PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The COVID-19 pandemic crisis has turned the world upside down and will have wide ranging impacts on business and the personal lives of all of us. Although our weekly Rotary meetings have, necessarily, been cancelled until further notice we must make sure that we remain safe and well. Rotarians and Rotaractors must stay in contact (“Rotary Connects the World”), remain engaged and continue to serve our community. If any Rotarian hears of any community issue that Rotary or a Rotarian can help out in any way then please contact me, Sue, or Wendy.

As an experiment I plan to hold a Zoom Rotary meeting with as many members as possible next Wednesday evening at 7 pm. All you need is a computer (desk top or lap top), with camera and microphone (most are built into computers) and connection to the internet. I will send you a link which, when activated, will download Zoom and then allow you to connect automatically to the meeting. Make sure your microphone and video (bottom left of video screen) are ON and if you get a chance to “test the audio”, do it. (Bulletin Editor Wendy has just done this. “My tip is to follow the prompts and it should be OK. Tony is the ‘host’ so can help you through the process as you go…. but if it doesn’t work, don’t smash anything…there will be another time).

I know this is easier said than done but let’s give it a go. I will call each of you over the next couple of days to ascertain your level of suitable hardware and your preparedness of trying a Zoom meeting. If anyone would like a practise run then I will try and run through with you on Monday and/or Tuesday evening. This particular use of Zoom is free for 40 minutes so I plan to run our virtual meeting for no longer than 30 minutes.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony.

COMING DATES

Resume Rotary meetings TBC
Aussie Night - Ben’s Shed 20 May
### 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.

### Inductions
- Tony Gregson 31/3/82
- Helen Peters 26/3/2008

### Birthdays
- Glenda Hewitt 27/3
- Graham Addinsall 29/3

### Anniversaries
- Pres. Tony 31/3

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**Selfies of Rotarians Out & About ... or not.**

- **Self imposed isolation on the tractor, spraying the cabin as drivers change.**
- **Socially distanced from us in Melbourne. Holding up well John.**
- **Pres. Tony trying out his newest toy...in the spray tractor, burning windrows.**
- **I can’t get it to my nephew so will just have to eat it myself! Good plan, Jean.**
REPORTS and EVENTS

Rotaract

Next week we will have a report from the Rotaractors who attended the annual Rotaract Conference in Brisbane recently.

Simon's update. (Chris H)

Simon is currently enjoying his stay with Craig and Mel Byron and their children - and school holidays have started early. While his exchange year isn't ending the way he would have liked (Grand Prix cancelled, Australian Safari cancelled, no footy with the Warrack Eagles, and activities planned by the Byrons have been changed), Simon is positive about his remaining time with us and will make the most of it. There is a possibility that Simon may fly back to Germany early though. It’s still an anxious time for him and his family, so it would be nice if Rotarians could give Simon a call to keep in touch. (0434 436 312)

Two minute Talks - My First Job

In the coming bulletins we will read about the First Job experiences of Rotarians who haven't shared those times with us. If you haven't done a presentation yet, Wendy will be in touch for a short report.

Keep in touch......

I’d like every Rotarian, Rotaractor and Honorary Rotarian to have a go at doing a ‘Selfie’ on their smart phone and send it to the bulletin (see p.1 for address) or to Wendy. Let us all know how you’re going, what you’re doing or just wave hello. So far I’ve only received 7 out of 36, so please give it a go this week, and we’ll see lots more in the next bulletin! Thanks to those who have sent material for the bulletin recently ... it’s much appreciated!

Helen tells us about her induction..... 26th March 2008

“I’d been to a few Rotary meetings with Sue Watts before my interview. I remember the interview clearly. The club was having a visit to the Wheatlands Museum and while everyone was packing up, Sue & Pres. John Aitken took me aside and we looked for a private space. It was a bit of a laugh finding a spot, which helped me to see Rotary as a club with a sense of humour, not a ‘stuffy, formal’ club after all. I’ve enjoyed my 11 years in Rotary and have no regrets about joining. There have been lots of good times.... and the time has flown!”

Tony tells us about his induction...... 31st March 1982

My interview was memorable. It was at my old home. Clem Quick and Martin Monk arrived and obviously ready for a big night. There was serious discussion plus a lot of laughs... and they drank a lot of whisky that night - my whisky. Lyall Wheaton inducted me soon after.

My most significant Rotary moment was the visit to our club by the immediate past president of Rotary International, Royce Abbey. Royce held that position during my presidential year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 38 years in Rotary. I have seen big changes, and in recent years, Rotary has become far less disciplined, with more relaxation towards attendance and make ups etc. It has changed with the times - a fact of life. Rotary continues to be very enjoyable, doing lots of fantastic work, both locally and internationally.
District 9060 Washington/British Columbia (USA & Canada) has been in touch with D 9780 regarding a RFE between the two Rotary Districts. As this is their first exchange there have been a few complications regarding dates and due to the size of their District getting the team from the South side to the North side. But we think we are ready to go now.

Again we are looking at Expressions of Interest only at this stage as the coronavirus may still be around and if that is so, no one is going anywhere. The dates for this exchange are Saturday 12th September 2020 to Friday 25th September 2020.

The RFE to D 5970 has been popular and the team is now in place and the team leaders have been selected and the team are now just waiting to see what happens next.

I know that some of you may not be meeting weekly but if you can get this information out to your club Rotarians by email and in your bulletins, that would be amazing and much appreciated.

Again, this is for Expressions of Interest only at this stage. There will be no RFE trip if the coronavirus continues to spread through the world. Please keep safe and look after your family, friends and neighbours.

Thank you,

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Warracknabeal, Victoria: The Warracknabeal Rotary Club is located in the Wimmera region of Victoria, Australia. The club was established in 1920. It meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, with the exception of the Christmas period and public holidays. The club has a membership of over 120 members who are actively involved in various community and international projects. The club is known for its philanthropic efforts and its commitment to service.