

### PRESIDENT CAROL'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

**Greetings Rotarians and Friends** 

Welcome again to our weekly bulletin. Please note there is no meeting on Monday night due to the Labour Day weekend. Thanks to all those generous Rotarians who gave their time on the public holiday to the BBQ at Bunnings.

#### **Board Meeting**

We held our Board meeting on Tuesday and made a couple of significant decisions. The Board has agreed to donate \$1000 to RAWCS Flood Appeal and to donate \$1000 of our Golf Day funds to the Shelter Box Appeal for refugees from the Ukraine.

We have decided to significantly upgrade our video conferring technology as we believe that Hybrid meetings are here to stay, and we want to make it the best experience we can. Thanks to Rob Davies and Anne Shaw who have both worked very hard to make this happen. We have been able to do this by using some of the funds we acquired through the Stronger Communities Programme to upgrade our technology.

We, as you would remember, received \$9000 from the Stronger Communities Programme Round 6. We must expend all these funds by 30 March 2022. We have the seating and table ready to be installed in the next few days and may now use the remaining funding to improve our technology. If the funding is not expended by the due date then we would be required to refund the full \$9,000.

In discussions with the Stronger Communities Coordinator, we have been able to adjust our funding criteria to: *The Project will install seating at the Harrap Creek Trail and purchase IT equipment. This will provide the community a safe navigational pathway, improve the facilities, recreational area and enhance the organisation's office to deliver services to the community.* 

A subcommittee of the Board was formed in January to review the Board Structure and recommended to the Board that for the year 2022/23 we include an additional Director for the Environment to the Board and remove the role of the Vice President. This maintains the Board number at 10. As the Board has now approved this recommendation, our By-Laws require us to go to a member's meeting to have it voted on. This will take place at the Changeover meeting to June and come into effect in July. Our guiding principles for the environment will be:

#### **RCMM**

- acknowledges the importance of protecting and preserving the environment.
- is proactive in promoting Environmentally Sustainable Projects.
- ensures that at all current and future Rotary projects and events, consideration will be given to: Reducing Waste. Promoting Recycling. Reducing the Environmental Impact.

### **REC OMMENDATION**

That the MMRC Board approves this Environmental Values statement to be included in our Public Images Website and Social Media material. **Approved unanimously.** 



#### SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

14th March 2022

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These Celebrations are for the weeks 7th March 2022 to 20th March 2022

#### **Birthdays**

Tom Goulding 9th
Lucia Butler 10th
Aileen Piper 18th
Sue Skipsey 20th
Wedding Anniversaries
Greg & Melanie Buchanan 10th
Peter & Beth Warren 13th
Peter & Lyn Rawlings 14th

**Rotary Anniversaries** 

Barrie Sweeney 9/1999

Peter Rawlings 20/2006



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It was announced at the Rotary Members meeting in early February that Peter Rawlings had retired from the Board for personal reasons. We thank Peter most sincerely for all he has contributed to the Board especially over the last few years, as President, Past President, Secretary and Membership Director. He has worked tirelessly for our club and continues to do so, as well as undertaking his AG role across the Peninsula Clubs. The Board has appointed Janet Pugh as the interim Director until June. Janet has been a member of the Membership Committee and has been able to gain two new members. I am very grateful that Janet has agreed to step in to help us over this short time. Bill Branthwaite will be assisting Janet as she will be away for a month in England. During this time Bill will also be looking for his new Membership Director for his year. I'm sure he would be delighted to talk to you if you were interested in this role.

Please don't forget about our Peninsula Cluster movie night THE DUKE next Friday 18th March evening at 7.30pm at the Rosebud Cinema. You will need to book your ticket on the Humanitix website. Directions are on the flyer and then pay your \$20 into our Rotary account. \$10 goes to the cinema and \$10 to the club, we have around 10 people coming hopefully a few more will decide to join us for a fun evening out at the movies.

It is great being back at our Face-to-face meetings at the TMH and to listen to Bridgett Howes from Blue-Cross talk to us about living with Dementia. Many people found it very interesting I don't think we have ever had so many questions. I have had a request that we get a speaker in to talk about prostrate cancer in the next few months.

