



### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**President  
Neil Watt**

It has been a very interesting week for the Watt family in Queensland.

The Zoom meeting was held with a good attendance and after our guest speaker had concluded his presentation we proceeded to general business.

The Director's reports were limited as Glenda ( Community) had to leave the meeting early because of noise and connection issues emanating from the caravan park she and Keith were staying in.

PP Brian ( Vocation and New Generation) reported that the McLeod Secondary College Incorporated Music group may not fold as PP Don Hamilton was prepared to manage the group although PP Don did indicate he was heavily involved with Ryder Cheshire and would need Club support to take on the responsibility.

The Membership committee had nothing to report. In the absence of PP Don Munro ( International and Foundation) deputy Peter Little reported that his medical contact had decided to donate thru our club and had donated \$2000 as the initial seed funding and he expected a continued contribution. Peter indicated that the fund would be split 3 ways.

1/3 to the Apex School in Pakistan, 1/3 to the Bali Orphanage and 1/3 to sponsor Bali children.

Peter advised that the school was still functioning via online programs although Peter was unsure how due to the lack of computer equipment owned by the students.

Arrangements have been concluded with a face to face meeting at the Barkley's Hotel in Burgundy Street

Heidelberg next Wednesday evening and there will be 4 police officers in attendance.

Members are asked to be in attendance at 6.00 pm and the Peter Toomey nomination award will be held after the main meal.

On the home front this holiday has proven to be quite expensive as we have now had the young schnauser desexed at which on top of the previous vet fees has proven very expensive.

I was concerned about a bubble in the carpet in our bedroom and I visited the company to show them ,via photographs, the problem. They told me to rack off and when I returned home I decided to write a customer complaint on their web site.

Within 10 minutes I received a phone call from the Qld Operations Manager for the company asking for details and photographs.

I did this and I received a reply the next day explaining the effect of environment and atmosphere on carpet in a home that is locked up for a period of time and they would send out a carpet layer at a cost of \$150 as their warranty on installation was for 12 months only.

I thanked them and told them I would find a carpet layer. I did and he visited the same day and found that the underlay on the new carpet was cut too short and they had filled the gap with an off cut of carpet. Obviously I wrote another review highlighting the defect which was not related to the atmosphere and the environment.

I did receive an apology but no offer of compensation. Unfortunately when the carpet layer rectified the problem he found a small water leak from the shower recess and of course I had to get a tiler in to review the problem.

Well it was a membrane failure and a retile of the ensuite followed as well as a few thousand dollars drained from the bank account.

This holiday has not been an asset growth year financially.

Although you would not know there was a Covid catastrophe from a Qld perspective I did observe that when I went out for dinner the other evening my QR app did not work and the staff member said obviously I did not have the new QR Queensland app. When I queried her she said that Qld had developed their own app and it had now been released and I would have to load it. I ask where is the National approach to this Covid disaster ?

Neil



## Report from meeting 10th March 2021

I'll skip the usual formalities and get to the guest speaker for the evening. Nathan Connelly works as a specialist gastroenterologist at Warringal Hospital. The focus for his presentation was bowel cancer and the necessity of bowel cancer screening tests.

This invasive malady is very common in males and is responsible for 1 to 1.3 in ten cases of cancer. It is relatively simple to test for by faecal examination that tests for human haemoglobin. Colonoscopies may follow and this allows for patients to be classified into low, or high risk categories. The results may show developmental polyps, or precancerous anomalies that are really benign tumours that can be excised or monitored over time. More serious are actual bowel cancers that must be treated by surgery.

The short but crucial point is that everyone should take the screening test and be guided by their doctors on any following actions.

Nathan pointed out that the screening program stops at 75 years of age, but I wasn't clear about why that was so. I imagine that it would still be possible on request.

Nathan's second concern was to do with Corona 19. He couldn't have been more emphatic that he will accept whatever vaccine is available. When asked whether he'd take it his very prompt response was "You betcha". Both vaccines have been approved by the TGA which has very strict guidelines. The 'roll-out' will be determined by risk categories. It will reduce cases overall, deaths and very severe disease. It will probably lower the risks of transmission. It's not yet known how long the duration of the vaccine's protection will last, but this will become clearer in time. He is also confident that new developments in Covid variants will occur in time.

There is some degree of public reluctance. Part of this is due to concerns about delays and uncertainty about the roll-out. Nathan told us that we can check our own timelines by Googling and asking "when do I get my Covid vaccine?"

His presentation was all very relevant and timely.

Book Group:  
This Month's Read is  
"THE RUIN"  
Author: Dervla McTiernan

## HUMOUROSITYS

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch. He noticed that they had ordered one meal and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them.

Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap. The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs.

The old gentleman said: "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always and will always be shared, 50/50."

Touched by the beautiful display of love, the young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat. She shook her head kindly and replied: "It's his turn with the teeth."

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I read a book the other day about the invention of Braille. Truly a touching story.

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Apparently Albert Einstein was a real person. I always thought he was a theoretical physicist.



## The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Rotary Club of Rosanna Inc.

## Contact

## Meetings

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**ZOOM MEETINGS  
UNTIL POST COVID**

**Wednesdays at 6.30PM**

**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,**

**Next Meeting: Virtual at your place**  
**Wednesday March 17th 6.00 pm Start**

Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg  
Cnr. Cape & Burgundy ST

**TOPIC: Presentation of the Club  
Peter Toomey Nomination Award .**

**The meeting will commence in the  
Bistro at 6pm and we will move to a  
meeting room at the conclusion of the  
meal**

**Next Meeting: Virtual at your place**  
**Wednesday March 24th 7.30pm Start**

**ZOOM MEETING:**

**Speaker: Ms Soula Bennett**  
**Director of Quantam Victoria &  
Principal of Charles Latrobe College**

**TOPIC: TBA**

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

## Future Fund Raising Events

Bunnings Northland BBQ	Saturday 27/03/21
Bunnings Northland BBQ	Saturday 24/04/21
Bunnings Northland BBQ	Saturday 29/05/21



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**DISTRICT  
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**MARCH IS**

**WATER AND SANITATION  
MONTH**

"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now."  
Jean-Michel Cousteau

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