

PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings fellow Rotarians and Friends

Hybrid Meeting – Monday 1st March.

We were going to resort to Zoom but thanks to the technical skills of Rob Davies we are going to have a crack at a hybrid meeting. We'll meet face to face at The Mornington Hotel but David Stewart from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation will Zoom in to our meeting. Come along and check out how this works. If you can't make it to the Hotel zoom in. The link is in Byron's email

PR – Mornington News

Did you see the front page of Mornington News? Bill Cummins represented RCMM at an Indigenous Cultural Induction at the site of the MMH Community Garden. Now this has been completed Robyn Ruhl can get moving. This will be a great hands on project for our members.

Meeting 29 March – Special Guest. Tony Austin RC Warrnambool

March is Water and Sanitation Month and so we've slotted in a face to face meeting on the 5th Monday. Tony and his team couldn't get to PNG last year with the tank for Popondetta School and is now keen to get there. He is applying for a Global Grant and has agreed to take a RORP playground in his container. It will be a great night. Don't miss it

Charity Golf Day

Bill Branthwaite is leading the team. The Mount Martha Golf Course has been booked for Friday 14th May. Save the date.

Mid Year Financial Review.

It's time to check our projected income versus expenditure for the rest of the year. Gordon has consulted with Directors re projected expenditure and here are the new projected year end balances

Charitable Account: Original Budget - \$14,356. Revised Forecast : \$16,863.

Preferred Minimum - \$8000

Club Account : Original Budget - \$9,407 Revised Forecast: \$10,067

Preferred Minimum - \$4000

A healthy set of numbers despite Covid. Thank you for responding to my 'President's Plea' last year..

Committee membership

We can all get a bit stale doing the same things for a long time. I ask you to have a good think about what Committee you would like to be on next year. If you have been on your current committee for a many years I would suggest it's time for a change to keep up your interest and enthusiasm. You will hear more on this from Carol and her Board later in the year.

Position Vacant - Cluster Membership Champion

District is keen to drive membership growth and District Chair Christine Williams is seeking to establish 'Cluster Membership Champions' in each cluster to assist. If this sounds like you please contact AG Peter Rawlings for more details.

Cheers - President Roger

1st March 2021

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Director's Reports

Community Service

Taking into account the problems we have faced with Covid, the Community Committee has been able to perform some functions albeit in a reduced manner.

Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds - Captain RORP (aka Wayne Jenkins) has been active throughout harvesting and repairing playgrounds, with 10 units ready to be shipped to Sri Lanka when given the green light.

Mornington Park Primary School - Colin Stokes organised and supplied planter boxes. Still some work to be done by 30/4 to enable payment of \$1000 District grant.

Mt Martha Community Garden - President Roger supplied wicking beds and is assisting with ongoing activities. Future assistance by our Club will be assessed.

Australia Day BBQ - With funding from NADC and Hillview Quarries, our BBQ for volunteers and competitors we raised over \$600 (gold coin donation) enabling us to replace the trailer BBQ and install new hot water service. Life Saving Club has invited our Club to return next year, hopefully not under Covid conditions.

Mt Martha Sausage Sizzle - We're back to running our fortnightly BBQ on Saturdays.

Late Bill Mackenzie's House - 9 Members turned up to Bill's house to remove a mountain of timber and other lifetime collections situated under the house.

Youth Service

At our most recent meeting it was agreed that:

1. Contact local schools including Balcombe Grammar, Mornington Secondary and Mornington Park Primary to see where they are with programs we have run in the past, namely Mock Interviews, Breakfast Programs etc and see what's running or not running this year.
2. Contact Mornington Park Primary School Principal Bev Dadds to offer Earlyact - a Rotary program for young school children and their parents to become more knowledgeable and involved in Rotary.
3. Invite Jody Blythe, Youth coordinator Mornington Council. Investigate their Youth programs and see if there are any that way work with ours whether it be mentoring or assisting with programs.

“How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed?” - Barrie Sweeney

Back in late seventies I took over a business in Noble Park, a service station with a motor mechanics workshop.

The Rotary Club of Noble Park approached me and others in the local area advising that they are planning to start up a Club in Keysborough, of which they would be the host Club. As I was new to the area and needed to get to know the business people in the town and not knowing a lot about Rotary I consider this to be a worthwhile endeavour.

