



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Trivia Night

What fun. Chris and Merv officiated, broke us up into 4 teams to answer questions on music, sports, Australian trivia, colours and general knowledge. Team 3, Lara and Tom Barrett, Bill and Christian Cummings took out the prize with a score of 55.5 points. Thanks Chris and Merv for a fun night.

Family of Rotary

Our thoughts are with Bill McKenzie who is Peninsula Private Hospital at time of writing. Bill is declining health wise and is booked to go into care at Benetas Corowa Court. Thanks David Price for keeping us up to date with Bill's situation.

Bunnings BBQs

Bill Cummings, Wayne Jenkins and 4 of other members attended Bunnings 'Covid Safe BBQ' training on Wednesday. The 4 pages of guidelines WILL BE SENT WITH THE Bulletin Email. Bunnings have been a great supporter of our club and we need to support them. Bunnings are adamant about compliance and so I ask that you read these guidelines carefully and understand what is required. It is envisaged that it won't be long till we are back to normal.

Christmas Party – Monday 21st December Royal Hotel. \$55/head

Please RSVP to Gordon at gmorriss@gmail.net.au or 0418405616 by 14th December and payment required by 14th December also. Carol has now confirmed that we WILL BE INSIDE in their very nice large function room

Australia Day Event

We have received \$20,000 from National Australia day Council as RCMM are 'banker club' for 17 clubs in the 'super cluster' Our event will not be at Mornington Park as Mornington Lions will be running their usual BBQ We have approached Martha Life Saving Club with an offer to partner with them at their Mount Martha Australia Day (MMAD) Swim. They are agreeable in principle but are yet to confirm.

Community Garden

You may recall Fergus Nutt offered some garden Tools to tools from a deceased estate. On Wednesday Robyn Ruhl and I attended picked up large number of shovels, rakes, wheelbarrow, small tank etc. Fergus also offered a quantity of golf balls, and new homewares we can use to prizes on our Golf Day. Thanks again Fergus

Monday 7 December – Speakers Lara Barrett and Bruce Ranken

Lara and Bruce will give us their bios. Zoom in and find out something you didn't know about them.

We are off to NSW this weekend...the first time we have been able to go interstate to see family. Woo Hoo!!

Cheers - President Roger

7th December 2020

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Our Life in Coronavirus World - Byron & Glenys Groves

Well hasn't 2020 been a little different, but for me (Byron) I thought that isolation would not be that hard. With my health problems over the past 2 years, I had spent a lot of time at home on my own recuperating in the first 12 months, but Covid-19 isolation has been harder than anything. Even though I didn't venture out that much in 2019, being restricted legally in 2020 hasn't been easy.

Glenys and I did manage a few days away in East Gippsland (around Bairnsdale) in July 2020 (between the 2 lockdowns). That time was really good and we visited some places that we have never been to before.

Then came the 2nd lockdown and even more restrictions, so we decided that we would spend our "forced home time" setting up a bigger vegetable garden, which is now planted and growing well (fabulously, in fact). We also re-located some big ferns that have been next to our Deck since we moved into this house in 2013, this has given us more room in that area.

This week, we are off again, this time to spend a week in Bright. The weather looks like being fantastic (ranging from 25 to 30 degrees each day), so we are really looking forward to this time away. Woo hoo!!!!



RCMM Saturday Sausage Sizzle from 19th December 2010– to January 30th 2021.
Commence 9.00am and finish about 1.00pm

Could you please circulate the BBQ roster for the Mount Martha Village Sausage Sizzle. We only have a permit, at this stage, until the end of January 2021, after which the Events Team from the Shire will decide if sausage sizzles will remain.

You may notice that there are 4 members rostered on for this period as this is a Covid 19 precaution and requirement.

19th Dec 2020	B. Ewing	G.Morriss	S.Daly	T.Goulding
2nd Jan 2021	B.Sweeney	M.Williams	W.Norris	RAnnear
16th Jan 2021	W.Jenkins	P.Rawlings	P.Morton	C.Stokes
30th Jan2021	R.Davies	G.Buchanan	D.Wheeler	W.Cummins

Club & other meetings (via Zoom in this present COVID-19 climate).

