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PRESIDENT CAROL'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Covid changes

Changes to Covid restrictions although very welcome, have meant we have to meet new regulations and requirements, we are busily working on our BBQ procedures for Bunnings, Benton's Sq and Mt Martha Village, and at this stage. Bill Cummings still needs 8 people to help with Bunning and a further 8 for Benton's Square. Please contact him if you can help.

We are unsure of exactly when we will be able to resume face to face meetings, but we are certain that to attend any hotel, pubs and clubs you will need to be fully vaccinated. We are working on a system to manage this information. But it certainly is great to be able to get out and about.

Rotary Club meeting last week

Last week we welcomed Tim Costello to our Zoom meeting which was a great success and certainly very interesting and eye opening. We were joined by Rotary members from Mount Eliza, Tyabb/Somerville, and Rosebud/Rye Rotary clubs as well several interested people who responded to our Facebook invitation.

Tim spoke about 'Pokies on the Peninsula' and provided us with some very worrying facts and figures. The Mornington Peninsula has the eighth highest expenditure on gambling in the State spending \$236 per day Brimbank is the highest. Australia has 20% of the world's Pokie machines and spends \$24 billion on pokies each year. There are 830 pokie machines on the Mornington Peninsula in 17 venues and there is a correlation between highest losses and low social economic groups.

We heard that 75% of poker machines run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 AM in pubs, clubs and hotels on 24th thus catching many opportunist gamblers. The State government receives 12% of its revenue from gambling and is thus very reliant on maintaining these machines in pubs and clubs and has extended their licences to 2046.

After Tim had provided us with these disturbing facts and figures he told us about his organisation the Alliance against Gambling, he stated that aims of the organisation were that;

- free to air gambling ads are banned
- donations from gambling organisations to politicians are stopped
- close poker machine venues by midnight
- slow the machines down and to have all bids made with \$1 bids and to 'lock in your losses' which enables the machines to lock you out.

Both Mornington Peninsular and Frankston Councils have joined his organisation.

Tim briefly mentioned Sports Bets although mainly attracting younger men, the daytime ads were impacting on children, while women were mainly attracted to the poker machines. There are over 3 million Australians affected by gambling in Australia each year.

Club Christmas Party

We have booked the Mornington Golf Club for our Christmas function on 9 December this is on a Thursday as it was the only evening available in December. We have booked for around 60 people. We have been advised that anyone attending will have to be fully vaccinated. We will keep everyone informed as we get more information.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

25th October 2021

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These Celebrations from
this Monday to next Sunday

Birthdays
Heather Morriss 29th
Lyn Annear 31st

Wedding Anniversaries
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries
Phyl Scales 27/2014
Stephen Daly 29/2001

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PP Roger Skipsey update

I had a chat with Roger Skipsey this week and he has finally moved into his new house, he said he very happy to be in a home (after 3 months in a caravan) and able to have his family around him for Christmas.

Committee meetings this week

This week we will be holding our committee meetings, your director will let you know dates and times. Hope you all are enjoying your freedom and enjoying this spring weather. There will be no meeting on 1st of November although we are trying to set up a sweepstake. Watch this space.

End Polio Now Movie Night Fundraiser

Our Rotary Peninsula Cluster is supporting the END POLIO fundraiser by going to the movies. Please see the flyer below in this Bulletin and support the cause as well as having a great evening out on 3rd December at the Peninsula Rosebud cinema.

Stay well, stay safe and have a great weekend.

President Carol

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IT'S TIME WE
HAD SOME FUN!

Join us at the
pre-release screening
of this feel-good movie

at 7:30pm on Friday
3rd December
at Peninsula Cinema
in Rosebud

Tickets \$20

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-duke-end-polio-now-movie-night>

Further information contact
AG Peter Rawlings
on 0418 360 250

Proceeds
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OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Mon 25 Oct RCMM Committee meetings
Wed 27 Oct Committee Meeting - International & Foundation via Zoom @ 7pm

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Mon 1 Nov No Club Meeting
Mon 8 Nov RCMM Club Meeting - Annual General Meeting @ 6.30pm, then @ 7pm with 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

