



PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Last Monday 17 /5

It was great to hear Robyn Ruhl and Lea Care of MMH Community Garden tell us of the journey to establish the garden. It's taken some perseverance. Its now well on the way and gaining support. I urge you to go and take a look. It's in the grounds of the cottage behind Mt Martha House. Just stop by in the rear carpark.

New member – Anne Shaw

After 12 years as an honorary member Anne Shaw has decided to join our club as a full member. Welcome aboard Anne. We will officially welcome me her to the fold on Changeover.

Fusion - Firewood

Wood from Phyl's fallen tree and John Arena (playground contractor) has been cut ,split and delivered to Fusion. Thank you Wayne J ,and your firewood crew.

Village BBQ

Over the last 2 MM Village BBQ's (Saturday's 8th and 22nd May) we have sold 3 bags each time, with profits of \$322 and \$313. The good people of Mt Martha are happy to pay \$3 for a quality Bell's snag. The weather both days was very nice.

Wayne J and others have decided to purchase a gas safety valve for the village gas bottle.

Peninsula Voice Event – 'Is Gambling Harm our Blind Spot?

This event was held at Peninsula Community Theatre on Thursday 20 May with Rev Tim Costello and Sam Hearn. I personally feel on line gambling will be real problem in the future....if not now. The TV ads are concerning. Thank you Tom G for getting the club involved to help with the car parking and raise a few dollars.

House Move – Tim Jolly

Tim is moving from Beleura Hill to Morven Manor on Friday 28/5 at 9.00 and needs a hand. Wayne J, Rob D, Byron G and Tom G are doing the move with the RORP trailer but would welcome a few more hands. Please contact any of these members if you can lend a hand to Tim. It's always good to see Tim's smiling face welcoming us at our meetings.

Meetings.-

There is NO Monday night scheduled meetings for the rest of May...but there are BBQ's!! 'Less meetings,, more Doings'

In June we have the following as we head toward the end of the Rotary year.

Monday 7/6 Meeting at TMH Bio : Ray Martin

Monday 14/6 No Meeting -Queen's Birthday. Committee Meetings that week. Directors to schedule.

Monday 21/6 Club Night – 'Year in Review' by Committee Chairs and Q&A

Monday 28/6 Changeover – TMH

Cheers.....Roger

24th May 2021

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How and why I joined Rotary and why I stayed – Ray Martin

For most of my adult life I have enjoyed being involved with other people and, where needed, giving a helping hand.

I have served on many pre-school and school committees and attended too many working bees. I was Chairman of a committee assisting children with physical and mental difficulties and was lucky enough to raise sufficient funds to install a hydrotherapy pool at their special school. I worked as an honorary probation officer and was president of the Berwick Chamber of commerce and member of the Audit & Ethics committee for the City of Casey.

In the early 1990s I owned an Art Supplies Store and had sponsored the Rotary Club of Berwick's annual Art Show on many occasions. In 1992 I was asked by the Rotarian seeking my continued support if I would like to become a Rotarian. My decision was one of the best I have ever made.

I became a Rotarian in 1992 went on to become President then District Governor, I served on many District 9820 committees including Chairman of the Rotary Foundation introducing the new Foundation "Future Vision" model in 2013/4, and served as Chairman of the Australian Rotary National Insurance Committee

In 2010 I led a Team to India to participate in the National Immunization Day (NID). (Note: 90 million children were immunized that day.) This let me see the ravages and results of Polio, heartbreaking but this strengthened my resolve to continue to try and make a difference.

Along the way I picked up a few awards: Citizen of the Year for the City of Casey, Commonwealth Government Centenary Medal, a number of PHFs and Rotary Foundation Awards but they all pale by comparison with the friends I have made, the difference I hope I have made and the opportunities that Rotary has provided to me.

This is why I stay in ROTARY but why did I join?

I WAS ASKED.



A number of members have asked that Membership Director, Rob Davies' challenge to our Club last week about being asked to join Rotary be reproduced in the Bulletin. It goes along very well with Ray Martin's article on the previous page. Rob's article goes over 3 pages, but is well worth the read.....

“Everybody can be great ... because everybody can serve”
Martin Luther King Jr.

I joined Rotary because somebody asked me ...

