



**PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG**

**3rd August 2020**

Well, things aren't getting any better on the Coronavirus front. Hope you all masking up and keeping well.

**Brooke Tahir**

Thanks to Phyl, Valerie , Carol, Lara, Mary and Anne Shaw for cooking and dropping off food for Brooke as she nears the birth of her child and needed a hand.

**Coronavirus masks for Mornington Information and Support Centre (MISC)**

We committed to funding 100 reuseable masks for Mornington Information and Support Centre and have ordered 100 masks from Boomerang bags . Subsequently Merv Williams advised that Coronavirus mask would meet criteria for Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG - Dick Smith fund) and so we contacted RC Mornington with a view to partner with them (\$1000) and have that matched by RACG. We were ready to go when DHHS advised they were supplying 2 million masks .MISC are unsure when and how many they are going to get and need them now hence we are proceeding with our order for 100 masks (\$800) which will be delivered next week.

**Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG)**

Remember that RACG still have Dick Smiths funds available, minimum project \$2000 , matched dollar for dollar, must be for individuals not organisations. Grant application is a simple process. We just need to find the matching dollars, not necessarily from RCMM as we did for grant for John Crossin. If know someone who needs help perhaps we can help.

**Fusion : Sleep in your car**

Pat, Wayne, Colin ,Rob D and myself are getting ready to brave the cold on Saturday night and sleeping in our cars/tents or on our couches. This will go some way to help fund our work at Fusion in particular the modifications to the back of the Op shop they are seeking. SIYC participants, we need some selfies as evidence....and for our webpage.

**Rotary Bushfire Response**

I look forward to 'seeing' you on Monday night and hearing from RC Bairnsdale how our donations have been put to work for those affected.

**Fashions on the screen!**

Please have your fashionable Covid masks on for next Monday's meeting ,we will be looking for the ' Best dressed Rotarian in a mask' There will be a fine bottle of red or white wine (winners prerogative) to be won. The first contender is opposite and it is????.

Keep safe.

Yours in Rotary - President Roger

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Club meetings (via Zoom in this present COVID-19 climate).

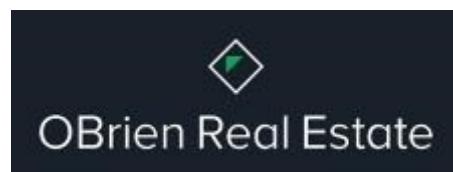
**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

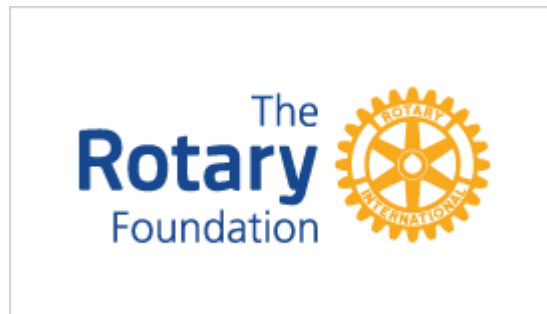
- Mon 3 Aug Club Meeting via Zoom with Pearl Finlay-James speaking about Gippsland Bushfire Relief
- Mon 10 Aug Committee Breakouts via Zoom
- Mon 17 Aug Club Meeting via Zoom with Fiona Kleinitz from the Stroke Foundation
- Mon 24 Aug NO MEETING
- Mon 31 Aug NO MEETING

**SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

- Mon 7 Sep Club Meeting via Zoom
- Mon 14 Sep NO MEETING
- Mon 21 Sep Club Meeting via Zoom
- Mon 28 Sep NO MEETING

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





## The Rotary Foundation

### A new area of focus: Supporting the Environment

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus. "I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts," says, Maloney.

Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important. "It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment," says Huang. "We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents."

In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa made the environment one of his primary causes, creating the Preserve Planet Earth subcommittee, which looked at ways clubs and members could conduct environmental initiatives.

"We have finally caught up to Costa [his vision]," says Past RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, chair of the Environmental Issues task force, which championed the new area of focus. "As a lifelong environmentalist, I'm delighted that our great organization has recognized that the environment is a worthy and appropriate destination for our project activity," says Riseley. "This is an exciting moment in Rotary history."

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1st July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

More information about this new cause will be announced soon.

Roger Annear, Foundation Chairperson, RCMM



### District Assembly sessions on YouTube

"Roger Annear writes "I recently logged into a couple of the District Assembly programs and found them to be excellent presentations.

Firstly I viewed the Rotary Foundation Presentation by PDG Sam Camporeale which runs for 28 mins. Secondly the Youth Programs session put together by Rob Cook District Chair of Youth. It does run for a good hour but you can flick through it and pick out what you are interested in. I am sure the other programs are just as good".

If you are wanting something to do in these days of lockdown, please consider viewing these sessions on YouTube as noted below. To make the Link work press the "Ctrl" key on your keyboard and hover the mouse over the URL.