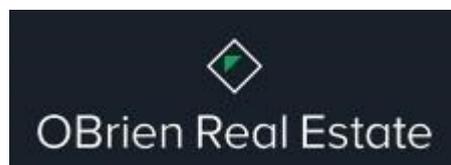
DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

- Mon 7 Dec RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with Bio's from Bruce Ranken and Lara Barrett
- Mon 14 Dec RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 21 Dec RCMM **Christmas Party** (see page 4 of this Bulletin for details)

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- Mon 4 Jan Wine Tasting/Winery - either Zoom or in person
- Mon 11 Jan RCMM **Committee** meetings either Zoom or in person
- Mon 18 Jan RCMM **Club** Meeting - RC of Newlands (Sth Africa) Mumbai Connection via Zoom
- Mon 25 Jan TBA

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



Rotary



Mount Martha

ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT MARTHA

Cordially invites you and your partner to our

CHRISTMAS DINNER

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER

6.00PM start

AT THE ROYAL HOTEL, ESPLANADE, MORNINGTON

2 COURSE DINNER \$55 PER HEAD

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAWN AS DOOR PRIZE

PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO THE CLUB ACCOUNT

BSB : 633 000 ACCOUNT : 126 265 388

REF : (SURNAME) XMAS

BY MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER

RSVP TO GORDON MORRISS

BY SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

GMORRISS@BIGPOND.NET.AU

FOR SALE by AUCTION TWO CEDAR ADIRONDACK CHAIRS

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

I am happy to make and donate two Cedar Adirondack Chairs to the club as a fundraiser for our Charitable Account.

These chairs are made of recycled 1970's Cedar. They are fixed with stainless screws and come finished in Feast and Watson Outdoor Furniture Oil.

A search of the internet shows that good quality chairs retail for around \$300 USD, although there are cheaper less quality chairs on the market.

The chairs will be sold by auction which will be conducted by email and SMS. Bids can be made by SMS on 0407 397 266 or by email at stivdaly@gmail.com. Bidding will be updated daily by email.

A photo of similar chairs made from Cedar and Oregon are attached. If you wish to come around and see the chairs please give me a call to arrange.

Bidding will cease at 5:00 pm on Wednesday 23rd December and I will deliver them locally on Christmas Eve. I encourage you to share this email with your friends outside of the club and they will automatically be included in the auction upon receiving their first bid.

Regards

Stephen Daly



WHAT ROLE PROGRAMS?

Programs is an important role in the life of a Rotary club. It is often the main way that clubs interact with the broader community and Rotary.

Clubs use the program schedule to facilitate collaboration with community groups. Often community groups will offer guest speakers as a part of their outreach program.

Community groups will often present to a Rotary club and some sort of involvement between the two organisations develops, other times they do not. The tension for clubs is to allow community groups to speak to the club to broaden our knowledge of service in the community, but not to allow organisations who are simply looking for donations, seeking a market, self-promotion, or even credibility.

Though Rotary is not a political organisation and sees itself as politically agnostic, many worthy community groups take a political stand to benefit the achievement of their community work.

The club recently hosted the “Friends of Westernport” group who are campaigning against the proposed AGL floating gas terminal off Crib Point. By its nature, the campaign has won political support and then becomes political. Does this mean that we should not have had the speaker from Friends of Westernport?

It is common for a Rotary club to invite local politicians as a guest speaker. The Federal member for Flinders and the State member of Mornington have both supported our club in the past. Many clubs within our cluster invite a newly elected local member to speak and build a relationship to further our community interests.

The purpose of Programs is to:

- educate members
- entertain members
- sustain club attendance
- support the club’s program to do good in the world
- improve Rotary knowledge
- collaborate with other Rotary clubs
- collaborate with community groups
- collaborate with the club’s geographical community

So as Programs Director, my question is: Is there any reason why a request to speak to our club should be denied? If so on what grounds would that denial be and then how should we deal with it?

Another question might be: Are we prepared to expose ourselves to views that we may not have considered, or that we pre-judge as inappropriate content?

If we decided that there are no grounds upon which we deny a potential speaker, should we have a set of guidelines given to speakers, and what would those guidelines contain?

If you have a view on the three questions above, please let me know your thoughts, I will take submissions up to Dec 31st and produce a summary for the club

Steve Daly
RCMM Program Coordinator

Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds (RORP) update

G'day All.....

