



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

17th August 2020

I hope you are all managing in 2nd week of stage 4 Lockdown. We'll hear from Carol later in the bulletin. I thought the committee breakouts worked well last Monday

New member:

I'm delighted to report that Bruce Rankan who gave us a quick 1 minute introduction last Monday has applied to join our club. We all wish we could shake your hand Bruce. We look forward to your contribution to the Community Committee. Thank you Rob Davies for stepping Bruce through the new member process,

Zoom training:

Thanks Peter for giving all Board members some basic training in 'zoom' Directors will now be able to set up their own meetings if they so desire.

Public Relations:

What a week! We got on the front page of Mornington News. Woo Hoo!!!. Our face-mask hand over to Mornington Information and Support Centre on the front page and on page 11 with Pat all dressed up in his pink dressing gown for Sleep In Your Car and again with Colin and his rabbit in the Frankston local paper. We got the Trifecta!!!. We now have a contact with Stephen Taylor MPNews Group and will be sure to call him when RORP harvest playgrounds. It's great to get the word out in the community to tell them that we do more than just cook snags

Fusion: Sleep in Your Car

The tally is now over \$2000.

Coronavirus Masks – Mornington Information and Support Centre (MISC)

Manager Stuart Meehan-Davis called me on Wednesday...the 100 masks we donated have practically all gone and he has no further supplies from DHHS and wondered if we could help further. I've been in touch with Ross Kilborn at RC Mornington and they are seeing if they can help

On another matter, members may not be aware that the MISC is currently building an all abilities bathroom /shower/toilet for the homeless/needly

BayTrail – Centenary Project

Peter Rawlings, Steve Daly and Ross Kilborn of RC Mornington met with MP Shire Mayor Sam Hearn (Honorary RCMM member) and CEO John Baker on Wednesday to discuss Baytrail Missing Links. Suffice to say they got a very receptive hearing and the MPSC are delighted to be partnering with Rotary on this major project.

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RORP

'Captain RORP' Wayne Jenkins having brushed up on his Zoom skills on Monday night presented to the RC Sale on Tuesday 11/8 and got a great reception. We are looking for help from other clubs to contact their council and earmark playgrounds in D9820 for 'harvest' later in 2021 after we harvest 5 in Mornington Peninsula
PR Chair Merv Williams is working on a design for a RORP sign on the RORP trailer

Mount Martha House Community Garden

A potential opportunity exists to partner with Mount Martha house and help then build a Community Garden. Thanks Colin Stokes for volunteering to explore how we might help

Working with Children & Rotary Form 3

Further to Phyl's great work in achieving 100% compliance in the club ,D9820 Secretary Carol Crewe has confirmed that we are only club in the district to achieve this. Take another bow Phyl.

Fundraising idea – Digital Gala Dinner

Our ideas man Ken Wall has an interesting fundraising concept. A Gala Dinner on Zoom. We are pulling together a small team to flesh out the possibilities.

Rotary Compassionate Grants Scheme (RCGS)

I've just received RAWCS Annual Report. The RCGS Fund (Dick Smith's Donation) still has more than \$200,000 available funds. The criteria is simple .1. Grants are for Australians in need, not organisations, individuals. 2. Grants will be matched dollar for dollar 3. Minimum project value \$2000. 4 Maximum project value \$15,000.
I raise this as Coronavirus is going to cause a lot of hardship

I hope to 'see' you Monday to hear from The Stroke Foundation

Stay Safe.....President Roger

My Life in Coronavirus World – Carol Allen

Most importantly it has made me so grateful for all my family and friends who make contact with me every week.

- I FACETIME with my smallest granddaughter who loves to show me how she can do somersaults on the trampoline while holding her mother's phone in her hand!
- I'm becoming an expert bread maker and also make the best banana bread and crunchies.
- I've started making patchwork quilts again after not touching a sewing machine for years. I thought I could make a quilt and we could raffle it or sell it to highest bidder as a fund raiser for Rotary
- I've joined a Vegie Garden internet network and LEARNING ALL ABOUT MAKING COMPOST and other interesting things.
- I'm struggling with Bunnings being closed and miss going out for a coffee and a chat with friends and family and I miss my Gardener who cuts my lawns and the POOL Man!!

And this week as a Board member of the Bays HealthCare Group I have rung 50 families who have a family members at the Bays Aged Care in Hasting to see how they are going and to hear how much they valued and appreciated all that the staff were doing to look after the residents and keeping them safe.

But most of all I learnt to value every day and make the most of it.

