**WED. MARCH 18TH. 2020 VOL 62, ISSUE 35**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

On Wednesday evening the Board made the momentous decision to cancel our weekly Rotary Club meetings from now until further notice. This will be reviewed at each monthly Board meeting.

Each of you will have received an email from me, your President, setting out the key issue as explained by RI President Mark Daniel Maloney, namely that we should follow the advice of the WHO and local health authorities which includes cancelling Rotary events and meetings in the short term to reduce unnecessary interactions that can cause infections. DG Rosanne had the same message for each of us.

Very sadly we have also had to cancel the Clem Quick 50 years in Rotary celebrations. Unfortunately, as the COVID-19 events unfolded, we really had no option.

I plan to try a short Zoom on line interaction with you all in lieu of either the second or third Wednesday meeting in April to maintain contact and to bring you all up to date with Rotary issues. More information next week.

Yours in Rotary

Tony

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**APOLOGIES / GUESTS**

Jean Wise
By lunchtime Tuesday
0487 159 242
or email to
wbealbulletin@gmail.com

**CONFERENCE REFUND**

Those who had registered for the District 9780 Conference should have received a refund by now. Wendy has cancelled the Lady Augusta Motel booking.

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**COMING DATES**

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<td>Clem Quick’s 50 yrs in Rotary-Brim CC</td>
<td>8 April</td>
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<td>Aussie Night - Ben’s Shed</td>
<td>20 May</td>
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Meetings suspended until further notice.

Challenging as they are, these times provide an opportunity for Rotarians to find new, meaningful ways to lead individuals and communities to connect and do good in the world.

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Inductions :
Birthdays : Peter Martin 19 March
Anniversaries : -

Wed 18th March - REPORTS

Youth (John T)
- RYLA: has been cancelled. Our three candidates have been contacted and I’ve reaffirmed the club’s intent to re-sponsor them if it’s rerun in September.
- RYPEN: has been cancelled for 2020 for internal reasons. WSC careers advisor Nicole Stewart has told those who intended to go of this and that they will be reoffered places in 2021.
- Lily Eldridge : the club has received a lovely letter of thanks and update on her (possible) upcoming swimming commitments. Will update club on this in the future.
- PS Breakfasts: thanks to the many Rotarians who have put their hands up in the past few weeks to enable this program to continue.
Letter from DG Rosanne Kava

I am contacting all Rotarians of D9780 to provide an update to you on recent decisions taken due to the Corona virus (COVID-19) and to give you a sense of the direction we are heading in. We are seeking to slow the spread of the virus, and to keep safe our most precious resource – our Members.

In addition to advice on how to avoid spreading COVID-19 (see below and visit the website https://www.health.gov.au regularly for updates), the government has announced a range of restrictions on public gatherings and travel that has resulted in the cancellation of many public events. Some businesses are encouraging their staff to work from home where possible. Access to various facilities is also being restricted to try to limit the spread of the virus, particularly to vulnerable groups such as older people, asthmatics and those who have compromised immune systems.

Rotary must do its part to protect its members and the wider community.

Use of technology to assist during period of limited person-to person contact

While our face-to-face meetings may be significantly reduced for a period, we recognise the importance of maintaining contact with our Club members and continuing to operate our services as best we can.

Our District technology and communication experts are investigating the best approaches to do that simply and easily using technology already available at low or no cost. We will come back to you with some ideas and options. We will provide easy steps to follow and opportunities to learn how to use it, supported by skilled people in your Club or by Assistant Governors.

Rotary Clubs

A number of Rotary Clubs have announced measures to keep their members and others safe by:

- temporary cessation (for various periods) of face-to-face Club meetings
- putting in place procedures to meet safety concerns at Club meetings
  - hand sanitiser at meeting entrance
  - maintaining 1.5m social separation between people
  - advising anyone who is ill with respiratory symptoms not to attend
  - replacing hand shakes (or hugs) with a friendly wave or an elbow bump
- cancelling or deferring major events such as concerts, Rotary markets, Golf tournaments etc
- looking at the opportunity for outdoor locations (eg a Park or BBQ site) to meet, where feasible
- increasing their use of email and Bulletins to keep Club Members informed
- looking at using social media (eg Facebook, Messenger) or virtual meeting tools (eg Zoom), or ‘What’s App’ group to communicate with their members
- assigning someone to maintain contact via phone, particularly with older or vulnerable Rotarians
- discussing ways to keep projects and services going, where practicable
Youth Activities

Youth Exchange Safari has been cancelled for this year
Our Youth Exchange students currently overseas will be coming back to Australia, following advice from Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Youth Exchange student recruitment for the coming year has been deferred for both incoming and outgoing students
RYLA has deferred its camp until later in the year
RYPEN has been cancelled this year (for reasons outside of COVID-19)

District Activities

District Assembly (scheduled for end April) will not be delivered face-to-face but will go ahead in another format
District Board and Finance Committee meetings are already held on-line using the ‘Teams’ on-line platform and this approach will be extended to the quarterly District Leadership Team meetings for now
District Changeover (end May) is under review in terms of format of delivery
Qualification for Foundation Grants can be done on-line at the Rotary International website – more on this soon.