Hope you all enjoyed your long weekend Yours in Rotary - President Carol

Mon 9 May

Mon 16 May

### MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH

	WARCH IS WATER, SANTAHON & THOLENE MONTH			
Mon 14 Mar	No Meeting - Labour Day Holiday			
Mon 14 Mar	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 8			
Fri 18 Mar	End Polio Now Movie Night - see Flyer on page 4			
Mon 21 Mar	RCMM Committee meetings			
Fri 25 Mar	WesternPort Seagrass Partnership Working Bee 10am - see Flyer on page 7			
Mon 28 Mar	Club Meeting - Ridge Kally from Kieser Physiotherapy			
APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH				
Mon 4 Apr	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA			
Sat 9 Apr	Mount Martha Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 9			
Mon 11 Apr	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom			
	Guest Speaker is Mark Patrick of Rotary & Victorian Police Mentoring program			
Sat 16 Apr	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 8			
Mon 18 Apr	No meeting - Easter Monday Holiday			
Mon 25 Apr	No meeting - Anzac Day Holiday			
MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH				
Mon 2 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA			
Fri 6 May	Annual Community Golf Day @ Mount Martha Golf Course			
Sat 7 May	Mount Martha Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 9			

**RCMM Committee meetings** 

Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA



# The Rotary Foundation Promote the power of vaccines for World Immunization Week

With their decades of experience working to eradicate polio, Rotary members can play a key role in publicizing the power of vaccines.

**World Immunization Week, 24th to 30th April**, gives Rotary and Rotaract clubs an opportunity to raise awareness of the part that vaccines play in saving lives as well as of the critical need to continue supporting global polio vaccination for children and COVID-19 vaccines for all.

Because Rotary members and our partners have worked hard to counter vaccine hesitancy and reach all children with the polio vaccine, the world has seen a 99.9% reduction in polio cases since 1988. Our fight against polio is proof that vaccines work.

You too can support The Rotary Foundation "Doing Good in the World" by:

- Renewing your Centurion Club membership. \$100 per year as you are able.
- New Centurion Club member forms are available from Roger Annear Direct bank contribution to the RC Mt Martha Club A/c BSB 633-000, Account 126265388 Please note your name and also advise Roger by email when done.





The Duke Movie Night supporting End Polio Now is back on (after being cancelled late last year due to Covid) at the Peninsula (Rosebud) Cinema on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Ticket bookings can be made as per Flyer.









28/02/2022

# MEDIA RELEASE

## National Flood Relief Appeal

Australian charity, Rotary Australia World Community Service, today announced the creation of a national Flood Relief Appeal for people impacted by the current floods in Queensland and Northern NSW.

Australians impacted by the recent floods will be the beneficiaries of money raised by Flood Appeal and will be able to liaise with their local Rotary Club to advise of their needs.

The fundraising campaign was launched today to support the communities in need after yet another disaster impacting Australians.

"The money raised from the Appeal will go directly and quickly to support those impacted, providing essential items and financial support where Disaster relief and Insurance claims won't stretch," said Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd CEO Andrew Woodward.

"The number of disasters Australians have endured in the last few years in addition to the pandemic have been significant and left a lot of people in very difficult financial positions," Mr Woodward said.

Rotary Australia World Community Service has previously raised money for Bushfire and Drought affected areas and sees this disaster as just another where the network of Rotarians can step in to assist.

Mr Woodward said that he expects the money to help people with the things that insurance or disaster relief funds cannot replace. Whether it be helping farmers build new fences or providing food and clothing to those that have lost everything, the money raised will be crucial in helping families get back on their feet as soon as possible.

Rotary Australia World Community Service is a not-for-profit charity that aims to be the leading Australian charitable organization for people's wellbeing, supporting Rotarians and Rotary Clubs undertaking humanitarian projects in Australia and overseas.

Tax Deductible Donations to the appeal can be made on the Rotary Australia World Community Service website at <a href="https://rawcs.org.au">https://rawcs.org.au</a>

