



WHAT'S HAPPENING AND AROUND & ABOUT WITH PRESIDENT BILL

District Conference:

Following District Conference last weekend end gone Ray Martin summarised some key presentations and moments at our Club meeting last Monday evening. Highlighting the messages of Kate Roffey, Ross Kilborn and Bernie Farquhar being particularly memorable to him. Ray also commented that, when asked in an interview how she saw Rotary Foundation, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones answered that it was "the economic engine that allows Rotary to do good in the world"

Mount Martha Life Saving Club:

At last Monday's Club meeting attended by Immediate Past District Governor Bill Degnan with wife Judy, we were host to Andrew Felsing & Kaylee Ward from Mount Martha Life Saving Club, Paul Nitas from The Ross Trust/Hillview Quarries, Gary Sanford from the Mt Martha Community Bank and his wife Bronwyn, all long term supporters of our Club. Anne Shaw who was so instrumental in the success of our Australia Day event, introduced our guests and presented Andrew with a cheque for \$2,223.06. We also thanked Paul Nitas for \$1,000 which his Company provided to cover food cost at the BBQ. We are indebted also to Gary Sanford who provided coffees for all Rotarian and Volunteers at the Post Australia Day Flag Raising morning tea.

Mt Martha Stronger Community Grant Program:

Community Bank Mt Martha will have been open 12 years on 7th April 2023. In the first 6 years the Bank struggled for sufficient support from the local community to generate sufficient income to cover its running costs. It wasn't until 2017, with the appointment of Kerry Debernardi as its Manager that the footings (Deposits and Loans) of the branch went from \$75 million to \$115 million at the end of 2019. During these years the Bank start to make profits each year.

When Kerry retired at the end of 2019, Gary started as Branch Manager and the footings have grown to \$245 million approx. and with that increased income.

Sponsorship, grants and donations funding to the local community has increased as follows, 2020 \$35K, 2021 \$80K, 2022 \$113k and year to date \$128K with \$200K anticipated for the full 2023 year.

This financial year we have also launched Mt Martha Stronger Community Grants, which was eligible to any not-for-profit organisation post coded 3934 or any not for profit that currently banks at Community Bank Mt Martha. We initially budgeted \$200,000 to fund this initiative, which has been increased to \$250,000. Applications had to be for capital works costs with a minimum of \$2,500 and maximum \$20,000 for each successful grant

Mt Martha Stronger Community Grant Program, which opened last October 2022 and closed in January 2023, then a local Consultation Committee finalised their recommendations for the breakup of the \$250,000, which were all approved at the Companies February 2023 Board meeting. Rotary Club of Mt Martha applied for \$20,000 to assist with replacement exercise equipment for the Dunn's Road Reserve, which was removed during Covid 19. At last Monday's meeting Gary was very pleased to advise that the Club were successful and would be receiving \$18,500. Gary thanked the Club and all of its members that bank at Community Bank Mt Martha because this is how these amounts are possible.

6th March 2023

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**These Celebrations are
for the week from 6th
to 12th March 2023**

**Birthdays
Tom Goulding 9th**

**Wedding Anniversaries
Greg & Melanie Buchanan 10th**

**Rotary Anniversaries
Barrie Sweeney 9/1999**

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[Last Monday's meeting](#)

Guest Speaker Barry Weller: Retired royal photographer

Now this is a funny man and anyone who missed this should be disappointed. Approaching 80 year young, Barry started as an assistant to the famous Norman Parkinson, photographer to the stars and royalty. Barry's first camera was a "Box Brownie" and he developed quickly from there, moving a couple of times until he found his niche.

Aside from a couple of technical hitches, all in a days work for Barry, the evening was a treat. He has shaken hands with Queen Elizabeth, Photographed Elizabeth Taylor and had interesting exchanges with many well known others.

He humoured and regaled us on his exploits from photographing Princess Anne, Prince Charles and Princess Diana to Steve Price. Steve Price??? I hear you say!! Now that was a classic, being left behind in Tenant Creek and finally squaring off with his nemesis on air some 40 years later.

The evening showcased Barry's professional flair with touches of Monty Python, which left many in stitches. We are all looking forward to the return - he has promised a follow up visit, perhaps later in 2023.

[Coming this long weekend - Friday 10th to Monday 13th March 2023](#)

Members would be aware that Roger Annear is trying his best arrange volunteers for parking duties at Mornington Racecourse for the Great Outdoors 4x4 Expo on this long weekend Mar 10th to 13th. I know everyone is busy that weekend, from working to romantic trips away. Please we urge you to speak to Roger and see if you can do something in some way. It all helps and remember "Together Everyone Achieves More"

The Roster is on page 5 of this Bulletin and Roger says "thank you to all who have volunteered for the carparking venture. I am just surprised at the number of members who are away for the long weekend. We have half filled the roster with just a little bit of help from VMR, Lifesavers and Repower Peninsula. No where near what I had envisaged. I am desperately short for duties on Sat, Sun and Monday. I do have some family members who can slot in but nowhere near enough. If any one can do an extra shift or who has family who may help out it would be greatly appreciated. The fall back situation is that the organisers will have to pay staff and that will mean a shortfall in our return."

