



## PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Hi fellow Rotarians,

I trust you are making the most of only being 'let out' to travel 5 kms from home. I managed to get a bit of birdwatching done in the Rotary Bird hide on the Estuary. A Great Egret was a standout. The birds we are seeing regularly flying in a 'V' are Straw Necked Ibis. They are breeding on Mud Islands in Port Phillip Bay and are flying to and from feeding paddocks. This video below is another display of a magnificent Bird. Please click on the link to see the video. <https://www.facebook.com/roger.skipsey/posts/10218423102585129>

It was great to hear from DG Mark Humphries and his wife Linda on Monday night, particularly his enthusiastic support of RORP and our cluster's Bay Trail Project. Linda's presentation on RAM was excellent. Mark and Linda offered to come and get his hands dirty and hopefully we can take him up on his offer soon.

### Club Citation

Mark talked about RI Citation and so I thought I'd expand on what your Board has signed up to. RI Citation will be granted to clubs achieving 13 out of 25 goals they select. We have selected the following:

- Membership : 47 members . Currently 46 members . Elena Allen is moving to SA
- Service Participation: 20 members. Including fundraising BBQ's. ..hopefully!!!
- Leadership Development: 2 members.
- District Conference Attendance: 3 members Already achieved.
- District Training Participation: 2 members 1 member District Grants training.
- Foundation Contribution: A\$4500 . Budgeted
- Polio Plus Contribution: A\$750. Budgeted
- Service Projects : 6.
- Strategic Plan: Yes. we have one. Thanks Christine
- On line presence: Website Achieved. New website. Thanks Merv.
- Social activities: 2 . Including Xmas function
- Update website and social media: 10 Already achieved. Thanks to Phyl's great Facebook work.
- Media stories about club projects: 1 . Achieved. Mornington News story on face masks .
- Hopefully more on RORP and Community Garden.

A big ask I know , but hopefully we can achieve these goals by year end.

### RCMM Zoom Account

Staying connected to family and friends is essential to our mental wellbeing. Our zoom account is available to any member who would like to use it. It's easy 1. Agree on a time, 2. Advise me and I'll set up the zoom meeting and email you the link, 3. You email the link to your family and friends 4. Zoom away over a beer and a pizza or whatever.

### Next week – Committee Meetings

We'll be a bit more disciplined breakout at 7.10 sharp and come back at 7.50 sharp. That will give you 40 minutes discussion time. If that turns out not to be adequate we'll make other arrangements in November.

Stay safe .....President Roger

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### My Life in Coronavirus World - Wayne Norris

This time last year Cheryl and I were enjoying a wonderful break at a resort in Byron Bay. Touring the environs. Going for walks. Coffee by a magnificent pool. Meals at a lovely restaurant for breakfast and dinner. Sitting in an alfresco room looking into a beautiful rainforest with brush-turkeys foraging.

Little did we think of the predicament we would be in a year later.

However looking on the bright side we have tried to focus on the things we do have in lockdown. Living in a lovely place like Mount Martha. Still able to enjoy our regular walks along Mornington Pier and taking in the invigorating sea air, being fortunate to have it within 5km.

There is also the chance to enjoy our own home and garden. A third of an acre with a nice lawn, garden and view. Enough room to get a bit of exercise and enjoy the change of seasons from winter to spring with all the flowers, blossoms and even a couple of early roses.

Coffee on the front terrace is a regular feature looking down the hill and watching all the families taking their walks and bike rides.

We have been fortunate that our family have stayed well and in employment, but we have a lot of empathy for those not as fortunate or may have lost loved ones as a result of the pandemic.

Our daughter and family only live a short distance away in Mount Martha, but we have to be content with phone calls and facetime. Our son and his family live in Canberra and we haven't seen him since last Christmas, having to cancel a planned trip there last April. We still have phone calls and facetime and are very envious of his freedom as he tells of trips to Bateman's Bay and Terrigal. This harshness is further apparent when our 18 year old granddaughter in Canberra can celebrate her birthday with a party and many friends whereas our granddaughter and her friends here are not able to do this while also having to complete year 12 studies under extraordinary conditions.

