



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

### New Rotary Theme for 2021-22 – Serve to Change Lives

RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta has revealed that the theme for next year is 'Serve to Change Lives'. That's not only the lives of others, but also our own.

### Membership

We are all aware that declining membership is threatening Rotary. We have been stuck on 1.2 million members for 20 years. District 9820 faces the real prospect of amalgamation if things don't change. As individuals all we can do is invite guests along to an event or meeting and hope they will be as inspired as we were with our first connection with Rotary. We have 2 great opportunities for you to invite a guest, 19 April - Paul Nitas CEO - Hillview Quarries and hear the other side of the story and 17 May Robyn Ruhl & Leanda Care - Mt Martha Community Garden.

### Bunnings BBQs

Bill Cummins has done it again!! He's secured 3 more BBQs on 29 May, 26 June and 10 July. These are great fundraising opportunities and will get next year off to a good start financially. Rosters will be in the bulletin as usual.

### Peninsula Voice – Alcohol Abuse Seminar – 20<sup>th</sup> May – 5.30 -7.00 PM

The event organisers have again called for help with car park control. Ideally they would like six parking marshals. This event is a great way to extend our reach in the community. The event is held at Peninsula Community Theatre, cnr Wilson Rd and Nepean Highway. If you are available and can help please call Tom Goulding. Tom, please count me in.

### Golf Day - Friday 14 May

Tom has been doing a great job getting all the printing done and invitation letter out. Thanks Tom. The next job will be follow up by club members. Shortly, you will be asked to follow up these letters with either a personal visit or a phone call. This is a crucial part of a successful Golf Day. It is our major fundraising event and I would urge you to put on your Rotary shirt or cap and go door knocking. Remember that these companies are on the list because they have supported us before, either as players or donors.

### Shine On Awards – 5 June - Templestowe

Thanks to Lara, Ken and Angela Wall, David Price for selecting a top nomination from 13 very worthy candidates.

### Fusion – Fire wood

John Arena ( Playground installer) has need to remove fallen trees from play areas from time to time and kindly donated it to RCMM. Captain RORP seized this opportunity, collected the wood, cut it into short lengths and split it. On Thursday Rob Davies with his trailer, Wayne with his trailer was joined by myself and Bill Cummins to deliver 1.5 tonnes of firewood to Fusion and stack it in their wood shed. Caitlyn will send a thank you email to John.

Cheers.....Roger

12th April 2021

Rotary Club of Mt Martha  
PO Box 342,  
Mornington 3931

Rotary International  
World President:  
Holger Knaack

District Governor 9820:  
Mark Humphries

Mount Martha President:  
Roger Skipsey  
0438 547 019  
Roger.skipsey@bigpond.com

Secretary:  
Wayne Norris  
0408 344 512  
eversfield2017@outlook.com

Bulletin Editor:  
Byron Groves  
**Contributions required  
by Thursday 6pm each week  
to  
byron.groves58@gmail.com**

Website Editor:  
Merv Williams  
mervcris@bigpond.com

FaceBook Editor  
Phyllis Scales  
phylscales@yahoo.com

## **How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed – Carol Allen**

### **How and why I joined Rotary**

I joined Rotary for several reasons initially in the late 1990s I had been on a trip to South Africa and visited some orphanages with children who had been affected with HIV and Aids these children were being cared for in very difficult circumstances with no stimulation or interaction with their carers.

At that time, I was working in the Early Childhood sector in Melbourne and spoke to several Teachers who I asked if they would be interested in going to South Africa in an exchange programme to work in these orphanages and facilities. I received a very favourable response and together with a friend of mine we set up an organisation call the Star Bright Learning Exchange; this exchange was a not-for-profit organisation, and my aim was to facilitate exchanges between early childhood teachers in Australia and early childhood workers in Cape Town South Africa.

We, of course, needed funding for this project and approached VIC Market Rotary Club they were very supportive and interested in what we were doing and initially funded a significant amount of money to help us get the project up and running.

We were then able, with the support of AusAID and Rotary to fund a teacher to work in Kyelisha in Cape Town and she worked there for over a year and stayed, unfunded for a further two years. We successfully ran the Exchange program for nearly 10 years sending Australian teachers to work with early childhood organisation and supporting the staff.

This was my first experience of working with Rotary and I remained interested in Rotary but not joining any club. When I moved down to Mount Martha, I came into contact with the Mt Martha Rotary Club and after attending a number of meetings and finding out more about it I decided to join.

### **Why do I stay**

I have been, over the last 3-4 years, involved in several international projects and have seen the benefits that Rotary brings to so many facets of life in disadvantaged communities both in Australia and overseas. The more I learn and the more involved I become, the more I see the huge potential of what an organisation like Rotary can do.

I'm very excited and looking forward to taking on the President role next year and continuing the good work that our club has been doing.