The Roster shows time slots that are **vacant in yellow**. Please try to do your bit and fill those 2 hour spots, remember it's a fundraiser where the Club can make \$4/5,000 just for the easy task of directing traffic at the Mornington Racecourse.

[Fusion Gala Dinner](#)

The Fusion Gala Dinner is being held on Saturday 1st April at 6pm at the Peninsula Community Theatre in Wilsons Road, Mornington. A Flyer advertising the Dinner is on page 6 of this Bulletin. I will highlight this Dinner again in more detail in next week's Bulletin.

Yours in Rotary

President Bill

MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH

Mon 6 Mar	RCMM Committee Meetings
Tue 7 Mar	Let's Go Cruisin' BBQ - cancelled
Mon 13 Mar	No Meeting - Public Holiday
Wed 15 Mar	RCMM Board Meeting
Fri 17 Mar	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 4
Mon 20 Mar	RCMM Club Meeting - Pride of Workmanship Awards - Chair is Barrie Sweeney
Mon 27 Mar	RCMM Club Meeting - TBA

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Apr 3	RCMM Committee Meetings
Apr 8	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 4
Apr 10	No Meeting - Easter Monday
Apr 13	RCMM Board Meeting
Apr 17	RCMM Club Meeting - TBA
Apr 24	RCMM Club Meeting - TBA

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

May 1	RCMM Committee Meetings
May 8	RCMM Club Meeting - TBA
May 10	RCMM Board Meeting
May 15	RCMM Club Meeting - TBA

Rotary Club of Mount Martha (RCMM) Environment Statement

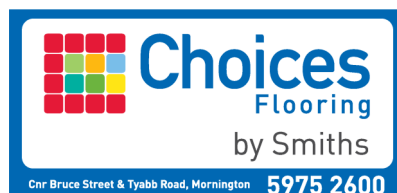
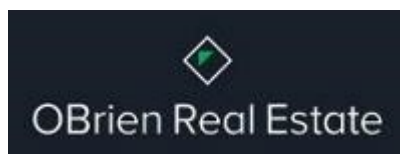
RCMM acknowledges the importance of protecting and preserving the environment. RCMM is proactive in promoting environmentally sustainable projects. RCMM ensures that at all current and future Rotary projects and events, consideration will be given to:

- Reducing Waste
- Promoting Recycling
- Reducing the Environmental Impact

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

Community Bank
Mount Martha

B Bendigo Bank



SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

8 to 11am

Rob Davies
Greg Buchanan
David Wheeler
Peter Warren

11am to 2pm

Friday 17th March 2023

Byron Groves
Carol Allen
Wayne Norris
Ray Martin
Anne Shaw

2pm to 5pm

Gordon Morriss
Phyllis Scales
Barrie Sweeney
Colin Stokes

Saturday 8th April 2023 (Easter Saturday)

Rob Davies
Wayne Jenkins
Peter Warren
Tom Barrett

Peter Rawlings
Roger Annear
Anne Shaw
Ray Martin
Bruce Ranken

Byron Groves
Phyllis Scales
Barrie Sweeney
Gordon Morriss

Friday 19th May 2023

Rob Davies
Merv Williams
David Wheeler
Wayne Jenkins

Roger Annear
Peter Rawlings
Wayne Norris
Ray Martin
Anne Shaw

Byron Groves
Tom Barrett
Peter Warren
Colin Stokes

Friday 16th June 2023

Rob Davies
Merv Williams
Tom Barrett
Wayne Jenkins

Peter Rawlings
Peter Warren
Carol Allen
Ray Martin
Anne Shaw

Bill Cummins
Barrie Sweeney
Phyllis Scales
Colin Stokes

If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Colin Stokes (acting BBQ Convenor) and Byron Groves (Bulletin)

LET'S GO CRUISIN' BBQ

Tuesday 7th March 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm - BBQ CANCELLED

Tuesday 4th April 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm - BBQ TBA

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SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023 6PM

Peninsula Community Theatre
91 Wilsons Rd, Mornington

FUSION PRESENTS

ORDINARY BRAVERY

GALA DINNER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

COMMUNITY BANK MOUNT MARTHA

Join us in celebrating the everyday moments of ordinary bravery in our community.

This year's Gala Dinner is an opportunity to hear stories of hope for a brighter tomorrow and to choose to see the best of humanity in our community. Support us to raise vital funds that allow us to continue to house young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, offer mentoring support, education opportunities and more.

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

3 course Gourmet Dinner,
Mocktails, Local Live Entertainment
and Silent and Live Auctions

TICKETS \$85 PER PERSON
OR \$800 TABLE OF 10

DRESS Cocktail

Book via our website morningtonpeninsula.fusion.org.au/events
or scan the QR Code. Tickets are limited so book today!

Please note this is a dry event (no alcohol) held for guests aged 15 and over
All enquiries can be directed to paula@functioningtogether.com.au



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MT MARTHA ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAIR

SATURDAY 18 MARCH
9AM-12PM

Electric vehicles
to explore →

Electric bikes →

Home solar &
batteries →

Local
vendors →

Discover and get to know electric vehicles and bikes

 Mt Martha Carpark
Corner of Watson Rd & Mirang Ave

