



This week is Committee meetings week,  
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details of where your Committee is meeting.

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## PRESIDENT CAROL'S WEEKLY THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Welcome to my second "Thoughts and Reports"

**Service for Change.** Area of Focus for July- Leadership

Each month Rotary International (RI) has designated Areas of Focus and Janet Pugh who is coordinating the programming of meeting will be trying to have speakers associated with the relevant RI Areas of Focus. Our focus this month is going to be on Leadership. She would really appreciate it if people could assist her in her quest for speakers and share their ideas or contacts with her about potential speaker and she will follow them up. Thanks to those who have already done so.

We made a good start with our first new member for the year. Anne Shaw who has been and still is a significant leader in our community having been Mayor of Mornington Shire Council twice. She introduced herself and told us some very entertaining stories about her family even a few family secrets. She also spoke to us about some of the work that she has done on the Mornington Peninsula over the last 20 years, including exhibiting poultry at poultry show across the country. She was patron of the Community Dogs club, involved with the Life Activities club, on the board of the Regional Waste Management Association and the Mornington Cemetery to name a few. Anne retired from the Mornington Council four and half years ago and is now looking to join Rotary to continue her work in the Community. Her passions are Local Community, Infrastructure, playgrounds, dog parks as well as caring for the coast and fire prevention. I am delighted to have her on board and I'm sure she will soon be heavily involved in some of projects.

### Committee Meetings

I will try and attend at least 2 committee meetings each month and Gordon, Lara, Bill and Chris will also attend different meetings each month so that we are all up to date with how the committees are progressing with their projects.

I would also be keen to get a small group of people say 3 (could be more) to form a social committee to organise our social events on four 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday will be varied with Project reports and some social activities. Please let me or any Board member know if you would like to be involved in keeping our 'fellowship and fun' active and engaging.

### Next week

Next week on 19 July we will be hearing from the Save Arthur Seat Group who will present their concerns about the Hillside quarry development. This should be an interesting meeting and with the Covid restrictions lifted we will again be meeting at The Mornington Hotel.

### Have your say

We will be starting a new section in the Bulletin called "HAVE YOUR SAY" Ray Martin has started it off this week with his comments about the possible merger of Districts 9820/10. These views or comments may then become discussion topics in future meetings, so

*Have a Go* 🚩

**Rotary 4 Way Test**  
**Is it the TRUTH?**  
**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

12th July 2021

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**JULY IS LEADERSHIP MONTH**

- Mon 12 July **RCMM Committee meetings** - Community at Degani's at 7.15am  
 - Membership at The Mornington Hotel (Stratton) @ 6pm  
 - Youth at The Mornington Hotel (Table 1) @ 6pm
- Sat 17 July **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 6**
- Mon 19 July **RCMM Club meeting** - Save Arthur's Seat with Dr Mark Fancett, Prof John Stanley and Michelle de la Coeur
- Wed 21 July **RCMM Committee meeting** - International Committee at the Grand Hotel @ 11.30am
- Sat 24 July **Benton's Square Shopping Centre BBQ - see Roster on page 6**
- Mon 26 July **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
- Sat 31 July **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 6**

**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

- Mon 2 Aug **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
- Mon 9 Aug **RCMM Committee meetings**
- Sat 14 Aug **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 6**
- Mon 16 Aug **RCMM Club meeting** - Nicole Sandford of SAI Home & Community Services - Golf Day Sponsor
- Mon 23 Aug **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
- Sat 28 Aug **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 6**
- Sat 28 Aug **Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 6**
- Mon 30 Aug **RCMM Social meeting** - further details to come from President Carol

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



It is intended to reproduce Award Citations and photos from Changeover in the Bulletin each week this month.

## **ROYCE ABBEY AWARD to Peter Rawlings - 29/06/2021**

The Royce Abbey Award is available to Rotary Clubs wishing to recognise Rotarians showing enthusiasm and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary, by doing so the club contributes AUD\$1,000 to the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund within The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

**Peter Geoffery Rawlings** who Joined Rotary Club of Mt Martha in March 2006 has certainly shown enthusiasm and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary.

