

The Bulletin

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District Governor: **Merv Williams**
District Gov. Elect: **Lynne Westland**
District Gov. Nominee: **Don Ripper**
Assistant Governor: **Linda Morris**



Ravi Ravindran
President
Rotary International

The Man behind the Badge



Col Gibbons entertained us with a whistle stop tour through his life last Tuesday. From East Keilor, to Keilor, to Essendon and permanently to Rye 8 years ago—with occasional detours to Heathcott or Fitzroy--- you'd have to wonder how he travelled? Well it seems that Col has always had an interest in cars, especially sports cars and in his early 60's decided to buy a bike (of the motor variety). When first mentioning his intent to his wife Christine, she threatened him with divorce! - and then gave him a Harley for his 70th birthday!!! H'mmmmm!!

From boyhood Col has always been involved in community groups and projects. He has been a long term member of Footscray FC and the AFL; a long term member of Essendon FC as well as North Fitzroy and a current member of Rye FC and Lawn Bowls Club, Peninsula Art Society, Oakhill Gallery (we have previously seen evidence of Col's artistic talents), the Ulysses Motorbike Club and Dandenong International Harley Group. In several of these clubs Col has served on the Committee and as President.

Col's Rotary journey started in 1985 at the invitation of his family doctor. He became President of Keilor Club in 1989/90; served on RAWCS for 7 years including 12 overseas trips and was National Coordinator for International Service for 2 years. In 1998/9 Col was District Governor for the Western Melbourne District. During his initial 24 years of membership, Col became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1990, and was also awarded a sapphire PHF in 1999.

-and so to Rye-what to do?- apart from join numerous local clubs (as previously mentioned) and travel to far flung places with Christine. Well, history will repeat itself, and Col's family doctor (the one and only Neil Stitt) suggested that Col should join our club. We are privileged to have Col as a member of our club, not only for his considerable experience and Rotary knowledge, but also for his stylish fashion sense!! —see left! --that's another story!



Col finished his talk with "It's great to be back in Rotary—I feel like I have never left!"

We look forward to seeing more of Christine, and hopefully having the along to some of our activities.

District 9820 Assembly

On Sunday Gun, Brian D, Neil and I attended District Assembly at Monterey School at Frankston. The District Committee kindly organized the program at 2 sites this year to cut down the hours of travelling for Rotary Club members. So thanks to Merv, Lynne, Charlie and their team of presenters who travelled for two weekends to present District Assembly at Frankston and Traralgon. We really appreciate the effort they made.

Points to consider when preparing our strategic Plan for 2016/7

2016/7 Rotary Theme:

Rotary Serving Humanity

Message from RI President Elect, John F Germ:

“Dare to make Changes”

Priorities for the year:

Support and strengthen clubs

End polio now

Increase public image of Rotary in the community

District Governor Elect, Lynne advised that District 9820 Conference theme is: **Children are our Future**

Aims for the year:

Increase membership by at least one per club

Members, if possible, to each give \$26.50 to the Foundation

Celebrate 100 years of the Foundation

DG's partner's project:

Wheelchairs for Kids.

Travellers

Zoë has sent an update on her travels

Hello Rotarians, pent a couple of days in Perth where I noticed many changes, not all for the better.

Now in Geraldton, an interesting place. En-route have seen several Rotary projects, but the most impressive to date is here, a memorial to HMAS Sydney. Truly spectacular.

Warm days, cold nights and wind off the ocean.

Will continue north as long as time permits. Hoping all is well. Zoë

WEEKLY ROSTER					
Duty	17 th May	24 th May	30 th May	7 th June	14 th June
Toast	Gun Davenport	Heather Barton	MONDAY	Darren McGrath	Breakfast Meeting
Joke	Brian Davenport	Col Gibbons	In lieu of Tuesday 31 May	Libby Wilson	7am at Blue Mini
Introduce guest speaker	Libby Wilson	Gun Davenport		Brian Allen	Libby Wilson
Guest Speaker	Planning for 2016/7...	Kristina Thielking	YEP Host Families to dinner	TBC	Sue Williams CEO Peninsula Health
Subject	--followed by Board Meeting	Mary's Van	At Rye hotel	Interplast	The Future of Rosebud Hospital
Joker's Wild	Pat Sansonetti	Pat Sansonetti	--	Pat Sansonetti	--
Cashier	Barbara English	Darren McGrath	--	Claire Burns	Brian Davenport
Guest Liaison	Brian Allen	Barry Osborne	All	Col Gibbons	All
Apologies received	Dorothy Houghton, Ern Jennings, Judy Phelan, Camilla Santoro	Dorothy Houghton, Ern Jennings, Judy Phelan	Dorothy Houghton, Ern Jennings, Judy Phelan	Barry Osborne, Dorothy Houghton, Ern Jennings,	Dorothy Houghton, Ern Jennings

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We meet at 6 for 6.30pm each Tuesday at the Rosebud Country Club, 207 Boneo Road, Rosebud. Melways 170 C6 –

Alternative venues are used about once per month.

Please check our website for changes to our meeting venue.

Apologies and visitors. Please email the secretary or call 59866505 by noon on the day of the meeting