



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Hi everyone, I hope you enjoyed your long weekend and the AFL Grand Final. Who would ever have thought our Grand Final would not be played at our 'G'. I'm personally looking forward to the game itself but am unsure who I'll be barracking for seeing as the Bombers aren't playing.

Presidents Plea

Thank you to those members who have responded to my plea to share some of that money in your pocket that you would have spent on Monday nights. The tally is now approx. \$2600 so October's Fundraising Scorecard is looking much better but I'm hopeful that most members will be able to contribute. I am truly grateful, as without this we will not be able to do as much for our community as we have in the past.

RORP

The club performed its first harvest on the peninsula on Wednesday. It was the maiden voyage for the RORP Trailer harvesting a private playground in Bay Road Mount Martha.. Thank you John Waterhouse for bringing RORP to your neighbour's attention. Thanks to Captain RORP (Wayne Jenkins) and his team John Waterhouse, Peter Warren and Rob Davies (See photos on page 4). The removal has been funded by the owner but will need a fair bit of repair before it goes overseas. This harvest did not involve a contractor and so we had to remove concrete foundations (blobs)...very heavy., but thanks to MPSC Wayne was able to dump recyclable concrete for only 2 tip tickets. Captain RORP and a team from RC Dandenong will be harvesting a playground in Nobel Park on Tuesday and the next will be one in Baxter and then two in Mornington. The RORP train is gaining momentum thanks to Wayne's drive and enthusiasm..

Virtual Christmas Party – Monday 21 December

Its Christmas and we need to celebrate with our Rotary 'family' but our planning committee need to know how you would prefer to do this. Please email your answers to the Questionnaire to Carol Allen asap. This is important. We can't give you what you want if we don't know what you want.

This night has a two fold purpose, firstly to have fun, secondly as a practice run for our Virtual Gala Dinner in aid of Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Carol has been in touch with ILF and they are keen to collaborate

Cup Eve

This week is our Board meeting, but Cup Eve (1st November) will be a social night...on Zoom. Wear your funny hat, dress up in your race day finery. A meeting over a meal. Piza and Beer, Wine and Takeaway, or whatever you fancy just sharing what's happening in our lives. Where have you been now you can travel to 25kms. Have you caught up with family? .

Tom Goulding and Rob Marks are our 'Clerks of Course' and are running our sweep. The Melbourne Cup is 'Covid Different' this year so our sweep will be 'Covid Different'....You can still win a prize but you won't have to buy tickets! The club will provide 1st prize being a bottle of wine and 2nd a box of chocolates. No 3rd or last prizes. Horses will be drawn on the night so zoom in and get your horse.

Cheers....President Roger

26th October 2020

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My Life in Coronavirus World - Merv and Christine Williams

As I sit down to write this I am reminded of Bali where you ask a store keeper for a particular item and they come back with an item (that is quite different) and say 'same, same but different'. So my days are a bit like that – same, same but different.

Work wise for the past 6 years I've worked from home and used Zoom as a training and meeting platform. However, there was some face-to-face meeting, training and coaching. With other things I am involved in I do at times feel 'zoomed out!'

I am a member of New Peninsula Church (as well as the Chair of the Board). Church has moved to on-line and Merv and I choose to 'go to church' Sunday night, rather than Sunday morning. I do miss worshipping together and catching up with friends. Consequently, life has been busy with many, many with meetings to set up changes at work and church plus my roles as District Membership Chair and with Rotarians Against Malaria.

Early on in the Covid lockdown I began to do a bit of baking. I think that lasted for about (1) cake and then things soon got back to normal! But a good book and a coffee outside fills my tank and I feel very blessed to live in Mt Martha especially at this time – and to have Merv to do the journey through this with. I do miss family gatherings and hugs from my grandkids. But all in all I have much to be grateful for.

Chris Williams

What an interesting time. During the first lockdown, I was in the process of renovating the kitchen at home. So, during this time I was kept me busy pulling out walls, plastering, painting and laying timber flooring. The outcome is a great kitchen. Only problem was that I finished the job too early.

I was able to just get into golf again when the next lockdown came. During the last 10 weeks lock down, there has been no golf and like everyone else we were staying within the 5 ks radius. Even Bunnings was outside the 5ks. The garden and veggie patch got a good work over.

In the last few weeks, the golf club has been able to obtain permission for the volunteer group "Dads Army" to perform maintenance work around the course. I have been involved with this group for about 4 years and this has allowed me to get some fresh air and "work" with some golfing mates.