<u>District Assembly Session</u>	<u>Recording Link</u>
Full Plenary Session	<a href="https://youtu.be/QGRIK-amP6I">https://youtu.be/QGRIK-amP6I</a>
Guest Speaker Mark Huddleston: Creatures of Habit	<a href="https://youtu.be/cuJw0so4fzs">https://youtu.be/cuJw0so4fzs</a>
Guest Speaker Trudy Grice: RI's Online Resources	<a href="https://youtu.be/TsqnBUI_QYs">https://youtu.be/TsqnBUI_QYs</a>
Guest Speaker Sam Camporeale: Rotary Foundation	<a href="https://youtu.be/KnkySad3mVI">https://youtu.be/KnkySad3mVI</a>
President Training	<a href="https://youtu.be/UuIkeg_fDqo">https://youtu.be/UuIkeg_fDqo</a>
Secretary Training	<a href="https://youtu.be/RA0IRH4OQho">https://youtu.be/RA0IRH4OQho</a>
Treasurer Training	<a href="https://youtu.be/8gRozpHcZdo">https://youtu.be/8gRozpHcZdo</a>
Membership	<a href="https://youtu.be/6gT_VdpKbps">https://youtu.be/6gT_VdpKbps</a>
Public Image	<a href="https://youtu.be/iVD9V_8nKbM">https://youtu.be/iVD9V_8nKbM</a>
Community & Vocation	<a href="https://youtu.be/W4xYSoGC-o8">https://youtu.be/W4xYSoGC-o8</a>
International	<a href="https://youtu.be/8vRrvpCa-Cg">https://youtu.be/8vRrvpCa-Cg</a>
Insurance & Youth Protection	<a href="https://youtu.be/N1nsEVEQgiU">https://youtu.be/N1nsEVEQgiU</a>
Youth Programs	<a href="https://youtu.be/m5PYWoZU_PA">https://youtu.be/m5PYWoZU_PA</a>

**Wear a Mask when you are out in public to keep us all safe.**



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



**Knock knock**  
**Who's there?**  
**Tank!**  
**Tank who?**  
**You're welcome!**



**Why is it annoying to eat next to basketball players?**

**They dribble all the time.**

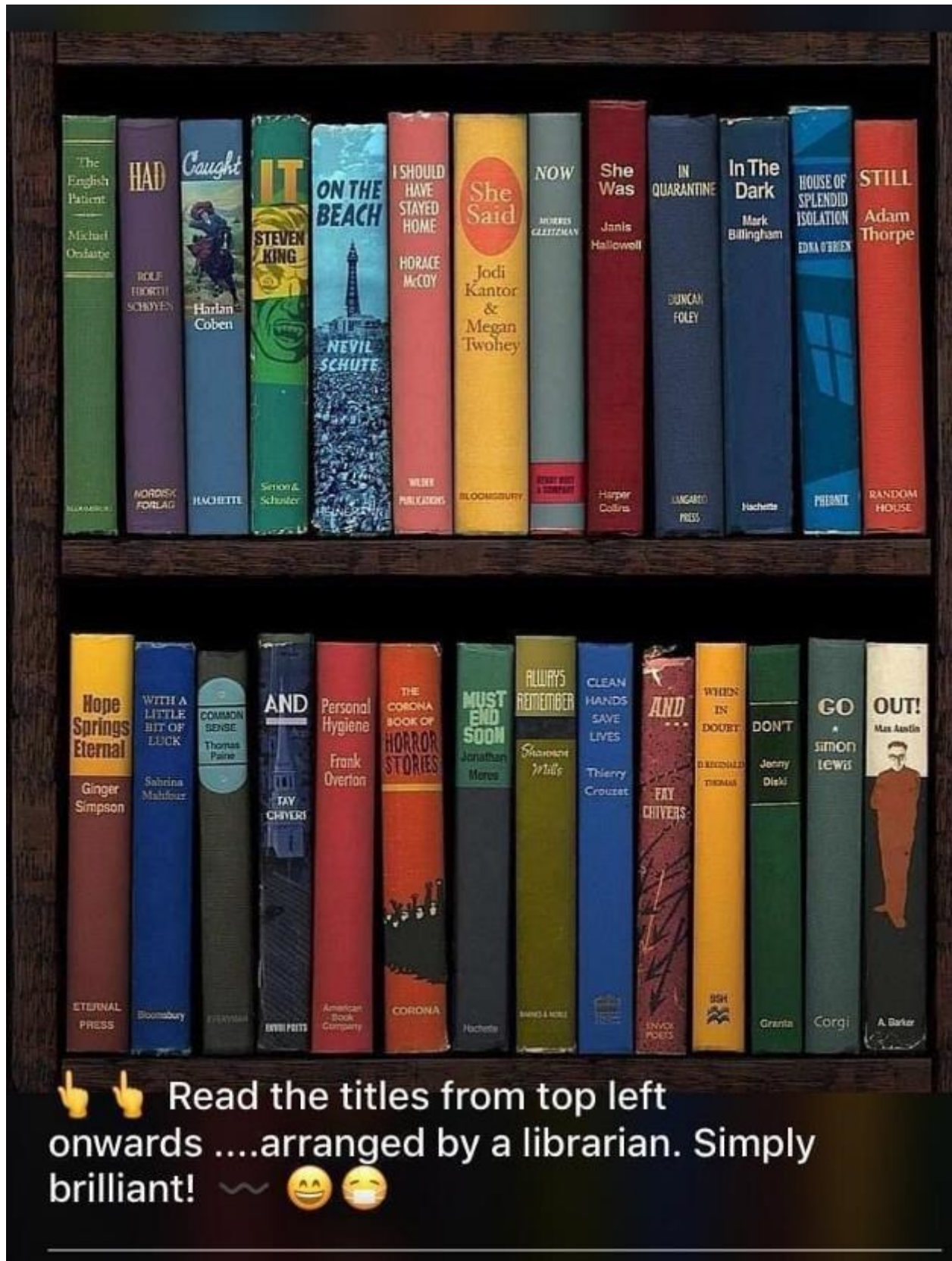


**WHY COULDN'T THE PONY SING A LULLABY?**

**She was a little horse.**

Parody

I found this on Facebook and found it spells out exactly what is happening now.



👉👉 Read the titles from top left onwards ....arranged by a librarian. Simply brilliant! 😊 😊