



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Hi everyone, Just a few points this week

### **New member - Bruce Ranken**

I am now delighted to report that Rob Davies has stepped through our new member process and that Bruce will be officially inducted in early September.

### **Polio Free Africa**

Great news folks. African Continent is now officially free of wild Polio. Every Rotarian can take a bow. Polio Plus is working.

### **RORP**

Wayne Jenkins gave a RORP presentation to Peninsula Cluster on Wednesday 26/8 not only to presidents but many other club members. Thank you Peter Warren, Rob Davies, Colin Stokes and Ray Martin for zooming in and giving Captain RORP our support. Wayne is scheduled to roll out his presentations to other D9820 clubs. Thank to our PR Committee for working through what the RORP sign on the trailer should look like.

### **Digital Fundraising Event**

A number of members met to discuss 'Kreative Ken Wall's idea about a so called Digital Fundraising Event. We agreed that it could be made to work but the idea needs some more creative thinking. Ken has agreed to head up a team to talk through various ideas and come up with a proposal to put to the Board.

### **Bendigo Bank Vouchers**

Bendigo Bank Mount Martha have purchased \$5000 in \$50 vouchers from local businesses and gave 5 of these to us to distribute. We delivered them to Mornington Information and Support Centre for them to distribute to the needy.

### **Briars**

The Briars have been in touch asking if we might like to be involved with an extension to the sanctuary. Peter Warren and his Community Committee will investigate further and discuss at the next Community Committee meeting. This may be a great hands on opportunity. No doubt Peter will give us more details on 14 September

### **DG Mark Humphries Fireside Chat #5 Tues 1/9**

There is no RCMM meeting on Monday 31/8, so why not Zoom into DG Mark's Fireside Chat ...this one includes a speaker on Gin. Carol Crewe D9820 Secretary has emailed the zoom link to all members

### **Guests for Monday 7 September**

RC Rosebud-Rye President Paul Mee and his wife Adele will be joining us on 7 September. Paul is DG Nominee (2022-2023) and is keen to get to know people in the District a little better

Stay safe and wear your mask ....especially if you are anywhere near Frankston Hospital  
President Roger .



**31st August 2020**

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This week we have two “My life in a Coronavirus World stories” - from Pat Morton and Tom & Lara Barrett.

**My Life in Coronavirus World - Pat Morton ( poem)**

Zoom. Zoom

Welcome everyone to our meeting, as it is about to start  
This will be our fortnightly format while we are being kept apart  
Alright, before we get into this, has anyone seen John?  
Oh there he is! John! John! Turn your video camera on!

So I trust everybody is wearing their mask outside  
And the 1.5 metre rule, you know we must abide  
Although the point you make may be a good one  
Alas we cannot hear you JOHN if you don't turn your microphone on!

Soon, fellow members, we will be back down the street fundraising  
Selling our snags on bread and free range onions, they are amazing!  
Yes Mate it is good to have you finally join all of us on line  
But if you don't do something about the bloody dogs, you'll cop a club imposed fine!

Working bees are sure to start up again soon enough  
As these restrictive lockdown measures make it very tough!  
What's that John! You want to make a Dalmatian, I don't understand!  
Let me guess! Your another one that signed up on Telstra Broadband!

Well that's it from me, I am signing out, the meeting is adjourned  
But before I go, Hands up, what have we learned?  
Yes John, I can see you, your coming through loud and clear!  
I've had enough I am joining the Lions club next year!

LOL

**Pat Morton**

**Pat's note**

The reference to JOHN is not based on anyone in the club, but purely because it is easier to Rhyme too !

**Our Life in Coronavirus World - Tom & Lara Barrett**

We are managing isolation quite well, and have experienced 'Covid Fatigue', when you feel tired even though you have done very little. It comes from a subconscious feeling of stress about the general situation we are in.

We have been touching base regularly with family and friends. Tom's daughter is making a slow recovery from major surgery and my special daughter has been robbed of most physical skills as the Parkinson's has picked up pace. On the upside, she is making heroic efforts to verbalise on the phone or facetime. It is not quite "hello Mum" but is the best she can do.

**My Life in Coronavirus World continued on next page**

### My Life in Coronavirus World continued from previous page

Tom has taken on home & garden projects and the cooking and is doing a wonderful job. My mobility is severely limited at present so I have been re-working a NFP Operations Manual, updating Shine On documents, and re-writing a NFP Constitution with 44 non-compliant elements of The Incorporations Act (2001).