Hence in 1979 I become a chartered member of the Rotary Club of Keysborough District 9810.

The Club consisted of twenty members and we were involved in local community and overseas projects such as exchange students. We were a very social club, I had a chance of holding most Club positions over the ten years and being awarded a PHF.

Unfortunately at the end of the twenty years numbers dwindled and Club had to hand back its charter.

I moved to Safety Beach and while our house was being built, I was renting in the local area. The next door neighbour was a member of the Rotary Club of Mount Martha, so in 1999 I become a member of the Club thanks to Walther Koolen.

I have stayed in Rotary because of the fellowship and the interesting people I have met or listened to as guest speakers, also the involvement in the community and the commitment the members have to their projects.



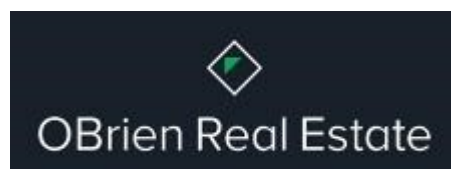
MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

- Mon 1 Mar RCMM **Club** Meeting @ The Mornington Hotel or via Zoom - Guest Speaker is David Stewart from Indigenous Literacy Foundation. David will speak via Zoom
- Sun 7 Mar Clean up Australia Day
- Mon 8 Mar **No Club** Meeting Labour Day Holiday
- Sat 13 Mar MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 15 Mar RCMM **Committee** meetings
- Mon 22 Mar Barefoot Bowls/BBQ Dinner @ Mount Martha Bowls Club
- Sat 27 Mar MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 29 Mar **No Club** Meeting - 5th Monday

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

- Mon 5 Apr **No Club** Meeting - Easter Monday
- Sat 10 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 12 Apr RCMM **Committee** meetings
- Mon 19 Apr RCMM **Club** Meeting - Hillview Quarries - Paul Nitas
- Sat 24 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 26 Apr **No Club** Meeting—RCMM Board meeting

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



RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE TO 30TH JUNE 2021.
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.

13th Mar	Bill Cummins	Tom Goulding	Steve Daly
27th Mar	Bill Ewing	Janet Pugh	Stephen Pugh
10th Apr	Wayne Norris	Mary McIntyre	Jonathan Mayne Geoff Kaye
24th Apr	Roger Skipsey	Jenny Mihan	MM Community Garden team
8th May	Peter Rawlings	Byron Groves	Bruce Ranken
22nd May	Colin Stokes	Tom Barrett	Rob Davies
5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Valerie Lyons	Greg Buchanan



**A FUN NIGHT FOR ALL
BAREFOOT BOWLING**

This annual event is scheduled for Monday 22nd March 2021

at

MOUNT MARTHA BOWLING CLUB

45 Watsons Road, Mount Martha

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES AT THE BOWLS CLUB AND HAVE A FUN NIGHT WITH PARTNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

6.00pm	Arrive - buy a drink and enjoy Bay views on the deck
6.30pm	One course meal, drinks at bar prices
7.15pm	Commence bowling, barefoot or flat soled shoes only
8.30pm	Close
COST	\$20 per person for bowling and meal

FOR CATERING PURPOSES

- **PLEASE GIVE PRIOR NOTICE OF ANY SPECIAL MEAL REQUIREMENTS**
- **FINAL ATTENDANCE NUMBERS TO BARRIE BY THURSDAY 18th MARCH**

IF COOL, BYO JUMPER

ENQUIRIES TO ROB MARKS on 0428 546 860

NUMBERS TO BARRIE SWEENEY on 0418 324 639



Two contrasting sunsets taken on the same night at Mount Martha recently

Wait, wait... you're telling me...



If I pee in the yard, I get a TREAT?



Our GPS in 1978

GO PAST JEFF'S HOUSE
THEN TURN WHERE THAT
BARN USED TO BE.
GO A LITTLE WAYS TILL
YOU GET TO THAT HOUSE
WHERE THAT REALLY
WEIRD GUY USED TO LIVE.
GO A LITTLE BIT TO THE
RIGHT ON THAT BUMPY
ROAD. CROSS OVER THAT
OLD BRIDGE THEN HIS
HOUSE IS PAST THAT
PLACE WHERE THOSE
DOGS USED TO
CHASE US.