



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Hi everyone

We are all anxiously waiting for Sunday . It looks likely that Dan Andrews will remove some of the Covid 19 restrictions, hopefully at least the 5km restriction at least.

My thoughts for this week

Presidents Plea

Thank you!, Thank you!, Thank you!. Members have heard my plea and have donated \$1320 as at Thursday 15/10 and this will go a long way to help us complete our budgeted projects. If you haven't already please consider sharing your savings and making a donation when you are next doing your internet banking. BSB 633-000 Acct Number: 128102126. Tag: Your name.

Bay Trail

You will have read that our honorary member and mayor ,Sam Hearn is not standing for re-election. I'm pleased to announce that Sam has agreed to join Steve Daly and our Bay Trail Team which will help us enormously in our dealings with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Thank you Sam.

Ritchie's Cards.

RCMM is a registered recipient of benefits. Recipients earn 0.5% of your purchases at any Ritchie's store...Mt Martha, Dromana, Mt Eliza or wherever. Please either pick up a new card , go to the IGA website and link the card number to RCMM or download an App from your App store. I know not everyone shops at IGA but I thank those who do....every little bit helps.

RI Foundation

For those that aren't aware we commit to pay \$100 per member into our Foundation each year ,that's \$4500 this year or \$100 of your \$280 club dues. Up to \$2500 of this money is available to clubs in District Grants. As a principle we endeavour to apply for a District Grant every year and budget accordingly. Grants are available for both Local and International projects on a dollar for dollar basis.

Virtual Christmas Party – Monday 21 December

Our Christmas Party will be a practice run for our Virtual Gala Event in the New Year. You will have all received your questionnaire seeking your preference for what sort of event you would prefer and indeed be comfortable with. Please take the time to think about the options and drop an email to Carol (email ecna1011@icloud.com) It's important that the planning team know what club members want so that we can plan an event that we can all enjoy. It will be different but as they say at Aldi... Good Different! [See page 5 of this Bulletin for the questionnaire.](#)

Program – Monday 19/10

We were set to hear from Carol Allen and Jenny Ibbotson from RC Newlands (Cape Town) about their Rotary Friendship visit to Mumbai but unfortunately Jenny has had a fall and broken her shoulder and so their joint presentation has been postponed to a date to be decided. On Monday we'll hear from Captain RORP ,Wayne Jenkins about the RORP Journey. RORP is now a RCMM signature project and indeed a District supported project. Be sure to zoom in and hear about where we are now and where RORP wants to be in the future.

Cup Eve – Monday 1/11

We are waiting on what happens Sunday but hopefully we can do a social Beer and Pizza/Wine & Takeaway (delivered by Pat Morton....maybe). A bit of fun . A few sweeps.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday

Cheers....President Roger

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My Life in Coronavirus World - Peter Rawlings

During the first wave, Lyn and I were fortunate to have our daughter Kate and our two Granddaughters Charlotte and Ellie over from Adelaide for seven weeks. This preoccupied us and whilst it was sad to see them go in mid-May, I was busy finishing up the Rotary year and we knew it wouldn't be too long before we would get to see them again! Hmmm, how wrong we were!

When it comes to television, I enjoy my sport – particularly, AFL footy and NRL rugby, and anything with even a slight political flavour to it. But with both sporting codes in hibernation for part of that first wave and not much on the political front other the fight against COVID19, I did something I have never done before. I watched the entire 52 episodes of Downton Abbey together with the Film and became a Downton Abbey tragic! Brilliant acting and storyline, the final episode coincided with the end of lockdown back in June. Lyn and I have watched many movies as well including The Current War, The Professor Madman, A Rainy Day in New York, 1917, The Good Liar, The Two Popes – just to name a few!

Life has become very much Zoom orientated for me with Rotary, political meetings, and various board and client meetings. Seated at my desk pondering life looking out at my back garden has become very much the new norm for me.

Being a people person, I miss the engagement with family and friends, including fellow Rotarians and those I meet through my work and other community interests. But thank goodness for the likes of Zoom, FaceTime the mobile phone and social media to keep us connected.

Also, being the political junkie that I am, cynicism and frustration has crept in at the way the second wave developed and has been handled since early July. Unhealthy and unhelpful to character, I have taken the approach it's better to ride it out, relax and get on with life the best way possible.

So many of us in Rotary have been in the same boat, unable to see family and friends and confined to home and living under the same restrictions. I have been encouraged by the resilience of our Club Members and the attitudes we have maintained throughout this challenging past six months.

As I say to Lyn each night, "we are one day closer to seeing the girls!" It has also been another glorious home and away – or should I say, away series and start to the Finals - for my beloved Richmond Tigers and Melbourne Storm which has been helpful for the spirit and mindset too.

But most of all, my faith in God and Humanity is what drives me each day and we can be very thankful for what we have and what we have to look forward to. We really do live in an amazing community here on the Mornington Peninsula.



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

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

- Mon 19 Oct RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom with presentation on RORP (Wayne Jenkins)
- Mon 26 Oct RCMM **Board** Meeting via ZOOM - **NO CLUB MEETING**

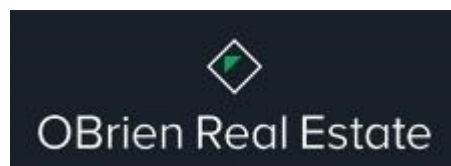
NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- Mon 2 Nov RCMM **Club** Meeting via Zoom - Melbourne Cup Eve—more details to come
- 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 page 5 of this Bulletin for a questionnaire to complete and return to PE Carol Allen).

