



PRESIDENT CAROL'S WEEKLY THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Welcome to another week of lockdown, we can say that it certainly hasn't been a boring week, what with an earthquake, riots in the city and the Grand Finals this weekend.

DG Club Visit this week

Bill Degnan will be joining us in our zoom meeting on 27 September. I would encourage you to all join this meeting and welcome Bill to our Club so that we can share with him all the great things that we are doing.

Chairperson for October

Thank you to Gordon for chairing the September meeting he has done a great job. The Chairperson for our October meetings will be Bernard Butler and we look forward to being entertained and I'm sure all welcome and support him.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Board has decided to hold our AGM on Monday 8th November and are hoping that we might be able to meet face to face. We are also hoping to have some outside group meeting/activities in November including a Cup Eve picnic. If you have a suggestion about where we could hold it or any other activities, you might like to do, please let me know.

ShelterBox

Last week's speaker was Mike Greenslade, CEO of ShelterBox Australia, an international disaster relief charity and Rotary International partner. Mike provided us with a very interesting and often heartbreaking account of families who have been impacted by natural disasters. If you are interested in supporting them, this novel fund-raising idea might interest you, especially in lockdown. An article on the ShelterBox book club is on page 2 of this Bulletin.

After listening to the work that ShelterBox does we decided at the meeting last week to support them, and we have raised \$330 from our Footy ***Guess the Winner contest.*** Congratulations Rob Marks on choosing the winning team (Demons), closest points (55) and winning the \$110, well done.

Next week's Bulletin front page

From next month on the first week of each month this page will come to you from one of our Board members, Bill Branthwaite will be the first to share his thoughts with you next week.

So, in the meantime, Stay Safe and Stay Happy.

President Carol

Be like a tree. Stay grounded. Connect with your roots. Turn over a new leaf. Bend before you break. Enjoy your unique beauty. KEEP GROWING.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

27th September 2021

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**These Celebrations from
this Monday to next Sunday**

Birthdays

**David Piper 27th
Geoff Kaye 29th
Lara Barrett 30th
Peter Rawlings 1st Oct**

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Introducing ShelterBox Book Club

a unique community membership designed for Australians who share the love of a quality read.

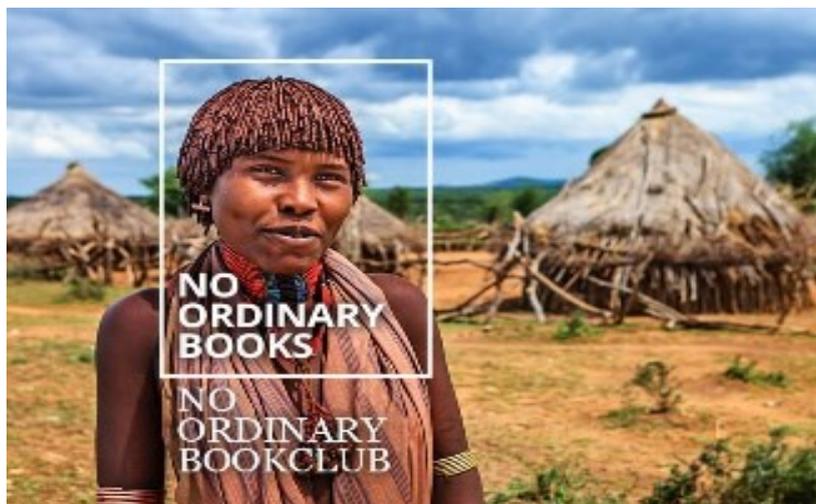
Each member can vote on the next book – a shortlist of 3 books carefully selected by our Head Bookworm, who is always on the lookout for compelling stories from around the world and strong characters with depth.

Join the ShelterBox Book Club community today with a monthly payment to ShelterBox, and you can look forward to diving your eyes into a new, exciting book every 6 weeks. Read along at your own pace and join the discussion online, via our private Facebook group. And with every story you read, you'll be transforming the lives of disaster-hit families around the world.

