarraville Club**
- **Tuesday 10th October, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm**
- **Wednesday 11th October, HBAS Receive Art Work, Altona RSL, 4-7pm**
- **Thursday 12th October, HBAS Set Up and Hanging, Altona RSL, 7am to 5pm**
- **Thursday 12th October, HBAS Gala Opening/Preview Evening, Altona RSL, 7-9pm**
- **Tuesday 24th October, Chirnside & Hobson's Bay joint Cluster Muster, Koorinal**

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