



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings fellow Rotarians and Friends

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Rotarian Bill McKenzie passed away on Friday 5th February. Bill was a gentleman, great Rotarian, and founding member of our Club ...a true legend. His humour and wise counsel will be sadly missed. Our condolences go out to Fiona and Alistair and the rest of his family

### Meeting 1st February

How good was it to get back to face to face meetings last week . We had 36 attendees with 27 paying by EFT and no handling of coins. . Thank you for adapting to our new Covid safe format. Our 'square' EFT device costs us a 1.9% fee (38 cents of your \$20) but I think you will agree it's the way to go.

It was a pleasure to present Paul Nitas CEO Hillview Quarries with or Certificate of Appreciation for Hillview's \$1200 matching grant for our Australia Day event , the Mt Martha Life Saving Club MMAD Swim.

Darrell Chambers gave a great presentation on his experiences setting up a Rotary club in Russia. What a story.

### Family of Rotary

Dr Leanda Care – Daughter of club legend Arthur Care. Leanda is a member of the Mt Martha House Community Garden Group. She is back in Australia caring for her mother.

### RORP

Captain RORP and fellow 'Rorpers' have been busy harvesting the Drouin playground. Thanks Wayne for stacking them up at your place. The Rotary/RORP sign is now on the trailer ramp in all its glory. Great PR thanks to Progress Signs.

### Bay Trail Project

Team Leader Ross Kilborn advises that Federal Govt funds have become available through Round 6 of Stronger Communities Programme . Grants of \$2.5K -\$20K, applications close 22nd Feb, grants spent by Dec 31. If anyone has any thoughts about what we might apply for in Mt Martha (eg Picnic tables ,shelters) please talk to Steve Daly.

### R100

We'll investigate the possibility of a temporary Rotary Sign on Craigie Rd gantry/Mt Martha House to celebrate our centenary.

I encourage you all to attend your committee meetings next week. They are the 'engine room' of the club and where you can get your project up and running.

Cheers - President Roger

8th February 2021

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## “How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed?” - Valerie Lyons

“Life is finite - and there is never enough time to do all we want to!

However we can do so much through working together within communities, we can truly make a difference in the world. Making a difference and having a positive impact is why I joined Rotary. My professional life focus has been on building and enabling communities. Rotary Australia and Rotary International are a stand out community organisation, that is integral to vibrant thriving and diverse communities both locally and across the globe.

With theoretically more time on my hands in recent years the opportunity to be part of Rotary was timely. I joined Rotary in 2018.

The invitation to come and be part of the RCMM was informally extended by Carol Allen. Carol and I had across the years been deeply involved in organisational and sector leadership roles that provided senior services in residential & community services principally within Victoria.

I joined with an appreciation of the wonderful work and support that Rotary provided and enabled within local and global communities.

A particular scenario in my mind at the time of joining was to facilitate a program that would enable support to Mornington Peninsula seniors who often found themselves with limited family support either in community or residential settings. This would require a significant amount of people to partner with and to link into various community groups.

I still hope that we might achieve this into the future.

The other area of particular interest was in the international scene, in the provision of education for children and communities. The ABCD objectives aligned perfectly with this and I was excited by outcomes being undertaken in South Africa.

With the dissolution of ABCD in 2020, the opportunity to address these needs transferred to the International Committee.

Today, within Rotary I see key challenges - the fundraising dollar, the impact of COVID19, and the limited involvement by women.

All of these challenges have solutions to varying degrees - time and commitment will enable solutions.

Why do I stay. A high regard and admiration for the wonderful work that the RCMM does, and for the innovative and open mind approach that our club reflects for new approaches and initiatives. The passion and commitment that I see from many individuals within the club inspires me.

I see so much we can do, for individuals within different communities; individuals and groups that need that helping hand that rotary can enable locally, and within Australia and overseas.

Together with others making a difference in the provision of educational, and good living for all, irrespective of age and disadvantage within our communities is why I stay. “



**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 Feb	Roger Annear	Paul Clark	Carol Allen Bernard Butler
27th Feb	Bill Branthwaite	Phyl Scales	Tim Jolly
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



You are invited to join in the **Rotary District 9820**



# Kahoot!

## Trivia Social / Fundraising Event

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm via zoom and using the Kahoot Trivia App.

4 rounds of 10 x Rotary or General Trivia Questions |  
with the winner of each round to receive a prize.

**Cost is \$10.00** per entry with all funds going to support the DGP's Project  
"Rotarians Against Malaria"

Please pay \$10 via direct transfer to Rotary District 9820

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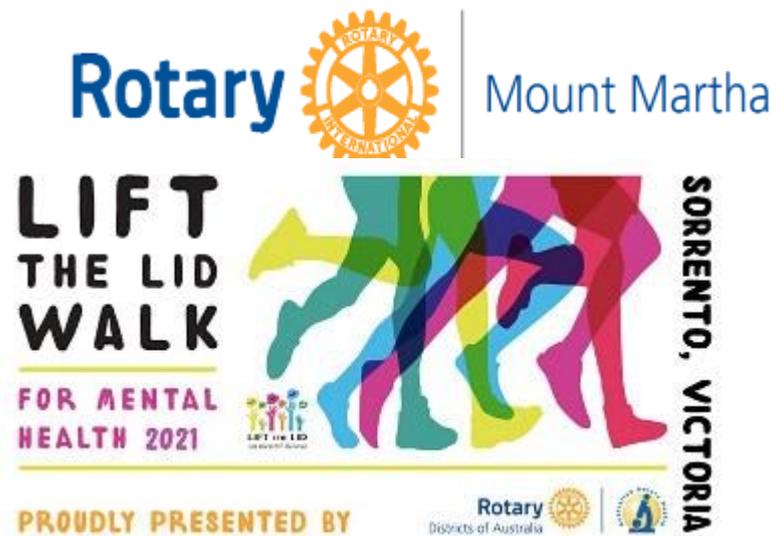
Then register via email to [secretary@rotary9820.org.au](mailto:secretary@rotary9820.org.au)

(Including your name and payment reference)

The event zoom link and information about Kahoot will then sent to each participant.

