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PRESIDENT CAROL'S WEEKLY THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

This month's Rotary theme

This month in 'Rotary World' it is Basic Education and Literacy month. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty improving health and promoting peace in fact if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates these are the powerful words of Shekhar Mehta President of Rotary International in his monthly report. I was looking at the Indigenous Literacy Foundation website today and discovered that they have supplied 537,100 books to 400 communities featuring at least 40% by indigenous authors and illustrators. This remains a very worthy cause for us to consider as we raise funds over the year and especially during this month. I would be interested to hear your thoughts on this topic.

Last Monday's Social evening

Last Monday we had our first Partners Social Evening for this year, although not many partners joined us we had a lovely evening and heard many interesting stories about how people met and what their interests were, we have decided however that we will hold off on partners evenings until we can meet face to face and can more easily socialise together. David Wheeler did a great job in hosting the evening and keeping us all entertained. Thank you, David.

This Monday's Club (Zoom) meeting

This Monday evening our planned speaker was unable to join us so I have asked Rob Davies to speak about some of the environmental projects that he has been investigating and the ideas that he is considering, he will have some interesting topics to discuss, and I encourage you all to Zoom in on Monday night and contribute to this discussion about how we can change the environment that we live in. Gordon Morriss will be the Chairperson for September. See page 3 for Rob's ideas.

Zone 8 Virtual Conference

Zone 8 will be holding their virtual conference on the 11th and 12th of September. They have some interesting speakers including Shekhar Mehta the international president, Jennifer Jones the President Elect of Rotary International and many other speakers. Sessions are over the two days for around three to four hours each day, with both speakers and workshops in breakout rooms. I will be attending, and I hope that some of you will join me, and I will be attending the Rotary public image break out session. The cost is only \$25!

There is more information on the Conference in the Down Under Rotary District newsletter that was distributed last week. Janet Pugh who is the editor of this newsletter noted, in it, that only 134/1010 people opened the newsletter last month down from around 500 the previous month. I think she is doing a really good job so make her day and have a read of it.

Rotary Years of Service - an apology

Last week's Bulletin contained a page showing Rotary Years of Service and we inadvertently showed Rob Davies with 30 years Service, when in fact it is 40 years Service to Rotary. Rob, please accept our apologies.

Role & Responsibilities of Chairperson at Ordinary Meetings of RCMM

I have included a copy of this document again this week. See page 2 of this Bulletin.

I hope that you are all surviving the extended Covid lockdown and that we will soon be meeting face to face at least by Christmas!!, where we can enjoy the Christmas festivities together.

Stay well, stay safe and keep in touch with friends and family and of course get vaccinated if you haven't already done it.

President Carol

6th September 2021

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ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON AT ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MT. MARTHA

Preamble

For the Rotary year 2021-22, each Chairperson will carry out the role for the 2 weekly meeting - 1st and 3rd weeks of each month unless another member has brought the Guest Speaker, in that case, the member will be Chairperson on that night. The Secretary will coordinate the organisation of the Chairperson role which will be cross referenced with the Program speaker's topics.

If they are unable to attend it will be up to the designated chair to find a replacement for the evening.

The role of the Front of House (FoH) currently undertaken by Rob Davies and the Chairperson are closely related and it is expected that the Chairperson and FoH will communicate with each other.

CHAIRPERSON DUTIES

Objectives

- ⇒ Together with FoH the role ensure that the evening meeting is set up and well organised and coordinated.
- ⇒ Check with the President beforehand if there are any planned changes to the usual routine
- ⇒ Chair requests the Front of house to use the gong to call the meeting to order
- ⇒ Ensure that meetings start on time using an agenda (running sheet) and keep to timing. In Zoom you may give verbal prompts if required.
- ⇒ Conduct the events of each club meeting ensuring that the meeting has some membership engagement and activities, as well as introducing and thanking the speakers.
- ⇒ An ideas/activities list will be provided to Chairs to be used if necessary

Specific Responsibilities

- Ensure the Guest Speaker is appropriately greeted upon arrival,
- introduced to the President, provide a free drink, and make the speaker feel comfortable and thank them for coming
- Designate seating for the Guest Speaker next to the President and yourself.
- The chairperson will host the evening, introducing the President who will welcome everyone and too members who have something to say or report at the meeting.
- Introduce the speaker and have a short bio provided by Program Organiser
- Coordinate some members activities before or after the speaker
- Have gifts available for Guest Speakers
- After the talk – thank them and provide them with the designated gift.
- Assist with pack away club equipment after each meeting if required.