Our other adult kids are going well, so are our 8 grand-daughters. One 5-year-old has caused some angst: she now has a fringe that extends above her right ear and she tired of using her paint book and painted her arms and face black! It's great to have a laugh and not have to clean up the mess.

My prize plant, 'White Haemanthus' flowered and my 3 ½ year old **Stag fern** grown from spore is doing well at 8cm long. All is well.

Lara and Tom Barrett



Haemanthus White 2020



Stag 2020 3y 6mths 8cm

## African region declared Polio Free

On 25 August, the World Health Organisation African region was declared officially certified free of wild poliovirus. This certification will come four years after Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – recorded its final case of wild polio.

This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the African region, and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication.

Rotary members have played an invaluable role in the effort to rid the African region of wild polio. We should be proud of all the hard work that we've done to eliminate the wild poliovirus throughout Africa and in nearly every country in the world.

To celebrate this incredible achievement can you please share this news via social media. Please go to the District 9820 Facebook page and 'like' the post announcing the news. You can also share the post so more of your family and friends can learn about this fantastic news.

<https://www.facebook.com/District9820/posts/2696182867264264>

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

**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

Mon 31 Aug                      **NO CLUB MEETING**

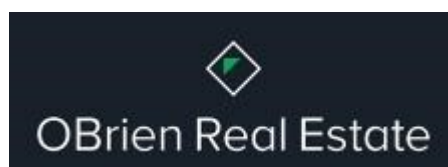
**SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

Tue 1 Sept                      Fireside chat with DG Mark Humphries (see Email from District Secretary)  
Mon 7 Sep                      RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with Bay Trail Centenary Project update  
Mon 14 Sep                      RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom  
Mon 21 Sep                      RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom  
Mon 28 Sep                      RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

**OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

Mon 5 Oct                      RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with District Governor, Mark Humphries  
Mon 12 Oct                      RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom  
Mon 19 Oct                      RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom

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



## OUR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE IS COMING!

Covid-19 has changed everything, including our annual conference. Our 2020 RAM Conference, due to be held in Newcastle, NSW this year, has been changed into a virtual conference to be held via Zoom.

**Registrations are now open.** Go to <https://ram.rawcs.com.au/2020-conference/> to reserve your spot.

Please register for your attendance [on our website](#) by following these two steps:

1. Register your details via the online form. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the Conference.
2. We have chosen to host this Conference for free given the current pandemic. However, we would appreciate a suggested \$10 donation.

The Conference team has been hard at work trying to work with the current pandemic and we can't wait to welcome you to some wonderful conversations and an incredible speaker line-up talking all things malaria elimination!

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM



ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA  
PRESENTS

**VIRTUAL  
CONFERENCE**

17 MAY - 18 JUNE 2020  
10AM - 5PM AEST  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- International malaria elimination efforts
- Water control initiatives
- Case management and surveillance
- Malaria control in Australia and the region
- The 2020 Malaria season

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The Rotary International Shine On Awards Committee are ready to roll out the 2020-2021 Nomination Form and are asking you to nominate a person/persons who could receive this prestigious award for volunteer work in the community.

What makes this award special is that the volunteers who can be nominated are those who quietly work despite having a disability or chronic illness or a combination of both.

When our Club hosted the Shine On Event in 2017 we had over 330 people in attendance and it was a great day celebrating the Volunteers with disabilities and their community contribution.

Our Club's Nominees for 2019-2020 are Jennifer and Jonathan Mayne. As the Event had to be cancelled suddenly due to Covid-19 all the Nominees from this Rotary year will be invited to next year's event.

Anyone can nominate a person, not just Rotarians and a copy of the Nomination Form is being sent with this Bulletin.

Next year (2021) we will celebrate the Shine On Recognition Awards on Sunday 16th May 2021 at 1pm at the Traralgon Golf Club.

For any queries, please call me on Mobile 0416 262 615 or Email [lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com)

Lara Barrett

Secretary

Rotary International Southern Districts Shine On Awards Committee



Dear All at Mount Martha Rotary.

Greetings from the school of St Jude! I hope this letter finds you well.

