



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

New Member: Bruce Ranken

It was a great pleasure to induct Bruce into our club last week. I hope you enjoy your new life here in Mount Martha and that you enjoy your involvement with our club.

Special Guests

We welcomed Rick Hayllar President RC Dromana and Paul Mee President RC Rosebud Rye (DG Nominee) and his wife Adele also a member of RC Rosebud Rye

Bay Trail

Thank you Steve, Doug, Janet and Stephen for getting us thinking about what we might do and where. I was pleased to see a lot of good ideas coming across in the chat window. eg water bubblers, solar lights. I would urge those who are not yet comfortable with the chat function on Zoom to give it a go. Clearly the Shire is looking for some guidance. We've got some good ideas but firstly we need some clarity about the actual route through Mt Martha.

Virtual Gala Event – Think Tank Meeting Tues 8 Sept

Ken Wall lead us through our initial thoughts. And his team will meet again on 23 Sept. Our initial thought is to trial an event within in the club at Christmas

RORP Expansion in D9820

Wayne Jenkins presented to District Assistant Governors Thursday 10 Sept. District International Chair Colin Byron is keen to expand RORP in D9820 and to assign a RORP Ambassador to each Council to contact them, identify playgrounds due for replacement and make sure that can be harvested by RORP and not go landfill.

Donation Dollars Competition

You may have read that the Federal Government is minting 2.5 million special one dollar coins (**see photo below**) and putting them into circulation. Phyl Scales has suggested that members could save these coins over the year and donate them to the club at the end of the year, and as an incentive Phyl is offering 2 bottles of fine wine from her cellar to the member who donates the most AND a bottle of Australian 'bubbles' to one of the other donors whose name will be picked out of a hat. Thank you Phyl for your suggestion and generous donation of your fine wine.

Stay safe and wear your mask

President Roger .



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My Life in Coronavirus World - Stephen & Janet Pugh

What does our Covid 19 workday look like?

The commute is not terribly stressful. I think I measured it at 15 steps from the kitchen to the sunroom where my laptop and screen are situated. I believe Janet's is slightly more at about 20 steps. I am sure the OH&S boffins might be a little disturbed with my screen perched upon three books.... The complete gardening guide for Victorian Gardeners; Sister Wendy's 1000 Masterpieces and 20th Century - a chronicle in pictures.

The two of us have worked from home since March and I suspect this will be the case for the rest of the year. This does have some advantages, we save on petrol, there is no need to say hello to everyone when you arrive at the "office" and we can wear our tracksuit pants and moccasins. On the ABC this morning (Friday 11/9) Sammy J asked his audience about "what do you fake at work". I wonder how many people have said "oops my camera's not working". If you have two screens like Janet you listen with one ear and get on and do stuff on the other screen, "yes I am paying attention". Or, in my case with one screen you mute and ignore (guilty as charged).

There are several disturbing things about working from home. I could do without hearing "you are on mute..." turn off your camera to save band width, and I could do without the laborious logging on process which can take ages. Did I say I was Zoomed out, Webex fatigued and I have screens for eyes. Apart from that working from home is a breeze.

However, the best bit about working from home. I enjoy the daily walk. It's a great pleasure looking out of the sunroom window at the Camelias. I love hearing the Kookaburra's and listening to our young chicken, which has grown into a rooster, practise his crowing. The street is quiet, and despite the technology I get a surprisingly lot of work done. I am immediately accessible and, in my case, I can continue to support schools and children in ways that I may not have done prior to COVID 19. Lastly, with both of us working from home you get a little more insight and appreciation of what we each do and we get to share the morning walk to our local café each day for a take away

The Rotary Foundation by Roger Annear, Foundation Chairperson

The 24th October is World Polio Day, a time for Rotarians and Rotaractors across the globe to raise awareness about our work to eradicate polio for good. If we stay committed to making progress, polio will be the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

In our fight to end polio, we've used our collective strength to defeat this devastating disease in almost every part of the world. This year, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus – showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. Wild poliovirus still paralyzes children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

Donate Your Time Donate Your Funds Donate Your Voice

Ending a disease is a massive effort and Rotary and our partners can't do it alone. Learn how you can join us in our efforts to end polio. At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year.

Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9 percent. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

- IMMUNIZE more than 400 million children against polio every year
- IMPROVE disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment
- HIRE more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

We are closer than ever to eradicating polio but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. Your gift will get us closer to the finish line. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled, getting us even closer to a polio-free world

We need your voice to help us end polio now. Get involved and spread the message so that we can end the second human disease in history.

