



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

15th March 2021

Greetings fellow Rotarians and Friends

### Auspost 'People of Post' Grants \$500

These grants are available to Auspost employees and contractors. I've nominated Mt Martha House Community Garden, Roger Annear has nominated MCISC Ranch Motel Homeless Shelter project. Here's hoping!!

### Peninsula Film Festival - Michaela Davis - Meehan wins Best Documentary Film

Stuart Davis-Meehan's daughter won this category with a documentary 'Giving Time' about volunteering at MCISC, essentially interviewing volunteers. Great to see so much passion. This category is sponsored by RC Rosebuds Rye. A short video clip on the Rotary Foundation was screened. Great PR.

### RORP 'Changeover'

RORP Founder Peter Cribb is stepping back. His club RC Flemington/Kensington will no longer host RORP 'Central' but RC Nunawading will take over and drive a District RORP structure as championed by Wayne Jenkins in D9820. Re the 10 playgrounds at Wayne's, quotes are in for costs of shipping 40 ft container to Sri Lanka. We will be calling for volunteers to help load it at Greg Buchanan's place shortly.

### R100 sign – Esplanade

Our R100 sign now adorns the sign gantry on the Esplanade. We'll be putting a similar sign up on Mt Martha House board.

### Mt Martha House Community Garden

Plant and produce swap Sunday 14/4 10 AM. Come and meet fellow gardeners. Excavation to terrace the site is planned for 19/4.....and so it begins. Turning the first sod.

Robyn Ruhl will be helping us man (not sure if I'm allowed to use that word!) our inaugural Benton's Square BBQ on 20/3. Thanks Robyn for pitching in.

### Mornington Chamber of Commerce

Phyl Scales has been exploring the opportunity of collaborating with RC Mornington and presenting to Chamber of Commerce members. The subject will be the professional development options available through Rotary and the various kinds of clubs that are now available...not just dinner clubs. Great work Phyl. It's always great to work with other clubs espousing the benefits of Rotary.

Cheers

Roger

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## **Peter Rawlings – How & Why I joined Rotary. My untold story.**

I used to attend Rotary during the school holidays with my late Father, Barry who was at that time a member of Rotary Moorabbin close to his workplace at CSIRO. He would later move to the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

I was 16 years of age and catching a train back from a Moorabbin Rotary meeting to Frankston, and dressed in my jacket and tie. Prior to catching the bus home to Mt Eliza I was attacked on the Frankston Station platform by two drug affected youths who were after money. I was severely beaten, particularly to the head region, but the good news is I didn't give them a cent!

After copping a heavy bruising, I decided that I would spend my time on this earth doing what I could to bring about change to improve the plight of young people, particularly like the two I encountered.

A few years later I would join Rotaract and would serve as President at Rotaract Mount Eliza in 1983-84. As a result, in May 1984 I would be invited to attend the then six day Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, RYLA, sponsored by Rotary Mount Eliza and hosted by Rotary Mount Martha and chaired by Geoff Kaye. It was a life changing six days for me and I still regard that RYLA course as one of the most life impacting forums I have ever attended. And I have been to a few!

This would lead to me running for the then Mornington Shire Council as a Councillor twice on youth issues at just aged 20, with a push for a drop in centre in Main Street Mornington. The Salvation Army subsequently established the Burnt Toast youth centre in the old Telecom building opposite the Police Station, where Boyz 4 Brekkie is now located.

It was during this time in 1984 that I met up with the Fusion Team who ran Arrows Café in Main Street and have been a strong supporter of theirs ever since, particularly with their Day Trips for disadvantaged youth for five years up until my daughter Kate was born in 1994.

My Church involvement with encouragement from David Price introduced me to Schools Chaplaincy in 1990 and together with David and others we introduced the first Schools Chaplaincy programme on the Mornington Peninsula at the then Mornington High School. The Rotary Club of Mount Martha was a strong supporter of the programme from its infancy and Tom Goulding each year would auctioneer our major School Chaplaincy Annual Grand Auction fund raiser.

Sixteen years later in February 2006, with a stronger Schools Chaplaincy programme on the Peninsula, our Federal Member, Greg Hunt would invite me to write a submission for the Federal Government for a National Schools Chaplaincy Programme which culminated in what is now a \$1 Billion programme supporting School Chaplains across the nation.

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Tom Goulding and Merv Williams both encouraged me to join Rotary and fifteen years ago this month, on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006, President Tom Goulding inducted me into the Club and on the same night encouraged me to attend a meeting the following week for the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment, RYPEN. That would lead to me chairing that outstanding programme for the District for three years.