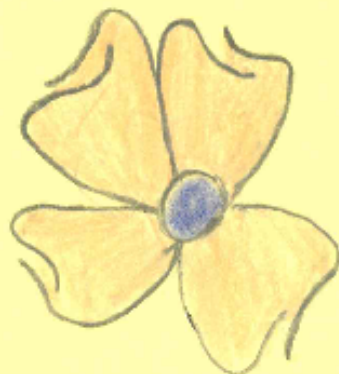
My Name is Nasra and I am in form 3C. I have just come back from my Christmas holidays and I am very happy to return to a brand new Girls Secondary School in Moshono with new teachers and new facilities.

My favorite teacher is Mr Fanuel because he is very good at teaching mathematics and mathematics is my favorite subject and he teaches very well. I really appreciate how our teachers really make an effort to help us improve and understand difficult subjects and are available whenever we need any extra help or classes.

Thank you for supporting our teachers, they work so hard to give us a high quality education to help us succeed in the future.

Lots of Love,

All of us at St Jude's.



## THANK YOU MOUNT MARTHA COMMUNITY BANK (MMCB).

The Rotary Club of Mount Martha has been granted 5 of these \$50 gift/shopping Vouchers as part of the MMCB stimulus for the local Community. No doubt the RCMM Board will decide the worthy recipients.

The Mount Martha Community Bank Branch has been out buying \$50 gift and shopping vouchers from its local shopping precinct retailers. We will be using these over the next few months to assist those in our local community and some of our Mount Martha Community Bank Branch customers who support us. Through this initiative we're initially pumping back \$5,000 stimulus into small businesses that need our support now. Some of the small businesses have added to these vouchers as they too wish to give back to the community that supports them. Its never been more important to support our local shops than now. Keep any eye out in the mail as one of these vouchers may be heading your way.....





## **Welcome to tomorrow - thank you to Roger Annear for this contribution (part 2)**

Not that long ago going to the moon was just a dream. Tomorrow is coming much sooner than what we ever thought possible.

This may sound a bit “Utopian” to us, however, the future is certainly arriving faster than we would like.

This is interesting. If you think the virus is going to make changes read this!

All of the following are forecasted to become reality in the next 10-20 years. Many of us won't see the changes, but our children and grandchildren probably will.

- 14 - Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law – that technological capacity will DOUBLE every year. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became far superior and became mainstream in only a few short years.
- 15 - It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence (AI), health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.
- 16 - Forget the book, “Future Shock”; welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution.
- 17 - Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.
- 18 - UBER is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi driver if they saw that coming.
- 19 - Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.
- 20 - Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. Last year a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.
- 21 - In the USA, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of computers, you can get legal advice (so far for right now, the basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy – compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, (what a thought!) only omniscient specialists will remain.
- 22 - Computer programs already help nurses diagnosing cancer, and the programs are 4 times more accurate than human nurses.
- 23 - Facebook now has pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.
- 24 - Autonomous cars: In 2020 the first self-driving cars are already here. In the next 2 years, the entire industry will start to be disrupted. You won't WANT to own a car anymore as you will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination.
- 25 - You will not need to park it. You will pay only for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. The very young children of today will never get a driver's license and will never own a car.
- 26 - This will change our cities because we will need 90-95% fewer cars. We can transform former parking lots into green parks.

In these strange times of COVID 19 lockdown, this is a great reminder to all of us.  
Thank you to Gordon Morriss for this contribution.

**LONELINESS HAPPENS WHEN  
YOU DON'T HAVE  
ALL 3 OF THESE CONNECTIONS  
IN YOUR LIFE:**



**EMOTIONAL**

A close partner  
or confidant.



**RELATIONAL**

A few quality  
friendships.



**COLLECTIVE**

Connection to  
a community.

  
ROBBINS

Always remember your friends in Rotary are happy to chat at any time.

A bit of light-hearted humour in these difficult times .  
I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.

## MY TO DO LIST:

1. Buy four pigs
2. Paint numbers 1,2,3 & 5 on their backs
3. Release them at the mall
4. Sit back and watch security desperately search for number 4

What kind of shoes  
do burglars wear?

**Sneakers.**



You: Teacher!  
Teacher: Yes?  
You: Would You Punish  
Me For  
Something  
I Didn't Do?  
Teacher: Of  
Course Not.  
You: I Didn't Do  
My Homework.



Who's there?  
A little old lady.  
A little old lady who?  
I had no idea you  
could yodel.



What did the

**BABY CORN**

say to the

**MAMA CORN ?**

Where's

**POPCORN!**

More Father's Day Jokes at BrenDid.com