



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**President
Neil Watt**

During the Zoom meetings guest speakers have generally left the meeting after their presentation. I felt the issues facing the Club at this time were serious and needed to be discussed with some urgency and as we did not have a suitable time frame to hold a Club Assembly I elected to take the action I did. I apologise to the Club if my decision was an embarrassment to the Club.

Unfortunately the general planning discussion did not produce a result and it was decided to review again next week.

A similar problem will arise as we have guest speakers scheduled for the next 3 weeks and we cannot discuss what I believe is a critical time for our Club. Zoom meetings can be very productive but I believe they are very impersonal and do not provide a social or collegiate environment to gauge members reactions. History shows us that some members attend but do not engage during these meeting formats. Face to face meetings are necessary for specific topics and I believe the Club future is one.

The review of the topics of last weeks Rotary business discussion revolved around, membership, election of Board members, lack of Directors reports, the loss of 3 members in the last 6 months, manning levels for Bunnings BBQ's. and the potential farmers market proposal with the City of Darebin, the ability of our Club members to physically support it and lastly the low member attendance at face to face meetings.

We have an average age in the Club around 81/82 and through no fault of any member some have physical limitations either themselves or immediate family which restricts their participation in these types of events.

I have decided we will not review last weeks meeting this week and allow our guest speaker to remain for the full meeting.

Neil

Last Wednesday evening we had Cate Molloy as guest speaker on Aged Care Homes and the Royal Commission recommendations.

At the commencement of the meeting I explained to Cate that after the conclusion of her presentation and question time we would conduct a Rotary discussion and she would be able to leave the meeting beforehand. Unfortunately Cate left the meeting before I had time to thank her and explain the remainder of the meeting structure.

A member believed I told the guest to leave and she did.

This was an embarrassment to our member who requested I write to the guest speaker to thank her for her time.

I did write to Cate and thank her.

This brings us to the point at what stage do we discuss Rotary Club planning issues when we do not have a Club assembly scheduled and we are booked one month in advance.

Do we continue with the guest speaker present, invite the guest speaker to leave before the planning discussion, or in fact delay the planning session until sometime in the future.

It was suggested that we could commence the business session of Rotary Club before the scheduled start time and conclude before the scheduled meeting time.

Historically we have always allowed the guest speaker to stay for the remainder of the meeting with an option for them to leave after their presentation.

Report from meeting 28th April 2021

Sir Henry Barkly welcomed 10 Rotarians (and nearly as many apologies) to hear Cate Molloy speak on Aged Care and the current Royal Commission on the same topic.

Coming from a 25-year nursing background, she spoke of her own experiences in Noosa and the shortcomings of the present conditions which were exemplified in the evidence of neglect presented to the Commission. The horror stories coming from evidence associated with treatment of dementia patients and St Basil's Fawkner supported the need for transparency and supervision which was lacking at present. Not only Service providers had failed their residents, but Government regulators had failed to promptly identify defective practices and eradicate them with audit practices falling far short of best practice.

The issues were complex, and payment of large ingoing payments were no guarantee as the standard of care. She considered that State run facilities had a far better track record than "for benefit" as well as charitable facilities. The solutions, she believed, were removal of casualization from the workforce, better pay and conditions (care workers were paid as little as \$21.00 per hour) and a better educated and more qualified workforce.

Cate hoped that her membership of the activist Group "Aged Care Reform now" would contribute to community understanding of issues which were otherwise only going to deteriorate with one in four in the community likely to be affected by some form of dementia by 2050.

In conclusion, Cate advocated the right of every person to have available to them adequate aged care facilities on a needs basis with an independent Commission similar to Medicare to fund and manage standards.

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Book Group:
This Month's Read is

"THE RUIN"

Author: Dervla McTiernan

HUMOUROSITIES

Punishment

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.

Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on

Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.

I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.

A couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency.

Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability.

The couple produces photos of their 50 foot motor-home, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."

Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment.

"Our nanny is an expert in pediatric welfare and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied. They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter, as long as he fits in the cannon"

Tower: "Virgin 702, cleared for takeoff, contact departure on 124.7."

Virgin 702: "Tower, Virgin 702 switching to departure ... by the way, after we lifted off, we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Qantas 635, cleared for takeoff. Contact departure on 124.7; did you copy the report from Virgin?"

Qantas 635: "Qantas 635, cleared for takeoff roger; and yes, we copied Virgin. We've already notified our caterers."

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 5th

Meeting at the Sir Henry Barkly Hotel in Heidelberg

Speaker: Jenny Smith, CEO of the Council of Homeless persons

Subject: Homelessness

Chair: Don Hamilton

Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 12th

Meeting at the Sir Henry Barkly Hotel in Heidelberg

Speaker: Simone Bajzelj

Subject: Banyule Nillumbik Local Learning & Employment Network

Chair: Rona McLaughlan



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Future Fund Raising Event

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Bunnings Northland BBQ Saturday 29/05/21

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"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

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