



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

PRESIDENT CAROL'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Welcome to all our Members, Friends, and Supporters,

Last week's meeting

We had a great meeting last week, with 29 members in attendance which is the largest group since we have returned to face-to-face meetings. We farewelled Steve Daly after 21 years of membership and service to Rotary. He and Gwen are moving this week to Mansfield, to start building a new house, we wish them well on their new adventure.

Jade Phelan CEO of the Bays HealthCare Group gave us a very comprehensive overview of the hospital and all its services and their Aged Care Home with a new building enabling them to now accommodate 90 Residents. Membership to the Bays was discussed with around 1000 members this has grown significantly over the last few years. We also were given an update on the new Comprehensive Cancer centre with building to commence shortly. This will be a great advantage to cancer patients requiring all their treatment. They are busy funding raising around \$3 million to meeting all their funding requirements.

Golf Day Profit

Our "final" tally on Golf Day is that we made a Profit of \$10,028 that can be distributed locally and internationally to support various Community Groups and RI Projects

This week and next week

This week is Committee meetings, please check with your Directors about their time and venues. On the following week the 23rd May the Directors for Youth and International will provide an update on their activities and plans for the new year. I will be away for that meeting and Bill Branthwaite PE will be filing in for me. **There will be no Zoom meeting on the 23rd of May as both Rob Davies and Phyl Scales (our Zoom operators) will be away.**

Social evening - Monday 30th May

The following Monday we had planned to have a social evening with Partners however, David Wheeler who is responsible for planning social events will be away and we are looking for someone to assist in the planning, we were thinking of going to a restaurant for dinner, but we are open to ideas. Please let Lara know if you are willing to get involved and help.

Changeover Dinner

Unfortunately, we are going to have to change our Changeover dinner as it clashes with the District Changeover. Paul Mee District Governor Elect has advised me that at least 5 of our members will be part of his team for next year and he expects that they will all be at his Changeover. We have been able to change our Changeover Dinner to Tuesday 21st June at the Safety Beach Sailing Club at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Cost per person is \$50 for a 2-course meal and drinks at bar prices. Please RSVP to Lara by 5th June 2022. All partners are invited to attend. We also welcome our Honorary Members and Sponsors to this important annual event.

Chris Williams Resignation

Chris Williams, Vice President has advised the Board that after around 10 years in Rotary she has decided to retire at the end of this Rotary year, she said, she, will of course, come to our partners and special events. My sincere thanks to Chris for her support this year, and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for all her contributions to Rotary and wish her well in future.

Here is a thought ...*Once you make a decision the universe conspires to make it happen*
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Yours in Rotary - President Carol

16th May 2022

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**These Celebrations are
for the week's 9th May
to 22nd May 2022**

Birthdays
Paul Clark 15th

Wedding Anniversaries
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries
Nil

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Mon 16 May	RCMM Committee meetings
Fri 20th May	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster below
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 11
Mon 30 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Mon 6 June	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA
Mon 13 June	No meeting or Bulletin - Queen's Birthday Holiday
Fri 17th June	Bunnings BBQ - see Roster below
Mon 20 June	RCMM Committee meetings
Tue 21 June	Changeover Dinner @ 6pm - Safety Beach Sailing Club - see page 1 comments

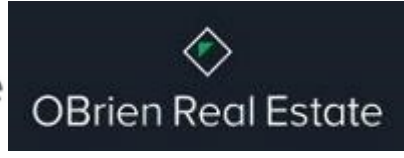
SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

<u>8 to 11am</u>	<u>11am to 2pm</u>	<u>2pm to 5pm</u>
<u>Friday 20th May 2022 - this is the 1st of many Friday BBQ's in 2022</u>		
Rob Davies Byron Groves Bill Ewing Merv Williams	Peter Rawlings Tom Barrett Anne Shaw Ray Martin	Gordon Morriss Barrie Sweeney Tom Goulding Roger Annear
<u>Friday 17th June 2022</u>		
Rob Davies Greg Buchanan Bill Ewing Peter Warren	Byron Groves Bernard Butler Tom Barrett Wayne Norris	Bill Cummins Phyllis Scales Barrie Sweeney Jonathan Mayne
<u>Friday 15th July 2022</u>		
Rob Davies Wayne Jenkins Wayne Norris Tom Goulding	Peter Rawlings Ray Martin Peter Warren Roger Annear	Bill Cummins Byron Groves Gordon Morriss Barrie Sweeney

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)

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



The Rotary Foundation

Centurion Club 2022

Thank you to those who have renewed their Centurion Club contribution this year. There are a number of Centurions yet to recommit. I urge you all to continue your support of the Rotary Foundation and its work.

NOW is the time for members to renew their Centurion Club contribution or perhaps even making a double contribution in this time of worldwide need. "Just \$100 per year for as long as you are able to".

I wish to make our clubs payment through to the Foundation by the end of May so we only have a couple of weeks to make good.

For those members yet to become a Centurion forms are available from Roger Annear. Treasurer Byron Groves can accept your contribution on the Club's Electronic Square or by Direct Bank contribution to RC of Mount Martha Club A/c BSB 633000, Acc. 126265388 Please note Centurion and your Surname in the Reference section and advise Roger and Byron by email when completed.

Paul Harris Fellow Nominations

The Clubs PHF sub-committee of President Carol, Vice President Christine, President Elect Bill and PP Roger Annear will be meeting soon to consider awarding Paul Harris Fellows to nominated club or community members.

