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PRESIDENT CAROL'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Welcome back to Rotary and our meeting on Monday evening at the Mornington Hotel. We look forward to seeing you all after our 2-week break and the reductions of covid requirements. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter and Anzac Day long weekends.

President Elect 2022-23 & President 2023-24

I am delighted to report that due to only one nomination being received for the President Elect Role and endorsed by the Board, Anne Shaw will take on the role of President Elect, to support Bill in his role as President for next year. Anne has already shown her commitment to Rotary taking on the Director of Community and Vocational Service Committee and has played an active role in working with the Peninsula Trail committee. Anne also has many years of experience in working with boards in her role as a mayor and a councillor for the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

This week at Rotary

This week we will be having a report back from 2 of the Board Directors, Anne Shaw on Community activities and Rob Marks, who is filling in for Janet who is still overseas. They will both be giving us an update on their activities and future plans so it should be an interesting evening. Bill Branthwaite is going to share his thoughts on how to engage and encourage new members. We will be looking for ideas for our social meeting on 30 May, all ideas for this evening are welcome and can be discussed on Monday night.

Peninsula Trail

I have had a report back from Ross Kilborn chair of the Rotary Peninsula Trail committee who has asked the I share this information with all our members and friends. Hopefully you all saw the 2-page spread in the local paper.

A re-elected Coalition government will contribute \$5m to the Moorooduc to Mornington missing link. It was a great turn up at Moorooduc Station for the announcement including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Council CEO and several of the Exec utiveteam plus Sharn Coombs and Zoe McKenzie. This missing link falls across both electorates. It will connect to the Harrap Creek trail to Mt. Martha, via the new rest stop at the Briars, created by Mt.Martha Rotary Club. Rotary was very well recognised for its role, and represented by John Welsh, Incoming Pres of Mt.Eliza Rotary Club, (who have kicked off their project at the Station), Peter Rawlings and I.

Dan Tehan was genuinely excited at the walking and riding opportunities it will create, for both residents and visitors, and thoroughly enjoyed the short walk along the path to Mt. Eliza Regional Park. He was highly complementary of the work of the volunteers working on the Peninsula Trail, and those 200+ involved with the Mornington Tourist Railway, that runs parallel to the Peninsula Trail.

Peter, Anne and Ross met with the Council team again this morning (Thursday 28 April)and below are the key points of their meeting. Ross also reported that many in the Council are very appreciative and excited – even delighted - by what Rotary has done and are doing - and from one officer in particular .. “I wanted to say how fantastic the double page spread on Pen Trail was last week in the paper and thank you and your colleagues for doing that!”

2nd 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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Peninsula Trail continued

Key points of their meeting on the 28th April are:

- Funding to date is \$10m from Council over 5 years and for the priority missing links, \$3m from State Government from the Growing Suburbs Fund for Baxter to Somerville, and \$4m from Federal Government for Baxter to Somerville, plus \$5m from the Federal Government if a coalition government is re-elected for Moorooduc to Mornington. Total \$15m/ \$22m
- A devoted additional Project Delivery Manager has been appointed to deliver the fully funded Baxter to Somerville missing link.
- Tomorrow morning there is a half day workshop with relevant stakeholders to develop the Peninsula Trail Strategy – Ross is representing Rotary.
- Somerville Tyabb Rotary Club – reminder that the community consultation re the proposed route of the now funded Somerville to Baxter session is at 5.30m tonight.
- Mornington Rotary Club have been successful with both a Council Placemaking Grant (\$10K for furniture) and a SE Water Community Grant (\$3k for vegetation) along the Peninsula Trail intended route.
- All clubs have now submitted an Infrastructure Application for their Centenary Projects except Sorrento, Somerville Tyabb, and Rosebud Rye (and Mt. Eliza don't need to as working on Victrack land)
- The pilot signage project from Dunns to Craigie Rd is progressing and awaiting input from the Bunurong Land Council.

Board Update

Vice President - Initially the Board did not wish to increase its number to 11 when the Environment Director was appointed. This was discussed and agreed to at a Board meeting but on seeking clarification of the requirement in our Rules and Constitution and getting advice from both Byron Groves and Merv Williams we have identified that it is not possible to remove the VP role from the Board. The Club Constitution/Rules state that we **may** have 1 or more Vice Presidents, but the suggested RI Constitution/Rules for Clubs states **must** have a Vice President and may have more than 1 Vice President. It was agreed that the Club would rescind its previous motion and continue with Merv Williams appointment as Vice President in the 2022/23 year, thus meaning the Board in 2022/23 may consist of 11 members, however, due to Anne Shaw being nominated as President Elect and retaining her role of Director of Community and Vocational service it will remain at 10 members.

New Environment Director - The new Director for this position can be approved by the Board Elect (the incoming Board) as that Board is able to appoint other Directors as they see fit. This is covered in the Constitution/Rules under Article 24 Section 1.

