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# Weekly Bulletin

## News, Reports and Rosters



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### Report from meeting 25 August 2021 on ZOOM

President Brian Jenkins welcomed 20 Rotarians plus 2 guests (Jenny and Peter King) to the Zoom meeting.

He updated us on celebrations, forthcoming meetings, and district notices. (see details in bulletin)

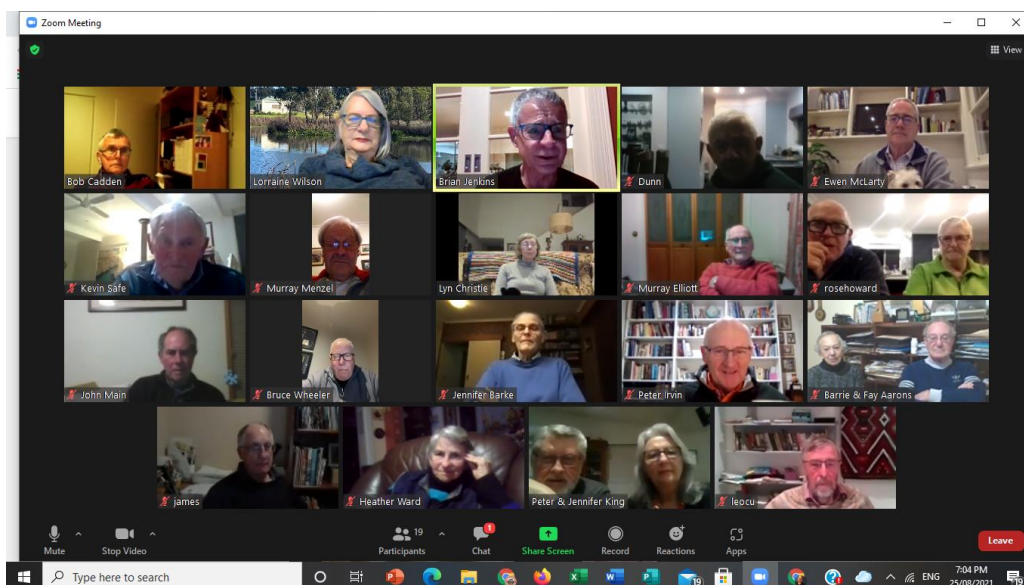
He advised us that Beth was improving and has a specialist appointment tomorrow. \*(see letter later in bulletin)

Brian announced that the Art Show committee had regretfully decided to cancel the show for this year due to the uncertainty with Covid restrictions over the next few months.



**40th Annual  
 Rotary  
 Art Show**  
 October 7-10 2021  
 Hamilton PAC  
 Judge Brett Jarrett  
 Rotary  
 Hamilton

**Noel Howard** advised members that he had obtained authorized worker permits for those volunteering at the Harness Racing gate next Monday. **NOTE: that we still need one person for 10.30am and one for the 3.00pm slot at the Harness racing on Monday 30 August.**



ZOOM TIPS. Check lighting is in front of you. Phones can be placed in Landscape mode (turn phone)  
 Keep yourself on mute unless talking to avoid background noise. For fun you can create virtual backgrounds

## Guest Speaker Jenny and Peter King - Backpacks 4 VIC kids.

Thanks, Lyn Christie, for notes

**James Dishon** introduced our guest speakers, **Jenny and Peter King**, from Warrnambool. They are the representatives in southwestern Victoria for the charitable organisation “**Backpacks 4 VIC Kids**” and run the local distribution centre.



In Australia there are about 45,000 kids in out-of-home care (12000 in Victoria). Such children often have no more than the clothing they are wearing when taken into care. The organisation supplies them with a backpack containing age and gender appropriate essential and comfort items to make the transition less traumatic and show them that the community cares about them. Items included are clothing, a blanket, toiletries, and a toy. The head office is in Cranbourne, and Jenny and Peter deliver donations and collect complete backpacks. The program has no government support, relying totally on volunteers and donations. Each backpack costs about \$75 but saves the carer about \$300.

**Jenny and Peter** also run a local program “**Christmas 4 Kids in Care**”. Santa sacks are supplied to children (babies to 18 years) in care in southwestern Victoria. The number supplied has grown from 320 in 2019 to 540 in 2020.

These programs can be supported by financial donations, donation of items, or help with packing bags.

**Jenny and Peter** answered a number of questions and were thanked by **Brian**.

### South West Victoria Distribution Centre



Jennifer & Peter King

In Australia 45,000 children are in out of home care at any one time

In Australia a child enters foster care every 45 minutes

In Victoria 12,093 children are in out-of-home care at any one time


### Who are we?


Backpacks 4 Vic Kids (B4VK)

ACNC registered

Deductible Gift Recipient


Voluntary Committee of Management






B4VK have supplied packs to over 9,118 children in Victoria through 80+ agencies since 2015

836 backpacks have been delivered to family services in Warrnambool, Portland & Hamilton since September 2018




### Additional Program Christmas 4 Kids in Care

A hand made Santa Sack containing toys, a soft toy and a book




Giving kids from babies to 18 yr. old who are not with their parents a reason to smile on Christmas day



### Web site

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



## Coming up

**30 August** Harness Racing for. Still need more volunteers

**1 September** Block Chain – Ewan McLarty will enlighten us. **On ZOOM**

**8 September** Develop Club Strategy with President Brian

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF PLAYGROUND.** Postponed until sometime in September when the site has dried out.

**7-10 October** Art Show **CANCELLED**

**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
1 <sup>st</sup> September ZOOM					Murray Elliott	Jenny Barke
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Kim Joyce	Bob Cadden Barry Aarons	Rose Howard Glenn Howell	Leo Cummins	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
Graeme Bond 28 August Gerard Lucas 30 August	Julie & David Kennett 28 August	Ewen McLarty 31 August – 16 years

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

## District Notices

### August is Membership and Retention month

- August is Membership & New Club Development Month
- **ESRAG and WASH-RAG Free Live webinar Aug 27, 11 am UTC to learn more about the Environment – See District newsletter for link**
- Public Image Workshop - Instagram 1 September by ZOOM
- 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



# 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.

I am in the process of setting up a club webpage that 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.

