



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Hi all There is a fair bit happening, its great to be able to get out into our community and actual do something!! Last week was a busy week with playground harvests and Mornington Park PS planter boxes.

### RORP

MPSC decided to remove 2 playgrounds (Iluka and Alameda) at short notice...1 day due contractors cancellation of other jobs. Thankfully Captain RORP was able to provide the RORP trailer for contractors to load and so playgrounds have been safely harvested. Bill Cummins and I labelled Alameda on Tuesday and Phyl Scales has offered to label the next one...That'll be 4 of us with labelling skills

### Mornington Park PS

Colin Stokes and Peter Warren and the MPPS students have been busy building planter boxes and filling them with soil in readiness for planting. Our District Grant at work. Thanks Colin for championing this project.

### Australia Day Event

The National Australia Day Council have agreed to fund RCMM with \$1200 and Hillview Quarries have tentatively agreed to match this and so we have \$2400 to fund an event on Australia Day ...A BBQ in Mornington Park. The Shire have confirmed they are not running any event this year and are yet to confirm their agreement to RCMM running a Covid safe BBQ in Mornington Park. Initial thoughts are BBQ trailer/village BBQ/ gazebos/RORP trailer selling 'lamburgers, sausages, and drinks at discounted prices and a little Aussie flag with each purchase. Whilst the Shire is not running an event the number of people in Mornington Park on Australia Day will still be huge....especially now the bottom end of Main St is now a mall. This will be great opportunity to showcase Rotary in our community in our centenary year.

### Bunnings BBQs

We expect to start again in December. Bill Cummings is looking to set up rosters and so please advise him of any days or times in December that you are NOT available, otherwise Bill may roster you on and you will be requested to find your own replacement. Bill's contact details. Email: [jillandbill@internode.on.net](mailto:jillandbill@internode.on.net) Mobile: 0423 613 363.

### Christmas Party

Save the date ...Monday 21 December at The Royal Hotel. Thanks Carol for securing outside seated dining for 80+ guests. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us as they are unable to cater for this number inside. More info on format, costs etc next week.

### Trivia Night – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

We have not been meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday but this month we have made an exception and Merv Williams will be hosting a Trivia Night. There is no cost so invite friends and family to 'zoom' in and test their knowledge. Its sure to be a fun night.

That's all for now. Board Meeting only next Monday 23/11. I look forward to 'seeing' you all on Trivia Night the following week.

Stay safe ..... President Roger

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### Our Life in Coronavirus World - Rob & Chris Davies

Notwithstanding the current circumstances which conspired to create an inauspicious concatenation of events which necessitated a metamorphosis, as it were, of the situation, **the first lady** and I were moved to embrace the predicament with a certain degree of sangfroid, pragmatism and finally, resignation.

Whilst fully acknowledging the vast challenges to vulnerable people, businesses and government, we concurred that there were certain aspects of the organisation and administration of the public sector which could certainly have benefitted from measured consideration in the context of changing circumstances precipitated by the communications revolution.

Precautions were strictly adhered to, such that what happened in the first instance to be of primary import fraught with hazard and menace could be relegated to a secondary or indeed tertiary position while a new and hitherto unforeseen or unappreciated element could be introduced to support and supersede those prior concerns, not by confronting them but by subordinating them to the overarching imperatives and increased urgency of the previously unrealised predicament which may in fact, *ceteris paribus*, now only be susceptible to radical and remedial action such that we felt forced to consider the intractable position in which we found ourselves.

And so, over the course of the pandemic, certain provisos had to be pre-cogitated and preconditioned, various caveats had to be postulated, designated, investigated and specified, and a number of unequivocal considerations had to be determined, acknowledged, and indeed sometimes conceded so that we were able to facilitate the finalisation of plans to create an epistemological basis for us to proceed towards a mutually beneficial consummation which would acknowledge and safeguard the vital interests of all the participants without jeopardising in any material way the underlying collective benefit ultimately accruing or leaving unresolved certain anomalies and irregularities that might precipitate operational uncertainties down the line and so that there would be a presumed modicum of ironclad reciprocity which, in the broad scheme of things, would be to everybody's advantage.



Rob and Chris Davies - *with apologies to Sir Humphrey Appleby*

### RCMM T Shirts

**Great news!** As we head into summer, our new **RCMM T shirts** have arrived and ready for collection. Your t-shirt can be picked up from the offices of Rawlings Featherstone, 2/2 Blamey Place Mornington during business hours.

Please make sure you collect your pre-ordered size and tick and date the box on the order sheet. Where possible, please try and pick-up in the next week. For those who have not yet placed an order, we have some reserve stock at \$30 each.

