

INTERNATION & FOUNDATION DIRECTOR VALERIE'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

'Until the End of Time' The compelling title of a recently released book by writer Brian Greene. Brian explores in this explosive narrative 'Mind, Matter and our search for Meaning in an Evolving Universe.'

It reminds me as to how fortunate we are to live in this time and place, even with all its challenges, and poses the key challenge as to how can we make a difference to our world in which we live in the short and finite time we have on this earth.

Perhaps this is a question you might ask yourself from time to time?

The ripple effect of our efforts in Rotary should not be underestimated - we can and do make a difference.

At Rotary Club Mt Martha we are being true to the Rotary 2021/22 theme of 'Serve to Change Lives'.

As a club we have achieved significant milestones across the year to date even within the constraints of COVID 19 challenges, and our capacity to do more now is with us, as importantly we still have the final quarter of the 2021/22 year to achieve and exceed the hopes and plans, we committed to at the start of the year.

With a focus on the international sphere, it has been rewarding to work with members of the I & F Committee members in advancing these outcomes.

Some of our 2020/21 success stories In the international area, enabled by members across and beyond the club, are the PNG Clean Water Sigir project, the Shelter Box project, and the Rotary Overseas Repurposed Playgrounds.

Today as we commence the autumn month of April on the Mornington Peninsula 'Peace and Conflict' stands out in my mind as the overarching rotary theme that underpins all of Rotary's endeavours across the world. Conflict imposes life threatening impacts in disease water shortages and sanitation, maternal and child care, educational and literacy and long lasting impacts on economic, community, and environment sustainability.

We are seeing these devasting impacts play out in our world today.

Hopefully the month brings resolution of the frightening and abhorrent Russian invasion of Ukraine. Unbelievable in this day and age when as a human race we have an insight into the understanding that our home the planet Earth is just one small speck in the evolving universe.

When wars have been won and lost and families and communities have had long lasting and generational impacts through World War 1, and World War 2, and multiple conflicts across the world I, like many, struggle to contemplate that man still wages war against its fellow man.

The devasting impacts are so evident for many Australians who will recognise on ANZAC Day those that have paid the ultimate price of death or injury, both physically and mentally, in seeking to protect a democratic and free society for the benefit of current and future generations.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

4th April 2022

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These Celebrations are for the week of 4th April to 10th April 2022

Birthdays

Wedding Anniversaries

Rotary Anniversaries

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Unity in mankind, in our country and in our communities is needed now more than ever before. Sustainability in its broadest sense should be our universal focus.

So one again asks, what can we do as individual Rotarians

Live our Rotary values - integrity, diversity, service, leadership and fellowship and give thought to the ANZAC values at this critical time in the year and in history- endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship.

Continue to and if possible, strengthen our commitment to supporting Rotary in whatever way we can. Amongst many options today you might:

- Support the Rotary Golf Challenge

The forthcoming Golf day on Friday 6th May let's make it a Gold day for the benefits of the projects we support, whether that be humanitarian projects such as Shelter Box or local projects

- Support the International Rotary Foundation

If possible, make the minimum contribution of \$100.00 or give more. Projects such as Polio plus and COVID Immunisation benefit.

- Consider new projects and fundraising initiatives for 2022/23.

The I & F Committee is in the early stages of exploring what we as Rotary might do to seek to reduce the number of women around the world that are even today are cruelly disfigured and destined to a life of isolation as a result of Acid attacks. As the Rotary theme for April 2022 is Maternal & Child Health we hope to bring this project forward for consideration of the club members asap.

Yours in Rotary

Valerie Lyons- Chair of International & Foundation Committee

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

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Mon 4 Apr	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom
	Guest Speaker is Harold Sharp OAM of Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)
Mon 11 Apr	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom
	Guest Speaker is Mark Patrick of Rotary & Victorian Police Mentoring program
Sat 16 Apr	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
Mon 18 Apr	No meeting - Easter Monday Holiday
Mon 25 Apr	No meeting - Anzac Day Holiday
MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH	
Mon 2 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA
Fri 6 May	Annual Community Golf Day @ Mount Martha Golf Course
Mon 9 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom
	Guest Speaker is Jade Phelan—CEO of Bays Hospital
Mon 16 May	RCMM Committee meetings
Fri 20th May	Bunnings BBQ - Roster to come
Mon 23 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA
Tue 24 May	Lift the Lid on Mental Health Golf Day - see Flyer on page 6
Mon 30 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA



BAY TRAIL UPDATE

The Rotary Club of Mount Martha is excited to be working with the 7 other Mornington Peninsula Rotary Clubs and the Mornington Peninsula Shire to support the development of the Peninsula Trail by providing community facilities.

Check out the new seats we have installed on the Harrap Creek Trail just inside the Briars entrance. We met our deadline with both the table and a bench further down the trail, all pictured below.







40th Annual Rotary Club of Mount Martha Charity Golf Challenge

We are excited to announce that the 40th Annual Rotary Club of Mount Martha Charity Golf Challenge will be held this year on Friday 6th May 2022 at Mount Martha Golf Course.

If you play, then join us. Not a golfer but still want to help us support our community? You can be a sponsor of our Golf Challenge on May 6th.

We would be delighted to receive cash or in kind support which can be used as prizes & raffles on the day.

Funds raised go towards local organisations such as the Mt Martha CFA, Mornington Volunteer Marine Rescue, local community & youth initiatives as well as Rotary humanitarian initiatives.

for full details see the Flyer below





SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

<u>8 to 11am</u> <u>11am to 2pm</u> <u>2pm to 5pm</u>

Saturday 16th April 2022 (Easter Saturday)

Rob DaviesPeter RawlingsBill CumminsByron GrovesAnne ShawRay MartinBernard ButlerBill EwingBill BranthwaiteMary McIntyreValerie LyonsCarol AllenWayne NorrisBruce RankenBarrie Sweeney

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

<u>Further Rosters for Friday Bunnings will come over the next few weeks</u>



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

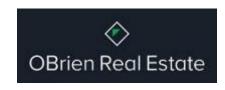


















VENUE: Kingston Heath Golf Club, Kingston Road Cheltenham

DATE: Tuesday 24th May 2022. Registration 10.00 AM

COMPETITION: Ambrose. Golf Link Numbers for registered Club golfers.

BENEFICIARY: Australian Rotary Health (ARH)

INCLUDED: 18 holes' golf, Buffet Luncheon, Gourmet BBQ Dinner, Pull Cart

COST: \$350.00 Includes \$100 Tax Deductable Receipt to ARH.

BOOKINGS: https://events.humanitix.com/rotarygolf2022

OPPORTUNITIES: 3 hole in one prizes of a Mercedes-Benz Car, Sponsorship

of a hole. Opportunity of playing on one of the golfing world's top courses, at an extremely competitive rate.

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