Peter has history of Rotary and Community Involvement, commencing through his late father Barry's membership of the Rotary Clubs of Moorabbin and Melbourne.

He joined Rotaract, and was the 1983-84 President Mt Eliza Rotaract and in May 1984 attended Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) (six life changing days)

### **Rotary Club of Mt Martha Service**

2007-08 Director Youth

2007-09 Club Chair of District Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) (3 years)

2008-10 Director Public Relations & Fund raising

2010-11 Pres. Elect. Club Service Director

2011-12 President.

2012-13 Immediate Past President, Youth Director

2012-14 Family of Rotary.

2016-19 Secretary.

2019-20 President. (second time around stood in for Byron Groves)

2020-21 Immediate Past President

2021-22 Membership Director

Attended every District Conference since joining Rotary

### **District 9820 Service**

2010-11 Conference Secretary

2015-16 Conference Chairman

2020-22 Assistant Governor

### **Community Service**

Mt Eliza Fire Brigade member, Ran for Shire Council as a 20 year old,

Initiated the Burnt Toast drop in centre for Mornington youth.

Late in 1984 became involved with Fusion and still is.

In 1990 was introduced to Schools chaplaincy program by Dr David Price In 1996 initiated the now federal-ly funded National Schools Chaplaincy programme.

Awarded as a Knight of St John in recognition of his involvement with his church, school religious instruction and the schools chaplaincy programme.

And all this on top of raising a family, running a successful Financial Planning business, and heavy involvement in his political party.



**Congratulations Peter Rawlings**

## AWARD OF PHF to Lara Barrett

It is with great pleasure that I am able to speak today of the awarding by our club of a Paul Harris Fellow to Lara Barrett. We know that Rotary touched Lara's life quite some time ago when Rotary and other organizations reached out with support in times of need for her and her ailing daughter. These early experiences led Lara to recognizing the value of volunteer organizations and later saw herself on numerous committees and boards of not for profit and local government organizations making significant contributions to each.

In 2009 Lara joined the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza and almost immediately fell into the role of Youth Director charged with running the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) which she did successfully. In this same year she became involved with the RI Multidistrict Shine On Awards Committee as one of the District 9820 representatives. For the past five years she has been its Secretary. We well recall the successful Multidistrict 2016/17 Shine On Awards that our club led by Lara's hosted. A twelve year commitment to a cause close to her heart.

In 2016 Lara joined husband Tom as a member of the Rotary Club of Mount Martha, and has served on our International and Youth committees where she has contributed with her knowledge and experiences. Never one to hold back on her opinion of what is right or wrong. This coming year she steps into our Club Secretary role. We wish her well in that.

Lara Barrett, your commitment to community causes and to our Rotary ideals makes us proud to congratulate you on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations Lara.



## HAVE YOUR SAY - PDG RAY MARTIN

The following are my thoughts on the proposed merger between Districts 9820 and 9810 (see article below reproduced from last week's Bulletin).

When a District has a membership of less than 1100 Rotary International calls for a merger of Districts. Unfortunately District 9810 has fallen below that number.

Should the merger eventuate in 2024 the effect on the Rotary Club of Mount Martha would, if any, be minimal.

Over the past few years there have been Multi District PETS and conferences; District Governors have held meetings with Cluster Clubs and only visited individual clubs on special occasions.

What will happen is that there will be a district of about 2,000 Rotarians?

There will be one District Governor, Secretary & Treasurer. District Committees will remain but will have more members to deal with the increase in club numbers (Over 90 Clubs)

District 9810 is adjacent to District 9820, it is very small geographically but, from my experience has a wealth of Rotary knowledge and experience.

For many years District 9810 won the prize for being the greatest contributor to The Rotary Foundation in spite of being one of the smallest District in Australia.

