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## PRESIDENT CAROL'S WEEKLY THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Welcome to another Thoughts and Reports. Life continues to be busy in Rotary world even under lockdown restrictions, nearly 250 days!, but as we reach vaccination targets things are beginning to get better. Well, that's what I tell myself when I wake up each day and try to stay positive.

### Peninsula (Bay) Trail progress

The Peninsula Trail group led by Ross Kilborn from RC Mornington have applied for \$50,000 from the RC of Balwyn Trust and requested us to confirm our endorsement of the project, we wrote:

*'On behalf of the Rotary Club of Mount Martha, I wish to confirm our endorsement of the project: 'Mornington Peninsula Rotary Clubs Centenary Projects – The Peninsula Trail'. We look forward to working with you and your members and our other Rotary partners to as we see this project being a huge step forward in the appreciation of country, our land and its indigenous plants, trees and animals.'*

Ross has also advised us of another application for the Trail;-

*The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has invited us to provide a letter of support for their Grant Application to the Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund. It is for the Baxter – Somerville section of the Peninsula Trail and is for \$2m. The Federal Government have already committed \$2m.*

For the full report see Steve Daly's update in the Bulletin on page 5.

### 9820 District Conference - see page 6 of this Bulletin

The District Conference Committee is encouraging all 9820 Rotary members to consider attending the conference next year in February. So far, we have 5 people indicating their interest. If you would like to join the group and all book in to the same or close by hotels, please let Lara or I know, and we can keep you in the loop.

### DG Club Visit

Bill Degnan will be joining us in our zoom meeting on Monday 27th September. We have prepared a detailed update of all Mt Martha is doing and planning to do. if you would like to read this report, please contact Lara and she will send it to you

### Speaker this week

This week we welcome Mike Greenslade who is CEO of ShelterBox Australia, an international disaster relief charity and Rotary International partner. ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and other essential items to families affected by natural disaster and humanitarian crisis. Valerie Gordon and I listened to a webinar about ShelterBox last week and they are working extremely hard in very challenging environments made even more difficult by Covid19. I hope you will all join us this week to hear his story.

**20th September 2021**

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These Celebrations from  
this Monday to next Sunday

**Birthdays**  
Cheryl Norris 25th

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
Bernard & Lucia Butler 20th

**Rotary Anniversaries**  
Stephen Pugh (24/2018)  
Janet Pugh (24/2018)

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#### **International Women's Day Breakfast**

Planning has started for next year's International Women's Day Breakfast this is a joint initiative with several Rotary clubs from Frankston, Mornington, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha, and Rosebud/Rye. And we are planning some great speakers for the event. Hopefully we will be all able to meet at the Mornington Racecourse in late Feb – fingers crossed

#### **Rotary Women's Group**

Planning has commenced for Saturday February 5, this Brunch Event at the Safety Beach Sailing Club . at the club's newly renovated venue. We are hoping for around 100 people where we will be able to promote Rotary to new members. Mary has organised an interesting speaker focusing on planning for your financial future in retirement.

#### **Australian Rotary Health (ARH)**

I am on the District committee for ARH and we are continuing to promote planned events for next year.

*The focus is on mental health and I'm sure WE ALL HAVE SOMEONE TO WALK FOR!*

Sorrento Rotary Club is planning a walk early next year and will welcome Peninsula Rotary Groups to join them. If you are interested in this event let David Wheeler our' Director of Fun' know and we can organise a group

**"LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health"** will raise much needed funds for mental illness research by Australian Rotary Health (ARH).

Funded almost exclusively by Rotary Clubs and Rotarians around Australia, ARH are one of the largest independent mental health research funders having contributed more than \$40m to Mental Health Research over the years.

Tragically, eight people take their own lives every day in Australia. What is even more disturbing is that there is an attempted suicide every 8 minutes! In addition to these alarming statistics, there are thousands of people of all ages who suffer from a wide range of mental health illnesses.

Therefore, mental health research is so important. We need to find ways to combat mental illness and that can only be achieved through mental health research. We fund research with the goal that we may be able to one day prevent mental health problems such as anxiety and depression from reaching adulthood.

The **"LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health"** is just that, a walk, not a race. It offers members of our communities an opportunity to "Lift the Lid" on mental health and in the process, raise much needed funds for mental health research.

Stay safe and stay well and in a world where we can be anything, BE KIND.

President Carol

**SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

Mon 20 Sept      **RCMM Club meeting - via Zoom with Mike Greenslade CEO, ShelterBox Australia**  
 Mon 27 Sept      **RCMM Club meeting - via Zoom with District Governor, Bill Degnan**

**OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT MONTH**

Mon 4 Oct        **RCMM Club meeting - Speaker, Fergus Nutt - History of Mount Martha**  
 Mon 11 Oct      **RCMM Board Meeting**  
 Mon 18 Oct      **RCMM Club meeting - Speaker, Rev Tim Costello - Pokies on the Peninsula**  
 Mon 25 Oct      **RCMM Committee meetings**

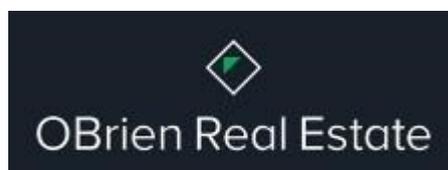
**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