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

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

- Mon 14 Sep RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 21 Sep RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with Indigenous Literacy Foundation
- Mon 28 Sep RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

- Mon 5 Oct RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with District Governor, Mark Humphries
- Mon 12 Oct RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 19 Oct RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom (further details to be advised)
- Mon 26 Oct RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- Mon 2 Nov RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom (further details to be advised)
- Mon 9 Nov RCMM **Committee** meetings via Zoom
- Mon 16 Nov RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom (further details to be advised)
- Mon 23 Nov RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**
- Mon 30 Nov 5th Monday - **NO CLUB MEETING**

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



What's coming up at the Briars, subject to COVID 19 Restrictions, of course



FAMILY FUN - SPRING 2020

The Briars are pleased to be offering modified programs this spring. To keep our community safe, please do not attend any program if you or your child are feeling unwell.

Whilst enjoying your visit please follow the instructions of your program leader, wear a mask, stay 1.5m apart and practise good hygiene.

If you would like further information, please call the Briars on 03 5974 3686. Thank you for your support.

Briars After-Dark Wildlife Walk *

Search for sugar gliders, kangaroos, wallabies and other native nocturnal animals as they wake up after dark.

23, 24, 28, 30 Sep & 2 Oct | 6.30 - 8.00pm
\$25 adult, \$19 concession / child
Children must be supervised by an adult

Briars Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt

Spring is a lovely time to take a closer look around the Briars Sanctuary. Take the Spring Scavenger Hunt challenge by grabbing a map and a list of clues for the 2km Wetlands Walk or the 4km Woodlands Walk from the Visitors Centre. Can you and your family find all the answers?

19 Sep to 31 Oct,

During Sanctuary Opening Hours | 9.00am - 4.30pm

Seniors Week Plant Sale

50% off Plants

Present your seniors card at the Briars Nursery and receive 50% off all available plants. The range includes ground covers, grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees.

3, 7, 8 & 9 October only | 9.00am - 3.30pm

Limit 10 per person

Briars Aboriginal Cultural Walk with Yidaki *

Celebrate the start of NAIDOC by taking a beautiful walk with Gunditjmara Kirrae Wurrung-Bundjalung man Lionel Lauch (Living Culture).

Sun 8 Nov | 10.00am - 12.30pm
\$45.00 adult, \$35.00 concession

*Booking are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting <https://thebriars.eventbrite.com/>



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THE MOUNT MARTHA BRIARS MARKET

Mount Martha Briars Market

Purchase the freshest produce from across the region and engage with our talented stallholders. Soak up the fun market vibe whilst exploring the beautiful grounds of the The Briars.

September 27, Oct 25, Nov 22 | 9.00am – 2.00pm

\$4 parking



The Eco Living Display Centre

The centre will remain closed until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Free Consultations

The centre may be closed but we are still available to residents looking for free advice. To learn more about improving the comfort and energy of your home. Contact the centre to book on 5974 1005 or email ecolivingdisplaycentre@mornpen.vic.gov.au



Sustainable House Day

This year SHD will run as an online event. "Open the door to sustainable living by virtually touring some of Australia's most environmentally progressive homes on show at Sustainable House Day. To find out more visit <https://sustainablehouseday.com/>

20 September 2020

Official Victoria's Roadmap for reopening (from COVID 19) - How to live in Metropolitan Melbourne . I will Email this separately with the Bulletin just in case it is not easily readable here.

STAYING APART | KEEPS US TOGETHER

Victoria's roadmap for reopening – How we live in Metropolitan Melbourne

COVIDSafe principles

- Wear a face mask
- Physical distancing (1.5 metres)
- Good hand hygiene
- Don't go to work unwell
- Cough and sneeze into tissue or elbow
- Outdoor activities

First Step	Second Step	Third Step	Last Step	COVID Normal
Trigger points for easing restrictions – the decision for easing restrictions will be considered with Public Health advice, and preconditions being in place.				
<p>11.59pm on 13 September 2020 First Step commences at 11.59pm on 13 September</p>	<p>Later of threshold being met and 28 September 2020 Move from the First Step to the Second Step if we reach an average daily case rate of 30-50 cases in Metro Melbourne over previous 14 days with public health advice regarding transmission source</p>	<p>Later of threshold being met and 26 October 2020 Move from Second Step to Third Step if we reach <5 new cases (state-wide average over previous 14 days) and <5 cases with unknown source (state-wide total last 14 days)</p>	<p>Later of threshold being met and 23 November 2020 Move from Third Step to Last Step if we reach no new cases for 14 days (state-wide)</p>	<p>When threshold met Move from Last Step to COVID Normal if we reach no new cases for 28 days (state-wide), no active cases (state-wide) and no outbreaks of concern in others states or territories</p>

