



Face to face Club meetings are currently in recess due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. Our next Meeting via Zoom will be Monday 11th May at 7pm. An invitation will be sent to you to join the meeting.



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NURSES GEAR UP IN STYLE

OLIVIA JENKINS

THESE Mornington Peninsula nurses can now save lives in style thanks to some snazzy new scrubs hand-stitched by grateful community groups.

Volunteers from Mount Martha Rotary and environmental group Boomerang Bags joined forces to sew unique and colourful nursing gear for healthcare workers on the frontline at Rosebud Hospital.

Co-ordinator of Boomerang Bags Mt Martha branch, Robyn Ruhl, said the group was prompted to craft new medical gear when they heard nurses at the hospital were running low.

"We normally make fabric shopping bags... making scrubs is a far more ambitious project but we really wanted to support our nurses," Ms Ruhl said.

Rosebud Hospital Emergency Department nurse Megan Scott said the new scrubs were a lifesaver for when she found herself out of clean medical gear.

Nurse Megan Scott (centre) shows off her scrubs to associate nurse manager Jessica Hall, nurse Jo Kinross, nurse unit manager Jacqui Allen and nurse Julie Shearman. Picture: DAVID CAIRD

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What a tremendous initiative and congratulations to Mary McIntyre together with Barrie Sweeney and the team in their support of Boomerang Bags! Mornington Peninsula Shire Council also contributed towards this terrific community project! Well done to all! (Article: Herald Sun, Tuesday 5th May, 2020).

For those of us dreaming of "international travel", this week we head across the Indian Ocean to hear **LIVE from the Rotary Club of Newlands in Cape Town**, with Geraldine and Jenny sharing what they are doing to assist the Langa Community during COVID-19. Please join us at 7.00PM on Monday 11th May via ZOOM!

The following week, Stuart Davis-Meehan from the Mornington Community Information & Support Centre will update us on things closer to home, as to how the Mornington Community is being supported during this COVID-19 crisis and their vital ongoing broader work.

We welcome the **Mount Martha Community Bank** as our latest Community Supporter following their grant towards the Mornington Park Primary School Bicycle Enclosure. Thank you to Gary and the team at the MMCB!

Many thanks to all, President, Peter Rawlings

Club/Cluster and District meeting (via Zoom in this present COVID-19 climate).

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

- Mon 11 May **Geraldine Nicol and Jenny Ibbotson** from RC Newlands (Cape Town SA)
Langa during COVID 19
- Mon 18 May **Stuart Davis-Meehan** from Mornington Community Information & Support
Centre – Mornington during COVID 19.
- Week of Mon 25 May TBC via District

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession and enhance your Rotary experience.

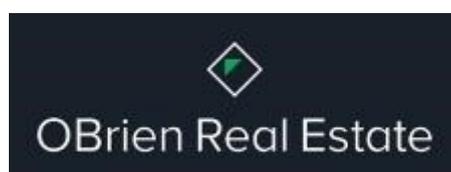
- Mon 1 June Club Meeting - TBA
- Wed 10 June **Ross Kilborn and Steve Daly**, Bay Trail Centenary Project
- Mon 15 June Club Meeting - TBA
- Mon 29 June **RC of Mount Martha Changeover**

Tim Costello wrote these words in 1995 (25 years ago) in his book, "Streets of Hope: Finding God in St Kilda"..

Community is a threatened entity. Community groups are under threat because there are so few volunteers. Service clubs, churches, political parties, unions and, in fact, any voluntary groups that require commitment - are struggling to hold members. People still expect voluntary auxiliaries like service clubs, churches and community groups to help them, and they can get quite angry if these agencies are not there for them in time of need. But there seems to be far more takers and far fewer joiners

Things have not changed.

OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL



SOUTHERN REGION FUNDRAISING FOR THE VANUATU MALARIA ELIMINATION PROGRAM

So pleased to have RCMM support for Rotarians Against Malaria again this year. Our district 9820 together with 9810 are seeking to **End Malaria in Vanuatu - for Good!** And have put together lots of planning and a fundraising through RAWCS. We are planning towards a global grant and we are now also working with Rotary in New Zealand.

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) is a network established in Australia in the mid-1990s. RAM continues its work in developing countries, working with governments to eliminate malaria.

*Worldwide:

In 2018, 228 million cases occurred world wide

In 2018, Malaria caused 405,000 deaths (67% of deaths are children under 5 years)

Pregnant women and children are most vulnerable to malaria

*Statistics taken from the current WHO World Malaria Report 2019

In Vanuatu incidence of malaria in some areas is increasing and gains in other areas are fragile. Action must continue to reduce and prevent the re-establishment of transmission.

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) in Southern Region, Australia, is raising funds to support

“End Malaria in Vanuatu - for Good” program. For more information <http://ram.rawcs.com.au/programs/vanuatu/>

Funds will be used for:

Purchase and distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN)

Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS)

Surveillance-tracking the disease and taking appropriate action.

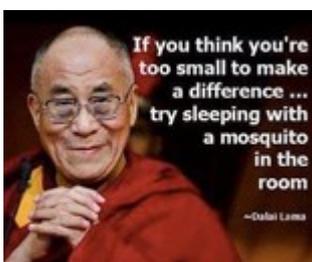
HOW is Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) supporting the Vanuatu Malaria Program?

1. A Two-District (**9810 & 9820**) Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Overseas Aid Fund (**RAOAF**) Registered Project has been set up where all contributions to the Vanuatu Project will be deposited. (**RAWCS Project 104-2019-20**)
2. Along with New Zealand RAM D9910, RAM D9810 & 9820 will later this year apply for a Rotary Global Grant for approximately \$400,000 for implementation of the “End Malaria in Vanuatu - for Good” program, over a 3-year time frame.