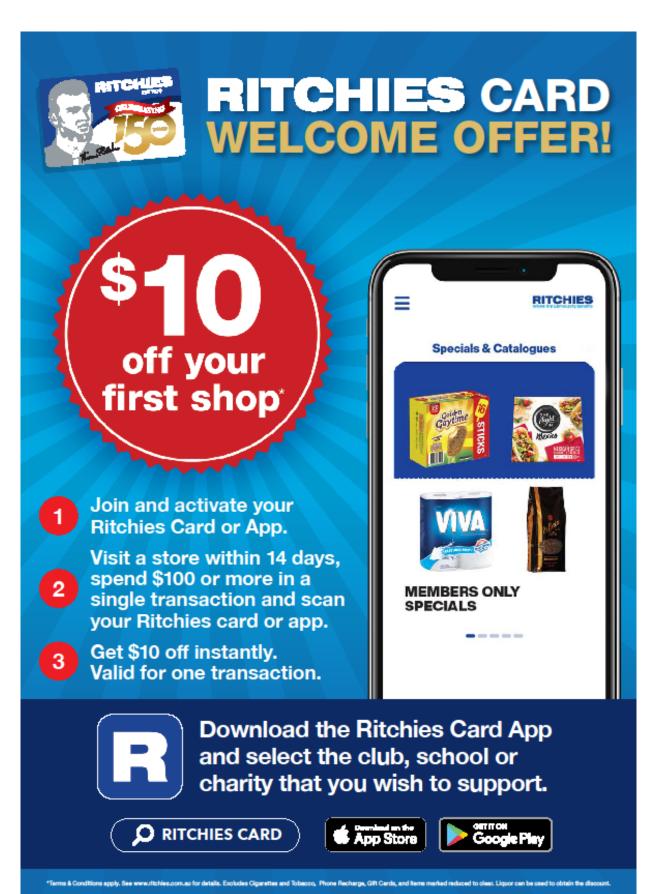
Andrew Woodward is available for interviews and photographs.

Link to headshot photo here

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#### WESTERN PORT SEAGRASS PARTNERSHIP – WORKING BEE

Captain Dick Cox is a Director of Western Port Seagrass Partnership (WPSP) and has been involved in mangroves, seagrass and saltmarsh in Western Port for the last 12 years. He is also a District 9820 Rotarian

The WPSP has organised a working bee at Grantville on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. We have students from RMIT assisting our scientific team to clean up and monitor and explain what we are doing, what we have been experimenting with and progress to date. I would greatly appreciate it if we could get a Rotary team together to do the same at Lang Lang the following day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am.

Unfortunately, Vic Grosjean is unable to join us as he has speaking engagements (which does not surprise me at all) but hopefully, he will be able to join us on a boat trip in the northern part of Western Port on **Saturday 30 April** which I am in the process of organising. The boat (Tidemaster) takes only 40 people and preference will be given to attendees at the March working bees.

Working on the mud flats requires a reasonable amount of fitness and wearing cloths and especially footwear that you will not mind throwing away, footwear is best to be old sneakers (or wet suit foot wear) NOT gum boots there have been too many sucked off and left in the mud.

We will be recording all these events so that you will be able to put them on your websites (especially when someone does a face plant in the mud!) a point made by the best RIPPR Jenny Scott in her summing up at the Conference, she had looked at ALL our websites in 9820, that we do not put our present and future projects online enough.

Please email me at <a href="mailto:riwcox@bigpond.net.au">riwcox@bigpond.net.au</a> if you can attend at any of the above and I will forward further details of these events.

Regards
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# **SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS**

## **BUNNINGS BBQ'S**

<u>8 to 11am</u> <u>11am to 2pm</u> <u>2pm to 5pm</u>

#### Monday 14th March 2022 (Labour Day Holiday)

Rob DaviesBruce RankenBill CumminsTom BarrettRay MartinCarol AllenGordon MorrissRoger AnnearPhyl ScalesTom GouldingBill BranthwaiteDavid WheelerMerv WillamsWayne NorrisBarrie Sweeney

If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Bill Cummins and Byron Groves

### Saturday 16th April 2022 (Easter Saturday)

Rob DaviesPeter RawlingsBill CumminsByron GrovesLinda FerrariRay MartinBernard ButlerBill EwingPat MortonMary McIntyreValerie LyonsCarol AllenWayne NorrisBruce RankenBarrie Sweeney

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

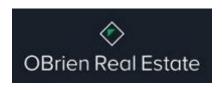














# The Mount Martha Sausage Sizzles are back and will be conducted on mainly a monthly basis.

# RCMM Mount Martha Saturday Sausage Sizzle Roster 2022 commencing at 9.00am and finishing 1.00pm approx

9/4/22	Gordon Morriss	Tom Goulding	Phyllis Scales
7/5/22	Carol Allen	Mt Martha House	Community Garden
4/6/22	Rob Davies	Wayne Norris	Byron Groves
2/7/22	Ray Martin	Valerie Lyons	Mary McIntyre
13/8/22	Peter Rawlings	Pat Morton	Barrie Sweeney
10/9/22	Bruce Ranken	Peter Warren	Bill Ewing
8/10/22	Tom Barrett	David Wheeler	Tom Goulding
5/11/22	Gordon Morriss	Bill Cummins	Paul Clark
3/12/22	Mary McIntyre	Mt Martha House	Community Garden
17/12/22	Roger Annear	Rob Davies	Ray Martin

