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WELCOME TO ISSUE NO. 5 – AND YES COVID-19 CONTINUES ON AND ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September is Rotary's Education and Literacy Month and the **Community Committee** is hard at work distributing donated boxes of books to local primary schools. Congratulations on a great local project in line with the monthly theme.

A big congratulation to **Sunil Perera and the International Committee** on gaining approval for the 'Cleft Lip' Global Grant in conjunction with the **Rotary Club of Battaramulla**, Sri Lanka. The total funding of **US\$36,581** will help provide reconstructive surgery to infants with cleft lip at Lady Ridgeway Hospital in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Thanks to those members who have made a personal contribution to assist with Essendon's contribution. As Sunil has made clear, this is a project made possible with the support of the whole club over the last few years. Congratulations to all.

7:30 pm on the 10th of September is the time and date for the club **Trivia Night**. See details later in this edition of contact. Invitations are on the way.

Club and District 9800 Policies. I have spent time over the last twelve months stressing the importance of the **Protection Policy** and ensuring we comply with all requirements of D9800, our insurers and State Legislation. Over the next month I will be introducing other D9800 Policies which are to ensure good governance of our club. Once approved by the Club the policies will be attached to and available on our website. Running a club is not quite as simple as it once was! If you are interested please check the [governance page](#) on the [D9800 webpage](#).

Programme Ideas: I have enjoyed the presentations made at our fortnightly meeting, with a mix of guests and members. Please let Boris and me have your comments, positive or negative, to help us plan the programme for the rest of the year. I am looking forward to hearing from **Michelle Trudgeon** next week. Her presentation should link in nicely with the **Lift The Lid** programme of **Australian Rotary Health**. Please check the [ClubRunner Calendar](#) to see what is coming up.

A Club Photo is overdue: It has been three years since we had a club photograph. A bit tricky in COVID times but **Peter Condos** is on the job. He proposes we have a collage of members' head and shoulders photos. Take a photo of yourself against a blank background with you facing the light or just to the side, preferably on a cloudy day to avoid harsh light and shadows. Forward your photos to Peter.



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CLUB NOTICES



APPROVAL OF AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND RULES, AND CLUB BYLAWS

Steve Roe, Club Secretary, led us through the **Special Meeting on 1 September** which was called to approve the amended Constitution and Rules and Club Bylaws. The motions to approve the amendments were passed unanimously. The new Constitution and Rules will be lodged with Consumer Affairs and placed on the club website

LUNCH MEETING 15TH SEPTEMBER – LIFT THE LID



The lunch meeting on 15th September 2020 will focus on good mental health for all. Our guest speaker will be **Michelle Trudgeon from ACT Curious: Counselling and Employee assistance programs**. Remember to register to attend the meeting. A personal invitation will follow.

The meeting will support the **Australian Rotary Health** project 'Lift The Lid' which the club has supported in the past. **Australian Rotary Health** is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia. 100% of the money raised during this year's **Hat Day Campaign** goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, and many other illnesses.

Members are invited to wear a hat to the meeting. Prizes will be awarded for Best Hat and Most Creative Hat.

We thank member **Norman Mollica** who recently donated \$500 to the campaign for research into good mental health. His donation will support research by **Dr Kylie King** and **Dr Katrina Prior**.

Go to the [Australian Rotary Health website](#) for details of the research programs.

Tax deductible donations can be made by clicking on: [Australian Rotary Health Lift the Lid programme](#).



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT REGISTER NOW!



The Community Committee is again organising a wonderful stay-in night of fun:

Commencing 7:30 PM THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

Gather your family and friends for an entertaining evening of online trivia.

Teams can have any number of players per household

OR

Those who are 'tech-savvy' can organise a team via zoom or other online platform

Each team will need to nominate a team captain and decide on a team name

Detailed instructions will be forwarded by email on Wednesday 9 September, 2020.

Players need to log-on and nominate their team on **Thursday 10th September, 2020.**

A prize will be awarded to the winning team. Our host will be Scott from Soundstorm Trivia.

CLUB MEETING REPORT



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Shepparton Art Museum



A big group of Zoomers were informed and enthralled by our guest speaker, **Adam Furphy** who took us through the development of the new SAM, Shepparton Art Museum in Shepparton. Adam is a member of the SAM Foundation which has the task of sourcing private donations to supplement the Federal, State and Local Government contributions to this \$55million public works project.

We saw a fabulous presentation of the building progress and the philosophy behind the new building. The current Shepparton Art Museum boasts a significant range of Australian and International Ceramics, historic and contemporary Australian landscape paintings, prints and works on paper, and a growing collection of Australian contemporary art. The new SAM will provide a wonderful stage to feature the existing works and a world class collection of Indigenous Art generously donated by Carrillo Gantner. Following the meeting many members agreed with President David who suggested a visit to SAM will be in order once we are all allowed to travel freely again.



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GET WELL SOON JOHN



Our thoughts are with our regular editor, **John Odgers** who ended up in hospital on Wednesday night and is having a pacemaker inserted on Friday 4th September. We hope he gets well soon, that he is a patient patient and that Nurse Jane is coping with him.

Thanks to Lisa Lowcock for stepping in and providing a report on our last meeting and the Club News

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