President’s Report

The weekly Zoom meetings appear to be going well although, as I have mentioned previously, I think we do miss the camaraderie of face to face meetings but we can only do what we can do. Never-the-less it does allow Rotarians who would otherwise miss meetings the opportunity to join, eg, Calvin Muller, who is still “stranded” on Kangaroo Island, is able to participate as well as any member.

Our guests last week were DGN John Clue from Port Fairy, our own Rob de Vries from Wyndham and our guest speaker PDG Brian Trener from Warrnambool who talked about the Rotary Foundation (TRF). He was prompted by three questions from our Secretary Sue: what is it, what does it do, and what is its future? In answering these questions Brian was very comprehensive, informative, and interesting. One of the key take home messages was that 50% of District contributions to TRF were returned to the District three years later to support District and Global grants; the other 50% goes to grow the central corpus.

An excellent suggestion from Tim Hewitt resulted in morning tea being provided to the primary school staff last week as recognition of their contribution to community affairs. Well done Tim and to John Tonkin for executing the suggestion; “if we can’t feed the students we can at least feed the staff”!

Next week we look forward to Casey Phelan from the Warracknabeal Secondary College explaining how the school is responding to COVID-19.

Yours in Rotary,

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Rotarians out and about.......  
What’s your special Corona Project?  
How will you remember this time?  
Please send in your photos.

Helen conquers the jigsaw.
Tony masters stewed quinces.
John A has been discovered gardening.
REPORTS and EVENTS .... Meeting Wed 6th May 2020

- 17 present
- Guests-Brian Trenery, John Clue (DG nominee), Rob deVries,
- Apologies- Ian Penny, Ben Bentley, Jean Wise, Chris Hewitt

Secretary (Sue)
- There will be an online meeting soon to adopt the new constitution.
- The 2020 RI Conference will now be a virtual conference. So not quite Honolulu, but this opens opportunities for all Rotarians to now participate. You can even wear your Hawaiian shirt.

**IMPORTANT.** Our annual report is being collated, so could all reports be emailed to Sue by MAY 1.

- President, Treasurer, Foundation, Youth, Vocational, Fellowship, Community Service, International, Australia Day, Sheep flock, Exchange students- Laura’s and Simon’s counsellors, CEF, Photos from Wendy and anyone else.

Publicity, Public Image (Wendy)
The monthly Rotary column in the Herald has been resumed.
All new board members are asked to send a short report from the District Assembly to the Bulletin by June 1.

International Service (Helen)
We are planning a night to link up with Simon on June 3rd. Any ideas are welcomed.

Club Service (Tony)
Incoming directors for 2020-21 should be starting their online courses by now.
Rotarians keeping in touch with Hon. Rotarians and wives of past members has been going well.

Youth (John T)

WE DELIVER THANK YOU MORNING TEA TO PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF

After a recent Rotary meeting, Tim Hewitt suggested that whilst we weren’t currently able to do breakfasts for the kids, maybe we could arrange something to support the Primary School staff.

As President Tony later wryly observed: “If you can’t feed the children, you CAN feed the staff!” And so it was.

Last Wednesday morning nine coffees and a selection of slices from Pharmacino were delivered to the Primary School for morning tea as a thank you from the club and in recognition of what the Primary School staff are doing for their students.

The staff were really touched that the club had thought of them and the Primary School principal, Ben Tate, asked that his appreciation be passed on to President Tony and the club members.

It also provided an opportunity to reaffirm that we would resume the Tuesday breakfasts as soon as a relaxing of the social distancing provisions allows.

Thanks Tim for the idea!

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**QUIZ ANSWERS**

- 1. Antarctica at 0 cases
- 2. 8. 57 years old in 2019
- 3. Orange
- 4. Four from England, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Equatorial Guinea
- 5. Acacia or wattle
- 6. Glyphosate
- 7. Three from Carbon dioxide, chlorofluorocarbons, water vapour, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone, hydrocarbons
- 8. 1974
- 9. Travel guide books
- 10. The tongue
A member of the RC Warrnambool, Brian joined our Zoom Rotary meeting to share with us some information about The Rotary Foundation. It was a very informative night, and especially valuable for new members.

For more information, visit rotary.org or see a recording of our meeting on our facebook page.

What is the Rotary Foundation?
The Rotary Foundation is Rotary’s charitable arm. Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. The areas are: Promoting Peace. Fighting disease. Providing clean water, sanitation & hygiene. Saving mothers & children. Supporting education. Growing local economies.

What does it do?
TRF distributes funds to enable Rotary clubs around the world to participate in strategies and programs that focus on these areas.

All District 9780 clubs contribute annually to TRF. After 3 years, TRF give 50% of the funds back to the district to distribute to clubs who apply for District Grants. Our Dental Project in Wimmera schools is a result of Wimmera Rotary clubs combining to access a District Grant.

The other 50% of TRF funds, plus the interest, goes towards Rotary’s global programs. Global grants are available for large scale projects, usually with other clubs around the world.

Vocational Training Teams are also funded by TRF. Experts in their field (not necessarily Rotarians) travel to another part of the world to provide their expertise. Eg. There is an Aust fire fighting VTT team going to Portugal soon to help them with strategies for fighting eucalypt fires.

What is its future?
Simply, The Rotary Foundation will continue, and keep going long after we’re all gone.

