



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Hi everyone, At last we've been given a bit of a reprieve. We can visit family and have a family visit us. Businesses can open up again...with limits. Main St was jumping on Thursday as was Bunnings. It was great to see.

Bay Trail Project

Mornington News front page article last week stated the Shire has \$320M of shovel ready projects The Bay Trail Project \$15m was top of the list. Does this mean it gets first priority?

RORP

On Tuesday, Captain RORP (Wayne Jenkins), as a Covid safe contractor lead a team of RORP harvesters from RC Dandenong/ Endeavour Hills. They harvested a playground in Nobel Park. A total of 3 playgrounds will be transported from RORP Peninsula (Wayne's place) to DIK early November ...providing we can travel more than 25 kms by then. Colin Byron, District International Chair is from RC Dandenong and now has a team of keen harvesters ready for the next one. MP Shire have advised that harvests will most likely be December

Sourdough Beadmaking Masterclass

Separately in this bulletin you will find a flyer. This will be a bit of fun for the cooks in the club. Cost is \$12 /head but for an extra \$8 you will get a sourdough loaf delivered to your door providing you are within 25 kms of Mt Eliza

Virtual Gala Dinner

We were planning on our Christmas Function being on Zoom but we now feel the mood of the club is that we should do something face to face in whatever size groups the Covid rules will allow. We still need a 'practice' virtual event before our major event. At this point the team are planning on a minor event in January 2021 and the major event in May 2021 We have settled on it being a fundraiser for Indigenous Literacy Foundation and indeed will partner with them. Thank you VGD Team Ken, Carol, Peter, Valerie and Lara. This promises to be a great event to celebrate Rotary's centenary year in Australia.

Cup Eve

No Speaker. A social night. Tom Goulding and Rob Marks are running our Cup Sweep. 2 tickets will be allocated to each member and we'll draw the horse names on the night. Bring a drink and whatever you like to eat and we'll have a bit of Cup Eve fellowship over dinner. We want to hear what was/is the first thing you'll be doing when restrictions lift.....book a restaurant, visit family, go 'bush'. We've got family in Coburg and Eltham and can't wait to have them down for a BBQ.

That's all for this week.. Stay safe . President Roger

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My Life in Coronavirus World - Rob and Yvonne Marks

Given our stage of life, the disruption to our routine has been less than for many others. We have greatly missed the social interchange with our family, community and sporting groups and, of course our yearly pilgrimage to the winter sunshine in Queensland.

The efforts of all groups to keep in touch has been very welcome with Zoom is now part of our lifestyle.

Between lockdowns, in late June, we were able to obtain a permit to drive to Adelaide for the funeral of Rob's younger sister, Jenni who died suddenly. We experienced another period of anxiety in August when our son, David, who works in aged care in Mornington, was diagnosed with Covid. Fortunately, after 2 weeks of isolation, he was able to return to work.

Our extensive garden has been a blessing during the lockdowns, always something to do!! A lot of cutting back during the autumn and redesigning and planting in the spring. We have walked every day with the aim of at least two return trips per week to the Mt Martha Village. Along the way we have had many discussions (at a distance) with other walkers. Regulars have been, Aileen and David Piper, Carla and Tony Spring and Anne Routledge. Of course the takeaway coffee mid trip is also a big incentive.

The live sports on TV have been a welcome digression, particularly AFL and the journey with Geelong until the bitter end!

As we write there is hope of release. Yvonne is back at golf, action on the bowling green is imminent and we are discussing plans for an escape to the country. We have come through!





This one is a little different to my life in a Coronavirus world because it's a Quarantine experience

My Quarantine Experience - Ray Martin

In early August Judy and I decided that we would put our unit on the Sunshine Coast up for sale and holiday in all parts of Australia (when permitted). We weren't all that keen for a quick sale so we set a take it or leave it price. Surprisingly it sold very quickly (must have been too cheap).

We had owned it for 7 years and never rented it out, so we had accumulated quite a bit of personal stuff. This needed to be removed as did the vehicle we left for use when we holidayed, hence the following saga.

My first application to Queensland Health was made on 26th August and seemed to disappear into the ether. I made a subsequent application on 23rd September requesting urgent advice. As no response was received I asked Peter Rawlings for some help on 1st October and explained that the clock was ticking and, as settlement of the sale of our unit was set down for the 28th October, with a 14 day quarantine period I would need to leave Melbourne by 9th October to allow me 3 days to pack our personal items and ship these and our vehicle to Victoria. Greg Hunt's office contacted me and went into bat for me. On 4th October I received approval to enter Queensland subject to health directions. I purchased an airline ticket for 9th October.

