



PRESIDENT CAROL'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

An apology to Zoomers

We're sorry that the Zoomers didn't get a fair go last Monday 2nd May.

In spite of achieving an acceptable internet performance at the previous meeting on 11th April, we took a step backwards last week when we suffered several "dropouts" and understandably the Zoomers deserted us!

Seeking advice from various sources, JB Hi-Fi, Telstra, Jaycar (Frankston) and indeed Dr. Google, the general consensus as to the cause of our problems lies with the variable Telstra 4g mobile signal within The Mornington Hotel.

Briefly, the increase in business as the hotel 'opens up' with the easing of Covid restrictions results in more interference.

Just to clarify, we are not attempting to use the hotel 'public access' wi-fi because it is also slow, unstable and, of course, not private!

The solution appears to be the addition of an antenna for our mobile modem, which will boost the 4G signal to acceptable levels.

Preliminary trials at home seem to confirm this.

This Monday 9th May, we hope that we can provide a reliable connection for the benefit of our Zoomers.

Golf Day

Congratulations to the Golf Day Team for a great day and for all the hard work that goes into the planning and organisation of the event. The Board and I'm sure all our members thanks you especially Tom Goulding, Merv Williams and Bill Branthwaite most sincerely for your efforts and making this such a successful day. Although it was freezing cold at least the rain held off. Many people stayed for the prize giving and really appreciated all the prizes, especially the many bottles of fine wine donated by the members -Thank you.

Our special thanks to all our sponsors who contributed to the day with both Sponsorship and playing Golf on the day.

This week's Club meeting

On Monday we will be farewelling Steve Daly after 20 years as a Mt Martha Rotary member and Assistant Governor for the District. Steve and Gwen are in the final stages of packing up and moving to the country! It would be great if we could get a good crowd to farewell them.

We have Jade Phelan CEO of the Bays HealthCare Group speaking to us on Monday. Jade commenced at The Bays in December 2020, bringing more than 10 years of senior management experience in the healthcare industry. Prior to joining The Bays Jade worked for large, ASX-listed healthcare operators and Big 4 accounting firms. She holds a Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Business and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment.

Jade was drawn to the healthcare industry because she wanted a career that involved helping people and making a difference. Her vision for The Bays is to grow and expand the healthcare services provided to the residents of the Peninsula and to support all staff to ensure we provide an exceptional experience for our patients.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

9th May 2022

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These Celebrations are
for the week 1st May
to 8th May 2022

Birthdays
Nancy Price 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries
Nil

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Changeover Lunch

Change Over Lunch will be held at Safety Beach Sailing Club on Sunday 26 June at 12pm. The 2-course lunch will be \$50 per person, we are encouraging partners to come to this special day with Bill Branthwaite taking on the Presidents role. Please let Lara know if you have any dietary requirements.

Welcome

Welcome to our New member, Kim Johnston, who will be inducted on 6 June and two potential members Alex and Chelsea will be joining us for dinner on Monday night please make them feel welcome.

Last week's challenge from Bernard Butler

Last week Bernard Butler laid down a challenge to all members to provide a 5-minute talk about rotary and all the many acronyms we use. Phyl Scales has taken up the challenge and will be the first to talk this Monday. Please let Bernard know when YOU will be available.

**We all now that Rotary is a worldwide organisation and I thought that this story really shows how Rotary DOES make a difference and how people can come together to help those in desperate need.
Makes me proud to be Rotarian.**

Rotary responds to the war in Ukraine. - by Ryan Hyland

Within hours of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022, Iryna Bushmina fled her home in Kyiv. Along with her sister and her three-month-old nephew, she journeyed to Vienna, Austria, staying with Rotary members along the way. Their generosity inspired Bushmina, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kyiv-City and the District Rotaract representative for Ukraine, to organize a larger-scale relief effort — and now, an online platform she created has helped Rotaract and Rotary members find shelter for thousands of Ukrainian refugees.

Across Europe, Rotaract members are using digital tools to share information and coordinate to help people who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. By routing communications through the European Rotaract Information Centre (also known as [Rotaract Europe](#)), a multidistrict information organization that serves Clubs in more than 40 countries, these young members are using the power of Rotary's global network to direct aid where it's needed most.

Shortly after the war began, Christiane Leitner, President of Rotaract Europe, learned about a project that was already underway to help Ukrainians. Led by the Rotaract Club of Klagenfurt-Wörthersee, Austria, Rotaractors coordinated using the Rotaract Europe website, then packed five vans and cars full of relief supplies and drove through the night to the Polish-Ukrainian border, where local Rotaractors were waiting to deliver the aid. "This really stood out to me as an example of how quickly our Rotary network can make things happen," says Leitner, a member of the Rotaract Club of Linz, Austria. After learning about dozens of Rotaract initiatives that started within a week of the invasion, she realized that Rotaract Europe could play a key role in coordinating communication among Rotaract and Rotary clubs and districts and facilitating partnerships that could lead to projects.

