



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings fellow Rotarians and Friends

So, back into lockdown again!! No village BBQ, No Briars Picnic,, No Mt Martha House Welcome Back BBQ, No Padua BBQ. I'm sorry we had to revert to Zoom. I know many of us are getting weary of Zoom or not using it at all. We will strive for face to face meetings unless we have speakers presenting via Zoom.

Bay Trail /R100

Thank you Steve Daly for taking us through a virtual tour of the Harrap Creek Trail. This helped us make decisions on what we wish to do on The Bay Trail for R100. We had a tight deadline for our application for a Building Stronger Community Grant. I'm pleased that we have now agreed that we shall focus on the Craigie Rd to The Briar section of The Bay Trail and we may even brand it Rotary Park. How good would that be? Steve has completed our application for funds (\$12K) to install information bays and seats. See photo on page 2 of this Bulletin for the example of a seat/information bay.

Australia Day MMAD Swim

Andrew Felsing (Event Director) has formally thanked us for our involvement on Australia Day and would like to do the same again next year. I'm delighted that we've been able to partner with Mt Martha Life Saving Club and their signature event. Community Committee are meeting on Monday 22 Feb to decide how we should spend the \$1700 balance of NADC funds. We need to report to NADC that these funds have actually been spent and the deadline is end Feb

Community Supporters

Rawling Featherstone have renewed their support for RCMM. Thank you Norm Dennis and Peter Rawlings .

Mt Martha House Community Garden

MMHCG have purchased their own BBQ. We'll use that when they reschedule their Welcome Back BBQ. I've had 2 attempts at assembling it. Bloody Chinese Instructions. Grrrr! The first step for the Community Garden is some levelling. Heaslip Excavations can't do the job for 7 weeks. John Arena of RORP fame has come to the rescue and can do it early March. An Indigenous Cultural Induction was conducted on Friday. Thank you Bill Cummins for representing RCMM

Review of Finances

Treasurer Gordon Morris , President Elect Carol Allen and I will meet on Monday 22nd February to review club finances for the rest of the year .Thank you to all Directors for providing your forecast expenditure for the rest of the year.

Next Meeting – Monday 1 March

Our next club meeting will be on Zoom so we can hear from David Stewart from Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Cheers - President Roger

22nd February 2021

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“How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed?” - Tom Goulding

I was inducted into the Rotary Club of Mt Martha in June 1991 (30 years ago this year). I was invited to join by Eric Ross, a member with whom I had done business with in my role as Post-master at Mornington.

When Eric asked me to join he said “I’m not supposed to tell you this but it will be good for business”. As it turned out it was good for business but this was not the only reason I joined. At the time I was doing quite well in real estate and I thought being able to give something back to the community that had been good to me was a good thing.

I have stayed because I have enjoyed Rotary and have made new friends through it. In business (real estate and body corporate management) I have always said you need new customers. Some customers will die, move away or just don’t like you anymore. It is the same with friends. Being able to contribute to the community has been very satisfying and gives you a sense of belonging. Being in Rotary has also given me the opportunity to seek assistance and advice from other members of the club.

Rotary also gives you knowledge and broadens your outlook. I’m in for the long haul.



FEBRUARY IS PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Mon 22 Feb Project week - **No Monday** Club Meeting - RCMM Board meet this evening
 Sat 27 Feb MM Sausage Sizzle

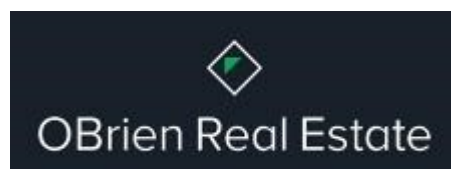
MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

Mon 1 Mar RCMM Club Meeting via Zoom - Indigenous Literacy Foundation
 Sun 7 Mar Clean up Australia Day
 Mon 8 Mar **No Club** Meeting Labour Day Holiday
 Sat 13 Mar MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 15 Mar RCMM **Committee** meetings
 Mon 22 Mar Barefoot Bowls/BBQ Dinner @ Mount Martha Bowls Club
 Sat 27 Mar MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 29 Mar **No Club** Meeting - 5th Monday

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Mon 5 Apr **No Club** Meeting - Easter Monday
 Sat 10 Apr MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 12 Apr RCMM **Committee** meetings
 Mon 19 Apr RCMM Club Meeting - Hillview Quarries - Paul Nitas

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

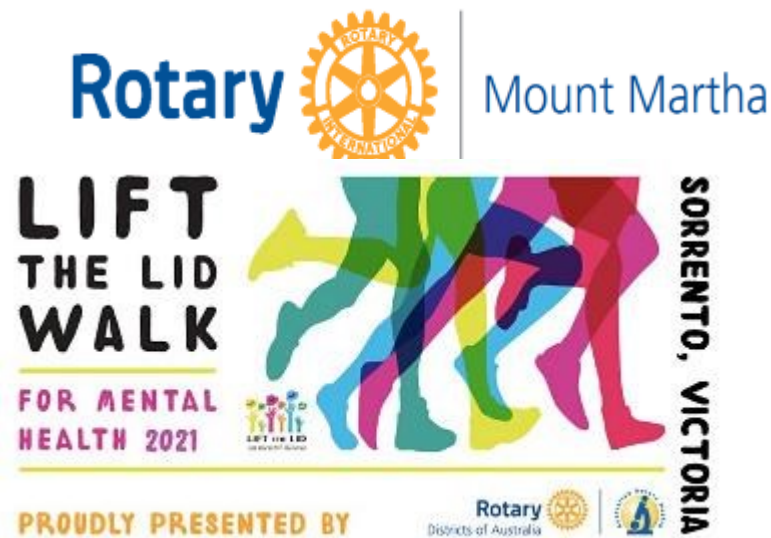


**RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE TO 30TH JUNE 2021.
COMMENCE 9.00AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1.00PM**