Mon 1 Nov        **RCMM Club meeting - Melbourne Cup Eve**  
 Mon 8 Nov        **RCMM Board Meeting - Speaker, Gary Sanford - History of MM Community Bank and  
 Community projects that align with RCMM**  
 Mon 15 Nov      **RCMM Club meeting**  
 Mon 22 Nov      **RCMM Committee meetings**  
 Mon 29 Nov      **RCMM Partners Social evening**

**DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH**

Mon 6 Dec        **RCMM Club meeting**  
 Mon 13 Dec      **RCMM Board Meeting**  
 Mon 20 Dec      **RCMM Christmas Breakup**  
 Mon 27 Dec      **No Meeting - Christmas break**

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



**Celebrate International Day of Peace – and support girl empowerment!**

To mark International Day of Peace (Tuesday 21st September) this year, we are encouraging Clubs and Districts to prioritize projects that improve the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls in their communities and around the world.

Shekhar Mehta is asking clubs to take on an initiative, district grant, or global grant that engages members of their community in a project that will protect and empower girls and increase equity by ensuring their access to resources that will improve their lives.

Equality is a fundamental human right, and it's necessary for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. Still, girls and women worldwide face inequities in areas including health and education and experience significant violence and disproportionate poverty.

To learn more, see the Presidential Initiative website, and download Rotary's Empowering Girls brochure and the Rotary Youth Protection guide.



## PENINSULA (BAY) TRAIL UPDATE

There is a lot happening with the Rotary Peninsula Cluster and our Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to progress the Peninsula (Bay) Trail as the combined Rotary Australia Centenary Project. MPS Council has prioritised its development, and committed \$.5m in this year's Budget to the Peninsula Trail, including the appointment of a person to lead in its development.

Most of the eight Peninsula clubs have identified their initial local projects, mainly rest stops with associated vegetation and landscaping. Mount Martha Rotary Club has been successful in winning \$9000 of Federal Government Funding towards their project. The Cluster has applied for a Rotary Centenary Grant on behalf of all eight clubs.

With the Rotary branding being adopted as part of the Peninsula Trail branding, and as we all start to appreciate the scale of the Peninsula Trail and the potential benefit to our local community, there is plenty of reason to think there will be plenty of benefit for the next 100 years!



## DISTRICT 9820 CONFERENCE 2022

### REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

District Governor Bill Degnan and Judy, together with the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central, invite you and all your members to come and join us in beautiful Traralgon, where the D9820 Conference will be held on the weekend of February 25-27, 2022, in the new Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

Registrations are now open, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the Valley for a Conference filled with inspiration, fun and fellowship.

This conference will focus on environmental sustainability and what part Rotary can play.

We also have Dr. Fiona Wood, AM FAHMS, as our keynote speaker. Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive **Surgeon** and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine. Professor Wood's greatest contribution and enduring legacy is her work pioneering the innovative 'spray-on skin' technique, which greatly reduces permanent scarring in burns victims.

Friday activities will be a Golf tournament, a winery tour and self-drive drive tours of the beautiful Latrobe Valley.

Saturday night's 'Celebration 101' will be a dinner dance at Morwell's Kernot Hall, where we will be entertained by The Baker Boys. Dress code is 'Cocktail', so bring out your pretty party dresses and suits for a night of fun.

Further information about our speakers, tours and entertainment will be posted on the District Conference Facebook page and the District Website.

Thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsors, Maryvale Private Hospital and Latrobe Health Services, and Latrobe City Council, for their support and assistance.

We look forward to seeing you all in February 2022

DG Bill, Judy and the Conference Committee

Click on this link for registrations: - [Welcome | District 9820 \(rotary9820.org.au\)](https://www.rotary9820.org.au)

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**Rotary Club of Mount Martha Christmas Raffle**  
**further details will be in the Bulletin next week.**

This year the Rotary Club of Mount Martha will be conducting a Christmas Raffle. The 1st prize is a Samsung 65cm 4K TV, 2nd and 3rd prizes will consist of a \$500 Bunnings voucher and a \$500 Ritchies IGA voucher. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We are planning to sell 3,000 tickets. We are hoping to raise in excess of \$3,500. Tickets will be available in the next 2 weeks.

All the funds raised will go to the Mount Martha section of the "Peninsula Bay Trail" . The reasons for this decisions are; 1) it is a local project; 2) it links Mount Martha with the other trails; 3) it demonstrates our Club's work in Mount Martha and 4) will provide environmental and ecological outcomes.

The draw will be held outside Ritchies IGA at Mount Martha on Wednesday 22nd December.

**Raffle Ticket Information and allocation**

Raffle tickets will be ready for pick up on or before the 24th September. Pick up address to be advised. If this is out of your 10km radius we will organize another delivery method. No need to break any Covid rules!

Allocation is 2 books per Rotarian to start with.

Electronic Payments can be made to  
Rotary Club of Mt Martha (Charitable Account)

BSB 633 000

ACC 128 102 126

Don't forget the Raffle and Surname in the Description!

Note. It may be easier to keep cash yourself and simply make an electronic payment to the Club.



Too good to not share 🤔

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
  2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
  3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
  4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
  5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
  6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
  7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
  8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
  9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
  10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
  11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
  12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
  13. I run like the winded.
  14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
  15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
  16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
  17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
  18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
  19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
  20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
  21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.  
Which one is YOUR favorite?
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