**Any questions call Peter Rawlings on 0418 360 250.**

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

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- Mon 23 Nov RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**
- Mon 30 Nov RCMM **Trivia Night** (see page 5 of this Bulletin for details)

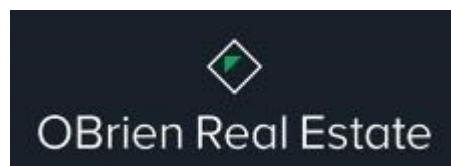
DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

- Mon 7 Dec RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom
- Mon 14 Dec RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 21 Dec RCMM **Christmas Party**

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- Mon 4 Jan Wine Tasting/Winery - either Zoom or in person
- Mon 11 Jan RCMM **Committee** meetings either Zoom or in person
- Mon 18 Jan RCMM **Club** Meeting - RC of Newlands (Sth Africa) Mumbai Connection via Zoom
- Mon 25 Jan **TBA**

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



## A message from Stephen Pugh about Movember

I am participating in Movember. The link is to my donation page. <https://movember.com/m/stephenpugh114?mc=40>

### **MEN ARE DYING BEFORE THEIR TIME. BUT YOU CAN HELP US CHANGE AND SAVE LIVES.**

With the money raised, we fund ground breaking health projects across mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Our mental health programmes are changing and saving lives, but we need to reach more men – that's where you come in.

### **HOW? HERE ARE OUR TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW, AND DO.**

#### **1. Spend time with people who make you feel good.**

Stay connected. Your mates are important and spending time with them is good for you. Catch up regularly, check in and make time.



#### **2. Talk, more.**

You don't need to be an expert and you don't have to be the sole solution, but being there for someone, listening and giving your time can be life-saving.

*70% of men say their friends can rely on them for support, but only 48% say that they rely on their friends. In other words: we're here for our mates, but worried about asking for help for ourselves. Reaching out is crucial.*

**We need to talk - We need to listen**

#### **3. Know the numbers.**

At **50**, talk to your doctor about prostate cancer and whether it's right for you to have a PSA test. If you are of African or Caribbean descent or have a father or brother with prostate cancer, you should be having this conversation at **45**. Know your numbers, know your risk, talk to your doctor.



**Learn more about prostate cancer**

#### **4. Know thy nuts. Simple.**

Get to know what's normal for your testicles. Give them a check regularly and go to the doctor if something doesn't feel right.

**Learn more about testicular cancer**

#### **5. Move, more.**

Add more activity to your day. Do more of what makes you feel good.

- Take a walking meeting
- Park further away from the station
- Get off the bus a stop or two earlier
- Instead of the lift, take the stairs
- Cycle to work instead of driving







**Rotary Club Virtual Trivia Night  
(Zoom)**

**Monday, 30th November  
7.00pm**

**FREE to all who attend**

**Invite your friends & family**

**Inquiries Merv Williams**

## Mornington Park Primary School Kitchen Garden Project

Some pictures for Bulletin etc. A good team with Rotarians Peter Warren and Colin, Jeff and Glen from the School.

Thanks Peter Warren for your help with the building of the three planter boxes . Good result.

Remaining work to be undertaken is to plant shrubs /trees around the perimeter of the outdoor seating/ playing area to complete a very nice area for students.

The planter Boxes will be used for growing vegetables as part of the school program.

The students in the photo have parental photo permissions.



## PART STATEMENT FROM THE VICTORIAN PREMIER REGARDING THE COVID 19 CHANGES FROM 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Today we can confirm you'll be able to host up to 30 people in your home for Christmas Day. Babies under 12 months won't count towards the cap. This change will come into effect from 11.59pm, 13 December, just in time for catch-ups, and Christmas barbies and for our Jewish communities, the closing days of Hanukkah.

**We're also able to confirm some more immediate changes.**

From 11:59pm tonight @nd November 2020

- The number of visitors to your home will increase from two to 15 per day.
- That can be split across different times – ten for lunch, and five for dinner – as long as people are sticking to a total of 15.
- Outdoor gatherings in a public place – the park, the beach – will increase to 50.
- For those couples who've had to delay their special day, weddings will increase to 150 people. The same number will apply to funerals and religious ceremonies indoors.
- There'll be changes for our hospitality sector too.
- For smaller venues, the density limit will change to one person for every two square metres – up to 50 customers. QR code record keeping will be mandatory. For bigger venues, the density limit will stay the same, but the cap will increase to 150. Total venue capacity will also rise to 300.
- Cinemas, galleries and museums will also be able to host up to 150 people indoors.
- Community clubs, contact and non-contact sports can begin for adults as well as kids – 150 people indoors with a group size of up to 20 and 500 outdoors with groups of up to 50.
- Organisers will also be able to apply to host a public event. Different requirements and rules will need to apply, depending on whether it's a school fete or a major sporting match.
- We're also able to begin a phased approach for staff heading back to the office. From 30 November, up to 25 per cent of workers will be able to attend onsite. I want to be clear though – unless you're one of those people nominated by your employer – you need to keep working from home.

**We're also making some changes to the rules around masks.**

- In short, you'll still need to wear one when you're indoors and on public transport – and where you can't keep your distance., but if you're outdoors and you can keep a safe distance, masks will no longer be mandatory. For example, you'll still need to keep your mask on if you're at a busy outdoor market – or in line for a snag at your local Bunnings.
- If you're headed for a quiet stroll around the neighbourhood, you won't need to wear a mask – but you will need to carry one, in case the situation changes.

I know for some people, they'll think this is too slow and still too restrictive, but the point is, masks are a small sacrifice that help keep all of us safe.

**It's been a long, hard winter. Now, it's time to enjoy the sun.**



A bit of light-hearted Coronavirus (COVID-19) humour in the form of “fair dinkum” old Marketing ads, compliments of Tom Barrett. I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.