We only have a permit, at this stage, until the end of June 2021, after which the Events Team from the Shire will decide if sausage sizzles will remain. Where 2 club members are named they will do 2 hours each and will need to liaise with each other to see who will do 9 to 11am and 11am to 1pm.

27th Feb	Bill Branthwaite	Phyl Scales	Tim Jolly
13th Mar	Bill Cummins	Tom Goulding	Steve Daly
27th Mar	Bill Ewing	Janet Pugh	Stephen Pugh
10th Apr	Wayne Norris	Mary McIntyre	Jonathan Mayne Geoff Kaye
24th Apr	Roger Skipsey	Jenny Mihan	MM Community Garden team
8th May	Peter Rawlings	Byron Groves	Bruce Ranken
22nd May	Colin Stokes	Tom Barrett	Rob Davies
5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Valerie Lyons	Greg Buchanan





LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health will get you walking and get us all talking while we raise vital funds for Australian Rotary Health.

When: Sunday February 28th 2021

The walk will commence from 8am and you are encouraged to start anytime that suits between 8am and 12 noon. All walkers should aim to complete their course by 2.00pm

Where: Start from the Stables at Point Nepean National Park, Portsea or If you are unable to participate, you may wish to make a donation to mental health research

What: A Walk NOT a race. There are 3 walks you can choose from and they are;

- a. From the Stables to Observation point and return along the beach or Coles track. Distance approx. 2.8kms
- b. From the Stables to Gunners Cottage and return along the beach or Coles track. Distance approx. 5.2kms
- c. From the Stables to Point Nepean and return via Defence Road, the beach or Coles track. Distance approx. 9.5kms

Please see course maps at the end of the page.

Walkers have the option to turn around at any time.

How strenuous is the Walk/Is the Walk difficult?

That depends on the physical health of the individual. The idea is to “walk and talk” about mental health so routes are designed to be manageable by most including those with mobility challenges.

Who: Everyone who has been impacted by or cares about Mental Health –

Unfortunately - DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED as this is a National Park area!

Entry fee: \$30 includes a t-shirt. Kids 15 and under walk for free. Ticket purchase including your t-shirt cut off is 9 am Thursday, February 11th, 2021. Entries purchased after 9 am on February 11th 2021 will NOT receive a t-shirt so get in early. All orders from then will only include your ticket entry into the WALK.

Registration: From 7am in the park area beside the Stables in the Point Nepean National Park - Please register and collect t-shirts. You can register from 7am on the day, credit card facilities available.

Water: Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottles on the day for great hygiene and COVID safe management. Look after the environment and all bottles or rubbish you take with you must be taken home for proper disposal. There is no safe drinking water available from Gunners Cottage to Point Nepean.

Parking: \$5 supervised parking will be available on Jarman Oval

ABOUT THE WALK

The Rotary Club of Sorrento aims to have a number of other Rotary Clubs in the District stage a WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH in October of each year to coincide with Victoria’s Mental Health Month. The “point of difference” is that the walk is not a race. It is a family occasion offering an organised “fun” walk in the Point Nepean National Park. Walkers have the option to turn around at any time.

The inaugural Walk was to be held in October 2020 however due to COVID-19 restrictions the date has been moved to 28th February 2021. Our target this year given COVID management is 350 walkers and more than \$10,000 funds to be raised for Mental Health Research.

For all details and look at the booking site on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lift-the-lid-walk-for-mental-health-sorrento-victoria-tickets-130508872551>

**A FUN NIGHT FOR ALL
BAREFOOT BOWLING**

This annual event is scheduled for Monday 22nd March 2021

at

MOUNT MARTHA BOWLING CLUB

45 Watsons Road, Mount Martha

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES AT THE BOWLS CLUB AND HAVE A FUN NIGHT WITH PARTNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

6.00pm	Arrive - buy a drink and enjoy Bay views on the deck
6.30pm	One course meal, drinks at bar prices
7.15pm	Commence bowling, barefoot or flat soled shoes only
8.30pm	Close
COST	\$20 per person for bowling and meal

FOR CATERING PURPOSES

- **PLEASE GIVE PRIOR NOTICE OF ANY SPECIAL MEAL REQUIREMENTS**
- **FINAL ATTENDANCE NUMBERS TO BARRIE BY THURSDAY 18th MARCH**

IF COOL, BYO JUMPER

ENQUIRIES TO ROB MARKS on 0428 546 860

NUMBERS TO BARRIE SWEENEY on 0418 324 639

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!