**Entries close at 4.00 pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

For information go to [www.rotary9820.org.au](http://www.rotary9820.org.au) and see the District Calendar



**LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health will get you walking and get us all talking while we raise vital funds for Australian Rotary Health.**

**When:** Sunday February 28th 2021

The walk will commence from 8am and you are encouraged to start anytime that suits between 8am and 12 noon. All walkers should aim to complete their course by 2.00pm

**Where:** Start from the Stables at Point Nepean National Park, Portsea or If you are unable to participate, you may wish to make a donation to mental health research

**What:** A Walk NOT a race. There are 3 walks you can choose from and they are;

- a. From the Stables to Observation point and return along the beach or Coles track. Distance approx. 2.8kms
- b. From the Stables to Gunners Cottage and return along the beach or Coles track. Distance approx. 5.2kms
- c. From the Stables to Point Nepean and return via Defence Road, the beach or Coles track. Distance approx. 9.5kms

Please see course maps at the end of the page.

Walkers have the option to turn around at any time.

**How strenuous is the Walk/Is the Walk difficult?**

That depends on the physical health of the individual. The idea is to “walk and talk” about mental health so routes are designed to be manageable by most including those with mobility challenges.

**Who:** Everyone who has been impacted by or cares about Mental Health –

**Unfortunately - DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED** as this is a National Park area!

**Entry fee:** \$30 includes a t-shirt. Kids 15 and under walk for free. Ticket purchase including your t-shirt cut off is 9 am Thursday, February 11th, 2021. Entries purchased after 9 am on February 11th 2021 will NOT receive a t-shirt so get in early. All orders from then will only include your ticket entry into the WALK.

**Registration:** From 7am in the park area beside the Stables in the Point Nepean National Park - Please register and collect t-shirts. You can register from 7am on the day, credit card facilities available.

**Water:** Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottles on the day for great hygiene and COVID safe management. Look after the environment and all bottles or rubbish you take with you must be taken home for proper disposal. There is no safe drinking water available from Gunners Cottage to Point Nepean.

**Parking:** \$5 supervised parking will be available on Jarman Oval

## **ABOUT THE WALK**

The Rotary Club of Sorrento aims to have a number of other Rotary Clubs in the District stage a WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH in October of each year to coincide with Victoria’s Mental Health Month. The “point of difference” is that the walk is not a race. It is a family occasion offering an organised “fun” walk in the Point Nepean National Park. Walkers have the option to turn around at any time.

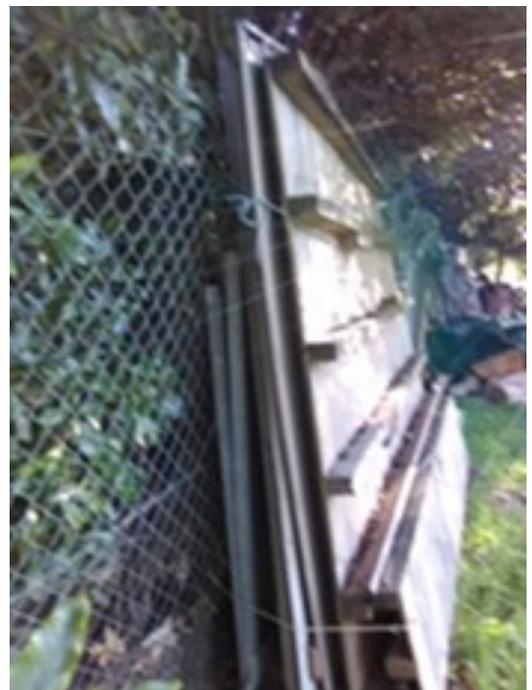
The inaugural Walk was to be held in October 2020 however due to COVID-19 restrictions the date has been moved to 28th February 2021. Our target this year given COVID management is 350 walkers and more than \$10,000 funds to be raised for Mental Health Research.

For all details and look at the booking site on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lift-the-lid-walk-for-mental-health-sorrento-victoria-tickets-130508872551>

## COLOURBOND SHED FOR SALE

Brown Colourbond shed. The floor measures 2.26 metres square and is 1.8m high at side and 2.0 at centre. In the photos you can only really see the floor in two parts and the walls and roof are stacked behind it. I think the door is hinged on the front high point. All good quality Colourbond steel and no rusty bits that I can see or remember. Colour is brown.

Great Garden Shed. This Shed retails for \$650 plus, so we are offering it for \$400, delivered locally. Proceeds to RCMM. Contact Roger Annear 0472 540 684



A bit of light-hearted humour. I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?"



She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose.

— George Carlin

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I have washed my hands so much I've uncovered a nightclub stamp from 25 years ago

### Economic changes in 2020

Add a New Payment Method

- Add New Card 
-  Pay with VISA
-  Pay with PayPal
-  Pay with Toilet Paper

[Continue with Toiletbank](#)

Toilet paper is the new currency.

It's called butt-coin!

**Instructor:** Welcome to salsa class! Who's ready to learn how to dance?

Me, hiding a bag of tortilla chips: There's been a misunderstanding.