Rob Marks pointed this out the other day at a Membership Committee gathering.

Most people join Rotary because somebody asks them.

Not ... many ... people ... wake up one day and say to themselves, ... “I think I'll join Rotary today”!

One of the strengths of Rotary is that we are all different ... every single one of us ... just think about it for a moment ...

We've all got different skills to contribute and we each have unique life stories to tell.

- An ex bank manager and PDG, with the statistical knowledge of a Bruce McAvaney, always available for advice.
- An ex copper who ... it seemed, just quietly rose up the District ranks to have a fantastic year as District Governor ... and continues to give in a wider Rotary capacity.
- The wise one, compassionate and deep thinker.
- The ex florist now sly grog operator, who is solid as rock.
- The accountant who's given so much to this club and the Rotary District over so many years.
- There's a helicopter pilot who brings his engineering skills to dismantle playgrounds and, more importantly, standardise a process that enables people in a different country, speaking a different language, to put them back together again.
- A financial planner who, God only knows how, and I say that advisedly, manages to compartmentalise his extremely busy life in a number of areas, to give time to Rotary.
- An Aged Care executive who brings care and empathy combined with her business skills.
- The tooth fairy that brings a smile to all his patients.
- The former Post Master, real estate and Body Corporate manager, who guides us with insightful common sense.

I could go on ... I'm sorry you've missed out ... but you get my drift.

This ... is ... fundamental to what Rotary was all about when it was founded by Paul Harris and his mates in Chicago in 1905.

And we continue to contribute our skills to change the world. Yes ... we can ... and we have.

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And so it is that a year or so ago we at RCMM decided that it would a good idea to encourage members to bring projects to the table ... a bottom up process ... that is ... to quote an article by RI Director Elect Jessie Harman from Ballarat

“to **Grow Rotary**, we need engaged members in member-centric clubs. We need to ensure that all our members feel welcome and involved, and that they are enjoying their Rotary experience. Most importantly, we need to build our clubs around our members, rather than trying to make our members fit our clubs.”

Today, people are looking for fulfilment according to their own needs. It can be cultivating friendships, doing something different to their daily routine, sharing their skills and knowledge with others or simply volunteering as a way to forget about their troubles for a while.

Which ever way ... people seek to enhance their lives ... it is a safe bet that Rotary can provide most of what they seek.

We’re just beginning the Covid-19 vaccinations throughout Australia.
Rotary has been vaccinating children all around the world in some of the worst hot spots and war zones. Starting in 1979, Rotary set out to rid the world of Polio. And we’ve got just ... that far to go.

We are A-political and A-religious.
Is it any wonder that Rotary is often the first on the scene around the world.
Because ... Rotary is a world-wide trusted organisation.
Rotary helped to Charter the United Nations, for heaven’s sake.

With women being welcomed into Rotary Clubs around the world, there are today well over 200,000 female Rotarians, working alongside their male club members, to serve their community. The current International President-Elect is Jennifer Jones, who will be the first woman to lead the organisation when she becomes RI President in 2022/23.

In preparation for this I Googled “Reasons To Join Rotary” and stumbled on a newsletter from RC Geelong East, which had a YouTube talk by a bloke called **Patrick Galvin**. He is an eloquent speaker, almost evangelical ... and so he put it across very well, but ...

He said ... that instead of appealing to people’s altruistic feelings about volunteering, we should simply appeal to their selfish reasons.

Which ties in wonderfully to what I wrote in my recent contribution to our own Bulletin ... thank you Byron.

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My reasons for accepting an invitation to join Rotary were simple, and possibly, though it might sound contradictory, of a selfish nature. Every day we are asked to contribute to one organisation or another and for years I had resisted with such excuses as “where’s the money going?” - “how much is going to admin?” There came a time, however, when I began to realize that by just a simple accident of birth I happen to be living amongst some of the luckier people on this earth.

I was grateful that I could now give some of my time “to serve others through Rotary” and in doing so relieve my conscience!

In his YouTube video - Patrick Galvin went on to say:

Would you be interested in a medicine that reduces stress, increases happiness and makes you live longer?

What if I told you that medicine is free and that there are no negative side effects?

The medicine that I’m talking about is not packaged as a pill, powder or potion.

Rather it’s delivered to your body and mind through your service to others.

