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# Weekly Bulletin

## News, Reports and Rosters



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### Report from meeting 1 September 2021 on ZOOM

Wattle Day. For a bit of fun, many attending the ZOOM meeting either wore gold or displayed some wattle. We had 22 Rotarians, one club guest (Mark Klobe) and two partners (Fay Aarons and John Barke) present.



#### Notes from Rotarians:

The need to send volunteer hours to Simon, either by email or phone.

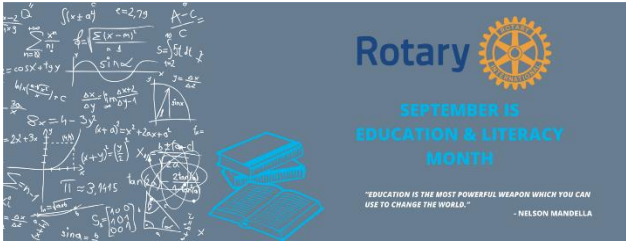
Beth Wilkinson rang Rose Howard to thank us for the get-well card, and they enjoyed quite a long chat

Peter Irvin showed a For Sale Notice in the Spectator of 25/2/56, advertising President Brian's home at 37 Shakespeare St. Unfortunately, price was not mentioned.



More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.



## Guest Speaker Ewan McLarty



Ewan McLarty: Murray Elliott introduced one of our own, Ewen, to talk about CRYPTOCURRENCY Ewen firstly explained about Blockchain, which is a permanent and historical record of transactions held on multiple computers and publicly available. Because the record is so transparent, it cannot possibly be altered through any one or two computers. Therefore, direct transactions between people entirely unknown to each other can be undertaken with complete trust. The outcome is that the ledger of transactions has guaranteed security and its legitimacy is above challenge.

Thus, there is the no need for a trusted middleman to be interpolated between the two Parties. e.g., Banks are no longer necessary. The largest and best known of the cryptocurrencies is Bitcoin.

Other better-known cryptocurrencies “altcoins” include Ethereum and Cardano but there are more than 4500 other cryptocurrencies. Not all cryptocurrencies deal in a form of “money” - they may also deal with ownership of, say, artworks including art held only in digital form, real estate. Part-ownership is also possible. e.g., The value of a Satoshi is 10<sup>-8</sup> of a Bitcoin.

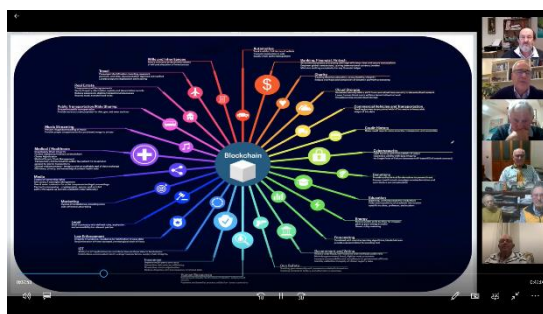
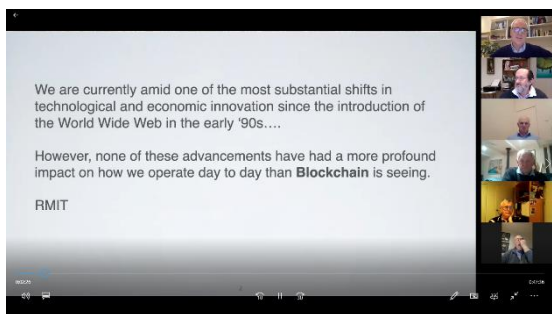
Cryptocurrencies may be bought through exchanges analogous to a stock exchange. However, care must be taken to avoid scam sites. Clients of legitimate exchange sites are fully identified by the exchange and transactions are known to the ATO. Capital gains are treated by the ATO as for any other assets. Much of the exchange activity is by speculators trying to make profits, and the value of cryptocurrencies is highly volatile.

However large financial institutions such as PayPal are increasingly involved. El Salvador recognises Bitcoin as its currency in addition to \$US. Other countries have similar intent. coinmarketcap.com is a website recording the purpose of individual Cryptocurrencies and their prices over time.

Ewen spoke with enthusiasm about the profits to be had. Mark Klobe supported him in this. Questions followed from those of us who are rather perplexed by the whole concept. Murray thanked Ewen for his talk and noted that perhaps we will need further presentations. (Thanks Jenni Barke for the notes)

A recording of the talk is available on our shared drive.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16c3gljImnmfwJvd5vbjPkjqLdxZuW38Y?usp=sharing>



## National Wattle Day – 1 September

- In 1992 the first day of spring - 1 September - was proclaimed by the Governor-General of Australia, Bill Hayden, to be Australia's National Wattle Day
- In 1988 the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem.
- The 2021 Golden Wattle Award recognises and honours Olympic swimming champion, Emma McKeon.