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

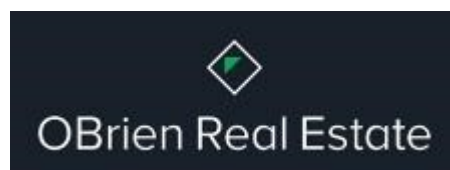
AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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



UPDATE FROM OUR COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

YOUTH

During last week's, Youth Meeting discussion centred upon the effects of the current situation on Rotary programs moving into 2021 and how it seemed unlikely that many would proceed.

We are moving ahead with NYSF Interviews and do have a candidate for this. We have been advised that Earlyact is unlikely to proceed this year but will approach Principal Bev Dadds from Mornington Park Primary School during the last term to see what can be supported there next year. We will review the Club Program during our next meeting to see how we are tracking against initiatives committed to.

Stephen Pugh raised the subject of Mental Health in Schools, particularly at Secondary/Tertiary level and reminded us that a member of Traralgon Rotary was trying to gain support for program entitled "Psychological First Aid" during 2019. It is unclear where this went but Stephen will make enquiries and report at the next youth meeting.

INTERNATIONAL & FOUNDATION

With the new Rotary Year underway, the I & F Committee is placing a focus on how we might raise additional funds to facilitate and enable delivery of our current 2020/21 International commitments and to expand on both current projects and to advance new project initiatives. With COVID19 now impacting all people's lives irrespective of where they live in our world, the need for international support is greater yet arguably the capacity to support these needs is reduced due to sovereign, company, NGO and individual financial constraints. To this end within our International and Foundation team we have key members with expertise to advance development of new fundraising streams. Philanthropic trusts review and the concept of a Virtual fundraising dinner interlinked with the International Rotary Foundation and the multiplier impact are a couple of the key fundraising opportunities being explored.

Current International Projects which have budgeted financial support through the Mt Martha Rotary Club are as follows;

School of St Jude, Tanzania East Africa, our annual sponsorship payment of \$720 has been paid in July to enable Teacher Support Roles for the students benefit. For those interested you can receive a copy of the School of St Jude monthly newsletter on the website; schoolofstjude.org.

Other Project commitments for the year are;

The Clean Water Project, Komea PNG - \$500, **Rotary against Malaria (RAM)** Vanuatu Focus , \$1,000, **Days for Girls** \$500 and **Polio Plus** \$750, and importantly our contribution to the **Rotary Club Foundation** of \$4,500. The I & F committee is looking to deliver on both current commitments and to expand where funding can be sourced. With Covid19 the Fourth Avenue of Rotary service - International Service is critical. We can do more with your support! We welcome any suggested inputs from all RCMM members. Please give me a call on 0438 062 130 - Valerie Lyons.

COMMUNITY & VOCATIONAL

Our first discussion was on the successful completion of 'Sleep in Your Car' and the raising of around \$2000 for Fusion. Colin Stokes then reported on possible work still to be done at Mornington Park Primary School, and outlined what is required before any construction work can be started on the carport at the rear of Fusion's Op Shop. Contact has been made with Robyn Ruhl with a view to participating in the building of a community garden at Mount Martha House.

Wayne Jenkins told us that enthusiastic interest in RORP was being displayed at District level through the International Director Colin Byron and DG Mark Humphries. Zoom meetings have been set up with varying groups within District.

As a visitor to our Committee meeting Club Treasurer Gordon Morriss advised he had observed an ABC presentation on Facebook providing solutions to the rubbish that is washed into our waterways from stormwater drains. Gordon already has contacted the people behind the making of this presentation, and will follow this through with authorities on the Peninsula.

RCMM MAKES THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Well done to President Roger, Colin and Pat for making this week's local Newspapers with handing over Face Masks to Mornington Information & Support Centre (Roger) and Sleep in Your Car (Colin and Pat). If you are unable to read the write ups, then I suggest you logon to the Mornington Peninsula News Website.



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Help for those doing it tough

Helping local Mount Martha Rotary's Roger Skipsey with Jenny Mihal, of Mt Martha House, Stuart Davis-Meehan, of Mornington Community Information and Support Centre, and Robyn Ruhl, of Mount Martha Boomerang Bags. Photo: Gary Skelton

MORNINGTON Community Information and Support Centre has a supply of free reusable and single-use masks for those struggling amid the tougher COVID-19 restrictions.

This has come about after Mount Martha Rotary's Roger Skipsey and Mount Martha Boomerang Bags' Robyn Ruhl came together and arranged to provide the centre with 100 reusable masks.

"Mount Martha House co-ordinator Jenny Mihal had called asking for help," Mr Skipsey recalled. "She said Mornington Peninsula Shire was trying to source 500 reusable coronavirus masks to be distributed to the under privileged."

Kent to help, Mr Skipsey called Robyn Ruhl, of Boomerang Bags Mount Martha, whose team committed to sewing 100 masks, with the Rotary club agreeing to pay for them. The order was made and the work began.