	Restrictions				
Social	<p>Curfew: eased to 9pm – 5am Leave home: for 4 reasons and stay local (5km) Public gatherings: increased to 2 people or a household that can meet outdoors for two hours maximum Visitors to the home: increased to 1 nominated visitor if living alone/single parent (all children under 18) ('single social bubble'), professional respite care for people with complex needs allowed</p>	<p>Curfew: 9pm – 5am Leave home: for 4 reasons and stay local (5km), 2 hours maximum for exercise or social interaction Public gatherings: increased to up to 5 people from a maximum of two households that can meet outdoors for social interaction (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap) Visitors to the home: 1 nominated visitor if living alone/single parent (all children under 18) ('single social bubble'). Respite care as per First Step</p>	<p>Curfew: not in place Leave home: no restrictions on reasons to leave home or distance but stay safe Public gatherings: increased to up to 10 people outdoors Visitors to the home: create a 'household bubble' with one nominated household allowing up to 5 visitors from that household at a time (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap)</p>	<p>Curfew: not in place Leave home: No restrictions on reasons to leave home or distance but stay safe Public gatherings: increased to up to 50 people outdoors Visitors to the home: increased to up to 20 visitors at a time</p>	<p>Curfew: not in place Leave home: No restrictions on reasons to leave home or distance but stay safe Public gatherings: no restrictions but organisers encouraged to keep records of attendees Visitors to the home: no restrictions but organisers encouraged to keep records of visitors</p>
Education and childcare	<p>Childcare and early educators: closed except for permitted workers Schools: remote learning unless an exemption applies Adult education: only onsite for those on permitted list</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: re-opens Schools: remote learning with staged return for onsite learning for Prep to Grade 2, VCE/VCAL and specialist schools in Term 4 Adult education: only onsite for those on permitted list</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: open Schools: remote learning with potential staged return for onsite learning for Grade 3 to Grade 10 based on public health advice Adult education: learn from home if you can, onsite learning for hands-on, skills-based learning</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: open Schools: remote learning with potential staged return for onsite learning for Grade 3 to Grade 10 based on public health advice Adult education: return to onsite learning for all with safety measures in place</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: open Schools: onsite learning Adult education: return to onsite learning</p>
Work	<p>Only go to work if you are in a permitted industry</p>	<p>Only go to work if you are in a permitted industry – more workplaces to be permitted in following stages (see industry roadmaps)</p>	<p>Work from home if you can</p>	<p>Work from home if you can</p>	<p>Phased return to onsite work for workers who have been working from home</p>
Shopping, eating and drinking out	<p>Hospitality: take-away and delivery only Retail: essential only with others only for click and collect Real estate: certain permitted activities can be done in person but auctions online only Shopping: 1 person per household</p>	<p>Hospitality: take-away and delivery only Retail: essential only with others only for click and collect Real estate: certain permitted activities can be done in person but auctions online only Shopping: 1 person per household</p>	<p>Hospitality: predominantly outdoor seated service, increased group limit of 10 and density limits Retail: re-opens, hairdressing open with safety measures, other beauty/personal care closed Real estate: private inspections by appointment only, auctions outdoors subject to gathering limits Shopping: no person limits</p>	<p>Hospitality: indoor (group limit of 20 and seated service, cap 50 patrons), outdoor dining subject to density quotient Retail: all open Real estate: operating with safety measures and record-keeping</p>	<p>Hospitality: no restrictions but record-keeping of patrons to continue Retail: all open Real estate: operating with safety measures and record-keeping</p>

A bit of light-hearted Coronavirus (COVID-19) humour in these difficult times .
 I know Coronavirus (COVID-19) is very serious, but think these humorous pieces are in the correct context. I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.

Do not let them take your temperature when going into the store!
 It's a scam! They're erasing your memory!
 I went in for bread and milk and came out with six bottles of wine.

Me: This show is boring.
Boss: Again, this is a Zoom conference.

When your holiday has been cancelled by the coronavirus but don't want to give up the dream



Nurse: Sir you've been in a coma since February

Me: Oh boy I can't wait to go outside and attend large social gatherings



Me holding in my coughs in public so ppl don't try and quarantine me 🤔