HOW can you and/or your club support the Vanuatu Malaria Program?

RAM asks Rotarian clubs and individuals to consider contributing to our RAWCS Fundraising Project to “End Malaria in Vanuatu - for Good” program. Your investment will help save lives.

To donate click on this link : <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20>



UPDATED DISTRICT ASSEMBLY DETAILS FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT, MARK HUMPHRIES

This message is circulated to Presidents Elect, Secretaries Elect, Treasurers Elect, Assistant Governors, District Board, District Learning and Development and for the information of Council of Governors on behalf of District Governor Elect Mark Humphries.

Hello President Elect, Secretary Elect, Treasurer Elect,

We all eagerly await opportunities to rekindle our clubs, meeting face to face and enjoying fellowship. We now need to prepare for 2020-2021 and part of being prepared for that future is for you to gain the knowledge and for me to assist you to meet the needs of your club going forward.

- District Assembly has been rescheduled and will be held online on 17th May 2020
- Presidents Elect, Secretaries Elect and Treasurers Elect will need to attend
- The proposed 2020-2021 District Budget will be circulated prior for consideration
- Presidents Elect need to review the District Budget and are required to vote on the adoption of the budget

You need to ensure your club membership details are up to date in District and Rotary International databases

The District Assembly commencement time and Zoom link will be advised on circulation of the budget.

We aim to have the budget out to you by the end of this week (Saturday 2nd May 2020). If you have questions please do not hesitate to email either myself or John Cartledge, District Treasurer john.cartledge@rotary9820.org.au

We are looking at running Avenues of Service online, more detail to follow.

Thanks

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Two Drops of Life: India's Path to End Polio (continued). *(extracts of article from JSTOR Daily)* [\(part 2 of 6\)](#)

The Campaign

Rajbala remembers that when the vaccinations first started, people were afraid of them. They used to throw stones at the vaccinators. They pretended they weren't home. They hid the children. Today, this doesn't happen, but occasionally some residents do resist campaigns. This time around, some locals wouldn't let the immunizers put their booth here, so the team had to ask the police for help. But the police didn't apply force, Rajbala adds. They just reasoned with the people, and eventually the team was able to set up camp.

In two days, they were able to vaccinate 163 children out of the 165 that Rajbala has on her list. If the remaining two don't show up, the team will stop by their houses. They will go door to door, checking all the remaining households, making sure to vaccinate those kids whose parents didn't make it to the booth—it's crucial that there's not a single child left.

In the 1980s, polio was endemic in India. Back then the world used to get about 1000 polio cases every day with India contributing half of them, says Deepak Kapur, India's National PolioPlus Chair with Rotary International. With 500 children being paralyzed daily, the picture was grim.

In the United States, polio had once been a serious threat too—in 1937, schools were closing and parents were told to keep young children home and stay away from public gatherings to avoid catching it. In 1988, Rotary, World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control and UNICEF formed Global Polio Eradication Initiative or GPEI, aimed to eradicate polio. Later, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance joined in. Since then, GPEI reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent.

After over two decades of efforts, India recorded its last polio case in January 2011, and was officially declared polio-free on March 27, 2014. But the virus is still circulating in the neighboring countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan and that's why vaccination efforts can't stop.

"No one believed we could do it," says Deepak Kapur, **India's National PolioPlus Chair with Rotary International**, who was involved in the eradication efforts from early on.
(to be continued next week)

You too can support The Rotary Foundation *"Doing Good in the World"* by:

- Renewing your Centurion Club membership. \$100 per year as you are able.
- For new members forms are available from Roger Annear

Direct bank contribution to the RC Mt Martha Club A/c BSB 633-000, Account 126265388

Please note your name and also advise Roger Annear by email when done.

An example of understanding how the Corona Virus (COVID19) is spread and why it is important to Stay at Home unless you really need to be out.

CORONAVIRUS EXPLAINED EASILY:

- Kate got infected yesterday, but she won't know until 14 days later.
- Kate thinks she's healthy and is infecting 10 people per day.
- These 10 people think they are ok, they travel, go out and infect 100 people.
- These 100 people think they are healthy and keep infecting 1000 people.
- No one knows who is ok or who can infect you.

**Do you understand why
it is important to stay at home?
Be responsible. Stay in quarantine.**

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



What did the nut say when it was chasing the other nut?



I'm a cashew

10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5
10. Share this with your friends to have some fun too! :-)

WHEN THE COVID-19 HORROR IS OVER AND WE GO BACK TO OUR NORMAL LIVES, NEVER FORGET THAT DURING THE CRISIS WE WERE NOT DESPERATE FOR LAWYERS, ACTORS, ATHLETES OR REALITY TV STARS.

WE NEEDED TEACHERS, DOCTORS, NURSES, SHOP WORKERS, DELIVERY DRIVERS AND COUNTLESS OTHERS WHO WE USUALLY TAKE FOR GRANTED.

A British doctor says: "In Britain, medicine is so advanced that we cut off a man's liver, put it in another man, and in 6 weeks, he is looking for a job."

The German doctor says: "That's nothing, in Germany we took part of a brain, put it in another man, and in 4 weeks he is looking for a job."

The Russian doctor says: "Gentlemen, we took half a heart from a man, put it in another's chest, and in 2 weeks he is looking for a job."

The American doctor laughs: "You are all behind us. A few years ago, we took a man with no brain, no heart, and no liver and made him President. Now, the whole country is looking for a job!"

Send it along, don't laugh alone!

