



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**President
Neil Watt**

I must initially thank P P Chris Hopkins for deputising for me at the last meeting due to my last minute cancellation.

I have, like all members, tried to keep myself occupied during this lock down by gardening, reading, zooming, and generally being civil and understanding.

I do need to be careful as I have a small issue with vertigo which can be quite disabling when it strikes hard.

Unfortunately for Sue there are now housekeeping duties I find I am unable to perform such as looking up to dust for cobwebs. Such an action is not pleasant as is any up and down movement of the head.

I must admit this last month I have had relief from the symptoms which have persisted for many months this year and started to undertake jobs that normally I would shun.

Wednesday morning I decided to unpack and assemble a flat pack piece of furniture which took a couple of hours of lifting and lowering my head and in the afternoon I was rewarded with a bout of vertigo which put me to bed.

Fortunately I awoke on Thursday morning and life was ok with no legacy. I am pleased to say I assembled the matching piece of furniture on Friday morning using a table and chair rather than the floor and did not stimulate the vertigo. During the last week I requested Secretary Barrie to write to members to learn what they felt about meetings going forward in relation to Zoom meetings, face to face meetings and social meetings.

I trust you will all respond as we do need to plan for the future even though we do not fully understand what that will be.

I have received a number of phone calls from members indicating their feelings but it is important we all contribute to the discussions.

I also requested Secretary Barrie to report a suggestion from PP Stan Gorr in relation to a Xmas social event on the 16 th December 2020 at an Indian Restaurant in an outdoor under cover venue. It may be members will be more comfortable with a midday event as the weather may be more appropriate at that time than the evening.

Please give considerations to these issues as it is your Rotary Club.

Neil



Meeting 28th October

One advantage of Zoom meetings is the possibility of inviting speakers from otherwise distant locations. So it was with virtual Eleanor Fitz, who joined us all the way from Wodonga.

She was Introduced by Barrie Williams, who briefly outlined her wide career in hospitality and catering training throughout South East Asia and in Canada. Her most recent, and most interesting role has been as a volunteer in training and curriculum design in Bhutan.

Before writing these notes I did some research on Bhutan (Well I looked up my atlas and Wikipedia). This tiny country, (population one million) sandwiched between China and India has had a turbulent history with conflict with Nepal being the major source of tension.

The fact of military conflict was underscored by Eleanor when she described the many forts (dzongs) built in the 14th to 15th centuries that are now used as religious and administrative centres.

The Bhutanese prefer to describe their prosperity in terms of Gross Domestic Happiness rather than GDP. Much of the GDH seems to lie in the protection of traditional cultural practices while accommodating to western values. Discouragement of the use of the Nepalese language has been severe in some cases and rules concerning the adoption of traditional dress codes have been imposed. Despite this, or perhaps because of it the country has been described as “the last Shangri La”.

Modernisation or commercialisation has included the export of water from the Himalayan streams for irrigation in India. and to create Bhutan’s major export in the form of hydroelectricity for the Indian grid.

Another driver of commercial growth is a growth in tourism and this is where Eleanor’s contribution has been made in training and accreditation. One difficulty she had to face was in teaching western notions of housekeeping and cleanliness. She related one story about how her students had great

difficulty in understand why hotel beds had to be changed regularly, even if they weren’t untidy. It seems that European notions of hygiene were unknown and had to be quite explicitly taught. To a large extent there is a commitment to learn particularly in VET type courses. The need to train recruits in tourism and hospitality has led to the establishment of accredited colleges to this end.

To some extent the society is matrilineal in that property is passed on through a mother’s lines, but in village cultural life this isn’t reflected in many other practices. Polygamy is tolerated and the present King has four wives. They are all sisters, so perhaps the advantage is that he only has to deal with one Mother-in Law.

Village life is traditional and simple. Eleanor told of how in one village setting she had to share her bed with mice. Here diet consists of home grown produce including chillies which are fed even to babies. The chillies keep them warm!

Village homes are built on several levels. The ground floor is for animals so the heat they generate rises to keep the houses warm. Other domestic activities are conducted in the upper floors.

In all Eleanor’s presentation was a wonderful glimpse into a society few of us have encountered and are not likely to encounter in the near future.

John Pollock



Book Group:

This Month's Read is

"Secrets"

Author: Sen Mack

Review Tonight Wednesday

04/11/20



160th Melbourne Cup

Sweep winners

Sweep # 1

1st Don Munro
2nd Lauren Tucker
3rd Russell Evans
Last Geoff Palamountain

Sweep # 2

1st Brayden Bushby
2nd Pauline Hopkins
3rd Joan Cox
Last Ron Pearce

Sweep # 3

1st Ian Dengate
2nd David Dyson
3rd Karl Jackson
Last June Fricker

Sweep # 4

1st Chris Such
2nd David Loosmoor
3rd Harry Fricker
Last Sue Watt

1st wins \$135 2nd wins \$45
3rd \$30 Last \$20

Humour in Lockdown

Philosophers Of the 20th Century

Jean Kerr...

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

Prince Philip...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

Harrison Ford...

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

Spike Milligan...

The best cure for Sea Sickness is to sit under a tree.

Arnold Schwarzenegger...

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.

WH Auden...

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

Jonathan Winters...

If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

David Letterman...

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

Robert Benchley...

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.

Old Italian proverb...

After a game of chess, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

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**ZOOM MEETINGS
UNTIL POST COVID**

Wednesdays at 7.30PM

The Austrian Club
78-90 Sheehan Road
West Heidelberg 3081
Phone: 9459 8686

Apologies & Guests notify Treasurer Ian Bushby 0431510110 by 1.00 pm on meeting day,

Have you checked out our website lately ?

Also have you looked at banyulecommunitynews.com ?

Next Meeting: Virtual at your place
Wednesday November 4th 7.30pm Start

ZOOM MEETING:

**Speaker: Dr David Scott and
Dr Ayse Zengin, from the Bone
& Muscle research group
Monash Uni. Dept of Medicine**
Chair: Don Hamilton

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

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Speaker: Nigel Williamson
“Nigel,s Animal Rescue”

Chair: Brian Summers

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