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What a superb evening last Monday with Stuart Davis-Meehan, Manager at the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre.

Mornington and surrounds is deeply indebted to Stuart and his team of volunteers, particularly during this period of health and economic crisis, with the supply of food parcels and many other provisions of support.

Stuart has also listed a number of points for us all to consider on page 3 of this Bulletin.

Thank you again Stuart!

This Monday there is NO Club Meeting, however our Board will be meeting on Monday evening, and yes you guessed it, via Zoom!

The following Monday 1st June, Merv Williams will be launching our new ClubRunner website and Mitchell Tepaske our NYSF student for 2020 will join us.

As we draw closer to our new Rotary year, can I encourage all of our Club Members and Supporters to lock in the Changeover Meeting on Monday 29th June and most importantly, as President-elect Roger is bringing the Club Plans together, please assist he and his Board any way you can.

Finally, Roger Annear has done another superb job rallying us all for our Centurion contributions. If you haven't sent through your contribution as yet, there is still time and it will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all, President Peter Rawlings



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Club/Cluster and District meeting (via Zoom in this present COVID-19 climate).

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

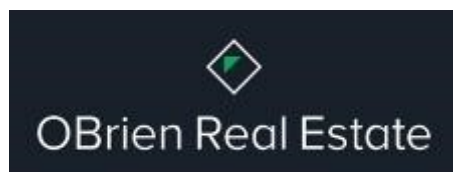
JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession and enhance your Rotary experience.

Mon 1 June	Club Meeting - the new Website with Merv Williams and NYSF student Mitchell Tepaske.
Wed 10 June	Ross Kilborn and Steve Daly - Bay Trail Centenary Project
Mon 15 June	Club Meeting - update with President 2020-21 Roger Skipsey
Mon 29 June	RC of Mount Martha Changeover



OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL



Thank you Email from our Guest Speaker last week, Stuart Davis-Meehan of the Mornington Community Information & support Centre Please note the contents about areas requested that the Club may be able to assist.

From: Stuart Davis-Meehan [mailto:manager@mcisc.org.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2020 9:11 AM
To: Peter Rawlings <pgr@rawlings.com.au>
Subject: RE: RCMM Bulletin 18th May 2020

Good morning Peter and thanks again for the opportunity to address the Mt Martha Rotary Club.

As requested, here is a list of things I think the Club could support:

- If you are really interested in the issue of homelessness, build a/some houses.
- While we have postponed establishing the Mornington Winter Shelter (Stable One) for this year, we will be looking to set it up again next year and would appreciate any support you can give. As a reminder the model uses local churches and volunteers to provide overnight shelter in winter for those experiencing homelessness.
- Volpinos Restaurant in Mt Martha have been providing us with 50 cooked meals per week for the past few weeks and for a few weeks to come yet. I hope you and your members will support this great local business.
- We are very keen to support the work of Home Ground Café in Robertson Drive. They are a local social enterprise and make a great coffee.
- I know you already support Fusion, but they are an amazing service and I encourage you to continue to support it.
- I am also a member of the Peninsula Voice Committee and we will be looking for some financial support later in the year.

Thanks again Peter and I looking forward to staying in touch.

Stuart Davis-Meehan
Manager
Mornington Community Information and Support Centre



The Rotary Foundation

Rotary's Charity and Rotarians Charity of choice

Two Drops of Life: India's Path to End Polio (cont.) *(extracts of article from JSTOR Daily)* **(part 4 of 6)**

The Vaccine

But the Oral Polio Vaccines (OPV) has its caveats. It uses a live, albeit attenuated, virus, which replicates in the gut until the body's immunity system kills it—so for some time the children shed it in their stool. Once in the environment, this attenuated virus can mutate into a disease-causing wild type form that scientists call a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. This vaccine-derived virus can't harm those that have been properly vaccinated, but can sicken and paralyze those who have not. Therefore, when using OPV, all children must be vaccinated at the same time. Vaccinating one village now and another one later doesn't work—at some point, the vaccinated one will pass the virus downstream, and an outbreak will happen.

That's why supplemental vaccination happens as countrywide drives, usually over a few days. Every location relies on local volunteers and influencers to deliver the drops. About 150,000 Rotarians across India participate in the National Immunisation Days (NID) campaign in their respective regions, and over 300 Rotary volunteers from around the world come to help. It is a massive effort, says Mathew Varghese who heads the orthopedics department at St. Stephen's Hospital in New Delhi. "On NID days 225 million doses are distributed," Varghese says. "It's like vaccinating the entire United States."

