



# The Bulletin



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## President's message



Whilst Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> dawned fine, it certainly was not bright and sunny! However the kangaroos performed on command, creating what looked like a permanent tableau at the property entrance to greet **Camilla Santoro**, our Youth Exchange Student from Italy.

We were also fortunate and delighted to welcome Camilla's first host family, **Lisa, Richard, Riley and Pippa Remato**. Once again **Ian and Judy Phelan** were hosts extraordinaire and the 19 members, friends and families who came to welcome Camilla to our part of the world enjoyed a BBQ lunch. Just as well there were no Master Chef judges in attendance—they would have been hard pushed to choose between the delicious salads prepared by **Gun, Claire and Josie**.

Many thanks to **Neil** who made all the pre-arrival arrangements with District and Rosebud Secondary College; **Mandy** who met Camilla at the airport and arranged her first few days in Melbourne; **Lee** for providing a tour of the "other side of the bay" via the Queenscliff ferry on Thursday and putting Camilla in touch with Monique; and **Barry and Lyn Irving** for arranging Bank accounts, school enrolment and a tour of "our side of the bay" on Friday.

Camilla commences at Rosebud Secondary College on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. **Monique McGuinness**, who is well known to our members as she has attended several dinners/ meetings and lives near Camilla's host family, also attends Rosebud Secondary College, has been in touch with Camilla and will help her meet the challenges of our bus system.

Once Camilla has settled into school, we will arrange for her to attend a meeting and introduce herself to Rosebud-Rye Rotary members.



Camilla with host Mum, Lisa

**My Dad's Journey** At our meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Guest Speaker, Phil Dressing from the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo (and also our leader through the Visioning Process), had those of us fortunate enough to be present, riveted with the story of the experiences of his father's family through WWII. Phil's father, Louis, and his two brothers and sister, were born in England to an English mother and German father.

At the outbreak of WWII, the 3 boys were imprisoned (being the sons of a German father) and subsequently loaded onto a ship built to carry 354 passengers, with 1670 other internees. The ship sailed for a destination unknown to the prisoners, but was torpedoed by a German U boat. Of those on board only 45% (including the 3 Dressing brothers) were rescued by a Canadian ship and returned to Scotland.

In 1940 the 3 brothers were again loaded onto a ship--this time 2539 prisoners onto the Dunera which had a capacity of 1600. The guards on the ship were the Pioneer Corps---prisoners who were released from gaol on condition that they acted as guards on prison ships or other similar duties. After a 57 day un-escorted voyage, the ship arrived in Australia. It is thought that the reason it was not torpedoed was due to the fact that the prisoners' luggage was thrown overboard and picked up by following German vessels. Having recognized that the ship was carrying German prisoners, it is thought that the message was sent to German patrol boats that the ship was "untouchable".

The medical officer who boarded the ship on arrival was appalled at the great inhumanity with which the prisoners had been treated. The 3 Dressing brothers were interred at Tatura until the bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941. At that time, all war prisoners were offered the opportunity to return to UK or join the Australian Army---which the Dressing boys did.

All 3 fortunately came through unscathed and settled in Melbourne. Two brothers became Maitre d's--one at Maxim's and one at The Southern Cross Hotel. Louis, Phil's father, went into ophthalmology in Collins Street. Louis died in 2010 at the age of 93. Phil recalls that his father never showed emotion and only revealed his story to his sons following his wife's death "because he thought they might think less of him".

How fortunate are we Australians to have such resilient and gutsy men as part of our heritage?  
Phil's message to us "always give your kids a hug and tell them that you love them"

### **Progressive Supranuclear Parkinson's (PSP) Disease**

Judy Phelan reported on her involvement with a super fundraiser to provide support to a researcher to investigate PSP.

To avoid repeated travel to Glen Waverley, Judy participated in the planning of the event by phone link-up. She and Freda Donaldson prepared flowers to decorate the event and for raffling, and Mandy chauffeured the flowers (and incidentally Judy and Ian) to the event which raised \$45K! Great job Judy, Freda, Ian and Mandy!