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





WORLD POLIO DAY 2020

Global Citizen in partnership with RESULTS Australia, UNICEF Australia, Rotary International and Polio Australia is leading Australian civil society organisations' advocacy efforts to ensure polio eradication remains front and centre on the agenda of key policy and decision makers, particularly Government and Parliamentarians. Along with Canberra Rotarians, we co-host an annual event at Parliament House to honour World Polio Day and demonstrate the support in the community for the end polio campaign. We want to see Australia's proud history of leadership on polio eradication efforts continue to ensure we see the end of polio for those living in PNG and our Pacific region, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. In 2020, we're taking the event virtual, and we would love to invite Rotary clubs around Australia to participate in the fun!

WAYS AUSTRALIAN ROTARY CLUBS CAN PARTICIPATE

1. CREATE & SHARE A VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING YOUR CLUB'S END POLIO NOW ACTIVITIES



Create a short 30 second video featuring your club's End Polio Now activities and funds raised - the more colourful and dynamic, the better! We will then include a few videos in the virtual event, demonstrating the community support amongst Rotarians. We would also welcome captivating photos as well. If you share your video and/or photos on your club's social media channels, Global Citizen will also share and engage from our channels (please tag @GibICznAU). Please submit either to megan.studman@globalcitizen.org by Sunday 11 October.

2. RSVP TO ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL EVENT AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER



6.30 - 7.30pm, Wednesday 21 October
[Register here](#) to receive the link to join the event, then click 'Going' to the Facebook event [here](#).
 Please feel free to share and invite others, too!

ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT MARTHA
VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – MONDAY 21/12/2020

President Roger has written in the Bulletin about the ‘Big Event’ Virtual Gala Dinner planned for some time next year, and that if restrictions permit, we will be running the Christmas Party also as a ‘virtual’ event on 21 December 2020. The experience we gain from running the Christmas Party will stand us in good stead for the big event. It will be a virtual dress rehearsal on a smaller scale!

As with all Rotary Club events, virtual or real, we need to get some information from members on possible attendance, and given the ever-changing Covid19 restrictions, we also need to understand what level of participation you would find acceptable and what you would prefer to avoid.

The RCMM 2020 Christmas Party will be held as a virtual event. Individual Rotarians will be appointed as event hosts, and they will host a dinner meeting at their house. The dinner meeting could be BYO/bring a plate, BBQ, take away meal from a restaurant or cafe or more traditional dinner at the hosts discretion. The maximum number of people at any one event will be ten - conditions at the time permitting of course.

The event will have a zoom component during the course of the evening, with traditional welcome by the President. The idea is to have a small number of hosted gatherings at member’s homes with a zoom connection of the gatherings via laptop ,ipad or phone for a portion of the night.or all of the night if those present wish.

So to help with our event planning, please complete the following very short questionnaire and return it to Carol Allen (email ecna1011@icloud.com) by **31/10/2020**.

Would you prefer to attend:

1. By staying at your own home and attending as a single/couple.
2. Attending at a hosted event – 4 to 10 participants depending on Covid 19 restrictions and participants preference.

Would you prefer:

3. BBQ
4. Traditional dinner provided by host
5. BYO and/or bring a plate
6. Take away meal

and finally.....

10. Would a cost per head of \$25 be acceptable?

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!

A message from the Commonwealth Department of Health regarding simple steps to help stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Community.

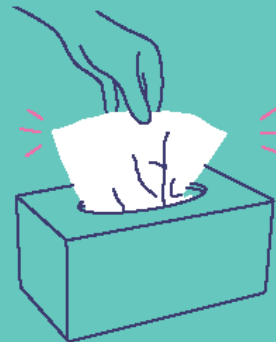
Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



**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.**

WORK

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it — mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, I tried being a Chef – figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but anyway I sliced it.... couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Gymnasium, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian – until I realized there was no future in it.
15. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
16. SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

THE POLISH DIVORCE

A Polish man married a Canadian girl after he had been in Canada a year or so and, although his English was far from perfect, they got on very well, until the day he rushed into his lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him – 'very quick'.

The lawyer said that the speed for getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances and asked him the following questions:

- LAWYER: "Have you any grounds?"
 POLE: "Ja, Ja, an acre and half and a nice little home with three bedrooms."
 LAWYER: "No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?"
 POLE: "It is made of concrete, brick and mortar."
 LAWYER: "I mean, What are your relations like?"
 POLE: "All my relations are in Poland".
 LAWYER: "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"
 POLE: "Yes, we have hi fidelity stereo set and DVD player."
 LAWYER: "No, I mean, does your wife beat you up?"
 POLE: "No, I'm always up before her."
 LAWYER: "Is your wife a nagger?"
 POLE: "No, she white".
 LAWYER: "Why do you want this divorce?"
 POLE: "She going to kill me".
 LAWYER: "What makes you think that?"
 POLE: "I got proof".
 LAWYER: "What kind of proof?"
 POLE: "She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at the drug store and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read..... it says, 'Polish Remover'."