



PRESIDENT BILL'S WEEKLY NOTES

I thought that the presentation by Monique Story was particularly emotional. Her bravery should be commended and I endorse our support of her "Quinns Place" project.

I am not sure that such raw emotion can stand the test of being continually re-lived, but certainly admire her for Monday evening. Ably supported by her friend Rosie and Sergeant Patrick Hayes, this was a very emotional evening that reminded us of the good that Rotary serves in communities.

This week we look forward to hosting Ben Smith, recently appointed CEO of Mornington Information & Support Centre and learning how we might work with some of their initiatives.

We welcomed back Rotarians Paul Clark, Linda Ferrari, Mary McIntyre and Carol Allen. We also welcomed for the very first time, our most recently appointed Honorary Member Gill Gordon with her husband Malcolm.

Please note that our Social Night at the Tar Barrel Distillery on Friday 26, is filling fast, we would love to see a strong attendance by members and guests.

Those who may have been inconvenienced by the inability to pay through the "Square" on Monday night are kindly reminded to take care of that before the next meeting if you have not already done so.

15th August 2022

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**These Celebrations are
for the week's 8th to
14th August 2022**

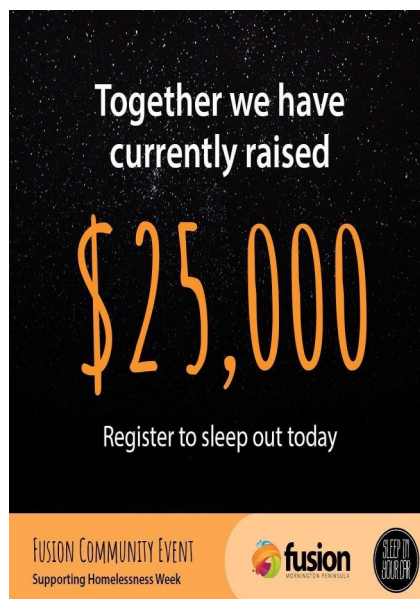
Birthdays
Nil

Wedding Anniversaries
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries
Bill Cummins 10/2009
Pat Morton 13/2018

Last Saturday night was cool but the mood was warm as Pat, Wayne, Tim, Rob, and Peter cooked up a storm supporting Fusion's, **Sleep in Your Car** event. Mt Martha Rotary in their big blue tent and BBQ. Live music, great food and a car for a bed, you could flick us a gold coin for a sausage in bread and support this great cause. Well done to Gemma and her team for a fantastic event. An aim to raise \$25k achieved. It's time to say goodnight as you adjust your front seat. Feeling cold, uncomfortable, no room for your feet. Imagine how you would feel? If this bit of fun, was your home for real?

By Pat Morton



AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Mon 15 Aug **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - Ben Smith, CEO, Mornington Community Information & Support Centre.

Fri 19 Aug **Bunnings BBQ** - [see Roster on page 3](#)

Fri 26 Aug **RCMM Social Members & Partners Social Night** - Tar Barrel Brewery and Winery @ 72 Watt Rd, Mornington - time TBA

Mon 29 Aug **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm and via Zoom
District Governor Visit, with Guest Speaker DG Paul Mee—partners welcome

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

Mon 5 Sept **RCMM Committee meetings week**

Fri 9 Sept **Bunnings BBQ** - [see Roster on page 3](#)

Mon 12 Sept **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - TBA

Wed 14 Sept **RCMM Board Meeting**

Mon 19 Sept **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - TBA

Sat 24 Sept **Bunnings BBQ** - [see Roster on page 3](#)

Mon 26 Sept **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - TBA

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Mon 3 Oct **RCMM Committee meetings week**

Mon 10 Oct **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - TBA

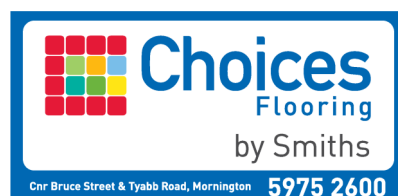
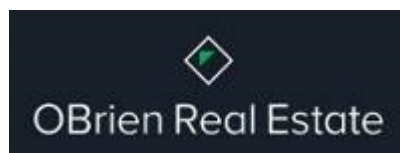
Wed 12 Oct **RCMM Board Meeting**

Fri 14th Oct **Bunnings BBQ** - [see Roster on page 3](#)

Mon 17 Oct **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - TBA

Mon 24 Oct **RCMM Club Meeting** @ The Mornington Hotel @ 6 for 6.30pm - TBA

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



SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

8 to 11am

Rob Davies
David Wheeler
Greg Buchanan
Wayne Jenkins

Rob Davies
Wayne Jenkins
Phyllis Scales
Tom Goulding

Rob Davies
Wayne Jenkins
Tom Goulding
Tom Barrett

Rob Davies
Peter Warren
David Wheeler
Bill Ewing

Rob Davies
Merv Williams
Gordon Morriss
Tom Goulding

Rob Davies
Merv Williams
Roger Annear
Bill Ewing

Rob Davies
Merv Williams
Tom Goulding
Tom Barrett

11am to 2pm

Friday 19th August 2022

Roger Annear
Bernard Butler
Anne Shaw
Carol Allen

Friday 9th September 2022

Peter Rawlings
Bernard Butler
Anne Shaw
Peter Warren

Saturday 24th September 2022 (AFL Grand Final Day)