*Libby Wilson*

#### **ALL MEMBERS**

Please remember to:

- update your information on Rosebud-Rye Rotary's website
- return your Forms 3's (related to Youth Programs)
  - apply for a Working With Children Card

Duty Rosters				
Duty	28 <sup>th</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> August	11 <sup>th</sup> August	18 <sup>th</sup> August
Toast	Claire Burns		Neil Stitt	
Joke	Neil Stitt		Lee Stanford	
Four minutes of Fame	Lee Stanford		Pat Sansonetti	
Meeting Chair	Brian Davenport			
Guest Speaker	<b>AGM &amp; Open Board Meeting</b>	See flier	TBA	
Subject		'Ice Forum'		
Response				
Joker's Wild	Judy Phelan		Mandy Clarke	
Cashier	Mandy Clarke		Brian Allen	
Guest Liaison	Brian Allen		Claire Burns	
<b>Coming Events and Visits</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> July, Club Annual General Meeting. <b>4<sup>th</sup> August our meeting will be at the "Ice Forum" at Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilsons Road Mornington. No meeting at Country Club Please make your own meal arrangements</b>				



Members and friends enjoying the 'Welcome Camilla' barbeque

Secretary Brian Davenport [sec.rosebudrye@bigpond.com](mailto:sec.rosebudrye@bigpond.com) Post P.O Box 167 Rosebud Vic 3939  
 We meet at 6 for 6.30pm each Tuesday at the Rosebud Country Club, 207 Boneo Road, Rosebud. Melways 170 C6  
 Apologies and visitors. Please email the secretary or call 59866505  
 Please check our website for changes to our meeting venue

## Roles of Rosebud-Rye Rotary Members 2015-16

	<b>Names of Board members highlighted</b>	<b>Roles: highlighted areas indicates that member is responsible for reporting on the issue</b>
1	Brian Allen	<b>Club Protection</b> / Youth
2	<b>Claire Burns *</b>	<b>Youth/ Literacy/</b> Wellness Pavilion
3	<b>Mandy Clarke *</b>	<b>YEP Counsellor/</b> Community/ <b>Dream Cricket</b>
4	Don Clarkson	Guest Liaison/ Market mark-out/ <b>RYDA</b> (Road Safety for Youth)
5	<b>Brian Davenport</b>	<b>Sec. Treas. / Warehouse- land/new/ Club Policies</b>
6	Julie Davey	Communication: <b>Website/Face Book</b>
7	Barbara English	Australian Rotary Health e.g. <b>Bowel Scan/</b> Social events
8	Ken Healey TBC	Sergeant/ Guest Liaison/ Social events
9	Dorothy Houghton	Rotary Protocol/ History-Rye
10	<b>Barry Irving *</b>	<b>Van/Market</b>
11	Ern Jennings	Rotary History/ History-Rosebud
12	Barry Osborne	<b>Vocation</b> / Guest Liaison
13	Judy Phelan	<b>Social events/</b> Identified special events
14	Pat Sansonetti *	<b>Sausage Sizzle/</b> Market/ International (A coat of arms)
15	<b>Lee Stanford #</b>	IPP/ <b>Foundation/</b> Communication- <b>Newspaper/</b> YEP/ <b>Warehouse current/ policies/</b> New/ Breakfast meetings
16	Zoë Sterling	<b>Communication Coordinator/ M.P. Online/</b> Vocation/ <b>Welfare</b>
17	<b>Neil Stitt * #</b>	<b>International / YEP/ Market</b>
18	<b>Libby Wilson * #</b>	<b>President/ Community/ Wellness Pavilion/Breakfast meetings/</b> <b>Victorian Police Leaders Mentoring Program</b>
	<b>All members</b>	Membership/ Public Relations
<b>Enterprises</b>		
	<b>Warehouse</b>	Norman Becker #
	<b>Op Shop</b>	Di Rollo #
<b>Committees</b>		
#	Warehouse/Op Shop Committee	
*	Market/Van/Sausages Committee	