Fri 3 Dec End Polio Now Fundraising Movie Night (see Flyer on page 2)
Mon 6 Dec RCMM Club meeting
Thurs 9 Dec RCMM Christmas Party at Mornington Golf Club (tentative)
Mon 13 Dec RCMM Board Meeting
Mon 27 Dec No Meeting - Christmas break

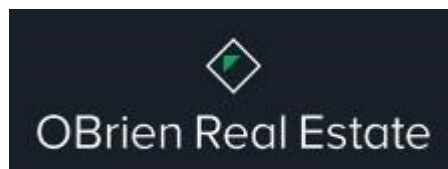
THE ROTARY CLUB OF MT. MARTHA Inc.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Mount Martha Inc. will be held on **Monday 8th November 2021 at 6.30 pm via Zoom**

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



David Crane's Rotary Journey

David joined Rotary when he was inducted into the Rotary Club of Morwell on 8th August 1974. He enjoyed the fellowship and programs and projects and developed a strong commitment to the Rotary ideals. When Rotary had a need for another club in the region, David became a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood in 1978. Serving on various committees gave him the opportunity to learn more of what Rotary is all about with time on Vocational, Club Service and Program Director.

When he became President of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood in 1980-81, he was well prepared. In 1988 he was awarded his first Paul Harris Fellowship, presented by the highly regarded Mount Martha Rotarian DG Arthur Care. Rotary had become an integral part of his life by 1994 as there were so many ways to benefit the local communities and so, after 20 years in Rotary he took on a new challenge and was District Chair of NYSF for three years. Rotary and its benefits to the community culminated in David becoming District Governor for D9820 (1998/99) and he attended the Rotary International Convention in Singapore. A wonderful experience seeing the same commitment of fellow Rotarians from all over the world.

David's other achievements in Rotary include being a "Parliamentarian" at Resolutions Session of RI Institute in Townsville (Zones 7(a) and 8(a) in 2000; and in 2001/03 a Member of the District Constitution, Resolutions and By-Laws Committee and Chairman of Resolutions Session of RI Institute in Melbourne (Zones 7(a) and 8(a)). David and Margaret relocated and settled in McCrae and in 2001, David transferred his membership to Mount Martha Rotary.

Between 1994 and 2003 he was involved with "Siemens Science Experience" for Youth, and "National Engineering Summer School". As the 2001 District 9820 Delegate to RI Council on Legislation in Chicago he attended the RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas in 2001 and was a Member of Training team for DG Nominees (Zones 7(a) and 8(a) at RI Institute in Adelaide in 2002. In 2004, District 9820 Delegate at RI Council on Legislation in Chicago and attended D9830 Latrobe (Tas) Conference as Personal Representative of Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe (RIPPR).

At Mount Martha Rotary, his continued service saw David receive a PHF Sapphire. Then in 2014, then DG Tim Moore visited the Club and presented David with a second PHF Sapphire. David's "Rotary Journey" is extraordinary and demonstrates a level of commitment that few others would ever hope to achieve.



Rotary Club of Mount Martha Christmas Raffle

This year the Rotary Club of Mount Martha will be conducting a Christmas Raffle. The 1st prize is a Samsung 65cm 4K TV valued at \$1,200, 2nd prize is a \$500 Bunnings voucher, 3rd prize is a \$400 Ritchies IGA and 4th prize is a Christmas Hamper from Mornington Peninsula Hampers (thank you Kate for your generous support) valued at over \$300. 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.

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.

You may notice on your travels to the Mt Martha Village that the Bendigo Bank, Mount Martha Newsagency and IGA Supermarket are selling our tickets also!

My Top 3 ways to sell tickets

- 1 Buy them yourself, and put them inside Christmas Cards
- 2 Ask a local Retailer to sell them on their counter
- 3 Sell them at your Workplace or a friends Workplace

We will put fortnightly updates in the Bulletin to keep all members up to date on how ticket sales are progressing 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.

**Ticket sales banked to date (23/10/21) have been \$933
and 79 Raffle Books have been issued to date also.**

Keep selling, so we can realise our profit of \$3,500 towards the Peninsula Bay Trail.