And he further outlined the clear and compelling evidence that points to the physical and mental benefits of being of service to others.

Health, Longevity, Tranquillity, Friendship, Happiness

And so ... in short ... Volunteering makes you happy!!!!!!

But what about the annual fees, I hear you say?

You pay \$300 a year to volunteer?!!!!!!

It’s easy to counter that.

I simply say that a proportion of that goes to The Rotary Foundation and it is my way of clearing my conscience.

And when we get one of those ‘phone calls at dinner time, Chris and I simply say:

“No, sorry, we give through Rotary.”

In the past 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has given away \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

So here we are ... a club of 41 members ... down from 45 this time last year.

But it’s not all doom and gloom ... we are a very healthy club ... with lots going on for members to get involved in.

But the more members we have ... and the more diverse our skills are ... the more we can do.

And finally ...

I would point out that my own record of sponsoring new members in 40 years has been woeful.

But I would always seem to get hung up by the process and protocols that were instilled from my early years.

People would balk at the annual fee ... the attendance rules used to be onerous ... etc, etc.

So I’m suggesting that we all go out there, talk to people, and tell them:

Volunteering makes you happy!

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Mon 24 May No **Club** Meeting this week
 Sat 29 May Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
 Mon 31 May No **Club** Meeting this week

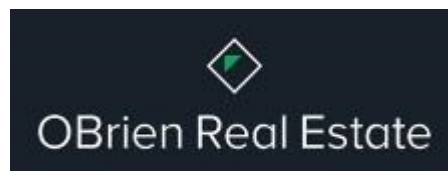
JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Tue 1 June RC of Seaford Carrum Downs 50th Anniversary Dinner - see page 6
 Fri 4 June RI Environmental area of Focus Launch - see page 7
 Sat 5 June MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 7 June **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
 Sat 12 June Bentons Square Shopping Centre BBQ - see Roster on page 5
 Mon 14 June No Meeting - Public Holiday
 Sat 19 June MM Sausage Sizzle
 Mon 21 June **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
 Sat 26 June Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
 Sun 27 June District 9820 Changeover Lunch - see page 8
 Mon 28 June RCMM Changeover at The Mornington Hotel

JULY HAS NO SPECIAL DESIGNATION

Mon 5 July **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
 Sat 10 July Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
 Mon 12 July **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA

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



ROTARY IN THE COMMUNITY

Golf Day – Friday 14 May

Whilst the weather wasn't kind to us we still raised \$10,000, a \$3000 improvement on 2019 . A fantastic effort . With special thanks to Major Sponsors SAI Home Care and Mount Martha Community Bank. Thanks to the Golf Day Committee, Bill Branthwaite, Tom Goulding, Bill Cummins and every other club member involved. The weather certainly tested your resolve.

A variety of photos taken by our Club photographers on the day are below.



ROTARY IN THE COMMUNITY

Firewood for Fusion - the Delivery

FUSION were most gratefully to Phyllis and John for the donated two tonnes of firewood.

Bill Cummins, Rob Davies and Wayne Jenkins delivered and stacked this load this week. This totals about 3.5 tonnes of firewood processed by the MM Rotary Club for FUSION so far this season, with another load available when storage space becomes available.



The Rotary Foundation Centurion Club

Thank you to those who have renewed their Centurion Club contribution this year. There are a number of Centurions yet to recommit. I urge you all to continue your support of the Rotary Foundation and its work. **NOW** is the time for members to renew their Centurion Club contribution or perhaps even making a double contribution in this time of worldwide need. "Just \$100 per year for as long as you are able to". I wish to make the payment through to the Foundation at the end of May so we have a couple of weeks to make good.

For those members yet to become a Centurion forms are available from PP Roger Annear. Treasurer Gordon can accept your contribution on the Club's Electronic Square machine or by direct bank contribution to RC Mt Martha Club A/c BSB 633-000, Acc. 126265388. Please note your name and advise Roger Annear by email when completed.

