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## PRESIDENT CAROL'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

### Last week's meeting

Last week we were joined by Fergus Nutt whose family have lived and worked in the area for 3 generations and have been here since 1915. Fergus shared his family's history as well as many interesting facts about Mt Martha over the last 150 years.

Mount Martha has its roots dating back to the 1840s when the township's major role was that of farming. The Briars Homestead in the town's east was constructed from 1848 to 1851 and was used by Alexander Balcombe until 1876 as he farmed the land surrounding it and tended to 100 acres (0.40 km<sup>2</sup>) of vineyards. The homestead was named after the lodging of the same name in Saint Helena. Dame Mabel Brookes collected Napoleonic memorabilia which was also donated to the Mornington Peninsula shire; some is on display at the house.

In 1890, the Martha Hotel, designed by architects Tappin, Gilbert and Dennehy was constructed in a Federation Queen Anne style. Today, the building now known as Mount Martha House serves as a community centre and is Victorian Heritage listed. As the population grew, Mount Martha Post Office opened around 1902.

During the Second World War, Mount Martha's Balcombe Creek camp hosted the Corps' 1st Marine Division in late 1942 following their involvement in the Battle of Guadalcanal.<sup>[7]</sup> After the conclusion of the war, it was progressively relocated or demolished until 1999. The area is now known as Balcombe Estuary and has barbecue facilities (including an open fireplace) as well as a children's play area in the west, and residential allocations were made in the east. Also during the Second World War, Mount Martha House had extensive use by the military and functioned as a Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC) barracks up until 1978.

### Peninsula Trail - Message from Ross Kilborn

As you know we launched a Facebook page last Monday for the Peninsula Trail. Pretty good and interesting results so far, its reached 1650 people, of that 260 actually engaged with the page. Amongst the Rotary clubs, groups and people who shared it, was our Mayor (Despi O'Connor).

This FB Page is good exposure for all of Rotary.

Today's (Thursday) post is about the Baxter – Somerville section and Somerville – Tyabb Rotary Club's project space. There will be a new post every few days. (please if you have something you would like included please send it through to Ross or Steve)

So please keep up the good work of sharing this through your own FB page, newsletters, website etc, so consider this the noticeboard for all the Cubs' initiatives and the developments of the Peninsula Trail

You can help by;

- sharing this to your club Facebook page
- making this known to any colleagues, members and encouraging them to share it, follow etc
- sending any updates or newsworthy post .... especially those related to your initial project.

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

**11th October 2021**

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

**Birthdays  
Nil**

**Wedding Anniversaries  
Nil**

**Rotary Anniversaries  
Valerie Lyons 8/2018**

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### Environment

As you know we have no meeting this Monday 11th October, however there is an interesting Webinar on the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. If you are interested please register to join this group (Secretary Lara sent all the details in an email to members last week, you do have to register to receive an invitation to attend).

**Dr. Mahendra Kumar: A firsthand account of what happens  
at the UN Climate Change conference, presented by RCS Climate Action Group.  
Monday 11 October 7, 2021 at 5.30pm**

### Rotary Against Malaria (RAM)

Last month our Club donated \$2,000 towards the fight against Malaria in Vanuatu and these funds were doubled by RAM to \$4,000 so I was very interested and pleased to hear on the ABC News this week that the vaccine for malaria which has been in development and piloting has now been finally approved.

Malaria is a deadly parasite that invades and destroys our blood cells to reproduce, and it's spread by the bite of blood-sucking mosquitoes. Drugs to kill the parasite, bed-nets to prevent bites and insecticides to kill the mosquito have all helped reduce malaria, but the greatest burden of the disease is felt in Africa, where more than 260,000 children died from the disease in 2019.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has now recommended widespread use of the RTS,S malaria vaccine among children in sub-Saharan Africa and in other regions with moderate to high *P. falciparum* malaria transmission. The recommendation is based on results from an ongoing pilot programme in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi that has reached more than 800 000 children since 2019.

***"This is a historic moment"***. The long-awaited malaria vaccine for children is a breakthrough for science, child health and malaria control," said **WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**. "Using this vaccine on top of existing tools to prevent malaria could save tens of thousands of young lives each year." Malaria remains a primary cause of childhood illness and death in sub-Saharan Africa. **See RAM article of page 6 of this Bulletin.**

It's great to see that we, the Mount Martha Rotary Club, have contributed to this great achievement. Hopefully we will soon see our Covid vaccination program reach its double vaccinations of 80% so that we can all resume a "normal" life here in Melbourne.

Stay Well and Stay Safe and enjoy our days of spring sunshine

President Carol



**OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

- Mon 11 Oct UN Climate Change Conference Webinar @ 5.30pm (see Email earlier this week)
- 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 Club Meeting - Annual General Meeting @ 6.30pm, then @ 7pm with 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

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF MT. MARTHA Inc.**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Mount Martha Inc. will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.30 pm via Zoom**

**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, Mount Martha Newsagency and IGA Supermarket 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.

**Ticket sales banked to date (9/10/21) have been \$417.**

**Keep selling, so we can realise our profit of \$3,500 towards the Peninsula Bay Trail.**



## 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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## UPDATE ON "END MALARIA IN VANUATU – FOR GOOD" ROTARY GG2014632

### Introduction

The Rotary Global Grant 2014632 was approved in December 2020 and is managed by PDG Lindsay Ford NZ 9910 and Southern Region RAM Supervisor Gloria Hargreaves D9810. The Grant project is funded through Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), Southern Region RAM RAWCS Project 104-2019-20, and District Designated Funds from DNZ9910, D9790, D9800, D9810, and D9820

The objective of the Rotary GG2014632 "End Malaria in Vanuatu – For Good" is to train and equip a team of twelve National Indoor Residual (IRS) spraying trainers for Vanuatu.

### Project Updates

Southern Region RAM is pleased to report that two activities have been completed.

- Dr David Zinyengere, the International Master Trainer for IRS Training was contracted as a short-term IRS Consultant and he has completed the five-day refresher training for two local Master Trainers in Vanuatu. Dr David has also developed valuable training materials as part of this activity.
- Ten sprayers and attachments have been purchased and shipped to Vanuatu

Unfortunately, the next step which is the training of local trainers has had to be delayed due to activities associated with COVID-19 but it is hoped this activity will be implemented in the near future

Despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19 preparedness, in Annual Parasite incidence was just 1.7 per 1,000 population. One challenge however to the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, is the gaps remaining in human resources in key posts at National and Provincial levels.

Southern Region and New Zealand will continue to raise money via <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20> for the Malaria Elimination Program in Vanuatu and sincerely appreciate the contributions made by Rotary Clubs and Individual Rotarians.

For more information on the Vanuatu Project, please contact: [ramsouthern@rawcs.org.au](mailto:ramsouthern@rawcs.org.au)

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Interim National RAM Secretary  
SR RAM Supervisor

Geographical Reconnaissance (GR) that supports Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) in Talea



## Rotary International District 9820 Foundation Bulletin

**1. YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES:**

Today, 19 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

**2. YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE:**

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for all.

**4. YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS:** The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.

**5. YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY:**

Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.

**TAKE ACTION** How can you get involved?

Start your own club fundraiser, then register your event. More details can be found at:

**Raise for Rotary** You can start a fundraiser as either an individual or a team

[<Click here >](#) to find out more