Should you wish to nominate a club member of good standing who has given service to our club and Rotary beyond that normally expected of a member and/or has outstanding service to the community **OR** another community person whose contribution to the community through their business or organisation embraces the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self" please do so in writing/email to Foundation Chairperson Roger Annear by Monday 23rd of May.

ROMAC

I wonder what this acronym could stand for?

Rotarians On Meth Acting Crazy but then I thought looking at our age profile that couldn't be right as the drugs we're taking are more likely to be Statins for High Cholesterol, Beta Blockers for High Blood Pressure or Anti-inflammatories for Muscle aches and pains.

Some suggest that it stands for Rotary Old Men Against Change and whilst that may be a possibility in some clubs it isn't correct.

In fact, ROMAC is serving to change lives. ROMAC actually stands for **Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children**. Rotary Zone 8 covers the South Pacific Region called Oceania is & takes in nations such as Australia, New Zealand, **Fiji**, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, and Vanuatu.

ROMAC'S Mission Statement:

ROMAC provides surgical treatment for children in Australia and New Zealand from developing countries from our Pacific region in the form of life giving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

ROMAC commenced in 1988 out of the actions of an Australian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Fiji. They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places. They quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations in Oceania, was a major cause. Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18-year-old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed. Now around 50 children a year are assisted by ROMAC.

ROMAC is a not-for-profit humanitarian organisation being run entirely with volunteers – no paid staff, no leased offices and so, it has minimal fixed costs. Every dollar donated goes to Giving Life and our small expenses are recovered from its investments.

SO who runs this group? How does it work? There's a Board & Operations Committee which includes the six Regional Chairs across Australia and New Zealand. The Regional committee then coordinates through District Chairs and their committees, which align and work closely with local Rotary Clubs.

The process begins with a referral of a child from overseas (or visiting Australia/New Zealand doctors) directly into the ROMAC database. From this single form, the Medical and Operation's Directors evaluate, in collaboration with specialist Regional Medical Consultants, whether the referred child meets the ROMAC guidelines and what Region may be able to provide the necessary surgery. These regional medical advisors are eminent medical professionals working at hospitals such as RCH, the Children's Hospital at Westmead in NSW & Auckland. Paediatricians, Paediatric Cardiologists, Professors etc.

The ROMAC team in Australia and New Zealand is nearing 200 totally voluntary individuals plus Rotarians and medical personnel who support ROMAC in the nations it serves. These are people who help with **Passport and Visa applications**, finding and communicating with our potential patients, organising medical checks and ensuring they are on time to board their plane.

Former RCMM member and current Dromana RC member **Adrian Davis** was once District ROMAC Chair and Bernard tells me that RCMM has helped many children thru ROMAC.

Bernard is giving me the finish up signal so in the non-words of another acronym I had better POQ!

The Briars:- Matters of Interest and future opportunities:

- An extension of the Sanctuary is to take place. (We were involved with the construction of the new electrified fencing approximately 8 years ago.) This will involve approx 2.5 km of new fence consisting of steel strainer posts, steel droppers driven into the ground between posts with wires strung between the posts on which wire netting will be attached. The fence will be electrified the same as the existing one.
- Rabbits have now been eliminated from the sanctuary.
- With the Rabbits gone introduction of some of the species of native animals which originally inhabited the Mt Martha area will soon begin.
- The Homestead renovations to replace the damage by white ants are almost complete thus enabling the reopening of the homestead.
- Extensive gardens for growing vegetables have been established by "food for Change" a charitable organization that grow and supply food to the needy.
- A pipeline is to be constructed from the nearby South East Water treatment plant to supply treated, A- grade water to the Briars.
- An extensive tree planting exercise will begin in early winter.

Club opportunities to consider-

Fencing

- The fencing will most likely be undertaken late autumn, early winter. (A time when club members may be thinking of warmer climates) Work will be mid week, one or two mornings.
- The new fencing is 2.5 km long and 2 metres high.
- Most activities associated with the construction are considered too physically demanding, such as post driving and handling large rolls of wire, etc, etc
- Two activities which may be suitable for a few members and of considerable assistance are, stringing and attaching strainer wires between posts, and clipping of netting to the strainer wires using Jambro ring fastening tools, however from discussions the community group the overall fencing project is considered too difficult for member involvement.

Tree planting

There are approximately three thousand trees to be planted. This will commence early winter.

This is to be a community type project which will include local schools.

We have been involved at the Briars with schools in the past, and I believe this is a worthwhile and suitable project for the club to be involved with.

Homestead Gardens

With the completion of the Homestead, the surrounding gardens are in need of maintenance to be presentable when people begin visiting again. There will probably be volunteers available who prior to Covid worked in the gardens on a regular interval, but initially will need considerable support on a short term basis. (Similar to what we have done at schools in the past) This activity has actually commenced.

Assistance on any of these activities would be appreciated by Briars personnel, and it would re-establish our connection, and hopefully ongoing involvement with this fantastic facility in Mt Martha.

The RCMM Board are happy for me to gauge member interest, so please contact me for further details if you are interested in being involved with any of the activities.

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- 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.
- CONTACT:** For any further information that is not contained on the Rotary Club of Glenferrie web site, <https://rotaryglenferrie.org.au/>
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