



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings fellow Rotarians and Friends

Golf Day – New Major Sponsor – SAI Homecare

Tom Goulding and I met with SAI Home care on Tuesday and we are delighted to report that they have come on board with a \$2000 sponsorship. They are keen to promote their brand and support the local community. They are based in Frankston and now in Hastings. There is also a possibility that SAI Homecare can encourage another party to come on board with a \$1000 sponsorship.

Thank you Tom for providing the lead through the previous owners and founders (and Rotarians) Upali and Nina Desilva.

Peninsular Rotaract - Backpacks for Kids project – Wed 17/3/21

This project involved packing 100 backpacks with essential school items for primary school kids. Thanks to Bill (and Jill) Cummins, Geoff (and Judy) Kaye, Janet and Stephen Pugh for helping out.. We were the only Rotary club that answered Rotaract's Facebook call for help and it's fantastic that we were able to assist with some hands on volunteering.....and connect with Rotaract.

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Benton's Square BBQ – Sat 20/03/21

Our Benton's Square BBQ was on Saturday. Thanks to Bill Cummins for getting us in and to Rob Davies for using this opportunity to showcase RC of Mt Martha. Our profit was \$399.90, which is quite good for our 1st BBQ here. Hopefully this won't be a 'one off'.

Auspost 'People of Post' Grants - \$500

My and Roger Annear's nominations for Mt Martha House Community Garden and MCISC have been accepted and Auspost have now contacted these organisations for more detailed applications.

Mornington SC – Anzac Commemoration – Friday 23/4/21

We've been invited to join MSC for their wreath laying commemoration service at the school. I will represent our club at this event.

Mornington House Community Garden

The excavation to terrace the site in front happened in Friday, thanks to Heslip Excavations. Next the water tanks, then the raised beds. Photo of work below



Family of Rotary

Condolences to Wayne Jenkins and Ray Martin who have had close family members pass away recently. Wayne's mother in law and Ray's brother in law.

Cheers.....Roger

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How I came to join Rotary Mt Martha and why I stayed - Bernard Butler

Both my wife Lucia and I are city people and always envisaged ourselves living in Melbourne or it's leafy Eastern suburbs. However, in 1993 we commenced a work journey that took us away from home via Malaysia and Sydney for close on 8 years. On our return in 2002 I took up an appointment with CHEP at Clayton and Lucia continued her Executive Assistant career in the city. We went all sea change and settled in Mount Martha where we knew no one and there we selected an accountant to look after our affairs his name is Adrian Davis.

I had never had any knowledge of Rotary or what it does at any time in my life however in no time flat I was bombarded with Rotary brochures, leaflets, back issues of Rotary Down Under and other such items. A sales pitch like no other ensued. What an amazing, enthusiastic, and tireless advocate for Rotary Adrian was and still is. I was pleased to be asked and to subsequently join the Club in 2002. Thank you, Adrian, and members.

The 1st impression that he and later the club created was positive and textbook.

From the outset club members took an interest in me and I looked forward to meetings. I was given roles within the club at first small which grew over time until I became President for the Rotary year 2007/8.

Another role was that of MC (part of my skillset) at our Conference 2011 for which was recognised by the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship. I think the most satisfying role I have had is my involvement in the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment on three separate occasions. The job I had in this program was teaching presentation skills to participants (again using my skillset) I felt like I did well and members let me know. This was Fun with a capital F and I knew that we and I were making a measurable difference.

Currently I work on membership with Rob Davies team and I am mentoring a serving policeman in a VicPol/ Rotary joint project.

These are just some of the things that have kept me in Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Mt Martha is an interesting world and I well understand that Rotary is immeasurably larger than anything that we see locally and that fact is another thing that keeps me proud and focussed.



MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

Mon 22 Mar Barefoot Bowls/BBQ Dinner @ Mount Martha Bowls Club
 Mon 29 Mar RCMM Club Meeting @ The Mornington Hotel - Guest Speaker is Tony Austin from RC of Wannambool about Water for PNG

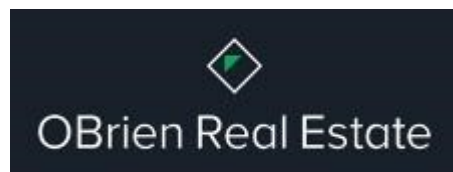
APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Sat 3 Apr Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - 8am to 4pm
 Mon 5 Apr No Club Meeting - Easter Monday
 Tue 6 April RCMM Board meeting
 Sat 10 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 12 Apr RCMM **Committee** meetings - Director's to advise meeting details
 Mon 19 Apr RCMM **Club** Meeting - Hillview Quarries - Paul Nitas
 Sat 24 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 26 Apr No Club Meeting
 Tue 27 Apr RCMM Board meeting

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Mon 3 May Maritime Museum visit at Crib Point - further details to come
 Sat 8 May MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 10 May RCMM **Committee** meetings - Director's to advise meeting details
 Fri 14 May RCMM Community Golf Day at MM Public Golf Course
 Mon 17 May Mount Martha House & Community Garden – Jenny Mihan and Robyn Ruhl
 Sat 22 May MM Sausage Sizzle
 Week of 24 May Social Night at Wild Grain Café Mornington - further details to come
 Mon 31 May 5th Monday - No Club Meeting

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



Mornington Park Primary School Garden Project

The planting at MPPS was completed on Wednesday 10th March. Thanks to Colin Stokes, Peter Warren and Wayne Jenkins for attending.

The photos are an example of the 5 Crepe Myrtles which have been planted in the recreation area, and will provide beautiful autumn colour and summer shade. The vegetables are obviously thriving in the planter boxes we constructed earlier in the year.

The teacher shown helping with digging, and planting is Glen the music and garden teacher. Unfortunately the students had no mechanical post hole digger, so did it the hard way.

There are also 3 Weeping Lilly Pillys to be planted near the bike shed following this weekend's rain.

District grant project completed.

Thank you to Colin Stokes for this Report.



Komea PNG Water Project

Providing water to the village of Komea in PNG has been a heart warming project for the Rotary Club of Mount Martha and the Club (and I am sure so are the people of Komea Village PNG) are happy to finally see the project completed and also with surplus funds.

The Villagers have built a sump by the spring and laid a kilometre or so of pipe to bring clean water to the supplement holding tanks that capture rain water from the few metal roofs in the village.

All materials were sourced locally and our man from the village, Moses Pulop, who lives on the Victorian Surf Coast has been in constant contact with the Village Elders and the project has progressed smoothly. This project has been financed completely with the final works needed is a covering for the sump, see photo below.

The Komea Village Elders have suggested that the excess funds (of approximately Aus\$3,400) could be used to bring fresh, spring water to the village of Segiri which is a long way from Komea but only 45 minutes drive from Mt Hagen.

This variation to the project is in the early planning stage and envisions a tank by the spring below Segiri which would capture water to a tank for a second village below. The plan is then to get water up hill to another tank in the main Segiri village. More on this Segiri project later.

Thank you to Jonathan Mayne for this Report.



**Photo of Sump that needs to be capped
to finish Komea PNG Water project**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (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.

10th Apr	Wayne Norris	Bill Ewing	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	Phyl Scales	Greg Buchanan

RCMM SAUSAGE SIZZLE - BUNNINGS - SATURDAY 3rd APRIL 2021 (Easter Saturday)

This Sausage Sizzle will operate from 8am until 4pm

8 am to 10.30am

Wayne Jenkins
Peter Warren
Tom Barrett
Byron Groves
Gordon Morriss
Valerie Lyons

10.30am to 1pm

Rob Davies
Merv Williams
Peter Rawlings
Roger Annear
Steve Daly
Carol Allen

1pm to 4pm

Bill Cummins
John Waterhouse
Roger Skipsey
Pat Morton
Barrie Sweeney

