



MOONEE MATTERS – 17 December 2007

ROTARY CLUB OF MOONEE VALLEY  
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Club Meets: Wednesday 7.15am for 7.30am  
Fredrick's, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rotary Member

Welcome to this latest and overdue edition of our newsletter.

Do not blame Marlene our editor for its recent absence but rather blame an over-worked writer – yours truly!

Since our last newsletter we had a wonderful Club Christmas Party at Nong Kong Thai in Pascoe vale Road. The function was one of the best attended Christmas functions the club has had in recent times and I thank all who attended and made it fun. I happened to be out of the restaurant on a business call and when I came back I heard I'd missed a visit from Santa. Imagine that!!!!

During the first week in December we also had an end of year drinks function at Smooch for the bike ride. The function was a success and was attended by over 50 people including riders, club members, Rotary visitors including DG John Davis and AG Vanda Mullen as well as the presidents of North Melbourne and East Keilor.

During the past few weeks we also inducted Alvin Narsey as a new member to the club. Alvin is a local pharmacist, and judging by his "man behind the badge speech" will inject warmth and humor and vitality into the club. Welcome Alvin!!!! Alvin was introduced to the club by Maureen.

We're hoping to have Lee Murphy join us soon as a member too – Lee has been introduced to us through Lisa Harris. Fingers crossed.

I can't stress how important it is we each and every one of us try and get someone interested in joining our Rotary Club. Speak to Lisa and Maureen and see what and how they did it. I just want to see our club prosper.

I don't know if you've had the chance but I'm hoping you all have taken the time to check out the club's new website – the address is [www.mooneevalleyrotary.org.au/index.html](http://www.mooneevalleyrotary.org.au/index.html) Peter Holloway has done some excellent work on it and it reflects well on all of us. Thank you Peter.

At last week's meeting, with the first 6 months of the year drawing to a close, I took the opportunity to survey the club to see how we were going, and whether there were things we could do to make the club better.

The results of the survey are attached – but let me say this. Some usual matters were raised – not enough members coming to meetings and the need for better sharing of jobs between members. We all must chip in!

One of the things some members said was they were unclear about the club goals – I've attached a summary of these and will take a few minutes at the next meeting to clarify.

Of real interest also was Question 9 about what the club should be doing more of – members vocally said we should be doing more in the community. Now this isn't something we have tackled so far in my year, and with 6 months left there's time to do something still. So please, at this week's meeting, please bring with you your thinking caps and ideas for a community project.

**Now to December 19's meeting – the last for 2007. IT'S BEING HELD AT SMOOCH NOT FREDERICKS, SO DON'Y BE A BUNNY AND GO TO THE WRONG PLACE!!!! Also, this final meeting for the year is a fellowship meeting, so come and have a good time. We're doing a Kris Kringle, so please bring a non gender specific gift to the value of \$10, and let's have some fun handing them out – OK?**

I really hope you can make this final meeting for 2007 – it would be great to see 100% roll out. CAN WE ACHIEVE THAT?

Finally, I sincerely want to thank the Board of Moonee valley for their contribution over the past 6 months and to you our member for your participation. My best wishes to you and your family for a happy festive season and a great 2008.

Please find attached a nice "e" Christmas Card, paste the web address into your browser and give it a go. [www.jacquielawson.com/viewcard.asp?code=ER13610552](http://www.jacquielawson.com/viewcard.asp?code=ER13610552)

Yours in Rotary

Mike Beuermann

## ROTARY CLUB OF MOONEE VALLEY

### SUMMARY OF CLUB PLANS AND OBJECTIVES: YEAR 2007-2008

#### KEY OBJECTIVES:

1. Grow club membership by 5 new members.
2. Gain the involvement of all members in club activities.
3. Double funds raised for charitable purposes. Major charity supported will be existing Ovarian Cancer Research.
4. Hold a minimum of 6 scheduled fellowship events attended by 80 % of members and partners/family.
5. Other:
  - a. Continue involvement in River for Everyone project in so far as it affects our Club locally.
  - b. Have a minimum of 14 people attend 2008 Conference.
  - c. Consider involvement with the following Vocational Service Projects: Work Experience; Plus 40 Program
  - d. Establish one "Friendship/Sister Club" within Australia, and possibly one in New Zealand.
  - e. Identify the most important need in our local community and assess whether the Club can address this need.
  - f. Identify one local environmental project (to either save water or reduce Greenhouse emissions) and assess whether the Club can address this need.
  - g. Ensure all club members complete Working with Children check.

#### PROGRAM

This week no speaker has been advised



FUNDRAISING/FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF.

16 February – Blues Train Fellowship  
February – Poker Night details TBA

Rotary XMAS cakes, Puddings and Shortbreads

These are available again in 2007 via the Rotary Club of Collingwood. Maureen will be handling this. I encourage all Rotarians in the club to consider buying some. They make great gifts and stocking fillers, they're especially good as presents for your business clients.

ON TO CONFERENCE

13 March – 16 March 2008  
Shepparton – .

SET UP

**December**

Rachael Hankinson & Peter Holloway      19

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