



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Golf Day – Friday 14 May

Whilst the weather wasn't kind to us we still raised \$10,000, a \$3000 improvement on 2019. A fantastic effort. With special thanks to Major Sponsors SAI Home Care and Mt Martha Community Bank. Thanks to the Golf Day Committee, Bill Branthwaite, Tom Goulding, Bill Cummins and every other club member involved. The weather certainly tested your resolve. A full Report including photos will be included in next week's Bulletin.

Building Stronger Communities Grant – Bay Trail R100 Project

Success!! We've been successful in securing a Federal Govt grant of \$9000 for the Bay trail project. We'll need to contribute \$3000. Well done Steve.

Volunteers Grants – Federal Govt

Carol has applied for a \$2000 grant to encourage more volunteers. Our expression of interest has been approved for \$1500 and now Carol will complete a detailed application aimed at encouraging more women members.

District Assembly Sunday 23 May 10am till 4pm via Zoom

Click on this link to register for all sessions [Welcome | District 9820 \(rotary9820.org.au\)](#) Register for all or just the sessions that interest you.

Changeover

Changeover will be on Monday 28 June at The Mornington Hotel. Lock it into your calendars.

Monday Night's speaker

Be sure to come along and meet and hear from Robyn Ruhl and Leanda Care from Mt Martha House Community Garden. Doug Rhodes will also attend to say goodbye to all his friends in Rotary. Come and wish him farewell.

Cheers.....Roger

17th May 2021

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How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed – Gordon Morriss

I had always wanted to join Rotary, from a very early age, as I wanted to repay the support Rotary had given my Mother, after my Father died, prior to my birth. Rotary stepped in after hearing of my Mum's situation and paid not only her hospital bills but gave her other financial and general support. This demonstration of concern and sympathy from strangers was always spoken about within my Mother's family and resulted in me wanting to someday repay their kindness.

Over the years, due to the time demanded by my job and growing family, I always felt that I couldn't commit to joining Rotary as I was time poor. After I retired from my professional financial career, of over 40 years, I wanted to find something worthwhile that would fill the void left from not working. After moving to Mornington, I soon realised that I finally had the time to commit to Rotary and fulfil my childhood wish.

In joining Rotary, it soon became clear to me that I was meeting people of like values, who wished to give back to the community. I have enjoyed the friendships that I have made through the Club and meeting people from the area. It has been particularly rewarding for me to be part of projects that have helped not only our local community but those in the wider worldwide community as well. I have enjoyed doing the role of Treasurer, it's been good to use my financial skills in the role and hopefully be of useful service to the Club.

I look forward to being a part of Rotary Mount Martha for many more years to come.



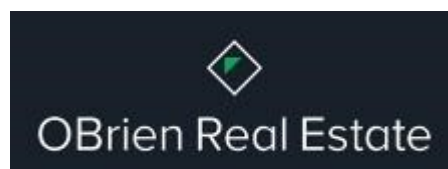
MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Mon 17 May	RCMM Club meeting - MM House & C'tty Garden – Jenny Mihan and Leanda Care
Thurs 20 May	Alcohol Abuse Seminar by Peninsula Voice at M'ton Comm Theatre from 5.30 to 7pm
Sat 22 May	MM Sausage Sizzle
Sun 23 May	District Assembly - see weblink in the Presidernt Blog on page 1
Mon 24 May	RCMM Club Meeting at The Mornington Hotel - TBA
Sat 29 May	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
Mon 31 May	5th Monday - No Club Meeting

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Tue 1 June	RC of Seaford Carrum Downs 50th Anniversary Dinner - see page 6
Fri 4 June	RI Environmental area of Focus Launch - see page 7
Sat 5 June	MM Sausage Sizzle
Mon 7 June	RCMM Club meeting - TBA
Sat 12 June	Bentons Square Shopping Centre BBQ - see Roster on page 5
Mon 14 June	No Meeting - Public Holiday
Sat 19 June	MM Sausage Sizzle
Mon 21 June	RCMM Club meeting - TBA
Sat 26 June	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
Sun 27 June	District 9820 Changeover Lunch - see page 8
Mon 28 June	RCMM Changeover at The Mornington Hotel

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



ROTARY IN THE COMMUNITY

Donation of Firewood to Fusion

Peter W, Bill C and Wayne J moved donated firewood from Phyllis S's home this week.. (Phyllis and John donated it...about \$500 at market value). This load is estimated to be close to two (2) tonne.

It will be split and then repositioned to FUSION for their Space Heater this coming week. (for winter 2022 to allow it time to dry out).

One more load from John Arena also to go to FUSION will follow soon after this load of Phyllis's.

That will total approx. 5 tonne of first class firewood processed by the MMRC for FUSION.

Editor's note - thanks Wayne, Bill and Peter for your great Community work this week, its much appreciated by us at RCMM and the wider Community.



The Rotary Foundation Centurion Club

Thank you to those who have renewed their Centurion Club contribution this year. There are a number of Centurions yet to recommit. I urge you all to continue your support of the Rotary Foundation and its work. **NOW** is the time for members to renew their Centurion Club contribution or perhaps even making a double contribution in this time of worldwide need. "Just \$100 per year for as long as you are able to". I wish to make the payment through to the Foundation at the end of May so we have a couple of weeks to make good.