India's Islamic communities were very suspicious of the vaccines at first—"We talked to them about two drops of life," he says—and eventually the message sank in.

Even families with older children already paralyzed by polio, wouldn't give drops to the younger ones. To overcome the problem, Rotary and UNICEF worked to build trust within the local communities. UNICEF and Rotary mobilized the village teens who learned about health in school and took the message home. Kids and teenagers don't have the suspicions and superstitions adults have, and have the power to reshape the elders' thinking. They also worked with journalists and government spokesmen to assure that any vaccine-related news were disseminated so that it didn't instill fear but dispelled myths.

To overcome religious resistance, the agencies worked with the local religious leaders, Muslim and otherwise. We wanted to bring all religious leaders together to fight polio, Kapuria says. We wanted them to take the message back to their places of worship, be it mosques or bathing in the holy river. "We talked to them about two drops of life," he says—and eventually the message sank in. During today's immunization campaign, ulamas—Muslim religious leaders—add the call to vaccination to their daily calls for prayer. Some set up vaccinations booths right at the mosques.

(to be continued next week)

You too can support The Rotary Foundation *"Doing Good in the World"* by:

- Renewing your Centurion Club membership. \$100 per year as you are able.
- For new members forms are available from Roger Annear

Direct bank contribution to the RC Mt Martha Club A/c BSB 633-000, Account 126265388

Please note your name and also advise Roger Annear by email when done.

Thank you to Carol Allen for bring this article on below. It comes from Avaaz which is a global web movement to bring people-powered politics to decision-making everywhere and was published on their Facebook page recently. It is one of 10 stories about humanity amid this Global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Something beautiful has happened in the last few weeks -- I think we've all seen it.

In the face of a vicious pandemic, when it would have been so easy for fear and selfishness to rule, **we've found our shared humanity** again.

But **there's a danger that as we beat this pandemic, the tenderness of this moment will fade too.** We can already see it in the divisions being redrawn for political gain and the conspiracy theories going viral.

The spirit of compassion, wisdom, and unity that millions of us have felt amidst this horrific crisis is a fragile thing that needs to be defended.

That's why, with the help of Avaazers across the globe, **we've curated ten of the most beautiful stories of this shining new humanity.** It's to remind us of who we really are when it matters most, and that we really are capable of meeting the biggest threats we face -- together.



After decades of fighting each other, rival gangs around Cape Town have agreed an unprecedented truce and are now working together to bring food to struggling households in their communities. "What we're seeing happen here is literally a miracle," said Pastor Andie Steele-Smith.

FOR SALE

Rotarian Phyllis Scales is selling their 2004 Holden Commodore. It's a VY Series II, 6 cylinder, Automatic Transmission, Central Locking, Alarm, Dual Air Bags, ABS Brakes, Power Steering, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, Front Power windows, AM/FM Radio/CD player and Power Antenna. It is a Solid, reliable car, great to drive, has Seat covers. It has been in the family since new. Regularly serviced since new so it runs well. Some minor cosmetic blemishes in the paintwork. 317,900 km. June 2020 registration. Very Clean and Tidy Throughout. Only selling as we bought our daughter's car and we only need 2 cars not 3.

Similar car with 70,000km more mileage is listed at Frankston dealer for \$3490 drive away.

Price: \$2000 if you want me to get RWC but only \$1400 without RWC (I'm trying to stay home & stay safe)

Call 0419 138 187

If sold through RCMM member, I will donate 50% of proceeds to the Club.



Official Advice from the Australian Chief Medical Officer
to help stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID19).



Australian Government

OFFICIAL MEDICAL ADVICE

Coronavirus: You must take action to save lives in your community.

Stay at home unless absolutely necessary. Banks, supermarkets/groceries, petrol stations, medical services and suppliers will remain open. You must avoid non-essential travel.



If you can, work from home. If going to work, avoid groups. Use phones for meetings and stop handshaking. Tap to pay where possible instead of using cash.



You must stay 2 arms lengths away from others and wash your hands for 20 seconds.



Exercise away from others.



Advice and restrictions will be updated regularly, visit australia.gov.au

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A bit of light-hearted humour in these difficult times .
I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.



**OH MY GODDDDD
NO, THAT'S NOT
HOW YOU EAT IT!!**



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**Paranoia has reached
absurd stages...**

**I sneezed in front of
my laptop and the
anti-virus started a
scan on its own**

**A tomato family is
walking down the
road, baby tomato
falls behind, daddy
tomato goes back
smacks him on the
head and says
"Ketchup!"**

3 unwritten rules of life...

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**

**What's an astronaut's favourite
part of a computer? The space
bar**