SECOND QUARTER IX

On behalf of the Club I extend our appreciation to Rodger and Aileen Tice for conveying our RYLA attendee to Kilmore last weekend. Fortunately, our sister club Ivanhoe has stepped up to our plate and undertaken to bring Cale home next weekend.

Last week we benefitted enormously as a result of Mario Panaccio’s overview of McLeod College, a Prep to Year 12 School, one of three recognised music schools in Melbourne. Mario’s passion for and long history with this college was truly inspiring. See our Chairman of the Day’s separate report, page 3.

You will now all be aware that the club is seeking a President Elect. Please think about your likely activities in 2019-2020 and consider nominating for the role now. There is always plenty of support from your fellow members.

Rotary Recovery - Giuseppe getting back into work mode; Bruce endevouring to get off his wheels; Barbara learning how to not walk sideways; Ray engineering his way out (in Ward 11, Bed 25, Rehab section at Repat.)

All the best, we look forward to your good company in due course.

Noel

AND…… All those who believe in psychokinesis, raise my hand.

A word from the President

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PRESIDENT
FOR NEXT YEAR, 2019-2020
This is an excellent way to help the club if you haven’t been helping so far this year!

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Macleod College presentation Monday 19 November 2018

The Principal of Macleod College, Mr Mario Panaccio, addressed our club last week, commencing with his personal background and then moving on to his leading role at Macleod College (MC). Mario’s ancestry is in Italy. His parents and other family members, like many others, decided to leave Europe not long after the ravages of WWII and emigrated to Australia, settling in this state. Mario's ancestry is in Italy. His parents and other family members, like many others, decided to leave Europe not long after the ravages of WWII and emigrated to Australia, settling in this state.

His family moved to Rosanna in 1980, with Mario studying to become a teacher and not long after, becoming a Maths/Science teacher at MC. He has now taught at Macleod for 34 years in various capacities including Student Manager, Careers & Pathways Co-ordinator, Music Leader, Wellbeing Leader, Curriculum Co-ordinator and Head of Mathematics. He is now the Principal and a proud one at that, looking after the futures of 460 local students ranging from Preparatory through to year 12. 70 international students are enrolled at MC which is one of just three designated music schools in the Melbourne metropolitan area (the others being Balwyn and Blackburn). One in four Macleod students is learning to play a musical instrument.

School Family Occupation data shows the school’s population is catering for a community that is economically slightly below the state average.

By 2010, having had five principals in seven years and a steadily decreasing enrolment, MC was identified for closure by the Victorian Government; however, students, their parents and the local community rallied to ensure this did not occur. With extra effort and funding support, MC has striven to become the school of first choice for the Macleod/Rosanna community by adopting an educational strategy known as “Deep Learning”. This focuses on the following aspects of development:

- Collaboration
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- Citizenship
- Communication
- Character
- Curriculum framework

It is proving to be very effective in grooming tomorrow’s workforce and community members.

A masterplan is currently being rolled out to include the construction of a two-storey building incorporating “learning spaces” that meet the needs of students as they transition from Prep to VCE. The Performing Arts Centre is to be refurbished and improvements are being made to its extensive outdoor sports areas.

An ongoing challenge is to eliminate the school funding deficit that occurred primarily through reduced enrolments so, but this is being whittled away gradually.

Active participation by students in all aspects of school life is encouraged, with student representation on all school committees.

Towards the end of Mario’s presentation he commented that the multicultural diversity of the students has not presented any significant difficulties, with the students and their families participating in the full range of activities offered by the school. Mario showed our members a video that enabled us to see how the plans are being implemented and the positive responses being received from the students.

In thanking Mario for his informative presentation, the offer to provide assistance to the school and its students in whatever capacity was extended. Things are looking good for MC’s future.