

The Rotary Club of Wandin Australia Day Breakfast

Friday 26 January 2018



The Rotary Club of Wandin has helped the Friends of Kurth with re-vegetation projects in the past, and since then the Friends group have been invited to their Australia Day Breakfast. It always amazes us how well they organise the event.



After the MC's welcome, Christine Fyffe, Member for Evelyn, spoke how fortunate we are to live in Australia. She invited everyone to join in singing the National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair, and in the Australian Citizenship Affirmation on Australia Day.



Before the first course, fruit and cereal, a prayer was said.



A local identity received the citizen award, she said that she enjoyed working for the community. Then the first guest speaker a young girl who migrated from Chad in Africa spoke of the educational opportunities in Australia. Her aim is to study medicine at Melbourne University.



Before the second course, a hot breakfast, Tony Smith MP - Federal Liberal Member for Casey - spoke about the wonderful opportunities here, open to all.



The key guest speaker was Anthony Mc Aleer, a Mt Evelyn local author and historian. He spoke about the present controversy about Australia Day. The 26 January is frowned upon because it is the First Fleet arrival in Sydney in 1788. However, after extensive research the actual date was 18 January. Hence, he concluded, there is no need to change the date to disassociate the two events.

We thank the Wandin Rotary Club for the delicious breakfast, and the opportunity to catch up with many friends at the function.