I arrived at the Tullamarine 1 hour before departure where I proceeded to run a gauntlet of health officials and police. My temperature was taken twice, I was asked the reason for my travel and, if I had permission to enter Queensland. (reminded me of my visit to Russia). I boarded the aircraft where all passengers and crew wore face masks. I was fortunate to have an entire row to myself.

On arrival in Brisbane I was escorted by police to a line-up of desks occupied by Queensland Police. I was again questioned and produced my Queensland Health permit. I was directed to a holding area and told to wait until called. Eventually a number of us were escorted by police and defence personnel to collect our luggage and board a bus. We were then delivered to the Westin Hotel in Mary Street, Brisbane.

At the Westin I was allocated a key card and directed to my room. After using the key card to access the room it was deactivated. My room for the next 14 days was quite expansive with a king size bed and plenty of room to move about in.

Meals were delivered at 7am, 12noon and 6pm. This was done by a sharp knock at the door and, after counting to 10, one opened the door to find a brown paper bag containing the meal (I knew I was in Queensland). The meals were quite acceptable (braised beef, satay chicken, bangers and mash, omelettes, fruit juice etc)

Every 4 days fresh linen, towels and supplies were left at the door and the doorbell operated. Changing linen and doona covers on a king size bed provided adequate exercise but I still remembered how to do envelope corners.

Exercise was permitted (masked) for 20 minutes each day. There was an app and you needed to book a window. You would receive knock on the door and be greeted by a police officer who would take you to the pool area where you would register and commence walking laps. After 20 minutes you would be summonsed and taken back to your room. I established that, if you kept walking, they would let you continue for longer. I managed up to 5.5 kilometres and if I took only 20 minutes, look out Tokyo.

On day 10 the nurses came, and it was time for my Covid test. I still feel for the lump on my scalp where, I'm sure to probe tried to escape from my nostril. The downside from this is that I was confined to my room for the duration of my stay, with no human contact. On Day 12 I received advice that my test was negative, and I was scheduled to leave the hotel on 23rd October. I was collected by a Police officer and escorted from the premises.

In summary, the accommodation and food were great, the Police and Defence personnel were courteous and professional and, the overall operation was very safe and efficient (take a lesson Dan)

There are two questions:

1. How did I occupy myself? - I read the newspapers online and completed all the puzzles, read 5 books, completed two online courses and exercised. I resolved not to turn the TV on until news time.
I was able to maintain contact with Judy and our family. I even had a 12 year old granddaughter facetime me twice a week to carry out a mental health check. Zoom meetings kept me in touch with the outside world.
2. Would I do it again? - It was a great experience that not many people I know will undergo but, if I committed an offence that involved gaol time, I would not be taken alive.

A great story for the grandkids, if only they were interested.

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

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**

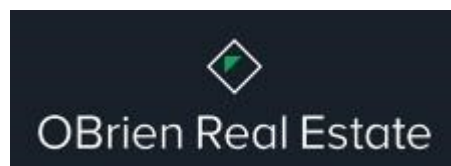
DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

- 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).

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- Mon 4 Jan Wine Tasting/Winery - either Zoom or in person
- Mon 11 Jan RCMM **Committee** meetings either Zoom or in person
- Mon 18 Jan RCMM **Club** Meeting - RC of Newlands (Sth Africa) Mumbai Connection via Zoom
- Mon 25 Jan **TBA**