Robertson Reserve (Balnarring) playground was loaded and transported back to RORP Peninsula this week.....

The Omnitech crew did the hard work (in fact they told me it was the easiest harvest they had undertaken, due to the easy bolts, sandy soil and Quickset Concrete rather than the hard stuff).

Very few repairs to be undertaken (no cost, as we have the spares leftover from previous PL's).

Unbeknown to myself, the "Wooden Swingset" was actually not included in the harvest.....lucky I never marked it up last night. (I thought it was too good to harvest).....anyway the good news is we just substituted a spare swing set that has been stored in our care at RORP Peninsula.

Thanks Rob Davies.....your presence was appreciated. (see photos below)

Regards

Rotarian Wayne Jenkins
Project Coordinator
Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds (RORP).
District 9820



COVID Safe Summer From 11.59pm, 6 December 2020, unless otherwise stated

The following are the main points announced today by the Victorian Government. Full details can be found on the website <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Face Masks:

Face masks: Must be carried at all times. Mandatory when inside shopping centres, retail stores inside shopping centres, department stores, electronics stores, furniture stores, hardware stores or supermarkets, when travelling on public transport or when travelling in a commercial passenger vehicle (unless a lawful exemption applies). Face coverings are recommended, but not mandatory, when leaving home and physical distancing cannot be maintained, for example, while shopping.

Eating and drinking out

Hospitality: Density quotient of 1 per 2sqm for indoor and outdoor hospitality venues. Up to 25 patrons are permitted in a venue before the density quotient applies. No requirement for seated service. Density quotient of 1 per 4sqm on a dancefloor up to a maximum of 50 people. All venues are required to use electronic record keeping when applying the density quotient of 1 per 2 sqm. In venues not using electronic record a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm applies.

Exercise and recreation

Indoor physical recreation and community sport: No patron caps with a density quotient of 1 per 4sqm for each space. Gym and exercise classes limited to 50 people (excluding anyone necessary for running the class). COVID Marshals required when gyms are staffed. At times when gyms are unstaffed, a density quotient of 1 per 8 sqm applies. Signage must state the number of people permitted inside, wipes and disinfectant must be supplied for use by patrons, and record keeping is required and venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online.

Outdoor physical recreation and community sport: Up to a maximum of 100 patrons for outdoor fitness classes with a density quotient of 1 per 2sqm. Record keeping is required and venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online.

Pools, spas, saunas, steam rooms and springs: Indoor venues open with a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm. Outdoor pools open with a density quotient of 1 per 2 sqm. Record keeping is required

Ceremonies and special occasions

Weddings: No maximum attendee caps indoors or outdoors, density quotient of 1 per 2 sqm applies when using electronic record keeping. In venues not using electronic record a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm applies. If held in a private residence, up to 30 guests can attend. Density quotient of 1 per 4sqm on a dancefloor up to a maximum of 50 people

Funerals: No maximum attendee caps indoors or outdoors, density quotient of 1 per 2sqm applies when using electronic record keeping. In venues not using electronic record a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm applies. If held in a private residence, up to 30 guests can attend.

Entertainment facilities

Seated entertainment venues (indoors and outdoors): Open, up to 75 per cent of fixed seated capacity with maximum patron cap of 1000 people, density quotient of 1 per 2sqm in foyers, bars, bathrooms etc when using electronic record keeping. In venues not using electronic record a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm applies. Venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online.

Arrangements for large events determined on an individual basis under the Public Events Framework.

Indoor non-seated venues (such as galleries): Open, up to 50 per cent total capacity with maximum patron cap of 1000 people. Density quotient of 1 per 2sqm when using electronic record keeping. In venues not using electronic record a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm applies. Venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online. Arrangements for large events determined on an individual basis under the Public Events Framework

A bit of light-hearted Coronavirus (COVID-19) humour in these difficult times .
I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.
Thanks to Phyl Scales for this contribution.

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent..
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
7. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, It's Not Unusual."
8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.
- 12.. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied , "I know, I amputated your arms!"
13. I went to a seafood disco last week.... and pulled a mussel.
14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
18. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt , and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain ; they name him 'Juan' Years later, Juan sends a picture of him self to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
19. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) ... a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis
20. A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.
21. And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.