IT COULDN'T BE EASIER TO JOIN SHELTERBOX BOOK CLUB AND START YOUR MEMBERSHIP. HERE'S HOW IT ALL WORKS:

- ✦ Join today with a monthly payment – *we recommend at least \$10 to support our work around the world*
- ✦ *Receive a welcome email from our Head Bookworm*
- ✦ Join our Facebook group where you will get to vote on the next shortlist of 3 books – *chosen by our Head Bookworm*
- ✦ Purchase your copy of the winning book, or borrow a copy from a friend or your local library.
- ✦ Read along at your own pace – *whenever suits you best.*
- ✦ Take part in the online discussions held on our Book Club Facebook Group – *no spoilers!*
- ✦ Receive regular news and updates on how your membership is helping the lives of disaster hit families.

For information on how to join go to <https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/>



SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Mon 27 Sept RCMM Club meeting - via Zoom with District Governor, Bill Degnan

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT MONTH

Mon 4 Oct RCMM Club meeting - Speaker, Fergus Nutt - History of Mount Martha
 Mon 11 Oct RCMM Board Meeting
 Mon 18 Oct RCMM Club meeting - Speaker, Rev Tim Costello - Pokies on the Peninsula
 Mon 25 Oct RCMM Committee meetings

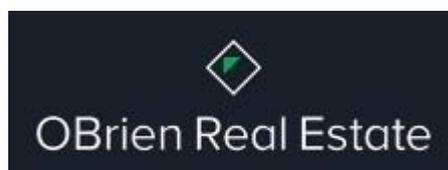
NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Mon 1 Nov RCMM Club meeting - Melbourne Cup Eve
 Mon 8 Nov RCMM Board Meeting - Speaker, Gary Sanford - History of MM Community Bank and Community projects that align with RCMM
 Mon 15 Nov RCMM Club meeting
 Mon 22 Nov RCMM Committee meetings
 Mon 29 Nov RCMM Partners Social evening

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

Mon 6 Dec RCMM Club meeting
 Mon 13 Dec RCMM Board Meeting
 Mon 20 Dec RCMM Christmas Breakup
 Mon 27 Dec No Meeting - Christmas break

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



Rotary Club of Mount Martha Christmas Raffle

This year the Rotary Club of Mount Martha will be conducting a Christmas Raffle. The 1st prize is a Samsung 65cm 4K TV valued at \$1,200, 2nd prize is a \$500 Bunnings voucher, 3rd prize is a \$400 Ritchies IGA and 4th prize is a Christmas Hamper from Mornington Peninsula Hampers (thank you Kate for your generous support) valued at over \$300. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We are planning to sell 3,000 tickets. We are hoping to raise in excess of \$3,500.

All the funds raised will go to the Mount Martha section of the "Peninsula Bay Trail" . The reasons for this decisions are; 1) it is a local project; 2) it links Mount Martha with the other trails; 3) it demonstrates our Club's work in Mount Martha and 4) will provide environmental and ecological outcomes.

The draw will be held outside Ritchies IGA at Mount Martha on Wednesday 22nd December.

You may notice on your travels to the Mt Martha Village that the Bendigo Bank, Mt Martha Newsagency and IGA are selling our tickets also! Paul Clarke to provide A3 posters for windows soon!

My Top 3 ways to sell tickets

- 1 Buy them yourself, and put them inside Christmas Cards
- 2 Ask a local Retailer to sell them on their counter
- 3 Sell them at your Workplace or a friends Workplace

We will put fortnightly updates in the Bulletin to keep all members up to date on how ticket sales are progressing Allocation is 2 books per Rotarian to start with.

Electronic Payments can be made to:

Rotary Club of Mt Martha (Charitable Account)

BSB 633 000

ACC 128 102 126

Don't forget the Raffle and Surname in the Description!

Note. It may be easier to keep cash yourself and simply make an electronic payment to the Club.



Letter from Raffle Donor, Kate Smith (Mornington Peninsula Hampers)

Dear Pat,

It was great chatting with you at the weekend, and as discussed we're so pleased that you've approached us to provide a Christmas Gift Hamper for the Mount Martha Rotary Club.

Our family has had a long association with Rotary and my father Geoff Wight was a member of the Mount Martha Rotary Club for many years. Growing up we hosted a number of exchange students and I recall the Mount Martha Boardwalk was a large project undertaken by the Club at the time with Dad spending many weekends assisting with that wonderful landmark.