I spent over seven years on the Youth Services Committee at Rotary Mount Martha, many of those as Chair, and to this day, Youth programmes in Rotary and in the wider community, continue to drive my passion.

That fateful day in September 1980 impacted me enormously and still does to this day.

But from a very negative situation, I continue and will continue to do what I can to make this world a better place.

Rotary provides me with the avenues, opportunities and fellowship to be able to do my small part for this community and Rotary the world over; to make it a better and perhaps even a safer place in which to live!



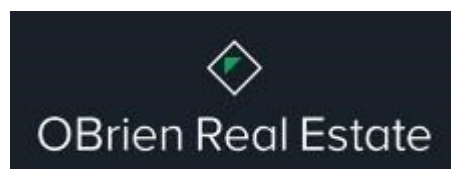
**MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH**

- Mon 15 Mar RCMM **Committee** meetings - Membership - The Mornington Hotel 6pm for meal
  - Community - Degani's 7.30am
  - International/Foundation - held last week
  - Youth—The Mornington Hotel 6pm for meal
- Sat 20 Mar Bentons Square Shopping Centre Sausage Sizzle - 8am to 4pm
- Mon 22 Mar Barefoot Bowls/BBQ Dinner @ Mount Martha Bowls Club
- Mon 29 Mar RCMM Club Meeting @ The Mornington Hotel - Guest Speaker is Tony Austin from RC of Warrnambool about Water for PNG

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

- Sat 3 Apr Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - 8am to 4pm
- Mon 5 Apr No **Club** Meeting - Easter Monday
- Tue 6 April RCMM Board meeting
- Sat 10 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
- Mon 12 Apr RCMM **Committee** meetings - Director's to advise meeting details
- 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

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





**A FUN NIGHT FOR ALL  
BAREFOOT BOWLING**

This annual event is scheduled for Monday 22nd March 2021

at

**MOUNT MARTHA BOWLING CLUB**

**45 Watsons Road, Mount Martha**

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES AT THE BOWLS CLUB AND HAVE A FUN NIGHT WITH PARTNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Arrive - buy a drink and enjoy Bay views on the deck</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>One course meal, drinks at bar prices</b>
<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Commence bowling, barefoot or flat soled shoes only</b>
<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>\$20 per person for bowling and meal</b>

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

- **PLEASE GIVE PRIOR NOTICE OF ANY SPECIAL MEAL REQUIREMENTS**
- **FINAL ATTENDANCE NUMBERS TO BARRIE BY THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**IF COOL, BYO JUMPER**

**ENQUIRIES TO ROB MARKS on 0428 546 860**

**NUMBERS TO BARRIE SWEENEY on 0418 324 639**

## 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.

10th Apr	Wayne Norris	Mary McIntyre	Jonathan Mayne Geoff Kaye
24th Apr	Roger Skipsey	Jenny Mihan	MM Community Garden team
8th May	Peter Rawlings	Byron Groves	Bruce Ranken
22nd May	Colin Stokes	Tom Barrett	Rob Davies
5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Phyl Scales	Greg Buchanan

### RCMM SAUSAGE SIZZLE - BENTONS SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE - SATURDAY 20th MARCH 2021

This Sausage Sizzle will operate from 8am until 4pm

8 am to 10.30am	10.30am to 1pm	1pm to 4pm
Wayne Jenkins	Peter Warren	Bill Cummins
Bill Ewing	Valerie Lyons	Phyl Scales
Rob Davies	David Wheeler	Robin Ruhl
Bruce Ranken	Roger Annear	Barrie Sweeney
Mary McIntyre	Janet Pugh	Tom Goulding
Bernard Butler	Byron Groves	Wayne Norris

### RCMM SAUSAGE SIZZLE - BUNNINGS - SATURDAY 3rd APRIL 2021 (Easter Saturday)

This Sausage Sizzle will operate from 8am until 4pm

8 am to 10.30am	10.30am to 1pm	1pm to 4pm
Wayne Jenkins	Rob Davies	Bill Cummins
Peter Warren	Merv Williams	John Waterhouse
Tom Barrett	Peter Rawlings	Roger Skipsey
Byron Groves	Roger Annear	Pat Morton
Gordon Morriss	Steve Daly	Barrie Sweeney
Mary McIntyre	Carol Allen	Stephen Pugh