



# 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 & New Club Development Month**

**Apologies:** Shawqi Ein, Frank Fleming, Ian Fox, Gus Garnsworthy, Graeme Glasson, Vinh Hua, Joanne McIntyre, Joan Shephard, Clara Westhorpe & May Wilson

**Visitors:** Ajaay's Mum & Grandma, Joseph's Mum, Liz Macdonald & Lyn McDonald

**Guest Speakers:** Joseph Siccita & Ajaay Venkadeswaran, MUNA attendees

**Meeting No 2483 or NS3/5 or RSL 52, Tuesday 10th September 2019**

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



Rotarians & Friends,

This year the district's Model United Nations Assembly relocated from Camp Getaway near Bendigo to Swinburne University in Hawthorn. The reasons for the move were to make it more accessible and more affordable and it worked as a record 30 teams signed up to take part. That included a team sponsored by our club made up of 2 students from Emmanuel College St Paul's Campus Joseph Siccita & Ajaay Venkadeswaran. They were assigned Columbia as their country and while they did not win they came away with great memories and great experiences from the event.

Speaking at our meeting Joseph shared that he has previously been involved in Wynspeak and Ajaay confided that his public speaking ability had been improved thanks to the experience. He also advised that he is now a member of the college's debate team and the college has taken up the model with them running their own MUNA with teams from both campuses taking part. Hearing the boys speak it was great to see our investment was not only well placed but also well received by the recipients.

It was great to welcome David Mac back and see him looking well. I'm pleased to report that my wife Joan's second cataract surgery was a great success and as a result Peter and I cannot slip anything by her. Also pleased to report that Graeme's surgical procedure went well and while he is nursing quite the scar he is otherwise in good spirits and we look forward to seeing him back in a few weeks.

Planning for the Art Show continues so a reminder to save Thursday 17th October to attend the official opening and also any time you can give to set up, pack up or while the show is open. Also if you know any artists or even budding artists a reminder that we are taking entries from now until 7th October.

President Neil Shephard



# TEACHER AWARDS

Monday 14 October

Keynote: Bernadette Schwerdt



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6.00 for 6.30 PM  
Koorinal Golf Club  
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Networking  
Author signing  
Session

Book early– limited  
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Finger Food  
Drinks at bar prices

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Monday, September 10, 1906. :

**The first Australian licence plates and drivers licence are issued.**

The first petrol-driven car to be manufactured in Australia is believed to have been produced by Harry A Tarrant in 1897. After modifications and improvements, Tarrant produced a second vehicle in 1901, which he named the Tarrant. This was followed by a number of improved designs, including the first fully enclosed body made in Australia, and later models included locally designed and manufactured engines, gearboxes and rear axles. Other vehicles began to be imported from 1900, when a Benz No 1 Ideal arrived in Sydney. Australians gradually embraced the concept of the motor car and the horseless carriage gained in popularity.

With the increased number of automobiles came the need for more rules and controls. In 1888, Karl Benz became the first man, worldwide, to obtain written permission to drive his automobile on public roads after citizens in Mannheim complained about the noise and smell from his vehicle. In 1903, Prussia became the first European state to make a driver's licence compulsory, and it was soon followed by other European nations.

South Australia was the first Australian state to pass a Motor traffic Regulation Act, doing so in 1904. This was followed by the first driver's licence in Australia, issued in Adelaide on 10 September 1906. The recipient was Dr William Arthur Hargreaves, a chemist and government analyst, born on 29 October 1866 at Ipswich, Queensland. Hargreaves had moved to South Australia in 1899. Trained as a chemist, Hargreaves had an interest in vehicles and fuel sources, and examined the feasibility of alternative fuel sources during World War I and II, even powering his own automobile on a mixture of molasses and petrol as World War I came to a close.

Licence plates and drivers licences were introduced in Victoria and New South Wales in 1910.

Thursday, September 10, 1846. :

**American inventor Elias Howe patents the sewing machine.**

Elias Howe was born in Spencer, Massachusetts on 9 July 1819. After losing his job in a factory, he moved to Boston, where he was employed in a machinist's shop. This provided him with the opportunity to experiment with inventing a sewing machine. He successfully demonstrated his first sewing machine in 1846, and patented his lockstitch sewing machine on 10 September 1846 in New Hartford, Connecticut. Howe faced a legal battle after Isaac Singer invented the up-and-down motion mechanism, and Allen Wilson developed a rotary hook shuttle, both filing for patents. After winning one suit, the three inventors pooled their patent rights in the Sewing Machine Combination. It was under this patent that the sewing machine was then successfully marketed.

## A WORD OR TWO FROM THE ORIGINAL SERGEANT PETER

A bone doctor and an eye doctor were telling each other jokes. The bone doctor's jokes were humorous but the eye doctor's jokes were cornea.

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

A group of crows was arrested for hanging out together. The charge? Attempted murder.

Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.

### On this Day in History - 10th September

**1846** - American inventor Elias Howe patents the sewing machine (see inside for more)

**1869** - American Baptist minister, the Rev E Jonathan Scobie, invents the rickshaw in Yokohama

**1897** - The world's first conviction for drunk driving occurs in London

**1906** - The first Australian licence plates and drivers licence are issued (see inside for more)

**1976** - 176 are killed in a mid-air crash over Yugoslavia

### On this Day in History - 11th September

**1609** - Henry Hudson discovers the Hudson River and Manhattan Island, where New York City now stands

**1863** - Bushranger Captain Thunderbolt escapes from the supposedly escape proof Cockatoo Island gaol.

**1914** - Australian troops land in New Guinea in the first significant Australian action of World War 1

**1978** - The coat of arms of the Northern Territory is granted by Queen Elizabeth II

**2001** - The United States is by terrorist attacks, leaving thousands dead, mostly from the collapsed World Trade Centre in New York City

### Thought for the fortnight

*"Every day is the biggest opportunity in our life."*

## DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 18th September, Shawqi Ein's Birthday**
- **Sunday 22nd September, David Macdonald's Birthday**
- **Tuesday 24th September, Board Meeting, 5pm**
- **Tuesday 24th September, Dinner Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm**
- **Friday 27th September, AFL Grand Final Eve Public Holiday**
- **Saturday 28th September, AFL Grand Final Day**
- **Monday 7th October, Neil Shephard's Birthday**
- **Tuesday 8th October, Dinner Meeting 6 for 6.30pm, Official visit by DG Grant Hocking**
- **Sunday 10th October, Kathy Fox's Birthday**
- **Monday 14th October, Altona City Rotary, Teacher's Award Night (See inside for details)**
- **Wednesday 16th October, Art Show set up day and receive art work**
- **Thursday 17th October, Art Show judging and official opening**
- **Friday 18th - Sunday 20th, Art Show open to the public**

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