



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**President
Neil Watt**

As I put fingers to the keyboard I wonder how time flies.

It is now about 10 weeks since my induction as President of our Rotary Club. What has happened during this time?

I stated my primary objective was to increase membership by 30 th December as a way of setting a target review date for my plan and the Club in general.

I stated we would discontinue with the BBQ at the Bundoora market but certainly continue with the market and also continue with providing BBQ facilities to the Banyule Council, Polytech and other community requests.

Our committees including International, Vocation and Community would continue under the leadership of the respective Chairs.

Fundraising was to be directed towards Community based projects but at all times Vocation and International were not to be placed on the back burner.

How things have changed.

I believe members thought we would be back to weekly dinners, normal fundraising events and in general provide support to our Committees.

We have managed one face to face meeting and weekly meetings and committees have settled into Zoom meetings.

On a positive note attendance has been great and I believe the Club is positive going forward under these changed conditions.

We have had 2 prospective members attend a Zoom meeting and we have welcomed back a new member.

The Community committee have created a project to publish a web based publication called the Banyule Community News.

This project will have a number of benefits.

1. provide an information bulletin to the City of Banyule residents.
 2. Engage all members in collecting the reports from govt services, sporting clubs, schools, local retailers and industry.
 3. Enable some members to learn new skills in publishing.
 4. Enable fund raising through advertising in a future time when trading conditions resume to "normal"
 5. Promote our Rotary Club within our community.
 6. Encourage readers to consider joining our Rotary Club.
- A member last week pointed out that this is a project that all members can be engaged in even if they are physically constrained as it requires only the ability to telephone the services and industries on a regular basis to keep up the momentum of a vibrant information publication.

We are fortunate that the International committee has succeeded in obtaining a RAWCS grant and over the next week or so we will be funding the first stock of desks for the Apex School in Pakistan. In addition we transferred monies to District for the program in Sri Lanka.

Vocation has been plagued with the school shut downs, however, the Chair has been contacting schools on a regular basis.

I am pleased with the range of guest speakers we have had to date and over the next few weeks we will continue with specialist speakers. Again members have been providing leads to our Program Chair to share the load.

I know it is a difficult time for all but if we keep working toward our goals we will succeed and more importantly keep ourselves busy.

The Membership committee has been meeting and it is very constrained at this present time due to lock downs but last evening we met and in consideration of the financial burden prospective members may have we have decided to invite them as guests on a regular basis without necessarily becoming a member at this time.

President Neil



Book Group:
This months read:
A Simpler Time
By
Peter Fitzsimons

Meeting 12th August

When I told Chris Hopkins earlier this week that my computer was safe to use again, I told him that I thought Barrie had done a great job on the report last week. After a momentary pause Chris said, "Actually I wrote it."

My question now is, "To whom do I owe an apology"?

As I read the Report the address given by Martin Moignard led me again to ask myself, "How do so many people manage to fit so much into their lives." Could we recruit some more of them to join this club?

PP Ian Busby was designated Sergeant for the meeting. He proposed a toast to Australia and then our International Toast to the R.C. of Reykjavik, Iceland. I wonder if they're suffering the heat wave that has enveloped the Northern Hemisphere this year? Mind you there's no such thing as climate change.

Susanne Rae made the trip down from Cairns again and was welcomed by President Neil. In his own words he had little to report, but he had attended a D G's meeting by Zoom. It seems that in order to stay afloat R.C. Eltham levy a fee on members for each meeting.

Apologies were received from Stan Gorr, Yevonne Pollock, and Florin Pintile. John Pollock's birthday was noted.

Brian reported that Charles La Trobe college was still in touch with us. He added that he'd been around to check the trailer, the gas and the generator. All done, he washed the trailer so it now sits waiting for the next Sausage Sizzle. Ah Brian aren't we all.

Don Munro told us the Foundation Committee had nothing to report and Peter Little brought us up to speed with the Pakistan project where they are have now sought quotes for the provision of the school desks they need.

The Membership Committee has scheduled a meeting for Thursday evening.

Ian Bushby had heard some tragic news from the Cudgewa fire service. It gave us another reminder that the destruction of property was not the only cause of lingering suffering in the bushfire holocaust just last summer.

Glenda was invited to speak to the proposal to create a local news website. Before she began Gail complimented her on the work she had already done in setting this up. She added that Covid 19 has given us an opportunity to ask, “what service can we offer, and what does our community need?” Chris Bence told us the state SES community officer was very interested in our proposal. He was still to hear from the media manager at the Melbourne Fire Brigade.

Chris Hopkins made the point that the website needs to attract a following and content. In this task every member will need to be involved.

A long discussion took place on the nature of the website and its links to other organisations and businesses.

Ian Bushby made the point that we’d have to establish a protocol for members ‘cold calling’ when soliciting contributions and participation. Glenda agreed to send details to members who should then respond ASAP.

We were reminded that our current book title was “A Simpler Time” by Peter FitzSimons and our next speaker would be Victor Mc Conway, who would speak about Parkinson’s Disease.

Finally, Ian Bushby asked that all members pay their fees. He may have to take more public action if this isn’t done promptly

John Pollock



For an example of what Banyule Community News will look like, check out the following link, banyulecommunitynews.com.au

A bit of Covid relief

1. So let me get this straight, there’s no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitiser and hand soap?
 2. Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.
 3. When this virus thing is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me.
 4. If these last months have taught us anything, it’s that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.
 5. Just wait a second – so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others? You’re kidding, right?
 6. If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal just because we reopen everything, raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.
 7. Another Saturday night in the house and I just realised the trash goes out more than me.
 8. Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald-headed alcoholic.
 9. Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.
 10. The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors:
 1. How dense the population is and
 2. How dense the population is.
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Have you checked out our website lately ?

Next Meeting: Virtual at your place
Wednesday August 19th 7.30pm Start

ZOOM MEETING:
Speaker: Victor McConvey
Learning about Parkinson’s Disease

Chair: Peter Little

You will receive an email invitation from
Treasurer Ian to join the meeting
Follow instructions there in.

Next Meeting: Virtual at your place
Wednesday August 19th 7.30pm Start

ZOOM MEETING:
Speaker: Name TBA
End Hepatitis Now

There will be an intro by a member of the R.C.of Melbourne

Chair: Gail Robertson

You will receive an email invitation from
Treasurer Ian to join the meeting



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