



SECRETARY LARA'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

23rd May 2022

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**These Celebrations are
for the week's 23rd May
to 29th May 2022**

Birthdays

Glenys Groves 25th
Jenny Wheeler 27th

Wedding Anniversaries
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries
Paul Clark 28/2009

Welcome to all our Members, Friends, and Supporters,

National Volunteer Week

This past week was designated: **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK** – blue and orange are the official Volunteer colours. Here at Mount Martha Rotary we are all volunteers, so that was our week too. Volunteering is a core part of our society and we try to help people disenfranchised and/or disadvantaged. It is a part of our society's values, and values that Rotary upholds.

According to Volunteering Australia "Over one in four volunteers (28.3%) undertake voluntary work for an organisation for 100 hours or more each year. (ABS, 2019)" and "Volunteering was estimated to have an imputed value of \$17.3 billion." (ABS 2012-13) Although not the latest statistics, you can see how valuable our voluntary work is even though monetary value is not why we do it. Volunteering is a genuine and true way to assist another person or group.

Rotary International Shine On Awards

The Rotary International Shine On Awards Event was held on 14th May after 2 years of Covid cancellations and truly demonstrates the human desire to help others. These inspirational people are truly exceptional volunteers. Please read about it further on in the Bulletin.

This Monday's meeting

This Monday 23rd May will be an interesting evening with talks by Valerie Lyons on International, Pat Morton on Youth and Ray Martin on Training – then we have our Guest Speaker Mick Simmons who instituted a Suicide Prevention Program in Mount Martha.

Just another reminder about our Changeover Dinner

It's on **Tuesday 21st June at Safety Beach Sailing Club at 6pm for a 6.30pm start**. Cost is \$50 each for a 2-course meal and drinks from the bar. Please RSVP to Secretary Lara by 5th June 2022. Members, Partners, Honorary Members and Sponsors are welcome to this important annual event.

Social Evening

Carol would like to have a members and partners SOCIAL EVENING on 31st May, so if you have an idea such as going to a restaurant or something entirely different, please contact Lara, we need your input and look forward to having a relaxing night out.

Yours in Rotary - Secretary Lara

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Mon 23 May

Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom
Speakers will be Valerie Lyons, International & Foundation Director, Pat Morton, Youth Director and Ray Martin on Training. Our special Guest Speaker will be Mick Simmons who instituted a Suicide Prevention Program in Mt Martha.

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 Lara's comments on page 1)

Mon 27 June

Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom - TBA

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

8 to 11am

Rob Davies
Greg Buchanan
Bill Ewing
Peter Warren

11am to 2pm

Friday 17th June 2022

Byron Groves
Bernard Butler
Tom Barrett
Wayne Norris

2pm to 5pm

Bill Cummins
Phyllis Scales
Barrie Sweeney
Jonathan Mayne

Friday 15th July 2022

Rob Davies
Wayne Jenkins
Wayne Norris
Tom Goulding

Peter Rawlings
Ray Martin
Peter Warren
Roger Annear

Bill Cummins
Byron Groves
Gordon Morriss
Barrie Sweeney

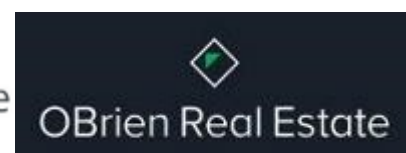
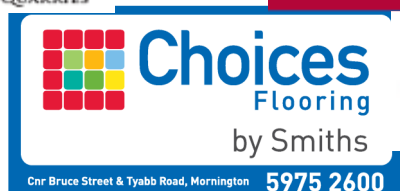
Friday 19th August 2022

Rob Davies
David Wheeler
Tom Barrett
Peter Warren

Byron Groves
Bernard Butler
Anne Shaw
Carol Allen

Bill Cummins
Barrie Sweeney
Jonathan Mayne
Wayne Norris

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



RI Southern Districts SHINE ON AWARDS

Recognizing the Volunteer Work of people with a disability

Finally, after cancellations across 2020 and 2021, the SHINE ON AWARDS Event happened on 14th May 2022 at Templestowe. Mayor Klinert opened with a Welcome to Country and whilst not all of those people nominated were able to come, we had a good turnout of about 100 people and this week is NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK. Our Expert Panel who assessed the nominations were: Angela Wall, Dr David Price OAM and Jeannette Robertson.

DG Mark Humphries and DGE Linda Humphries attended and PDG Pam McDonald was MC with Wayne Leslie, Managing Director of the Bendigo Bank Housing Loan Group and Shine On's sponsor and the Mayor of Manningham City Cr. Michelle Klinert. Our Guest Speaker was Gail Dick PHF whose amazing work in Manningham now extends to managing a housing project for people with disabilities.

The 2020 Award went to Wayne Lewis nominated by RC Benalla. Wayne was working underneath a tractor at age 22, when the tractor collapsed leaving him a T11 paraplegic. With adapted farm machinery, he worked the farm with his father for 30 years and engaged in ongoing community work. Wayne is now a Rotarian.



The 2021 Award went to Andrew Bedgood nominated by RC Maffra. Injuries from a car accident left Wayne with head injuries, a crushed left leg and amputation of his right leg. Andrew founded the "Sale to Sea" Annual Kayak Marathon and was a Citizen of the Year and has a Pride of Australia Award. Andrew engages in community work, public speaking and has written a book of his life.

Andrew and Wayne Leslie BBHLG are seen here.

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Some other attendees were: **Greg Bonyhady** who works with the Tende Beck Scouts (for severely disabled children), St Vincent de Paul and is now an Assistant Venturer Leader in Templestowe and is training as a Youth Worker.

Greg has quadriplegic dystonic cerebral palsy.



Roger Reece is now a member of RC Doncaster and on the Board of the Manningham Community Health Services and the Victorian Disability Council since he he acquired MS.

Our own **Jenny and Jonathan Mayne** were nominated by our club but were unable to attend.

The Shine On Committee Chair, PP Barry Halpern summed up our day which was enjoyed by all and entertained by the LAARFS Singers (sponsored by RC Doncaster) and **Jim Provan** on flute who has three Music degrees despite managing with osteogenesis imperfecta.



RI Southern Districts Shine On Awards Committee: Chair, PP Barry Halpern, Treasurer, PDG Charlie Speirs, Secretary, Lara Barrett and Margie Desmyth, PP Matthew Ety-Leal, PDG Graham Thomson and Leigh Waters. Representing Districts: 9780, 9790, 9800, 9010 and 9820 who hosted this year's event.



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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 **this week** 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.

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.

Colin Stokes on Email - chstokes@optusnet.com.au

THE GREAT BUTLER GARAGE CLEAN UP/OUT

Dear Rotarians

This project entails the clearing out of Bernard Butler's Garage. I want this done as soon as possible. All that you see in the photos including the fridge is going. The deal is that whatever you fancy can be secured in agreement with me by making a generous donation to the RCMM, nothing to me.

Thanks to all

Bernard





- 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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