WORLD POLIO DAY – ROTARY NEEDS DONATIONS

The Rotary Foundation <annualfund@msgfocus.rotary.org>

Dear Rotarians,

During a polio outbreak, children can become ill without warning, leaving parents to worry about how to keep their children safe from a virus spreading throughout their community. They may be hospitalized, develop muscle weakness, or paralysis. But a safe and effective polio vaccine has changed the outlook for billions of children around the world. And while there is no cure for polio, there is a vaccine that can prevent it.

Isaiku Musa Maaji was paralyzed as a child, leaving him with few ways to make a living. Today, he has his own business building hand-operated tricycles to give mobility for



adults and children with physical disabilities. Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee recently ordered 150 tricycles from Maaji to distribute to polio survivors and others with mobility problems.

The relationship he has built with local Rotarians has motivated him to take part in polio vaccination campaigns.

"It is not easy to be physically challenged. I go out to educate other people on the importance of polio vaccine because I don't want any other person to fall victim to polio."

Working with our partners and with Rotary members just like you, we've reduced the number of polio cases worldwide by 99.9%. But until we end polio forever, every child is at risk. We need your help to eradicate this paralyzing disease.

This World Polio Day, take action with a gift to The Rotary Foundation to help ensure that no child suffers the effects of polio ever again.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation

[DONATE](#)

The Rotary Club of Mount Martha is looking for applicants for a fantastic FREE leadership camp (we will pay the conference fee). Are you 18-30 years of age (or know someone who is)? Then contact us ASAP.



The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a week-long leadership conference for 18-30 year olds being held between 17-22 January 2022 at Rawson in beautiful Gippsland. It has been developed to encourage growth in leadership, personal development and social skills. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience by Rotary clubs of District 9820 where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

Ideal for young community or youth group leaders who want to hone their leadership potential, for university students to develop creative problem-solving strategies, or for young professionals to learn ethical business practices. RYLA is a great extension program for alumnus of Interact, Rotaract, or Rotary Youth Exchange.

For more information contact Pat Morton on 0419 580 220 or email us at mountmartharotary@gmail.com



District 9820 Annual Conference Newsletter

Register here



<https://rotary9820.org.au/sitepage/district-9820-conference-2022>

Welcome to our first Conference 2022 Newsletter.

We, with a dedicated Committee from Traralgon Central Rotary Club, and Chairman Janne from Traralgon Rotary Club, are planning a fun, exciting and thought-provoking Conference at the brand-new Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon, to be held on the weekend of 25th – 27th February 2022.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN: Cost for the full weekend including Saturday evening's dinner dance is \$300.

This year, if you have a partner who is not registering for Conference but would like to attend the dinner dance on Saturday night, you can register your partner separately. Cost \$100.

Please register for the additional costed events when you register for Conference.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES: 25th February.

Golf Tournament at the Traralgon Golf Club commencing at 8:30 am. Cost: \$50.

Winery Bus Tour to Narkoojee Winery which includes wine tastings and lunch, commencing at 10:00 am from Gippsland Performing Arts Centre. Cost: \$62.

Self-drive Tours: A range of suggested tours will be available if you prefer to explore our beautiful valley and beyond by yourself. Or why not arrange a convoy of friends to visit Walhalla, Tarra Bulga National Park (cool rainforest) or one of the many attractions Latrobe Valley has to offer.

Friday Night Club Dinners: The Opening Plenary Session will conclude in good time for people to avail themselves of dinner at one of the many restaurants, hotels and cafes around Traralgon. **Bookings are essential.** This is a great opportunity to enjoy a Club get-together and we suggest a 7:00 pm booking.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: 26th February.

Leadership Breakfast: Our traditional leadership breakfast will be held on Saturday morning at the Quality Inn Latrobe Convention Centre, on the highway next to the Golf Course. Cost: \$20.

Celebration 101 Dinner Dance: Why 101? We missed celebrating *100 Years of Rotary in Australia*, so let's celebrate 101 years, and dance the night away with The Baker Boys. Dress code: After Five (cocktail dresses and suits).

ACCOMMODATION

It is advisable to book your accommodation early as, while there are plenty of accommodation options around Traralgon and environs, there are a number of businesses and industries who employ workers who stay in motels from Monday to Friday. If you are planning to arrive on Thursday evening for Golf, the Winery Tour or to set up a Showcase site on Friday, you may find that some venues will need early booking for those weekday options.