Meets on Mondays  
12.30pm for 1.00pm  
Venue: Vasko Restaurant

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A word from the President

It has been a very busy Rotary week for your President, commencing at lunch with a stimulating addressed by Rodger Carroll on how we can look to assisting Aborigines through education.

On Monday night I went to the regular cluster meeting with our Assistant District Governor and the Presidents of the other Clubs within our group. We share ideas and feedback. It also gave me an opportunity to promote our upcoming golf day which I followed up with email invitations to each President.

On Wednesday morning together with a number of other members of our Club I attended the community breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club of Ivanhoe. We heard a fascinating address by Dr Rodney Syme in relation to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act which comes into force on 1 March. This is a subject which he has been heavily involved with for more than 40 years. I think that it would be worth approaching him to speak to our Club as well.

A reminder to all that our Golf Day is on 5 March, in place of our lunch time meeting. Even if you are not a golfer (like me) come along for the dinner. I am sure that “Swan” Mackay will be a very entertaining speaker.

President Tony

CLUB CALENDAR

February is World Understanding Month

12 February  
Topic:  
Speaker: Julia Baron  
Chair: TBA

19 February  
Topic: Insertables  
Speaker: Kayla Heffernan  
Chair: Max Chester OAM

26 February  
Topic: Private Training Organisations  
Speaker: Allan Hickling  
Chair: Max Chester OAM

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.  
- Sir Winston Churchill  
(1874-1965)
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 13: Board Meeting

March 5, 2018: Annual Golf Day

March 22 – 25: District Conference Yarrawonga/Mulwala

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**WHERE ARE THEY NOW**

Ray Thomas: *Royal Talbot*

Tom Brown: *Bed 10, Ward 12, Flanders Wing Repat*

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**ATTENDANCE 5 FEBRUARY**

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**DR HUGH JOHN WIRTH AM**

Dr Hugh Wirth AM, our kind and colourful radio friend died last Monday 5th February 2018, of Parkinson's Disease. He ran a talkback program on 3LO, on Saturday mornings, for some 30 years, and we were all eager listeners and participants.

He often stated that “Animals were better than Humans". Hugh spoke to our Rotary Club some years ago, and was a fine personal friend of mine. We noted of course, my wonderful and mutual golden retriever friend at the time, Alex, now passed away some years ago.

His Saturday morning discussions program on the ABC ran for some 30 years.

He ran an important program for his listeners; a program not to be missed by all animal owners, dogs, cats, horses etc. He was President of the State and/or Federal RSPCA organisations for some 43 years.

Max Chester OAM

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**Rodger Carroll - Speaker**

**Monday 5th February 2018**

Our speaker last Monday 5th February 2018, was Rodger Carroll, Head of Department, Design, Drafting and Interior Fittings, at Melbourne Polytechnic, in the St Georges Road, Preston.

Rodger came to us to discuss No. 2 Projects to be undertaken by the Melbourne Polytechnic in the near future.

The Projects are basically

a) Establishing a course to train Foremen for the Building Industry

b) Training young Aborigines, also for the Building Industry, in the Northern Territory, in a place called Yirrkala – see Map.

Rodger spoke about the philosophy of Modern Education, and the basic aim is of self-development. We note the early part of the 19th Century, and the start of Universal Education, coupled with the tremendous growth in communication, quality education for all, and the adoption of specific skills of employment and self-esteem for the benefit of our community.

Unfortunately, many Aborigines, across a wide spectrum of district ethnic tribal groups and distinct languages, have been left behind in our 200 years of Shite Settlement.

The white man, and his Authority and culture dominate our total landscape.

Can we assist to improve the lot of our Indigenous fellow humans.

A very small start to assist this way forward, through a Grant, will be forthcoming from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs for the above Projects.

Max Chester OAM

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**Raffle winner**

Graham Openshaw, guest and brother-in-law of Leigh Wallace.

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**Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again....**

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**BRUCE NICHOLS IN NEW ZEALAND**

**THIS WEEK STUDYING THE WOOL INDUSTRY** (Also getting a few interviews with a couple of old ewes)