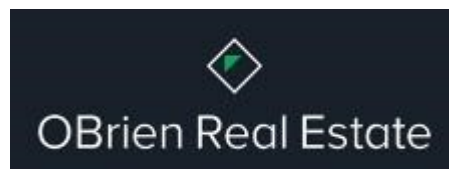
**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

- Mon 12 Apr **Committee** meetings - Community - Degani Café @7.30am  
 - Youth - The Mornington Hotel @ 6pm  
 - Membership - The Mornington Hotel (Stratton Room) @ 6pm
- Wed 14 Apr **Committee** meetings - International - The Grand Hotel @ 6pm
- Mon 19 Apr RCMM **Club** Meeting - Hillview Quarries - Paul Nitas
- Sat 24 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 26 Apr **No Club** Meeting
- Tue 27 Apr RCMM Board meeting

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

- Mon 3 May Maritime Museum visit at Crib Point - **see full details on page 7 of this Bulletin**
- Sat 8 May MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 10 May RCMM **Committee** meetings - Director's to advise meeting details
- Fri 14 May RCMM Community Golf Day at MM Public Golf Course
- Mon 17 May Mount Martha House & Community Garden – Jenny Mihan and Robyn Ruhl
- Thurs 20 May Alcohol Abuse Seminar by Peninsula Voice at M'ton Comm Theatre from 5.30 to 7pm
- Sat 22 May MM Sausage Sizzle
- Week of 24 May Social Night at Wild Grain Café Mornington - further details to come
- Mon 31 May 5th Monday - **No Club** Meeting

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



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

### RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (COMMENCE 9.00AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1.00PM)

We only have a permit, at this stage, until the end of June 2021, after which the Events Team from the Shire will decide if sausage sizzles will remain. Where 2 club members are named they will do 2 hours each and will need to liaise with each other to see who will do 9 to 11am and 11am to 1pm.

24th Apr	Roger Skipsey	Jenny Mihan	MM Community Garden team
8th May	Peter Rawlings	Rob Davies	Bruce Ranken
22nd May	Bill Cummins	Tom Barrett	Byron Groves
5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Phyl Scales	Greg Buchanan



MALARIA AWARENESS DAY  
30 APRIL 2021

# RAM AUSTRALIA FUN RUN

[www.ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day](http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day)



In April 2021 Rotarians in Australia are hosting this event that challenges you to walk, run, swim or ride 4km on Malaria Awareness Day to represent the over 400,000 lives lost to malaria each year. Please sign up and donate!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Plan your 4km walk/run/swim/ride on or close to April 30<sup>th</sup>
2. Share with friends your “Fun Run to Eliminate Malaria”
3. Ask your friends to join you or donate towards your (walk)
4. Register and donate your collections via <https://ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day>
5. Note if your friends need a tax deductible receipt, you need to register separately using the friend’s name
6. Please take a photo of yourself doing the challenge and send to us, to share on our social media. Thank you! Enquiries [rampr@rawcs.org.au](mailto:rampr@rawcs.org.au)



**CELEBRATE  
BEING TOGETHER**

Rotary  People of Action  
District 9820

**CONFERENCE  
&  
DINNER**

**1ST MAY 2021  
3.30PM**

—

**ROSSAL HIGH SCHOOL, 100 CLYDE ROAD, BERWICK**

**\$70.00 PER HEAD**

**2 COURSE MEAL INCLUDING BEER, WINE, SOFTDRINK**

  
Rotary Open Opportunities

**RSVP:** 24th April 2021 including any medical dietary requirements to Jane Moore at [jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au](mailto:jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au) THEN make your payment as below

**Payments:** District 9820 BSB 633000 ACC 134811736  
Your Name Conference eg: SmithConference

## Visit to the “Victorian Maritime Museum”

220 The Esplanade, Crib Point Victoria 3919

The Club has been fortunate enough to arrange an after-hours visit to the “Victorian Maritime Museum”, thanks to Roger Annear.

**When:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 6:00 PM.

### **What’s On:**

- Please note that this will be an early start at 6:00pm at Crib Point but I hope we can get a good number there to view one of the Mornington Peninsula’s hidden secrets.
- We will be given a presentation on the establishment of the Museum and what the future plans are before having time to view an interesting collection of Victorian Maritime history.
- I am planning for us to be at the Museum for about an hour or so.
- Friends and family are welcome to join in.
- Note there is an admission fee of \$5 each which will be collected on the night.

It would be an opportunity to car pool, I have 3 seats spare in my vehicle but will be leaving Mt Martha early at around 5:00pm. It is probably a half hour trip there.

**Dinner:** will be arranged most likely before 8:00pm at the Hastings Hotel. More on that later.

**Directions:** From either **Peninsula link or Moorooduc road** take the **Balnarring Road** turn-off and continue until the **Bittern - Dromana Road**, turn left and straight ahead until **Frankston Flinders road**, go left then immediately right into **Disney Street** and follow to the **Esplanade** at Crib Point, turn left, and just past the jetty to reach the Museum in the old BP Refinery office building.

**Warning:** Take care, there are a number of dangerous cross roads along this route.

Yours in Rotary – Roger Annear



MORNINGTON PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Robertson Drive  
Mornington VIC 3931  
Phone: (03) 5975 4011  
Fax: (03) 5975 9469  
[www.morningtonparkps.vic.edu.au](http://www.morningtonparkps.vic.edu.au)

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Rotarians,

Our School Council and the school community would sincerely like to thank you for the beautiful trees.

The trees have been strategically placed to create much needed shade around the outdoor tables that the children requested. Additional trees have been planted in timber boxes to beautify the front of the school.

The children have written cards to thank you and you were featured in our last newsletter. Thank you so much for your continued support for our school.



Special thanks to Colin and Bill for your help.

Boy Dadds

*Boyd*

Principal





## Popondetta Secondary College update

It is with regret that I advise that one of the Popondetta Secondary school (PSS) staff houses in PNG went up in flames earlier this week.

Elijah from PSS advises me that it could have been saved if they had a better water system.

Appreciate it if you can let the RC MM troops know.

Regards

Tony Austin

International Services Director

PNG Projects Coordinator

Rotary Club of Warrnambool

<http://www.facebook.com/pngprojectsgroup>