Hope you all have a Happy Mothers Days - to all those who are Mothers and all those who made it a Happy Day for their mothers.

Yours in Rotary

President Carol

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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 - 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
Sun 26 June	Changeover Dinner @ 12pm - Safety Beach Sailing Club - more details to follow

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	Peter Rawlings	Gordon Morriss
Byron Groves	Tom Barrett	Barrie Sweeney
Bill Ewing	Anne Shaw	Tom Goulding
Merv Williams	Ray Martin	Roger Annear

Friday 17th June 2022

Rob Davies	Byron Groves	Bill Cummins
David Wheeler	Bernard Butler	Phyllis Scales
Bill Ewing	Tom Barrett	Barrie Sweeney
Peter Warren	Wayne Norris	Jonathan Mayne

Friday 15th July 2022

Rob Davies	Peter Rawlings	Bill Cummins
Wayne Jenkins	Ray Martin	Byron Groves
Wayne Norris	Peter Warren	Gordon Morriss
Tom Goulding	Roger Annear	Barrie Sweeney

40th Annual Rotary Club of Mount Martha Charity Golf Challenge

An update from Tom Goulding

I have just completed some preliminary figures on Golf Day and I expect our day to raise (as profit) just under \$10,000, a similar result to last year. Thank you all, for your significant help in getting this result. A great team effort with a lot of help from our members. My only regret is that I can't play reasonable Golf on this day.

I have included a selection of Golf Day photos for your enjoyment.



More photos of Golf Day for your enjoyment.



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Bernard Butler

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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ROTARY OVERSEAS REPURPOSED PLAYGROUNDS (RORP) UPDATE

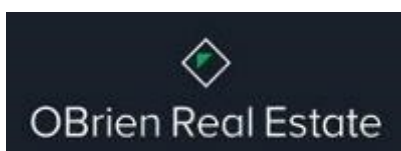
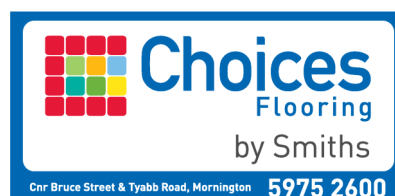
On Tuesday, April 12, a small group assisted to unload the RORP trailer at Wayne's ready for the next harvest the following day.

Many thanks to Colin, Roger and Bill for making that task so much easier.

We have other harvests coming up and we will provide more details as they occur.



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



Peninsula Trail walk

When Sunday 15th May @ 3pm

Come for a walk. We will be meeting at 3pm at the bottom of Reginald Way, Mount Martha, then looking at the picnic table and bench recently installed.

We will then be then heading back to Craigie Road along to Harrap Road to look at potential hands on projects and other seating requirements.

Partners welcome, you can even bring the dog...as long as it is on a leash.

Hope to see you there.



Boat Trip in Western Port Bay to view Mangrove Plantation

Posted by Captain Dick Cox OAM

If you were at the recent District Conference in Traralgon, you would have heard about the importance of planting mangroves from the inspirational Vic Grosjean - mangroves prevent coastal erosion and protect marine ecosystems.

A Rotary boat trip has been organised to view projects by a Rotary working group and the Western Port Seagrass Partnership along the Western Port Lang Lang coastline.

When: Saturday, 14th May 2022, 8:45am to 2pm

Where: Tooradin Jetty (Foreshore Road)

Cost: \$30 per person

To register contact Dick Cox rjwcox@bigpond.net.au

Catering and tea & coffee will be provided

There used to be a thick mattress of seagrass on the eastern banks of Western Port Bay which calmed the waves reducing coastal erosion. But the seagrass in this area had all but disappeared by 1970, caused by an increase in sedimentation and urban/farming run off.

Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang wetlands were drained to produce highly fertile farmland, farmers used excessive fertilizer, and livestock accessed stream banks - all causing sedimentation smothering and cutting off required sunlight for the seagrass.

There are now better farming practices and Melbourne Water do great work operating sedimentation traps, however, work is still needed to re-establish a protective line of mangroves along the coast.

A Rotary working group has been established (with members from Berwick, Mornington, Casey, Rosebud-Rye, Warragul, and Somerville-Tyabb Clubs) to plant mangroves in support of Rotary's seventh Area of Focus!

To be involved contact Dick Cox rjwcox@bigpond.net.au





- 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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