In my role as the National Manager of Projects and Volunteers with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), I have been able to spend time assisting Rotary Clubs and Districts throughout Australia working on their projects. Although there are no volunteer teams travelling overseas, many clubs & Districts have continued with their connections with local community and overseas projects.

Merv Williams

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

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Mon 26 Oct RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Mon 2 Nov RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom - Melbourne Cup Eve

Mon 9 Nov RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom

Mon 16 Nov RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom—including AGM and Rotary Foundation

Mon 23 Nov RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

Mon 30 Nov 5th Monday - **NO CLUB MEETING**

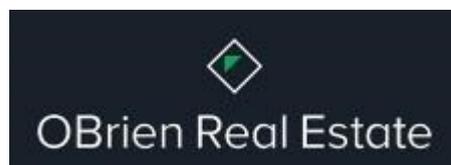
DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

Mon 7 Dec RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with member biographies

Mon 14 Dec RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom

Mon 21 Dec RCMM Christmas Party (see separate questionnaire Emailed with this Bulletin).

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



Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds

Who would have thought that playgrounds from Mornington are going to travel to Sri Lanka before we do? On Monday, RC of Mount Martha members had an update from our own Wayne Jenkins on the Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds (RORP) project whereby unwanted playgrounds here are harvested and then sent to developing countries where they are greatly appreciated. 36 playgrounds that otherwise would have gone to landfill have been shipped and received overseas and are now bringing joy to many children.

This is a win-win project and it is cost neutral for Rotary Clubs.

This playground (below) was compliments of a neighbour of Rotarian John Waterhouse. The photo shows John, Wayne, Peter and Rob after the playground has been loaded into the RORP Trailer and afterwards as the rubbish concrete was offloaded at the Tip after a deal with the Council.



The following Email was received from the Mount Martha Community Garden.

From: Garden Team <hello@mmhcgarden.org>

Sent: Monday, 19 October 2020 5:37 PM

To: communitygarden.mm@gmail.com

Subject: Are you in?

Hi all,

I wanted to let you know about a few things in the pipeline.

1. Next Saturday 24th we will be running a 'seedling sale'. Myself & a few others have been growing excess seedlings to sell at our open day, which obviously can't happen. I will set up a table in front of my house and ask people to make a donation toward the garden. Do you have any excess seedlings, plants, cuttings to donate? Peta will be sending this out through social media etc.
2. Peta has been working on our new website www.mmhcgarden.org and it looks amazing. Please send her written articles (300 words).
3. As I have been applying for grants it has become apparent that our current auspice by Sustainable Table is causing us to be ineligible for some grants. So we are going to bring forward our plan to Incorporate. This is done through Consumer Affairs Vic. It means we can manage our own money, apply for more grants & we don't need to pay a fee to Sustainable Table. However, this means we must be more organised and form an official committee- we need at least 5 people who are willing to be available for monthly email or zoom meetings. I don't imagine this will be much of a time commitment. Most important we need someone to volunteer as Secretary. This will involve meeting minutes and managing the incorporation process (a few hours, once a year) with lots of help from Susan & myself.

Are you willing to put your hand up for a position on committee?

Kind regards

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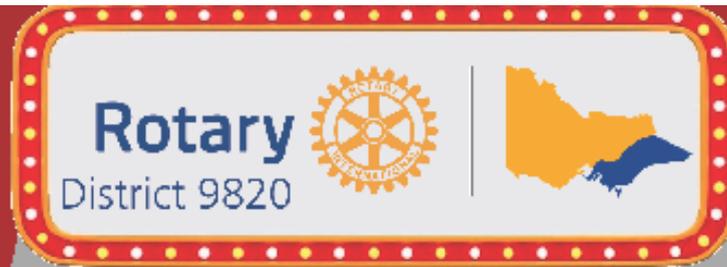


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Rotary's GOT TALENT

**SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER
7:30 PM**

Singing, dancing, juggling, or any other talent that you have - we want to see it!

Judging by a Mystery Judge!
Limited to 10 acts, maximum of 3 minutes per act

Fundraiser for DG Partner's Project RAM
Suggested donation of \$10 to
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20>

Contact jane.moore@rotary9820.org.au

A message from the Commonwealth Department of Health regarding simple steps to help stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Community.



COVID affects people in different ways. Some people have mild or no symptoms, but some end up in hospital with serious illness. You can help protect those most at risk by doing the simple things every day.



Wash Hands



Physical Distance



Stay Home If Sick & Get Tested



Have The App



Together, let's **BE COVIDSAFE** and save lives. Find out more at australia.gov.au



**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.**

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment, 'where's my toast?'

The elderly couple the next evening had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, ' Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'