Roger Annear
Bruce Ranken
Carol Allen
Ray Martin
Peter Warren

Friday 14th October 2022

Byron Groves
Roger Annear
Tom Barrett
Ray Martin

Friday 11th November 2022

Peter Rawlings
Roger Annear
Anne Shaw
Bernard Butler

Friday 16th December 2022

Byron Groves
Ray Martin
Anne Shaw
Peter Warren

Tuesday 27th December 2022

Peter Rawlings
Bruce Ranken
Byron Groves
Carol Allen
Ray Martin

2pm to 5pm

Bill Cummins
Barrie Sweeney
Tom Barrett
Wayne Norris

Roger Annear
Barrie Sweeney
Bill Ewing
Carol Allen

Byron Groves
Barrie Sweeney
Gordon Morriss
Bill Ewing

Bill Cummins
Barrie Sweeney
Bernard Butler
Phyllis Scales

Bill Cummins
Barrie Sweeney
Byron Groves
Phyllis Scales

Bill Cummins
Gordon Morriss
Barrie Sweeney
Phyllis Scales

Bill Cummins
Colin Stokes
Barrie Sweeney
Phyl Scales

If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Bill Cummins (BBQ Convenor) and Byron Groves (Bulletin)



It was a night of emotion and hope as Monique Story shared with us about Quinn's Place, a Friday night gathering place in Mornington for our young folk, named in honour of her beloved son Quinn whose life was cut short last year.

Alongside Monique was Rosie and Sergeant Patrick Hayes from Mornington Police who spoke about Communication, Compassion and Courage, attributes that epitomises Monique and her family as they help other young people like Quinn find hope at perhaps their greatest time of need.





Quinn's Place is bringing teens together

The detrimental effects of COVID lockdowns on teenagers can't be understated. The disruption to school, casual jobs, playing sport, and the lack of face-to-face contact with friends meant their mental health suffered, and for some the impacts continue.

Mornington resident and mother of four Monique Story wants to do everything she can to support young people in the community. Monique knows first hand the depths of despair supporting a teen going through tough times and mental health challenges can bring.

Just over a year ago, her youngest son Quinn died at 17 in mysterious circumstances. "Our family are living with unanswered questions," Monique said. "People in the community are coming up with their own answers, but the coroner is continuing investigations for another six months."

Monique said Quinn's life was never the same after he witnessed a horrific accident when he was 14. "No one really knows or understands, except for my close friends, what our family has been through over the past few years."

A grief counsellor suggested Monique write down how she was feeling. "I started writing and it became the story of Quinn's life. He went from being the most adorable fourth child in our family to someone who was battling to stay alive every day," Monique didn't set out to write a book but found writing so helpful that often she wrote through the night.

In the early days of her overwhelming grief, a goal became clear: to create a teen hangout in honour of Quinn's life and share the kindness he was known for. Thanks to the support of Father Geoff McIlroy at St Macarants Parish, Quinn's Place became a reality in May. Father McIlroy's input was invaluable in making Quinn's Place a success.

Located in the community house at St Macarants in Drake St, Mornington, Quinn's Place is open on Fridays from 6-10pm. Quinn's dad, Andy Story, and his brothers Tripp, Sid and Hunter are there each Friday night jamming in the music room with whoever wants to join in. There's an Xbox room, table tennis, a pool table, and space just to meet friends, sit around and talk. Food is generously supplied by nearby businesses including Yabbies Fish and Chippery & Burger Bar, DOC Pizza and Rebel Donuts.

"We're getting some kids who've been staying in their bedrooms for weeks or years even since lockdown, whose mental health has been affected," Monique said. "Parents are convincing their kids to come and then the kids have come back, which is great."

The night I visit Quinn's Place, the mood is relaxed and buoyant. Everyone is made welcome, parent volunteers chat in the kitchen and teenagers hang out. Even though I've never met Quinn, it's easy to imagine from his beaming smile in the photo at the entrance that he'd be proud of what his family have created to honour his life.

"There have been positives that have come out of this time," Monique said. "Quinn's Place is just the beginning."

NIKKI FISHER

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Homelessness effects us all.
Join us in this 1st of 3 free public
community forums to empower and drive
solutions.

Date: Wednesday 24th August, 2022

Venue: Peninsula Community Theatre
Cnr Wilsons Rd and
Nepean Hwy, Mornington

Time: 6.30pm

Close: 8.30 pm

Refreshments at conclusion

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