



# 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*

### **November is Foundation Month**

**Apologies:** John Boyle, Geoff Chapman, Shawqi Ein, Ian Fox, Graeme Glasson, Vinh Hua, Joanne McIntyre, Therese McKenney OAM, Clara Westhorpe & May Wilson

**Visitors:** Margaret Fleming & Lyn McDonald

**Guest Speaker:** Vicki Mustafa

**Meeting No 2489 or NS3/10 or RSL 56, Tuesday 26th November 2019**

#### **President Neil's Notes**



Rotarians & Friends,

With renovations underway our room was a little more cramped than usual but we managed to work around the changes and look forward to seeing the end result of the changes in the new year. We met our obligations by holding our AGM and once again thanks to good prep and no contentious issue it was done and dusted in record time.

Our program manger Trish has done a great job getting us an interesting array of speakers so far this year and she managed to do so again with Vicki Mustafa who while raised a Muslim converted to Catholic and as a result has a great insight into both religions and their impact on those who follow them. In particular she highlighted the plight of women within the Muslim religion.

My thanks to all who donated funds for our toy drive this year. Thanks to your generosity we had \$670 at our disposal that allowed us to get a good range which we will hand over to the Hobson's Bay Salvation Army at our Christmas Break Up Dinner on Tuesday 10th December. If you have not already booked please do so now so that we can get final numbers together. As usual we will have carol's thanks to Lyn McDonald and will be welcoming guests from Bendigo Bank, Altona RSL Welfare, Latitudes along with the Youth Exchange Student from Austria Constance who we are supporting financially but is being hosted by Richmond.

President Neil Shephard

Rotary Laverton Point Cook Presents

# Salvo Christmas Trivia & Toy Drive

When: Friday, 13th December

Where: The Phoenix Hotel, Point Cook

Cost: \$35.00pp

Join us for a night of trivia fun as we hold our annual Salvation Army Toy Drive. There will be delicious food, tasty trivia questions and loads of prizes to be won.



## *“Today in History”*

### 1855 - The colony of Van Diemen's Land Becomes known as Tasmania.

On 24 November 1642, Dutch explorer Abel Tasman discovered a previously unknown island on his voyage past the "Great South Land", or "New Holland", as the Dutch called Australia. He named it Van Diemen's Land after the governor of Batavia. The Dutch, however, did not settle New Holland and Van Diemen's Land, and had little interest in the continent. The First Fleet, which arrived in Port Jackson, New South Wales, in 1788 comprised eleven British ships carrying officers and convicts from England.

Fears that the French would colonise Van Diemen's Land caused the British to establish a small settlement on the Derwent River in 1803. Thirty-three of the 49 people in the group were convicts, and the settlement continued to receive convicts re-shipped from New South Wales or Norfolk Island up until 1812. Regular shipments of convicts directly from Britain began in 1818. A second penal colony was established at Macquarie Harbour on the west coast of Van Diemen's Land in 1822, and three years later, the British Government separated administration of Van Diemen's Land from that of New South Wales. Macquarie Harbour was eventually closed down, to be replaced by Port Arthur.

The Bishopric of Tasmania was proclaimed in 1842, and the name "Tasmania" began to be used in unofficial communications. The push for transportation of convicts to Van Diemen's Land to end gained momentum, and transportation finally ceased in 1853. Many of the colony's inhabitants sought to give Van Diemen's Land a new name in order to remove the stigma of the island being associated with terrible punishment. A parliamentary petition for the colony's name to be changed was presented to Queen Victoria, who agreed to both the name change and the new constitution in 1855.

On 26 November 1855, the colony's first governor, Lieutenant-Governor Henry Fox-Young, signed the name change Order, which was then published in the 'Hobart Gazette' on the following day, 27 November. Although the name change took effect locally, the colony only officially became known as Tasmania on 1 January 1856. The colony became self-governing, and elections for parliament were held that same year.

## A WORD OR TWO FROM THE ORIGINAL SERGEANT PETER

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of chocolates. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A friend told me he had the body of a Greek god. I had to explain to him that Buddha was not Greek.

A woman was taking an afternoon nap. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

### On this Day in History - 26th November

**1703** - Over 8000 people die in Britain's worst storm on record

**1838** - A second trial finds some of the perpetrators of the Myall Creek massacre of Aborigines guilty

**1855** - The colony of Van Dieman's Land becomes known as Tasmania (see inside for more details)

**1917** - A raid on the Queensland Government Printing Office is carried out, under the orders of Prime Minister Billy Hughes.

**1922** - The creator of Snoopy and the "Peanuts" comic strip, Charles M Schulz, is born



### Thought for the fortnight

*"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."*

## DIARY DATES

- Friday 13th December, Laverton/Point Cook Rotary Christmas Trivia Night & Toy Drive
- Saturday 14th December, Ian Fox's Birthday
- Sunday 15th December, May Wilson's Birthday
- Sunday 15th December, Altona Miniature Railway Open Day, Blenheim Rd Newport, 11-4
- Sunday 15th December, Altona Carols in the Park, Logan Reserve, 7pm
- Friday 20th December, Bunnings BBQ, Bunning's Altona North, 8am-4pm
- Tuesday 24th December, No Meeting, Christmas Eve
- Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day
- Thursday 26th December, Boxing Day
- Tuesday 31st December, New Year's Eve
- Wednesday 8th January, Vinh Hua's Birthday
- Wednesday 22nd January, Joanne McIntyre's Birthday
- Tuesday 28th January, Board Meeting 5pm
- Tuesday 28th January, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm

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