I recall he was very proud the day he received the Paul Harris Fellow recognition and also the many functions and celebrations Mum and Dad attended with friends and business colleagues back in the day. Sadly, we lost Dad to pancreatic cancer in 2013 after a brave fight, so it is an absolute honour and pleasure to donate this beautiful gift hamper full of Mornington Peninsula Produce in his memory to the Mount Martha Rotary Club's Christmas Raffle valued at over \$300. It includes:

Trofeo Estate Blanc de Noir Sparkling
Montalto Pennon Hill Shiraz
Ridge Estate Garlic Infused Olive Oil
Ridge Estate Caramelised Balsamic Vinegar
Ridge Estate Original Dukkah
Ridge Estate Black Olive Dip
Joanne's Handmade Christmas Cake (proceeds to Forgotten Cancers)
Grandma's Puddings Christmas Pudding
Grandma's Pudding Brandy Sauce
Red Hill Cookies Chocolate Truffles
Red Hill Cookies Yoyos
Woolumbi Farm Roasted Pepper, Chilli & Tomato Relish
Cuvee Amphora 65% Dark Chocolate
Cuvee Blanc De Caramel
Peninsula Nut Co Salted Pistachios
Peninsula Nut Co Salted Mixed Nuts
Premium Black Gift Box & Gift Card

Many thanks again Pat, I hope this is everything you need, but just let us know if you require anything else. We can have this delivered whenever you need it.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards

Kate Smith

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Mornington Peninsula Hampers

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HAMPERS

RORP REBRANDING

Over the past few months, the RORP Founder and District Coordinators have discussed and agreed on a subtle change to the RORP Branding.

RORP is still RORP, however the full title is now:

Rotary Overseas Relocated Playgrounds

The main reason we decided on this small change is the environmentally negative aspects of the word "Recycled" rather than the more neutral wording of "Relocated". Regardless of the environmental aspect, the word "Relocated" more accurately identifies what we actually do within the RORP program.

We also thought the perception of others is important as to what we do with these playgrounds, when for instance they see the RORP Trailer heading along the freeway stacked with a playground onboard. is it heading to Sims Metal for mulching and recycling?

RECYCLING VS RELOCATING:

Relocating ensures that the program:

Maximises the reduction in the Carbon Neutrality equation (Smaller Carbon Footprint)

Minimises' any Recycling (by relocating)

Minimises' (if not eliminates) the local use of Land Fill (Plastic and wooden components remain intact)

"Relocating" reflects a positive contribution to the various Environmental Polices, including the initiative of Rotary International with our 7th Area of Focus – Environment.

Rob Davies has taken the initiative by asking Progress Signs to adjust that one word on the rear of the RORP Trailer.

Wayne Jenkins
Project Coordinator
Rotary Overseas Relocated Playgrounds (RORP)
District 9820



DISTRICT 9820 CONFERENCE 2022

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

District Governor Bill Degnan and Judy, together with the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central, invite you and all your members to come and join us in beautiful Traralgon, where the D9820 Conference will be held on the weekend of February 25-27, 2022, in the new Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

Registrations are now open, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the Valley for a Conference filled with inspiration, fun and fellowship.

This conference will focus on environmental sustainability and what part Rotary can play.

We also have Dr. Fiona Wood, AM FAHMS, as our keynote speaker. Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive **Surgeon** and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine. Professor Wood's greatest contribution and enduring legacy is her work pioneering the innovative 'spray-on skin' technique, which greatly reduces permanent scarring in burns victims.

Friday activities will be a Golf tournament, a winery tour and self-drive drive tours of the beautiful Latrobe Valley.

Saturday night's 'Celebration 101' will be a dinner dance at Morwell's Kernot Hall, where we will be entertained by The Baker Boys. Dress code is 'Cocktail', so bring out your pretty party dresses and suits for a night of fun.

Further information about our speakers, tours and entertainment will be posted on the District Conference Facebook page and the District Website.

Thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsors, Maryvale Private Hospital and Latrobe Health Services, and Latrobe City Council, for their support and assistance.

We look forward to seeing you all in February 2022

DG Bill, Judy and the Conference Committee

Click on this link for registrations: - [Welcome | District 9820 \(rotary9820.org.au\)](https://www.rotary9820.org.au)

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