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District 9790

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and
we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.**



SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Angela Wood illustrated with life events which virtually pushed her to the current status of BIG GROUP HUG.

Herself a young mother, teacher and multi-degreed in education, arts and commerce, Angela always was aware of her material luck and the misfortunes of other young children and parents. From a pram left out as domestic rubbish to a neighbour in desperate need, Angela responded. She speedily grew in her awareness of intense need and her ability to offer help in her local West Heidelberg community. She realized the 'easy' access to good quality unused domestic clutter.



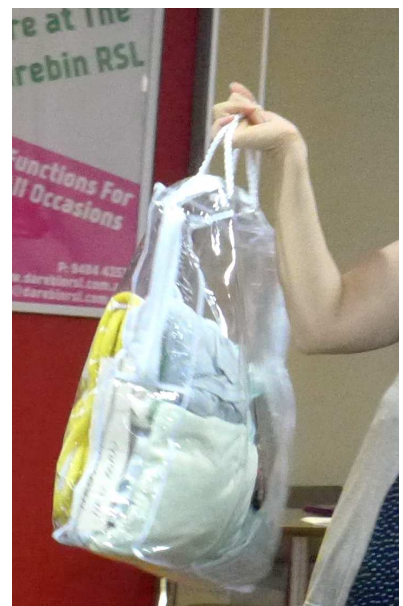
In 2014 Angela established 3081 Angels (West Heidelberg Postcode). Not wishing to stigmatize a community and wanting to support vulnerable children and families wherever they may reside, in 2014 she changed the name to Big Group Hug.



With Marilyn Woodland on board and a growing number of volunteers and donors from the wider community, BGH developed rapidly. Hospitals, care suppliers, local health nurses are becoming aware of BGH. The Anglican community in Rosanna has provided storage space. Large personal packs are now at the ready. Recently a hospital call for help. A mother in labour had arrived at casualty with no personal, natal or baby clothes. Through BGH a relevant large pack was at her bedside before the birth.

Angela's appeal for assistance was a given. On Wednesday the Club donated \$1,000. Other aid is welcome - a Christmas gift in lieu of a family/friend Christmas gift, pre-loved items (newborns to teens), voluntary time or professional guidance.

[Facebook.com/BigGroupHug](https://www.facebook.com/BigGroupHug)
twitter.com/BigGroupHug



CLUB NEWS

GRADUATES: Last Wednesday two members performed new in-house Club duties.

- Erica Higgins arrived in advance of start time to offer a warm welcome to arriving members.
- Paul Conte stood in as Sergeant. Paul raised \$73 for the day. President Julie immediately promoted Paul to the rank of Inspector.

With the recent installation of the LONG TAN CROSS in Canberra's War Memorial, a step in history has been concluded.

The Cross was made in Long Tan, Vietnam, by members of the 6 RAR. Given both the fact that the Club meets on R.S.L. premises and that some of its Members and some Preston Rotary contacts either served in Vietnam or have family who did so, this space in the Club Bulletin is valuable.

During the afternoon and evening of 18 August 1966, D Company of the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6

RAR) fought an intense battle with a much larger force of Vietnamese communist troops near Long Tân in South Vietnam. While the Australian force comprised only 108 men, it managed to defeat the approximately 2000-strong Communist force with the assistance of supporting artillery and air strikes.

For 6 RAR and the other Australian units this was the most costly Australian battle of the war. At least 245 of the Communist troops were



killed in the fighting.

R.I.P.P.R.: Past R.I. President Ron Burton will be at the District Conference 2018 as Rotary International President's Personal Representative.



Ananke Arneaud Elizabeth Trewin Joe Morris

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Club Youth Service Director Joe Morris presenting two
Reservoir Secondary College students with
the Club Rotary Scholarship Awards.

FAMILY OF ROTARY

The following dates are to cover Members' events
till resumption of normal meetings January 17, 2018

Birthdays	Melody Musgrove 22/12, Peter Byrne 28/12, Doris Warry 28/12, Anju Agarwal 28/12, Ann Morton 6/1, Brett Allchin 8/1, Margaret Smarrelli 14/1, John McCarthy 14/1, Frank Brass 15/1,
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TAKING CARE: Marilyn Woodland hoped to attend the Big Group Hug meeting but health care kept her at home. Marilyn hopes to make it to the coming evening dinner. The same hopes are high for both Pauline and Paul Josephson and Gerry and Bernie Lamers.



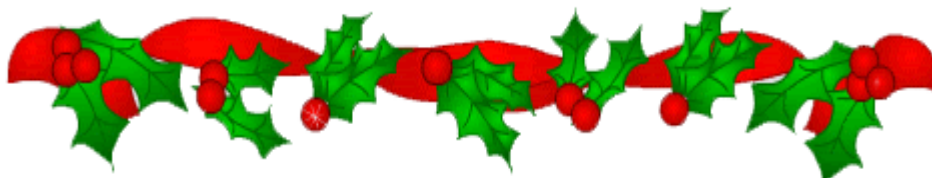
EVENING DINNER/MEETING - Dec. 20: Members and partners are invited to bring a present up to the value of \$10 marked M or F.. The occasion is timed 6.30 for 7pm.

AND SO TO 2018!



Members and Partners thank most sincerely the Management and Staff of the Darebin R.S.L. for their hospitality and service over the past year.

While a simple pot-plant it was a sign of gratitude expressed through Staff member Tracey by President Julie.



COMING EVENTS

Dec. 20	Chair	President Julie
	Event	Night-time Christmas Meeting
	Welcomes	Paul Smarrelli

	Sergeant	Claude Verrocchi
	House	John McCarthy
Dec. 27		No Meeting
Jan. 6		No Meeting
Jan. 10		Informal Lunch @ R.S.L.
Jan. 17		Resumption of Normal Meetings

The Rotary Club of Ivanhoe invites all to **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** with Guest Speaker Dr Rodney Syme with the topic The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act and its Implications.

Wednesday 7th February, 2018, 7.30am-9.00am Sala Venezia Room Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Road Bulleen \$45.00 per person

Booking- <https://www.trybooking.com/337092>

Bookings close [on 1st February, 2018](#)



"THE PERFECT STORM" PAUL HOLMAN - Ambulance Victoria Director An evening with the Rotary Club of Strathmore: 10 January 2018, 6:30pm for 7:00pm, Windy Hill Venue, Napier St, Essendon, \$35 per person, 2 Course Meal, Drinks

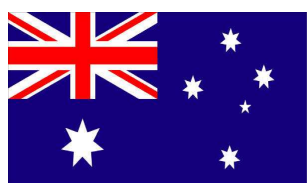
at Bar Prices.

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ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
help us to serve Thee all our days.



ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young
and free; we've golden soil and wealth for toil;
our home is girt by sea; our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty
rich and rare; in history's page, let every stage Advance Australia
Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing **Advance Australia Fair**.