After the event, send an email of thanks to the Guest Speaker which includes information of our club website and Facebook

ENVIRONMENT Sub-COMMITTEE

President Carol was looking for someone to take on the role of Rotary's newly created 7th Area of Focus – The Environment and it seems I caught President Carol's attention.

So, on the basis of "if in doubt, form a committee", I have been joined by Roger Annear and Stephen Pugh and now Pat Morton has been invited to join us when there are links to the Youth Committee. Members of other Committees can also participate when a project or program links into the Environment. We act as a sub-committee reporting to the Community Service Committee under Steve Daly.



However, Carol has made it clear that "Supporting the Environment" should be a mindset for the RCMM as a whole.

ESRAG Oceania (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) are running a competition for "Aspiring Journalists" in Years 7-10. The subject is:

"Imagine that you are a journalist at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November 2021 and write your report for us!"

Here is the link: <https://www.esraqanzpi.org/cop26-competition/>

- ✓ If anyone knows a school student or has a child/grandchild who would like to enter, please contact Rob.

The Sub-Committee has developed a four-part plan:

1. They are going to investigate the possibility of enshrining the Environment into RCMM policy.
 - ✦ A project you can do at home is **Measure your carbon footprint**. You can look up <https://www.footprintcalculator.org/> or <https://carbonneutral.com.au/carbon-calculator/>
2. Helping BERG Clean Up Australia
3. Encourage Food Waste collection via the green bin. <https://shape.morpen.vic.gov.au/introducing-food-waste-collection>
4. Work with all RCMM Committees.

Apply to your Council to receive a free food scraps bin, you can empty it into your green bin or worm farm. For the worm farm: no onion, citrus peel, meat, cheese or bread (it goes mouldy).

[Rob asked what he should do with the meat scraps: - simple answer (a) get a dog (b) get 2 dogs]

Rob Davies

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

- Mon 6 Sept RCMM Club meeting - via Zoom with Rob Davies hosting an Environmental session
- Mon 13 Sept RCMM Committee meetings via Zoom
- Mon 20 Sept RCMM Club meeting - via Zoom with Mike Greenslade, ShelterBox Australia
- Mon 27 Sept RCMM Club meeting - District Governor, Bill Degnan visit

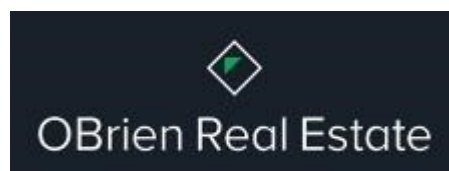
OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT MONTH

- Mon 4 Oct RCMM Club meeting
- Sat 9 Oct MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 9
- Mon 11 Oct RCMM Board Meeting
- Mon 18 Oct RCMM Club meeting
- Sat 23 Oct MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 9
- Mon 25 Oct RCMM Committee meetings

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- Mon 1 Nov RCMM Club meeting - Melbourne Cup Eve
- Sat 6 Nov MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 9
- Mon 8 Nov RCMM Board Meeting
- Mon 15 Nov RCMM Club meeting
- Sat 20 Nov MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 9
- Mon 22 Nov RCMM Committee meetings
- Mon 29 Nov RCMM Partners Social evening

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



ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT MARTHA BBQ TRAILER UPGRADE

Gas Compliance Certificates has been issued by the Victorian Building Authority for the BBQ Trailer including the new Hot Water System. This is a once only issued document, just certifying that the installation is in compliance with the Gas Standards as they stand today. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that the various components remain serviceable and fit for service. A laminated copy of both Certificates will be placed in the BBQ Trailer

The Hot Water System works fine....be that a little slower than a domestic mains pressure system, but the water is hot and the system compliant.

A big thank you to Wayne Jenkins on behalf of the Club for arranging for these works to be undertaken. Wayne has taken some photos of the works which are reproduced below.