Knowing some of the people in District 9810 I believe they will fight very hard to get their membership numbers above 1100 by 30/6/2022.

### JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM ROTARY DISTRICTS 9810 and 9820

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Fellow Rotarians,

We write to inform you of a decision made by the Rotary International Board at their June 2021 meeting, the details of which are outlined below and which were conveyed to our Districts late on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**DECISION:** The Board

*agrees to merge District 9810 and 9820 (Australia), effective 1 July 2024 (new district number to be determined), if District 9810 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2022 and requests the districts to submit a Consolidation Plan to the Districting Committee by 1 December 2021.*

In response to this information and following a meeting with the Immediate Past District Governors of both districts on Thursday 1 July, we have taken the following steps:

Held a joint meeting with the District Governors (DG), District Governors Elect (DGE) and District Governors Nominee (DGN) of both Districts to discuss our way forward.

Met separately with our key District Leaders, our Past District Governors and District Boards.

Both District Governors have agreed to work in a collaborative manner on submitting a Consolidation Plan by the due date as requested and will soon establish a Joint Working Party to begin the task.

As with every Rotary District in the world, both 9820 and 9810 will continue to work hard at increasing their memberships in the coming months and we look to all clubs to enact and address their potential and current member engagement and retention plans.

As we move around our Districts in the coming weeks on our official Club Visits, we invite comments and suggestions from you as we work together to respond to this RI Board and Districting Committee decision.

The important day to day work of Rotary in our Districts needs to continue, especially in the context of new Presidents and Boards just beginning their new Rotary year and we look to your support as we work in both Districts to 'Serve To Change Lives.'

Bill Degnan and Daryl Moran

Governors of District 9820 and 9810

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

### BUNNINGS BBQ'S FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY 2021

**8 to 11am**

**11am to 2pm**

**2pm to 5pm**

The 1st named Member on each shift is the Team Leader

#### Saturday 28th August 2021

Wayne Jenkins	Rob Davies	Bill Cummins
Gordon Morriss	John Waterhouse	Valerie Lyons
Byron Groves	Peter Rawlings	Barrie Sweeney
David Wheeler	Roger Annear	Tom Goulding
Tom Barrett	Carol Allen	Ray Martin
Mary McIntyre	Anne Shaw	Jonathan Mayne

#### Saturday 25th September 2021

Wayne Jenkins	Merv Williams	Bill Cummins
Tom Barrett	Carol Allen	Rob Davies
Peter Warren	Bruce Ranken	Byron Groves
Bill Ewing	Bernard Butler	Jonathan Mayne
Steve Daly	Anne Shaw	Greg Buchanan
Roger Annear	Peter Rawlings	Pat Morton

### BENTONS SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE BBQ FOR 24th JULY 2021

**8am to 12noon**

Wayne Jenkins  
Byron Groves  
Bill Ewing  
Steve Daly

**12noon to 4pm**

Peter Warren  
Tom Goulding  
Jonathan Mayne  
Roger Annear

### RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (COMMENCE 9AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1PM)

17th July	Peter Warren	Phyl Scales	Roger Annear
31st July	Bill Ewing	Lara Barrett 2hours Bernard Butler 2hrs	Phyl Scales
14th August	Carol Allen	MMH Community Garden	MMH Community Garden
28th August	Valerie Lyons	Bruce Ranken	Jonathan Mayne
11th September	Bill Cummins	Merv Williams	Rob Davies
25th September	Peter Rawlings	Byron Groves	Ray Martin
9th October	David Wheeler	Wayne Norris	Pat Morton
23rd October	Tom Goulding	John Waterhouse	Steve Daly
6th November	Mary McIntyre	MMH Community Garden	MMH Community Garden
20th November	Paul Clark	Colin Stokes	Gordon Morriss
4th December	Peter Warren	Roger Annear	Byron Groves

For those who have missed our “funnies” they are back again for a few weeks thanks to Phyl Scales