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Rotary's GOT TALENT

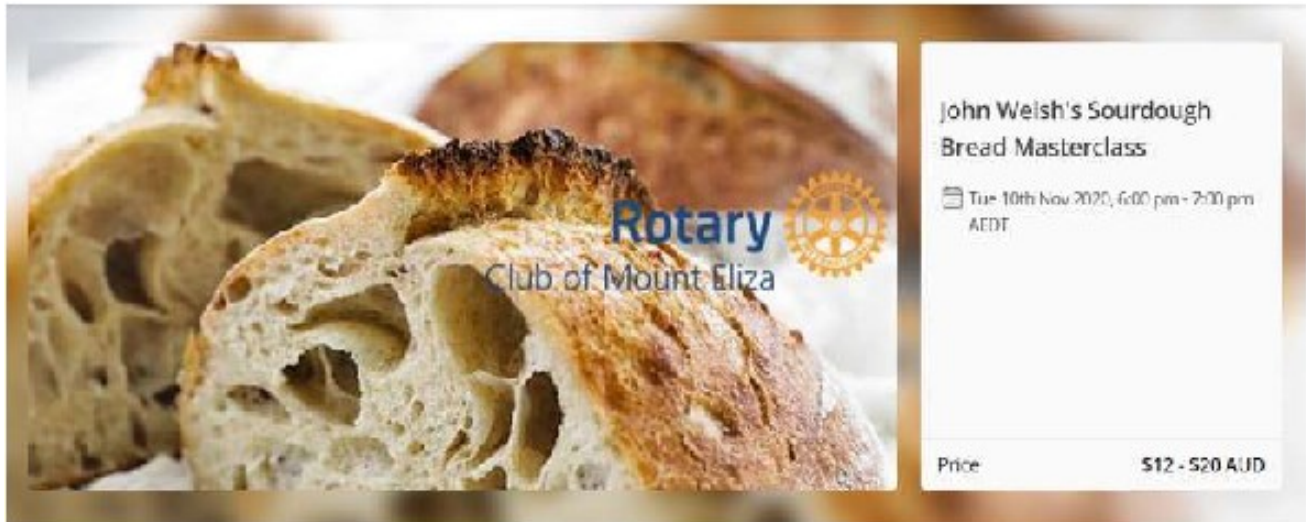
**SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER
7:30 PM**

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



John Welsh's Sourdough Bread Masterclass

Tuesday 10th November at 6pm

Join us on Zoom to participate in Chef John's masterclass to share his formula and hear his expert commentary on his technique for making successful sourdough bread. There will be the opportunity for discussion and questions with John.

Your friends are very welcome to participate.

The admission price is \$12 with an add-on option of \$8 for a loaf of John's sourdough bread - delivery of the bread will be undertaken within 25km of Mt Eliza. Due to the cooking resources required, numbers for the '+ bread' option are moderately limited in the order of receipt of booking.

Notes on the making and John's recipe will be forwarded by email following the event.

Bookings will close at 5pm on Monday 9th November.

For bookings: [click here](#)

or input in your browser

<https://events.humanitix.com/john-welsh-s-sourdough-bread-masterclass>

This is a fundraising activity in support of the community activities of the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza and is in lieu of the regular Rotary Club meeting for this date.

Privacy Notice: Booking for this event requires our collecting some personal details. The Rotary Club of Mt Eliza shall not use any information supplied other than for the direct purposes of this event.

Coronavirus restrictions easing from 11:59pm 27 October 2020

Metropolitan Melbourne moves to Third Step restrictions from 11:59pm on 27 October 2020. The main summary points are stated below (as chosen by the Bulletin Editor):

- There are no restrictions on the reasons to leave home. If you live in metropolitan Melbourne you can still only travel 25kms.
- You can see friends and family outdoors in a public place in a group of up to 10 people.
- You can have up to two people from the same household visit you at your home. You can only have one visit a day – this means once a day you can visit someone’s home or have them visit you at your home. Children and dependants are not included in this cap. The two people must be from the same household and visit together. You can only visit people within 25km of your home. It is strongly recommended you keep your mask on when visiting friends and family. By wearing a mask, you can help keep them and you safe.
- Shops can open. While shopping you need to respect the limit of allowed patrons in a shop. This limit on patrons is in place to ensure everyone in the shop can keep 1.5 metres distance.
- Personal care and body art services can open. They can only offer services where the customer can wear a face mask during the entire service. Home-based businesses may also open, as long as they meet the required COVIDSafe rules.
- Cafes and restaurants will open, with limits of people - 20 indoors (10 per indoor space) and 50 outdoors. Business owners can find more information on current restrictions and how to keep their staff and customers safe.
- You can exercise outdoors in a group of up to 10 people. A trainer is allowed in addition to this limit.
- Funerals are allowed with up to 20 people. This limit doesn’t include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral. If a funeral is held at a private residence, private gathering restrictions apply.
- Some outdoor entertainment venues can open.
- Accommodation remains closed for the purposes of holidaying.
- Retail, hospitality and certain entertainment venues will be able to have staff onsite to prepare for reopening from 26 October. This should be limited to the number of staff required. Permits will not be required for these workers.
- Restrictions on travelling into regional Victoria remain. Businesses including hospitality, personal services and tourism venues in regional areas must continue to check IDs. Gyms are also now required to check place of residence before providing services.
- Face masks are still required when leaving home.

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.

