



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

I hope you survived the wintery blast we have had last week

### Bay Trail – MPSC Budget \$0.5M

Great news. MPSC have put \$0.5M in the draft budget for Bay Trail. What we need is for member support and you can help by indicating your support for the budget on the MPSC website.

### D9820 Mini Conference .- Sat 1/5 Nossal SC Berwick

It's been a long time between conferences. Please consider an afternoon of Conference and dinner Register at [jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au](mailto:jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au)

### Community Garden Grand Opening Friday 23/4 4pm to 8pm

There'll be music and drinks. Your president will be cooking the snags. A great partnership with RCM. MPSC have agreed to donate to support our efforts.

Come along in your Rotary gear and enjoy the celebration ....2 days after our centenary on 21/4/21.

### Anzac Day - Dawn Service, Morning Service and March.

Colin Fisher (Mornington RSL) will be in touch with covid marshal Roger Skipsey, Bill Cummins, Ray Martin, Rob Marks, Tom Goulding re on line covid training prior to the event.

### RORP Container loading Sat 1st May

Due to the roadworks in Bentons Rd the loading site is now 33 Carbine Way Mornington. This will be a great day. The first D9820 container. I urge all members, especially the ladies to lend a hand.. Many hands make light work.

Our PR guru Janet is attempting to get Mornington News along. it would be great to have some photos of Rotarians, particularly women doing good in the community.

### Monday 19/4 meeting

This Monday's meeting, will be a great night with Paul Nitas CEO Hillview Quarries presenting. Bring your friends to hear the other side of the story.

Cheers.....Roger

19th April 2021

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## **How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed – Merv Williams**

In the early 1980s, I was working for Victoria Police and transferred to the Mornington Criminal Investigation Branch. A couple of police officers at the police station were members of the Mount Martha Rotary club and they invited me to join the club.

One of the reasons I joined was that I felt it would be a great opportunity to get involved in the community and met those involved in businesses. I was inducted into the club in November 1984 by Club President Arthur Care.

The club at the time was meeting at the back bar of Kirks Hotel (bar not there anymore) and there were many late-night meetings. One of the memorable events was the clubs red wine bottling day which resulted probably in a financial loss due to the wine tasting and the charcoaled lamb on a spit (someone forgot to keep an eye on it).

Over this time, I have enjoyed helping those in the community whether its hands on projects or fund-raising events.

The Rotary Club has given me many opportunities as the Club President on two occasions, a Director of the club board and working with the District Conference Committee.

In 1997, I was selected as Team Leader representing the District on a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Team to France on a six-week vocational exchange; selected as District Governor in 2015 -16 and been involved with the District Foundation Committee and District Leadership Team.

Over the past few years, I have gathered the passion to serve and provide volunteer work within developing countries on vocational projects. In the Solomon Islands on a dental centre refurbishment & building classroom for the regional training centre. In Sri Lanka on the Helping Hands project fitting prosthetic hands to victims of war injuries or accidents.

I am now involved with Rotary Australia World Community Service in the position of National Manager Projects & Volunteers.

Rotary has changed since 1984 and will continue to change.

I continue to enjoy Rotary and enjoy the connection and camaraderie of the many volunteers who are part of this wonderful organisation called Rotary.



**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

Mon 19 Apr	RCMM <b>Club</b> Meeting—Guest Speaker - Paul Nitas CEO - Hillview Quarries
Fri 23 Apr	MM Community Garden Official Opening - join President Roger and cook some snags
Sat 24 Apr	MM Sausage Sizzle
Sun 25 Apr	Anzac Day
Mon 26 Apr	<b>No Club</b> Meeting
Tue 27 Apr	RCMM Board meeting

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

Mon 3 May	Maritime Museum visit at Crib Point - <b>see full details on page 7 of this Bulletin</b>
Sat 8 May	MM Sausage Sizzle
Mon 10 May	RCMM <b>Committee</b> meetings - Director's to advise meeting details
Fri 14 May	RCMM Community Golf Day at MM Public Golf Course
Mon 17 May	Mount Martha House & Community Garden – Jenny Mihan and Robyn Ruhl
Thurs 20 May	Alcohol Abuse Seminar by Peninsula Voice at M'ton Comm Theatre from 5.30 to 7pm
Sat 22 May	MM Sausage Sizzle
Week of 24 May	Social Night at Wild Grain Café Mornington - further details to come
Mon 31 May	5th Monday - <b>No Club</b> Meeting

**OUR COMMUNITY & CLUB SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL**



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

### RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (COMMENCE 9.00AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1.00PM)

We only have a permit, at this stage, until the end of June 2021, after which the Events Team from the Shire will decide if sausage sizzles will remain. Where 2 club members are named they will do 2 hours each and will need to liaise with each other to see who will do 9 to 11am and 11am to 1pm.