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 29th May 2021

Wayne Jenkins
Peter Rawlings (until 10.30am)
Mary McIntyre
David Wheeler
Bruce Ranken

Rob Davies
John Waterhouse
Gordon Morriss (from 10.30am)
Roger Annear
Carol Allen

Bill Cummins
Phyl Scales
Barrie Sweeney
Tom Goulding
Roger Skipsey

Saturday 26th June 2021

Merv Williams
Tom Barrett
Lara Barrett
Peter Warren
Byron Groves

Peter Rawlings
Carol Allen
Bruce Ranken
Jonathan Mayne
David Price

Bill Cummins
Rob Davies
Phyl Scales
John Waterhouse
Greg Buchanan

Saturday 10th July 2021

Wayne Jenkins
Gordon Morriss
David Wheeler
Steve Daly
Mary McIntyre

Peter Rawlings
Wayne Norris
Bill Ewing
Bernard Butler
Tom Goulding

Bill Cummins
Roger Annear
Barrie Sweeney
Pat Morton
Phyl Scales

BENTONS SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE BBQ FOR 12th JUNE 2021

8am to 12noon

Wayne Jenkins
Byron Groves
Jonathan Mayne
Steve Daly

12noon to 4pm

Bill Cummins
Tom Goulding
Bill Ewing
Roger Annear

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

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.

5th June	Wayne Jenkins	Pat Morton	Peter Warren
19th Jun	David Wheeler	Phyl Scales	Greg Buchanan

Rotary Club of Seaford - Carrum Downs Invitation

Please join us to celebrate our 50TH ANNIVERSARY



VENUE: International Motel Panorama Function Room

Date: Tuesday 1ST June

Time: 6:30 for 7PM. Start

Cost: \$38.00 for a two course dinner & refreshments at bar prices.

R.S.V.P. by 24TH May 2021

Peter Harris

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Please Note:

- For Direct Payments Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Ac. No 110526761
- The venue is upstairs and there is no lift.
- Please make your booking early as places are limited

This is the last chance to book for this 50th anniversary event.

ENVIRONMENTAL AREA OF FOCUS LAUNCH

Rotary International has adopted 'Protecting the Environment' as the new Area of Focus. So you are invited to the Australia/New Zealand zoom Launch of this new Area on Friday 4th June – the day before World Environment Day – at 6pm AEST/UTC+10.

The launch will feature PRIP Ian Riseley and PDG Juliet Riseley, Dr Roger Blakeley from Wellington NZ and Prof Leslie Hughes from Macquarie University, Sydney.

We would ask you to distribute the details of this launch with this registration: <https://www.esraganzpi.org/environment-aof/> to all members of your Club.

During the launch, there will be a showcase of Environmental projects already underway in New Zealand, around Australia (in most States) and the South Pacific, so some of your Districts will be featured.



Environment Area of Focus Launch

Friday June 4th: 6:00pm - 7:15pm AEST

Interviews, Project Videos and Speed Networking from around the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands region



Prof. Lesley Hughes

Lesley is Professor and Pro Vice-Chancellor at Macquarie University. Her research has mainly focused on climate change and its impact.



Ian & Juliet Riseley

Ian was Rotary Intl. Past President 2017/18.
Juliet is a PDG of D9810



Dr. Roger Blakeley

In 2015 Roger was the chief architect of the Auckland City Plan Blueprint. He is currently a councillor at Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Register Today for this free Zoom Forum: <https://events.humanitix.com/environment-aof>

More info on the programme: www.esraganzpi.org/environment-aof



Governor Mark Humphries & Linda

together with

Governor Elect Bill Degnan & Judy

warmly invite

Rotarians, Partners and Friends

to celebrate the

**Rotary International District 9820 Changeover
on Sunday 27th June 2021 - 12.00n for 12.30pm**

at the Italian Australian Club,

499-501 Princes Drive, Morwell

**Cost: \$45.00 per person inclusive of two course luncheon, welcome
drink, (drinks thereafter at bar prices), tea & coffee**

Dress: Smart Casual

**RSVP your acceptance and any dietary requirements to:
District Secretary Elect, PDG Don Ripper - ripper@netspace.net.au or Text 0429 440 468
(If you are paying for a table, or on behalf of your club, please list all attendees)**

By 16th June 2021

There is a COVID-19 limit of 160 persons for the venue (first in best dressed)

**Payment by Electronic funds transfer at time of RSVP.
Account Name: Rotary International District 9820
BSB: 633 000 Account number: 136773942
Reference: CO21 & name & initial**

Please come and share our celebration!