District Conference 2020

This year’s District Conference in Swan Hill from 20-22 March has been cancelled consistent with Rotary International and insurer advice and to ensure the safety of our Rotarians. We are working through cancelling all elements of the Conference and arranging refunds for registrants. We are examining the scope for bringing some of the Conference presentations to you as a webinar, or some other on-line format. Other Districts are looking at doing something similar. Watch this space!

While the situation we are dealing with is unprecedented, I encourage you to stay positive, work together and to use your skills and ingenuity to stay in contact and to continue to deliver Rotary services, even if in a more limited way for a time. The situation is evolving rapidly so regular updates will be provided.

Please look after yourselves, stay well and follow the advice provided re how to avoid spreading the virus.

Rosanne
Wednesday 18th March BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- As a Duty of Care to our members Rotary meetings will be suspended for the next 2 months and reviewed by Board each month, all events are cancelled until further notice.
- New Constitution from RI to be adopted by all clubs. This will be distributed to all members for perusal by the Secretary.
- Exchange student Simon’s Safari trip has been cancelled and we are constantly monitoring world events regarding his return to Germany.
- RYLA has been postponed and RYPEN cancelled.
- Peter Martin to cancel Brim Community Centre and Caterer for Clem’s 50th celebration.
- District Assembly cancelled until further notice.
- Online Grant Qualification completed by Secretary, MOU signed.
- Dental Grant documentation presently being completed with Christine Dufty.
- Arts Council request to use Rotary venue for meetings, Jean to return a proposal to Board.
- Rotary shop officially to be know as "Rotary House".
- Wyndham visit postponed until September 4-6 if continues.
- Rotary Park committee meeting re: Dog Park, quotes for fencing to be obtained.
- All communication will continue through weekly bulletins. Members can send in stories, jokes, interesting information and Directors their reports keeping members up to date.
- The Board will still meet either at Rotary House or via technology on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- At present Social Distancing is 1.5 meters outside and 4 meters square inside.
- Keep in touch with fellow members, if you need assistance with anything please contact a Board member.
To our Community,

The Covid 19 pandemic is a rapidly changing situation and we as a Council are taking steps to follow departmental advice, maintain the safety and wellbeing of our staff and ensure the community continues to receive essential services.

In line with Council’s Pandemic Plan, Business Continuity Plan and advice from the state and federal governments, Council is taking the following measures that will impact our community.

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<td>Meals on Wheels</td>
<td>Meals on Wheels will continue, but will be staffed by council staff instead of volunteers from Monday 30th March. Clients will be contacted about their domestic care service levels in the next week if resources need to be redirected to personal care clients.</td>
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<td>Public Toilets</td>
<td>Public toilets will have a disinfection clean in addition to their regular clean. There may be the possibility of closures to excess public toilets in towns due to toilet paper access. We will make this known via social media and signs on site if this occurs.</td>
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<td>Playgrounds</td>
<td>Will have a thorough surface clean daily.</td>
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<td>Senior Citizens</td>
<td>Will not be operating for the next four weeks effective Thursday 19th March.</td>
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<td>Supported Playgroups</td>
<td>Will not be operating for the next four weeks effective Thursday 19th March.</td>
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<td>Maternal Child Health Services</td>
<td>Operating as per normal – please do not attend if you or your child is unwell.</td>
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<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>Operating as per normal. *We are taking direction from the Department of Education</td>
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<td>Caravan Park</td>
<td>Additional cleaning will be carried out at caravan park locations.</td>
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<td>Swimming Pools</td>
<td>Pool season has come to an end and all pools are being shut down by the 24th March.</td>
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<td>Recreation Reserves &amp; Sporting Clubs</td>
<td>Council understands a number of sporting peak bodies are providing specific information to clubs.</td>
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<td>Stadium/Gymnasium</td>
<td>The stadium and gymnasium will not be operating for the next two weeks. The situation will be monitored and gym and stadium users kept informed.</td>
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<td>Warracknabeal Library</td>
<td>The Warracknabeal branch library will be closed to the public from 5:30 pm on Friday the 20th March for four weeks, but members can call 03 5398 1270 during hours of operation to order a book collection from the front of the branch.</td>
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<td>Waste Management</td>
<td>Kerbside collection and Landfills operating as usual. Officers will be utilising additional Personal Protective Equipment.</td>
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<td>Warracknabeal Customer Service Office</td>
<td>Our Customer service office will be closed effective Monday 16th March 2020 until Tuesday April 14th 2020 with the situation being reviewed weekly. Staff are available to take phone enquiries on 5398 0100 or via email <a href="mailto:info@yarrriambiack.vic.gov.au">info@yarrriambiack.vic.gov.au</a> and will assess any VicRoads appointments via phone.</td>
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<td>Please phone ahead before visiting Gateway BEET on 5083 3001.</td>
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<td>Saleyards</td>
<td>Saleyards will continue to operate, however they will not be open to the general public.</td>
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If you suspect you may have COVID-19, please call ahead to your local GP clinic or contact the Covid-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