Operating mode showing Hot Water System



Compliant Regulator & Two way



Isolation valve - 3 of them



External Lockable Tank Filler Point



Battery & Pump



Tank, Battery & Pump



Now all ready to Travel to its next BBQ



Isolate Switch

Introducing of National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Representative - Anna Wakelam

My name is Anna, I'm 17, and am currently in year 11 at Dromana Secondary College.

I have a passion for Science, and I am constantly curious. I'm especially interested in the emerging area of work that allows us to take land that has been destroyed or rendered useless by the changing climate and rehabilitate it using the original, native flora and fauna. All with the goal in mind that, eventually, the land can be left to grow and bounce back on its own.



I currently study VCE English, Physics, Chemistry, Maths Methods and Further Maths, and on top of that, enjoy them all. I look at NYSF as an opportunity to be exposed to new experiences that I otherwise wouldn't have access to. Furthermore, I believe that it would help me gain a clearer view on what I want to do after school, as right now I don't have a clear-cut path that I want to pursue.

Your sponsorship means a lot, as it will help me achieve what I have shared with you here and so much more. I'd be happy to share more about what I'm looking to get out of attending NYSF and why I applied.

Rotary Club of Mount Martha Christmas Raffle

This year the Rotary Club of Mount Martha will be conducting a Christmas Raffle. The 1st prize is a Samsung 65cm 4K TV, 2nd and 3rd prizes will consist of a \$500 Bunnings voucher and a \$500 Ritchies IGA voucher. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We are planning to sell 3,000 tickets. We are hoping to raise in excess of \$3,500. Tickets will be available in the next 2 weeks.

All the funds raised will go to the Mount Martha section of the "Peninsula Bay Trail". The reasons for this decision are; 1) it is a local project; 2) it links Mount Martha with the other trails; 3) it demonstrates our Club's work in Mount Martha and 4) will provide environmental and ecological outcomes.

The draw will be held outside Ritchies IGA at Mount Martha on Wednesday 22nd December.



ROTARY OVERSEAS RECYCLED PLAYGROUNDS (RORP) UPDATE

This article is from the March 2021 edition of Rotary Downunder Magazine. Our own Wayne Jenkins, the District 9820 RORP Chair is in the bottom photo.

SWINGS AND ROUNDABOUTS

A RELATIVELY new Rotary program is rescuing old playgrounds from landfill to bring joy to children in developing nations.

The City of Greater Dandenong, Vic, typically replaces around four playgrounds per year. In the past, the old playgrounds have often gone straight to landfill. However, Melinda Bell from the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills, and Gavin Roberts from the City of Greater Dandenong Council, have teamed up to provide an 'elegant solution'. Through Rotary's Removal of Recycled Playgrounds (RORP) project, playgrounds are 'harvested', rejuvenated and sent to poorer countries, such as Sri Lanka, where they continue to bring joy to thousands of children.

A team of hardworking Rotarians recently removed a playground from Memorial Drive, Noble Park. It has already been reconditioned and shipped off to its new home in Sri Lanka.

RORP is an initiative of Rotary Australia and, in its four years of operation, has already delivered over 40 playgrounds to needy communities abroad. For local councils, the program allows them to significantly reduce their carbon footprint by avoiding landfill, while fulfilling the responsibilities of their sustainability and waste policies.

With her first-hand knowledge of Sri Lanka, where she supports a local school, Melinda leapt at the chance to serve both Greater Dandenong and developing countries – and to help the environment – through Rotary and RORP. Under her leadership, Rotary and the council will not only do that, but will also bring hours of healthy pleasure to many children in our part of the world.

The Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills is always looking for new members to help in their work, both locally and internationally. Information can be found on Facebook. •

PICTURED (TOP TO BOTTOM): Terry Valentine takes a shortcut dismantling playground equipment after losing the battle with a stubborn bolt; Friend of Rotary Mel Bell coding the components of the playground so they can be reassembled correctly at the destination; The team discusses another stubborn bolt.



DISTRICT 9820 CONFERENCE 2022

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

District Governor Bill Degnan and Judy, together with the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central, invite you and all your members to come and join us in beautiful Traralgon, where the D9820 Conference will be held on the weekend of February 25-27, 2022, in the new Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

Registrations are now open, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the Valley for a Conference filled with inspiration, fun and fellowship.