For those members yet to become a Centurion forms are available from PP Roger Annear. Treasurer Gordon can accept you contribution on the Club's Electronic Square machine or by direct bank contribution to RC Mt Martha Club A/c BSB 633-000, Acc. 126265388. Please note your name and advise Roger Annear by email when completed.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY 2021

8 to 11am

11am to 2pm

2pm to 5pm

The 1st named Member on each shift is the Team Leader

Saturday 29th May 2021

Wayne Jenkins
Peter Rawlings (until 10.30am)
Byron Groves
David Wheeler
Bruce Ranken

Rob Davies
John Waterhouse
Gordon Morriss (from 10.30am)
Roger Annear
Carol Allen

Bill Cummins
Phyl Scales
Barrie Sweeney
Tom Goulding
Roger Skipsey

Saturday 26th June 2021

Merv Williams
Tom Barrett
Lara Barrett
Peter Warren
Byron Groves

Peter Rawlings
Carol Allen
Bruce Ranken
Jonathan Mayne
David Price

Bill Cummins
Rob Davies
Phyl Scales
John Waterhouse
Greg Buchanan

Saturday 10th July 2021

Wayne Jenkins
Gordon Morriss
David Wheeler
Steve Daly
Mary McIntyre

Peter Rawlings
Wayne Norris
Bill Ewing
Bernard Butler
Tom Goulding

Bill Cummins
Roger Annear
Barrie Sweeney
Pat Morton
Phyl Scales

BENTONS SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE BBQ FOR 12th JUNE 2021

8am to 12noon

Wayne Jenkins
Byron Groves
Tim Jolly
Steve Daly

12noon to 4pm

Bill Cummins
Tom Goulding
Bill Ewing
Roger Annear

RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (COMMENCE 9AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1PM)

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.

22nd May	Bill Cummins	Tom Barrett	Byron Groves
5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Phyl Scales	Greg Buchanan

Rotary Club of Seaford - Carrum Downs Invitation

Please join us to celebrate our 50TH ANNIVERSARY



VENUE: International Motel Panorama Function Room
Date: Tuesday 1ST June
Time: 6:30 for 7PM. Start
Cost: \$38.00 for a two course dinner & refreshments at bar prices.

R.S.V.P. by 24TH May 2021
Peter Harris
0425 857 152
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Please Note:

- For Direct Payments Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Ac. No 110526761
- The venue is upstairs and there is no lift.
- Please make your booking early as places are limited

ENVIRONMENTAL AREA OF FOCUS LAUNCH

Rotary International has adopted 'Protecting the Environment' as the new Area of Focus. So you are invited to the Australia/New Zealand zoom Launch of this new Area on Friday 4th June – the day before World Environment Day – at 6pm AEST/UTC+10.

The launch will feature PRIP Ian Riseley and PDG Juliet Riseley, Dr Roger Blakeley from Wellington NZ and Prof Leslie Hughes from Macquarie University, Sydney.

We would ask you to distribute the details of this launch with this registration: <https://www.esraganzpi.org/environment-aof/> to all members of your Club.

During the launch, there will be a showcase of Environmental projects already underway in New Zealand, around Australia (in most States) and the South Pacific, so some of your Districts will be featured.



Environment Area of Focus Launch

Friday June 4th: 6:00pm - 7:15pm AEST

Interviews, Project Videos and Speed Networking from around the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands region



Prof. Lesley Hughes

Lesley is Professor and Pro Vice-Chancellor at Macquarie University. Her research has mainly focused on climate change and its impact.



Ian & Juliet Riseley

Ian was Rotary Intl. Past President 2017/18.
Juliet is a PDG of D9810



Dr. Roger Blakeley

In 2015 Roger was the chief architect of the Auckland City Plan Blueprint. He is currently a councillor at Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Register Today for this free Zoom Forum: <https://events.humanitix.com/environment-aof>

More info on the programme: www.esraganzpi.org/environment-aof



Governor Mark Humphries & Linda

together with

Governor Elect Bill Degnan & Judy

warmly invite

Rotarians, Partners and Friends

to celebrate the

**Rotary International District 9820 Changeover
on Sunday 27th June 2021 - 12.00n for 12.30pm**

at the Italian Australian Club,

499-501 Princes Drive, Morwell

**Cost: \$45.00 per person inclusive of two course luncheon, welcome
drink, (drinks thereafter at bar prices), tea & coffee**

Dress: Smart Casual

**RSVP your acceptance and any dietary requirements to:
District Secretary Elect, PDG Don Ripper - ripper@netspace.net.au or Text 0429 440 468
(If you are paying for a table, or on behalf of your club, please list all attendees)**

By 16th June 2021

There is a COVID-19 limit of 160 persons for the venue (first in best dressed)

**Payment by Electronic funds transfer at time of RSVP.
Account Name: Rotary International District 9820
BSB: 633 000 Account number: 136773942
Reference: CO21 & name & initial**

Please come and share our celebration!