Why choose The Rotary Foundation? How to contribute?
1. TRF is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world. TRF has a staggering reputation for 92% of all funds received go directly into programs.
2. Money comes back to our district and is available for our clubs’ projects.
3. Every year our club contributes $1000+ to TRF, usually earmarked for the Rotary Polio Plus campaign, to eradicate polio in the world. We also contribute $1000 on behalf of each person we choose to recognise as a Paul Harris Fellow. Individual members and some partners have been personally contributing to TRF for many years, choosing TRF as their charity of choice. See Sue for more information about personal donations.
TWO MINUTE TALK  My First Job  Jean Wise

Interestingly my first job was as a volunteer on the Fairsky as we sailed to Australia for a new life. Couldn’t sit still even in those days and volunteered in the nursery to help fill in time - who knew that that would lead to my involvement in volunteering later in life. However, my first paid job was within a few days of arriving in Australia. We arrived on the Fairsky on Good Friday 1964 after a lovely month long cruise (no coronavirus back in those days) and settled into our mizzen hut out at Fisherman’s Bend. With Tuesday still being a public holiday back in those days, my mother and I headed to the Education Office in Melbourne on the Wednesday morning to see if I could leave school as being £10 poms I offered to help out by going to work. With the answer being yes as I turned 14 before the start of the Australian school year, we headed off for some lunch before taking the first very nervous steps to find a job. Decided to try Coles in Bourke Street first, which proved a good move as they took me up to a special room set up as a store counter, but me through the steps including handling money etc and within a short space of time I had passed the initiation and I started my first job the following day. One week later I was called to the manager’s office, not to tell me I had mucked up but to inform me my father had been transferred to Geelong, so here was my pay packet and good luck for the future. No work in Geelong for anyone, so we transferred to Footscray where my second job was with Woolworths which lasted a bit longer, that is until we decided that we needed to explore the rural regional part of Victoria and we fell in love with the Wimmera. Though I missed out on schooling, I have never regretted any decision made as the knowledge and experiences gained through many different types of jobs just proved that there is work out there for everyone if you are prepared to look for it, and a bit like Ian’s reminiscences, I have come full circle from volunteering for nothing on the ship to still volunteering for nothing now!!

MAY MASTER MINDS  QUIZ #1

1. Which continent has the lowest incidence of COVID-19?
2. How many stop signs are there in Warracknabeal?

3. What flavour is Cointreau?
4. Name 4 countries that start with the letter E.

5. Which group of native plants have to be burnt to regenerate?
6. Which AFL team got the wooden spoon in 2015?

7. Name three greenhouse gases
8. What is the average age of an Australian farmer?
9. The Frommer’s book series started in 1957. What type of books are they?
10. What is the strongest muscle in the human body?
11. What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?

12. What is the active ingredient in the chemical known as Roundup?
13. A ‘Daddy Cool’ hit was the biggest selling Australian single of 1971.
   a) name the song
   b) in 1972, a touring UK star heard it and wrote a song based on it. Name the star and...
   c) the song.
Part SIX...
Remember, we left off last week preparing for a 5am wake up call on our last day.

We rose bright and early, the moon was still high in the Gold Coast sky, the breeze was warm as we made our way to the bus stop. With the peacefulness of night we listened to the waves crash on the shore as we waited. A short trip later we arrived at the airport. With bags checked in we headed out for breaky before our flight. Ear buds in, music blaring, we headed for home, a much quieter trip than the first. We hit the tarmac, 1/2 of us headed for Krispy Kreme, the other half to baggage collect. With more baggage than people we jumped in our cars and very quietly made our way to our first McDonald’s stop. With heads filled with new ideas and phones full of new contacts, we returned to our small town to resume life as we knew it. Until Covid-19 hit anyways.

While the conference was a brilliant place for us to all bond and meet with like minded people, it was not without other benefits. We grew our networks 10 fold, we linked our clubs to others not only in our district but from around Australia. We engaged with witty, entertaining and very brilliant key note speakers. We broke into smaller groups to gather as much knowledge in all areas of Rotaract as we could (these were our break out sessions we'll hear about next week). Rotary’s amazing contribution to us meant we were able to take more members than ever with us to experience the life altering weekend that is the Australian Rotaract Conference. We travelled with people who had never flown, we experienced new foods, we got to spend some quality time with Simon, we learned new rules in the airport.

We are hoping next year that ARC will be a little closer to home and that possibly some Rotarians might join us so they can get a real time feel for just how much we get out of the conference. We would like to thank Rotary again for their amazing contributions. We really couldn’t have got there without you in the numbers we took. Thankyou for allowing us to take Simon as well. From all accounts he, like the rest of us, had a great time!

If anyone has any questions please feel free to message the bulletin and we can answer them for you next week.

...End part 6.... What an experience!

So what’s this about the break out sessions?? Watch this space.
VIRTUAL TRAVEL

Travel may be off the agenda for a while, but you can visit a Rotary Club anywhere in the world by visiting them online. Join their meetings and see what they’re up to? The virtual Rotary world is open to you.

Pick a club to visit . .. Australia, India, Canada, USA, UK, Germany, Israel, Malaysia, NZ, Potugal, Austria, Uganda, France, Brazil etc.


GET CONNECTED. DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW.

Do you find that:

- when you want to ring a fellow Rotarian, you don’t have their number?
- when you’re on your way to Rotary you suddenly remember that you are on duty tonight for something but can’t remember what?
- when sending in your apology for Rotary you need to check if you need to organise a replacement for your duty?
- while waiting for an appointment wouldn’t it be handy to be able to catch up on what’s happening in D9780?

THEN TRY THIS......IT’S SO EASY.

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- It’s safe.
- You can quickly access club members contact details.
- You can access our club’s Home Page, with all bulletins included.
- You can access the D9780 Home Page for all district contacts and information.
- You can access the Rotary International website.

And more.....

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