## Coming up

**8 September** Develop Club Strategy with President Brian TBA as Brian would prefer to so this face to face.

**15 September** Maral – Life in Kazakhstan TBC


**OFFICIAL OPENING OF PLAYGROUND. Postponed until later in the year**

**17 November** District Governor’s visit

Club meeting roster Please organise a replacement if unable to attend.						
Meeting	Setup	Cashiers (2)	Bar (2)	Fellowship	Chairman	Scribe
8 <sup>th</sup> September	ZOOM				James Dishon	Lyn Christie
15 September	David Garfoot	Bob Cadden John Main	James Dunn Bruce Warburton	Roy Bett	Kevin Safe	David Indian

## Family of Rotary – all our members and their families are important to us.

Almoners Rose Howard and Bruce Wheeler

Birthdays	Anniversary	Inductions
Bruce Warburton 3 September Gillian Jenkins 7 September		David indian 2 September – 12 years

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

## D9780 Instagram Workshop

District Public Image conducted an online information session on Developing Instagram. Around 40 people from our district attended.

Our club has a Facebook page and I have now set up an Instagram page. It’s about getting our message out through social media platforms.

### Facebook Facts

Facebook turns 17 in 2021 and has 2.74 BILLION monthly active users
Facebook is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> most downloaded app and reaches 59% of the worlds social networking population with 57% male and 43% female users
1.8 BILLION people use multiple Facebook Groups and 1.3 BILLION people use Facebook Messenger
96.3% of Facebook users use at least one other social media platform, with 90% using YouTube, 73% Instagram
70% of Facebook users are 35 and above

### Instagram Facts

Instagram turns 11 years old in 2021 and has 1+ BILLION monthly active users
71% of the active users are under the age of 35. Users spend around 53 minutes per day on the app
51% of Instagram users are female and 49% percent are male. 500 million Instagram accounts use stories every day
Instagram has the 4 <sup>th</sup> most users of any mobile app
The average number of # tags per Instagram post is 10.7 per post

## District Notices

- Zone 8 Conference – Online 11 & 12 Sept – Registrations open
- Defying the Drift – Longerenong Ag College 20-22 September
- Public Image Workshop – Creating Graphics 5 October by ZOOM
- District Committee Meeting – Hamilton 17 October TBC
- Check out the District Newsletter and webpage <https://rotary9780.org/>

**SOCIAL**

# COVID RESTRICTIONS

**Bike Riders Thursday meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am**

**Coffee @The Roxburgh  
Fridays 10:30am**



### Weekly Bulletin, Webpage and Facebook

The weekly bulletin will eventually be published through ClubRunner.

Our club webpage can be accessed on <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1943> It is now live.

This will allow stories from our bulletins to be published on the webpage and information from the District and RI webpages (which also use ClubRunner) to be shared.

Our club also has a Facebook page which shares stories and events, and this page is also shared to other Facebook pages to get our message out. <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryhamiltonvica>



Hope you have all had your vaccinations.

### Father's Day in Australia

There is no definitive explanation why Father's Day is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand on the first Sunday in September, though it is clear that the custom of the September date began in the mid 1930's.

An article in the Western Herald in 1964 said the day was officially designated as the first Sunday in September across the Commonwealth in 1964 and that the date was chosen for commercial reasons to distance it from other celebrations.

This is similar to the date selected in Scandinavia, where November was also chosen to maximise its commercial value.

Father's Day is a celebration that honours the role of fathers and forefathers. It is a modern holiday, though the ancient Romans did have a tradition of honouring fathers, every February, but only those who had deceased.

Around the world, Father's Day is celebrated on different dates, though the day is celebrated in a similar manner, usually involving giving gifts to fathers and family activities.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



# Santa Sacks

## Backpacks 4 Vic Kids Donations



Each year at Christmas time, as an extra expression of love, Backpacks 4 Vic Kids – South West Victoria Distribution Centre, gives Santa Sacks to children in out of home care.

860 Santa Sacks have been packed and delivered to children in care in and around Warrnambool since 2019

### The following items are needed

for **Birth to 18 yr. old** girls and boys

- Money (every little bit counts)
- Games,
- Activity sets
- Toys
- Sports items
- Craft items (nontoxic)
- Story books
- New/as new soft toys



These items can be dropped off at ...

6 Roxburgh Court Warrnambool

or call 0401 611 123 to arrange pick up

Contact: South West Victoria Distribution Centre

Jennifer & Peter King

[jdouglasnyc@gmail.com](mailto:jdouglasnyc@gmail.com)

0401 611 123

[www.backpacks4vickids.org.au](http://www.backpacks4vickids.org.au)

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Members interested in supporting  
or contributing to this project  
please contact

Rose Howard- Community Chair

We can organise a collection point.