24th Apr	Roger Skipsey	Jenny Mihan	MM Community Garden team
8th May	Peter Rawlings	Rob Davies	Bruce Ranken
22nd May	Bill Cummins	Tom Barrett	Byron Groves
5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Phyl Scales	Greg Buchanan



## The Rotary Foundation

As you will have noted from the following extracts from the District 9820 Foundation Committees recent newsletter *“Our Foundation has been busy assisting to make the world a better place with Disaster Relief and Covid 19 Grants to assist and to support communities in fighting the Pandemic and recovering from disasters.”*

*As PRIP Ravi notes - “this has perhaps been the most turbulent year of this generation — we faced a global health crisis, natural disasters, and economic turmoil all at the same time and the whole world was affected. Through it all, Rotary has stood tall. We have heard stories of some amazing acts of generosity and personal acts of service by clubs, Rotarians, and Rotaractors”. “The Rotary Foundation has been proud to support our members’ efforts in serving their communities.*

*Since March 2020, we awarded \$32 million in global and disaster response grants for projects related to COVID-19. A financial shortfall is expected this year and likely in the coming years because of the growing success of our global grant program.*

**I urge you all to continue your support of the Rotary Foundation and its work. NOW is the time for members to renew their Centurion Club contribution or perhaps even making a double contribution in this time of worldwide need. Just \$100 per year as you are able to. For those members yet to become a Centurion, forms are available from PP Roger Annear.**

Direct bank contributions to RC Mt Martha Club A/c BSB 633-000, Acc. 126265388 Please note your name and advise Roger Annear by email when completed.

## Thank you to Progress Signs

A big thank you to Progress Signs on behalf of the Club for the provision (at no cost to the Club) of the new RORP Trailer sign. Thank you, we really appreciate your support.



MALARIA AWARENESS DAY  
30 APRIL 2021

# RAM AUSTRALIA FUN RUN

[www.ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day](http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day)



In April 2021 Rotarians in Australia are hosting this event that challenges you to walk, run, swim or ride 4km on Malaria Awareness Day to represent the over 400,000 lives lost to malaria each year. Please sign up and donate!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Plan your 4km walk/run/swim/ride on or close to April 30<sup>th</sup>
2. Share with friends your “Fun Run to Eliminate Malaria”
3. Ask your friends to join you or donate towards your (walk)
4. Register and donate your collections via <https://ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day>
5. Note if your friends need a tax deductible receipt, you need to register separately using the friend’s name
6. Please take a photo of yourself doing the challenge and send to us, to share on our social media. Thank you! Enquiries [rampr@rawcs.org.au](mailto:rampr@rawcs.org.au)

**CELEBRATE  
BEING TOGETHER**

Rotary  People of Action  
District 9820

**CONFERENCE  
&  
DINNER**

**1ST MAY 2021  
3.30PM**

NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL, 100 CLYDE ROAD, BERWICK

**\$70.00 PER HEAD**  
**2 COURSE MEAL INCLUDING BEER, WINE, SOFTDRINK**

  
Rotary Open Opportunities

**RSVP:** 24th April 2021 including any medical dietary requirements to Jane Moore at [jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au](mailto:jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au) THEN make your payment as below

**Payments:** District 9820 BSB 633000 ACC 134811736  
Your Name Conference eg: SmithConference

## Visit to the “Victorian Maritime Museum”

220 The Esplanade, Crib Point Victoria 3919

The Club has been fortunate enough to arrange an after-hours visit to the “Victorian Maritime Museum”, thanks to Roger Annear.

**When:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 6:00 PM.

### **What’s On:**

- Please note that this will be an early start at 6:00pm at Crib Point but I hope we can get a good number there to view one of the Mornington Peninsula’s hidden secrets.
- We will be given a presentation on the establishment of the Museum and what the future plans are before having time to view an interesting collection of Victorian Maritime history.
- I am planning for us to be at the Museum for about an hour or so.
- Friends and family are welcome to join in.
- Note there is an admission fee of \$5 each which will be collected on the night.

It would be an opportunity to car pool, I have 3 seats spare in my vehicle but will be leaving Mt Martha early at around 5:00pm. It is probably a half hour trip there.

**Dinner:** will be arranged most likely before 8:00pm at the Hastings Hotel. More on that later.

**Directions:** From either **Peninsula link or Moorooduc road** take the **Balnarring Road** turn-off and continue until the **Bittern - Dromana Road**, turn left and straight ahead until **Frankston Flinders road**, go left then immediately right into **Disney Street** and follow to the **Esplanade** at Crib Point, turn left, and just past the jetty to reach the Museum in the old BP Refinery office building.