There is important and up to date health advice available at https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide the community with information about our services.

To the many events that have had to cancel or postpone, we thank you for your continued commitment to the community.

To the many businesses, both big and small, who are experiencing the impact of Covid-19 we will advocate forcefully to the state and federal governments to make sure you are supported.

We are mindful that with the constantly changing information and uncertainty, some in our community are feeling quite anxious and we implore the community to do what it does best, which is look out for one another and look after one another.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Yarriambiack Shire Council on 5398 0100.
District Governor visits Rotary

Warracknabeal dentist Martin Monk became president of the Warracknabeal Rotary Club at the annual changeover dinner on Saturday.

The outgoing president, basil Avery, reviewed the club's activities for the year. He reported that the club had a positive financial result and expressed gratitude to all members for their support.

Some highlights of the year included a successful disco that raised funds for the community and a special overseas trip for members. The club also hosted several successful events, including a cabaret and a dinner dance.

The incoming president, Martin Monk, welcomed the members and outlined his plans for the upcoming year. He emphasized the importance of community service and emphasized the need for more active involvement from members.

The event was well-attended, with many members and guests in attendance. The evening included a keynote address by a prominent local figure, who spoke on the significance of Rotary in the community and its role in promoting goodwill and understanding.

The new president, Martin Monk, concluded the speech by thanking all members for their support and expressing his enthusiasm for leading the club in the coming year.

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Price Reduction

Ammunition & Components

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From the archives 1988

Shire of Warracknabeal 1986

Annual Election

Annual Election of Councillors

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Election of the Central, North, South East and West Ridings of the Shire of Warracknabeal will be held on Saturday, August 3, 1986, for the purpose of electing Councillors to fill the vacancies respectively caused by the retirement of Alderman of three...

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PARK APPEAL TOPS $7600

The Warracknabeal Memorial Park appeal has reached its goal.

The appeal was launched to raise funds for a new park in the town, which would include gardens, playgrounds, and other facilities for the community.

The campaign was supported by local businesses, organizations, and individuals, and received a strong response from the community. The total amount raised was $7600, exceeding the target.

The funds will be used to purchase and install the necessary equipment and create a beautiful, safe, and welcoming space for all residents and visitors.

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SUCCESSFUL DISCO

Warracknabeal Rotary's successful disco this year was another success for the community. Members and guests enjoyed the music, dancing, and food, raising funds for the Rotary Club.

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Central Riding

Cnr. John Forde, Lyle

North East Riding

Cnr. Charles Desmond, Hewitt

South East Riding

Cnr. Desmond, Keith, JAMES

West Riding

Cnr. Ian Nielson, Fisher

Notice is further given that all candidates must be nominated by delivery to one of my Secretary, Mr. R.G. Ashfield of the Shire Office, 111 Panton Street, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on or before nomination day, July 14, 1986, on a duly completed nomination paper as required by the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1986 (as amended) together with the required deposit of $100.00 in cash or bank cheque.

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K. J. Shade

Returning Officer for the respective Ridings.
Rotary Shirts

Wendy has suggested that we make a transition to an official Rotary polo shirts. Although our current blue shirts are a great look it will be easier, for new Rotarians to order the official shirts through RDU, rather than us organising our own club shirts.

There are now two official Rotary polo shirt styles.

(I’d go with the one on the left (STYLE 1), as Megan already has this style.... and it has the most black-look for JL!)

A decision will be made at a Board meeting, so contact a Board member if you have any comments.

There are several other items available - dress shirts, polar fleece, vests, long sleeved T shirts and a light weight jacket.

Check out the RDU website.