Membership Director replacement following Peter Rawlings resignation - the new Director can be approved by the Board Elect (the incoming Board). This is covered in the Constitution/Rules under Article 25 (b).

President Elect Nominee (President Elect 2022/23 and President 2023/24) – Valerie Lyons has advised the Board that she is unable to fulfill the role due to personal reasons. This process was undertaken by the Club Members and is now finalised with Anne Shaw being elected unopposed as President Elect, as advised earlier in this Bulletin.

Enjoy the last few weeks of this lovely autumnal weather and take care

Yours in Rotary

President Carol

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Mon 2 May	Club Meeting - at The Mornington Hotel @ 6.00 for 6.30pm and via Zoom Speakers will be Anne Shaw (Community) and Rob Marks (Membership)
Fri 6 May	Annual Community Golf Day @ Mount Martha Golf Course - see Roster on page 5
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 6
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
Mon 27 June	Changeover Dinner - all details to be confirmed

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	Byron Groves
Gordon Morriss	Tom Barrett	Barrie Sweeney
Bill Ewing	Wayne Norris	Tom Goulding
Merv Williams	Ray Martin	Roger Annear
 <u>Friday 17th June 2022</u>		
Rob Davies	Byron Groves	Bill Cummins
David Wheeler	Bernard Butler	Phyllis Scales
Bill Ewing	Valerie Lyons	Barrie Sweeney
Peter Warren	Anne Shaw	Jonathan Mayne
 <u>Friday 15th July 2022</u>		
Rob Davies	Peter Rawlings	Bill Cummins
Merv Williams	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

We are excited to announce that the 40th Annual Rotary Club of Mount Martha Charity Golf Challenge will be held this year on Friday 6th May 2022 (**this week**) at Mount Martha Golf Course.

If you play, then join us. Not a golfer but still want to help us support our community? You can be a sponsor of our Golf Challenge on May 6th.

We would be delighted to receive cash or in kind support which can be used as prizes & raffles on the day.

Funds raised go towards local organisations such as the Mt Martha CFA, Mornington Volunteer Marine Rescue, local community & youth initiatives as well as Rotary humanitarian initiatives.

[for full details see the Flyer below and the next page for details of the Roster for the Day](#)



Bendigo Bank Community Bank Mount Martha

2022 GOLF CHALLENGE

FRIDAY 6 MAY 2022

MOUNT MARTHA GOLF COURSE SHOTGUN START 12 NOON

**\$50 PER PLAYER (INCLUDES PRIZES & LIGHT LUNCH)
REFRESHMENTS ON THE COURSE
HANDICAP PLAYERS AND NON-HANDICAP PLAYERS
PRIZES AND RAFFLE**

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**ALL PROCEEDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO:
- MOUNT MARTHA CFA - MORNINGTON VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE - LOCAL ROTARY COMMUNITY AND YOUTH INITIATIVES
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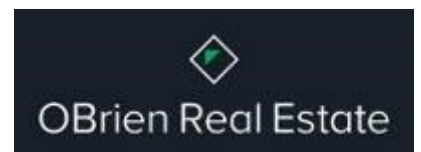
WREATH LAID AT MORNINGTON ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE

David Wheeler laid a wreath at the Anzac Day remembrance last Monday on behalf of RCMM. The wreaths were laid in groups and I was called along side Mornington Rotary Club, there was a large crowd in attendance with around 65 wreaths being presented, we were about the fourth group called forward.

The photos of the wreath is below.



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



COMMUNITY BOWLS CHALLENGE 2022

This is a copy of the Email received following the completion of the Community Bowls Challenge 2022 held at the Mount Martha Bowls and Petanque Club. The results were:

Division 1

Winners - Tangerine Court

Runners Up - Tryhards

3rd place - Cain's Cohorts

4th place - Bonaccorde

Division 2

Winners - Boulistix

Runners Up - Rotary Ratbags (RCMM team)

3rd place - The Walnutts

4th place - Footsies

Thankyou so much for taking part in a fun event. It was good to resurrect the competition after a break last year. We're hoping that next year will be bigger and better and in fact we hope to double the number of teams to 16 with your help.

We hope that your team members enjoyed the competition and we'd like you to give us some feedback on what you liked and what we could do better.

We'd also like you to help us to recruit some new teams. We're looking for anyone that is a new or inexperienced bowler. It doesn't matter if they are representing a business, a sporting team, a community organisation or if they are just three friends or neighbours.

The cost to become a social member with our club is \$40 but everyone who was there on the final night was offered complimentary social membership. We'd like to extend this offer to anyone in your organisation. If one of your colleagues would like to take advantage of this offer then please ask them to fill out the attached membership form and return it to our Membership Director, Hank Dankers hankd@bigpond.com No need to fill out all the details just name, phone number and email address will suffice. Social membership allows the holder to attend any social event that the club is running and of course obtain drinks at member's prices.

Thanks again for entering a team and supporting our club. We hope that you and your team members enjoyed the experience.



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



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



- 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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