"When we all work together we can really make a difference... especially in this coronavirus world," Mr Skipsey said.

Their offer was welcomed by community information and support center manager Stuart Davis-Meehan, who had been concerned some people who could not afford to buy masks were wearing single use masks over and over again.

"We are so grateful to Mt Martha Rotary and Mt Martha Boomerang Bags for their support."

"This is just one less thing that people who are already struggling have to worry about."

The centre is continuing to provide food and financial support throughout the Stage 4 restrictions. Those in need are asked to call 5975 1644, 9am-4pm Monday to Friday, to arrange a visit.

Stephen Taylor



All decked out: Mount Martha Rotary's Pat Morton sets himself for a "cozy" night's sleep in his car. Picture: Supplied

Rough night warms the heart

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A night to warm hearts

August 10, 2020 MP News Group Feature

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Nearly lights out: Rotarian Colin Stokes and friend shuggle up for warmth.



Centenary of Rotary - Down Under 2021

A Centenary event in Rotary is a unique occasion for the Rotary world. A once in a lifetime opportunity for Rotary in Australia and New Zealand as we celebrate the first 100 years of Service in 2021.

Rotary's first headlines The Argus, Melbourne Saturday 26th March 1921:

"Lieut.-Colonel J L Ralston, CMG, DSO, KC, and Mr. James W Davidson are visiting Australia as commissioners for the extension among professional and business men of the 'Rotary Club' movement which claims about 80,000 members in Canada, the British Isles and the United States. The Rotary Club movement had its beginning in 1905 and has for its slogan 'He profits most who serves best'. In each club there can only be one representative of each line of business and each profession. Its aim is to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and profession."

Ralston and Davidson only met in Los Angeles on their trip to Australia and New Zealand. But from their endeavours, within weeks, the first Rotary meetings were conducted in Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington and Auckland.

In 1921, four Rotary Clubs were created in Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington and Sydney. From there, Rotary and Rotaract clubs were created across Australia and New Zealand. My "How Rotary has grown Down Under"

Today Australia has more than 26,000 Members in 1067 Clubs and in New Zealand 7600, Members in 256 Clubs.

We all share a centenary in 2021. We can come together and create a common legacy. Think about the impact we can make!

It's the time to discover what is the best way to mark the occasion! And create a legacy that propels Rotary into the next century of service.

Over the ensuing months I will endeavour to share with you elements of the growth of Rotary in Australia and in particular our own Rotary District 9820 which evolved from District 65 when Australia was declared a Rotary District in 1927.

PP Roger Annear

THANK YOU MOUNT MARTHA COMMUNITY BANK (MMCB).

The Rotary Club of Mount Martha has been granted 5 of these \$50 gift/shopping Vouchers as part of the MMCB stimulus for the local Community. No doubt the RCMM Board will decide the worthy recipients.

The Mount Martha Community Bank Branch has been out buying \$50 gift and shopping vouchers from its local shopping precinct retailers. We will be using these over the next few months to assist those in our local community and some of our Mount Martha Community Bank Branch customers who support us. Through this initiative we're initially pumping back \$5,000 stimulus into small businesses that need our support now. Some of the small businesses have added to these vouchers as they too wish to give back to the community that supports them. Its never been more important to support our local shops than now. Keep any eye out in the mail as one of these vouchers may be heading your way.....



Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

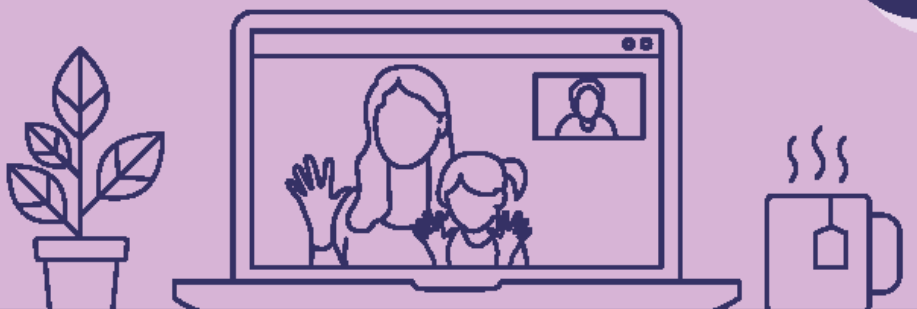
CARING FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS.

Together we can support older Australians through the coronavirus. Here are some tips:

- Keep in regular contact
- Set them up to use technology, then plan a regular time to connect
- Cook a meal and leave it at their front door
- Offer to run errands
- Drop a note in their mailbox
- Have a chat over the fence

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

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.

THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE

THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start?
I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are