I am kept occupied continuing to do my Rotary work, and there are many jobs around the house that are in need of doing. Cheryl keeps busy running the household and experimenting with new recipes to try. I even have a bit of a go at this having perfected savoury sausage muffins after a number of tries. The waistline is a bit worse for wear.

Cheryl and I have been married for over 52 years, having met at a dance in 1966. We know our strong and loving relationship and family have helped us through the difficult times we currently find ourselves in. A good sense of humour is very important and we have that.

So as we continue along in lockdown with hopefully a light at the end of the tunnel we should remember that "Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed".

Stay well



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

**OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

- Mon 12 Oct RCMC **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 19 Oct RCMC **Club** Meeting via Zoo with RC Newlands Mumbai Connection via Zoom
- Mon 26 Oct RCMC **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

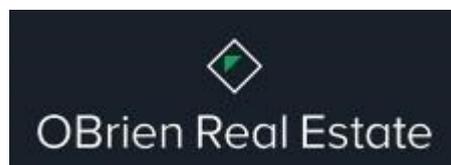
**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

- Mon 2 Nov RCMC **Club** Meeting via Zoom - Melbourne Cup Eve—more details to come
- Mon 9 Nov RCMC **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 16 Nov RCMC **Club** Meeting via Zoom—including AGM and Member Biographies
- Mon 23 Nov RCMC **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**
- Mon 30 Nov 5th Monday - **NO CLUB MEETING**

**DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH**

- Mon 7 Dec RCMC **Club** Meeting via Zoom (further details to be advised)
- Mon 14 Dec RCMC **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 21 Dec RCMC **Christmas Party** via Zoom (further details to be advised)

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





# WORLD POLIO DAY 2020

Global Citizen in partnership with RESULTS Australia, UNICEF Australia, Rotary International and Polio Australia is leading Australian civil society organisations' advocacy efforts to ensure polio eradication remains front and centre on the agenda of key policy and decision makers, particularly Government and Parliamentarians. Along with Canberra Rotarians, we co-host an annual event at Parliament House to honour World Polio Day and demonstrate the support in the community for the end polio campaign. We want to see Australia's proud history of leadership on polio eradication efforts continue to ensure we see the end of polio for those living in PNG and our Pacific region, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. In 2020, we're taking the event virtual, and we would love to invite Rotary clubs around Australia to participate in the fun!

## WAYS AUSTRALIAN ROTARY CLUBS CAN PARTICIPATE

### 1. CREATE & SHARE A VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING YOUR CLUB'S END POLIO NOW ACTIVITIES



Create a short 30 second video featuring your club's End Polio Now activities and funds raised - the more colourful and dynamic, the better! We will then include a few videos in the virtual event, demonstrating the community support amongst Rotarians. We would also welcome captivating photos as well. If you share your video and/or photos on your club's social media channels, Global Citizen will also share and engage from our channels (please tag @GibICznAU). Please submit either to [megan.studman@globalcitizen.org](mailto:megan.studman@globalcitizen.org) by Sunday 11 October.

### 2. RSVP TO ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL EVENT AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER



6.30 - 7.30pm, Wednesday 21 October  
[Register here](#) to receive the link to join the event, then click 'Going' to the Facebook event [here](#).  
 Please feel free to share and invite others, too!

A message from the Victorian Chief Health Officer regarding reducing your risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Community

GET TESTED  
IF YOU'VE GOT  
THESE SYMPTOMS



Fever



Runny nose



Sore throat



Cough



Chills  
or sweats



Shortness  
of breath



Loss of sense  
of smell or taste

STAYING  
APART KEEPS  
US TOGETHER

Find out where to get tested,  
visit [vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS](https://vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS)

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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.

Synagogues out here making memes now...

