



ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN WAVERLEY INC.

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Meets every Monday 6.00 for 6.30 pm at
The Village Green Hotel
Cnr. Ferntree Gully & Springvale Rds. Mulgrave

CLUB NEWSLETTER

\$2,650 to help the Homeless in Monash, thanks to Bendigo Bank

The Rotary Club of Glen Waverley in November secured \$2,650 to help provide basic assistance to the Homeless of Monash, thanks to the Pinewood Branch of the Bendigo Bank's 2019 Community Pitch program. The result comes after our submission qualified as a 2019 Finalist, leading to an opportunity to present our significant work at a gala event at the Mulgrave Country Club, and pitch for a share of the assistance on offer from a panel of sponsors. The funds will enable the Club to provide even more assistance to those who have found themselves sleeping rough in our City, by providing basic food packs, shelter (in the form of an innovative design swag sleeping bag product), and access to shower facilities. The program is being rolled out with the assistance of the City of Monash. Monash has the 8th highest rate of homelessness of 79 Councils in Victoria. In excess of 840 people find themselves homeless in Monash each year. The fastest rising group of homelessness are women over the age of 55. Club President Sue Mills was delighted with the outcome, saying "These vital funds will allow us to expand our programs to provide basic assistance to people sleeping rough in our City. We know that our work helps to provide improvements in their health and safety, connections with the community, and most importantly, gives them back some self-esteem and dignity". The Club extends its sincere thanks to the Pinewood Branch of the Bendigo Bank, long-time supporters of our club, for again staging the Community Pitch. Congratulations also to all of the other 2019 Finalists, and the work that each does in our Community.

President Sue with Les Walker at the Community Night





NEWS

Helping youth thrive

Project offers youth and teen mental health first aid training at schools

Schools across Monash are getting specialist youth and teen mental health first aid training.

The training gives adults who have contact with young people — including teachers, coaches and parents — the skills to identify the signs of poor mental health, open up communication around the concerns and support the young person to access appropriate professional help.

Mt Waverley state Labor MP Matt Fregon said the project, which came about after Monash Youth Services and the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley submitted the project to the State Government, showed addressing mental health issues in the community was a priority. "The fact that youth mental health support is high on that list shows us



Specialist youth and teen mental health first aid training is being rolled out at schools. Picture: Han Tran

that we are on the right track in this space and the ... initiative is supporting our youngest community members to thrive," he said.

Monash Mayor Shane McCluskey said the specialised training empowered the community

to "better support young people who are struggling with their mental health".

"There's a pressing need for more mental health support for youth in Monash," he said.

Mental health first aid training specifically for

teenagers will also be provided so they can better support their peers. With the \$200,000 funding, training courses have taken place at six Monash schools, as well as for community members.

Details: 9518 3900 or email yr@monash.vic.gov.au

ROTARY HELPS OUR LEARNERS PURSUE CAREER AMBITIONS

Six of our learners have so far been able to study with us after receiving scholarships from the Holmesglen Foundation, which were funded by the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley.

An initial \$10,000 gift and a recent additional \$12,500 gift, is expected to support as many as 15 learners undertaking select courses at Glen Waverley, such as the 22321VIC Advanced Diploma of Justice.

There are two types of support; a first qualification scholarship for Certificate III or IV learners (up to \$1,000) and a pathway scholarship for learners moving into Certificate IV or higher (up to \$2,500).

Director, Advancement for the Holmesglen Foundation, Vincent Ramos, says the scholarships were designed to break the cycle of disadvantage.

“One of the recipients is a mature-age learner seeking a new career in the justice sector. He wasn’t sure how he was going to pay his second semester fees. When I phoned him to offer a scholarship, he said it was ‘the most important call of his life’.

“Another learner has been homeless and caring for an ill parent. Now they’ll be able to pursue their dream of studying with us and becoming a pastry chef,” says Vincent.

In earlier years, the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley established a Holmesglen scholarship on behalf of a past treasurer and held special dinners at Zest. Since April 2018, the club’s 70 or so Rotarians worked with other clubs in their district, and local businesses, to raise funds for the Holmesglen Foundation.

“The Rotary Club of Glen Waverley takes pride in supporting our local community. We are pleased these scholarships provide such meaningful support for young people studying for TAFE qualifications here in Glen Waverley,” says Immediate Past President Ray Walker.



If you know an individual or organisation interested in establishing a scholarship, contact Vincent Ramos or email foundation@holmesglen.edu.au

OUR ROTARY CLUB

MEETINGS -

Monday evenings in the Cabaret Room of the Village Green Hotel, corner of Springvale & Ferntree Gully Road, Mulgrave. Meetings commence at 6.00 for 6.30pm. Changes to the meeting venue are announced in our weekly Bulletin or online at <https://glenwaverleyrotary.org.au/>
Meetings are for approximately 1 hour and consist of a meal, a guest speaker, networking and conducting Rotary business.

THE COST OF ROTARY -

There is a Joining Fee of \$100. An Annual Subscription is payable at the commencement of the Rotary year. It is currently \$320 (**2019-2020 year**). Cost per week for dinner meeting is \$30.

CLUB MANAGEMENT -

The Club is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and 3 Committee Chairs. The Committees consist of Community Service, Youth and Vocational Service and International Service. Club Members are allocated to a Committee by the incoming President.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS -

The Club runs events and conducts fundraising to fund various Club projects (Local Community, Youth and International). All members are encouraged to get involved.

FURTHER INFORMATION -

See our website <https://glenwaverleyrotary.org.au/>

Or contact our Secretary: Roger Lough 0417812320 (rotarygw@gmail.com) who will invite you to our next meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

President Sue Mills

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Contributions are welcome (approx. 300 words) plus photos.

Please forward to: Ray Walker - raygwalker@optusnet.com.au

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Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, Account No. 128508488 "Rotary Club of Glen Waverley"
Please make sure you identify who the payment is from and for what.