**Warning:** Take care, there are a number of dangerous cross roads along this route.

Yours in Rotary – Roger Annear



*The Rotary Club of Langwarrin invites you to our*



*Hosted by Sherlock Trivia*

**Irish Auction**

**Raffles**

**Memorabilia**



**Coin Toss**

**\$100 Note Raffle**

**WHEN:** *SATURDAY 8TH MAY 2021*  
**WHERE:** *LANGWARRIN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
2 LANG ROAD LANGWARRIN*  
**STARTING:** *6.30 PM FOR 7.00 PM*  
**COST:** *\$15.00 PER HEAD*  
**BOOKINGS:** *CONTACT LINDA WAGHORN ON  
0431 381 013*

***BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES***  
***All profits to be used to support  
local community projects***



# Rotary Club of Seaford - Carrum Downs Invitation

Please join us to celebrate our 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



**VENUE:** International Motel Panorama Function Room

**Date:** Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> June

**Time:** 6:30 for 7PM. Start

**Cost:** \$38.00 for a two course dinner & refreshments at bar prices.

R.S.V.P. by 24<sup>TH</sup> May 2021

Peter Harris

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**Please Note:**

- For Direct Payments Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Ac. No 110526761
- The venue is upstairs and there is no lift.
- Please make your booking early as places are limited

## Donations in Kind (DIK) update


**Containers Shipped**  
 Donations in Kind  
**West Footscray Store Activity: 2000 – March 2021**  
**Containers Shipped: 629 Volunteer Hours: 188,000**

Bangladesh	2	Burma	1	Congo	3
Cambodia	11	Chile	7	Ethiopia	4
Fiji	29	Ghana	6	India	3
Indonesia	2	Kenya	4	Kiribati	6
Lesotho	1	Malawi	1	Nepal	4
Oman	1	Pakistan	3	PNG	25
Philippines	18	Samoa	14	Solomon Islands	10
Somalia	10	Somaliland	13	Sri Lanka	9
South Sudan	3	Sudan	7	Tanzania	17
Timor Leste	384	Tonga	3	Uganda	1
Vanuatu	10	Vietnam	1	Zambia	7
Zimbabwe	4				


**Value of goods shipped: \$66.4 million**



**Rotary Donations in Kind**  
West Footscray Store  
Achievements to March 2021



There have been many significant achievements in 21 years: DIK have a new Store, new equipment, and an increased capacity to assist our stakeholders to help others. We also wish to highlight achievements over the last 21 years and thank the people and organisations who have made this possible. Donations in Kind operations in other states conduct similar activities. **Rotary's** involvement in this area started over 50 years ago and in 1987 Donations in Kind was established as the nation-wide Rotary project.

#### Achievements to date:

**\$4,300,000**

**\$5,700,000**

**\$66,400,000**

**\$76,400,000**

**6.5 kilometres**

**37,600m<sup>3</sup>**

**1,450%**

**629**

\*raised for Store and shipping costs

\*the value of the volunteering allocated as Overseas Aid

\*of top-quality material given to people overseas who deserve our help

\*the combined total of Overseas Aid

\*the length of the containers end-to-end

\*of goods recycled, much of which would have ended up as landfill

\*return on investment (\$3.8 m in freight on \$50 m of goods shipped)

\*containers shipped



#### Thank you to the Volunteers

Our volunteers both Rotarians and members of the community are from a diverse background and all provide valuable service. Some are regulars, others are casual, or participate through our regular Rotary working bees. All are welcome. They have different passions and interests; some are in touch with those that receive goods, others are more interested in recycling. They all enjoy the pleasure of working with people who care and who are prepared to contribute their time. All leave at the end of the day knowing that someone will benefit because of their effort. We also thank the people who collect goods and deliver them to the Store; their time is not included in the figures above.



#### Thank you to our Donor Organisations

Donors of goods make everything possible. Some we can acknowledge openly and we respect the confidentiality of others. Many organisations are becoming donors as they recognise that DIK will comply with any specific requirements related to their donations. They are aware that their goods will be given to someone in genuine need, for free, in any one of the 220 countries where Rotary is established.

#### Thank you to our Financial Supporters

Without your support to fund the Store and to provide the funds to ship the goods there would be no Store or goods being received. You have given us the confidence to increase our capacity and lease the new building. You are silent partners in every container that is shipped. Our special thanks go to the Rotary Clubs who are members of DIK Inc. who make a substantial annual donation for rent.

#### Thank you from everyone who has been helped by DIK's donors and volunteers



Each year thousands of children receive a better education and a better future because you care.

Medical material worth millions is diverted from landfill annually, because volunteers make the effort to help others.

**Thank you for your support**



#### Rotary Donations In Kind Making a difference in lives around the world

For more information [www.rotarydik.org](http://www.rotarydik.org) or contact Laurie Fisher or Bob Glindemann

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