This conference will focus on environmental sustainability and what part Rotary can play.

We also have Dr. Fiona Wood, AM FAHMS, as our keynote speaker. Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive **Surgeon** and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine. Professor Wood's greatest contribution and enduring legacy is her work pioneering the innovative 'spray-on skin' technique, which greatly reduces permanent scarring in burns victims.

Friday activities will be a Golf tournament, a winery tour and self-drive drive tours of the beautiful Latrobe Valley.

Saturday night's 'Celebration 101' will be a dinner dance at Morwell's Kernot Hall, where we will be entertained by The Baker Boys. Dress code is 'Cocktail', so bring out your pretty party dresses and suits for a night of fun.

Further information about our speakers, tours and entertainment will be posted on the District Conference Facebook page and the District Website.

Thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsors, Maryvale Private Hospital and Latrobe Health Services, and Latrobe City Council, for their support and assistance.

We look forward to seeing you all in February 2022

DG Bill, Judy and the Conference Committee

Click on this link for registrations: - [Welcome | District 9820 \(rotary9820.org.au\)](https://www.rotary9820.org.au)

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

RCMM MM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (COMMENCE 9AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1PM)

9th October	David Wheeler	Wayne Norris	Pat Morton
23rd October	Tom Goulding	John Waterhouse	Steve Daly
6th November	Mary McIntyre	MMH Community Garden	MMH Community Garden
20th November	Paul Clark	Colin Stokes	Gordon Morriss
4th December	Peter Warren	Roger Annear	Byron Groves
18th December	Merv Williams	Bill Ewing	Valerie Lyons



SOCIAL EVENTS – IDEAS

Whilst we are still in lockdown, hopefully, it can't last forever! If you have some ideas on how and where we could meet for social get togethers (not necessarily on a Monday night) I would like to get some ideas.

Outdoor places e.g., parks, public gardens etc., may be best and as the weather is improving and we will have daylight saving soon we may be able to have a picnic lunch or dinner. Some wineries would have a suitable outdoor area, so please let David Wheeler (our Social Event Organiser) know your suggestions.

Also, David would like to know of any have suggestions for a fun Monday Social night (5th Monday), perhaps with a dress-up theme; another trivia night or something else, he would like to hear your ideas on that as well.



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Time for a laugh courtesy of Tom Barrett

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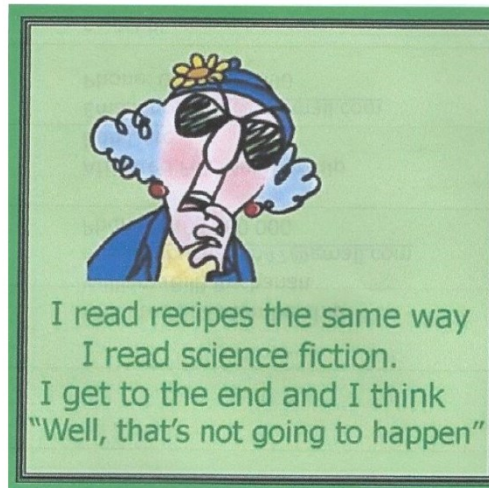
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Time for a Laugh

Paddy was walking down a street when he saw his buddy Mick driving a brand new Mercedes.
 Mick pulled up to him with a wide grin.
 "Mick, where'd you get that car?"
 "Sue gave it to me" Mick replied.
 "She gave it to you? I knew she was kinda sweet on ya lad, but a new Merc?"
 "Well, Paddy, let me tell you what happened...
 We were driving out on a country road at 6 in the morning, in the middle of nowhere, Sue pulled off and headed in to the woods, she parked the car, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, 'Mick, take whatever you want'.
 So I took the car!"
 "You're a smart man!" says Paddy
 Them clothes would never have fitted you".



Thanks Gordon Barrow for this one!

The director had just finished interviewing a potential new secretary.
 "That seems quite satisfactory, Miss Robertson. And what sort of salary would you be looking for?"
 "About ten thousand," said Miss Robertson.
 "You can have that, with pleasure," he said.
 "Hold on a minute," said Miss Robertson, "if it's with pleasure, it's fifteen thousand."

