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## Evening Zoom meeting September 7 2021

Peter Baker introduced President Sunil to the screen. Sunil welcomed two potential club members, as noted in his President's message. President Sunil also welcomed, among others, District Governor Hoy, whose remarks will be summarised shortly.

Maria Kouppas gave an update on our ailing and / or recovering members. Fong is recovering really well, and Judy Pepi is also on the mend. Maria also passed on our concerns to past president David Abbey who is 'stuck' in Fairhaven.

Maria noted that Lindsay Arthur, a former member of our Rotary Club passed away very recently. Past member Anne Rogers remarked in a recent email to President Sunil that although not known at all to you, nor the newer members, Lindsay Arthur was a very valuable club man in his day. For example, if I recall correctly, he had manufactured, and donated our barbecue trailer. That aside, there are several members still in the club who would have been shocked to learn of Lindsay's illness - particularly as he was a very youthful, fit and healthy guy and, I thought a note in Contact would be 'the Rotary way' of letting them know. Unfortunately his illness and recent passing were not noted on Contact earlier, for which we apologise.



### President's message

It was great to welcome the potential new members Christine Hilbert & Regina Davern. Christine has already been interviewed and is well on her way to becoming a new member of our club after the 14 day notice period.

Regina it was great to see you and speak with you at the meeting and we will arrange a zoom meeting to speak with you one-on-one and answer any questions you may have.

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We welcomed District Governor Dale Hoy, it was great to have him speak to our club members, we also welcomed Assistant District Governor Tony Laycock, the feedback from members was great, so a big thankyou to you both for spending the time with us on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

I wish to congratulate Vera Maljevac our Community Director for obtaining the first District Grant for the Vinnies (soup Van) project, well done Vera!

Congratulations also to Andrew Panjkov for obtaining Board approval for the RYLA project for 3 youths.

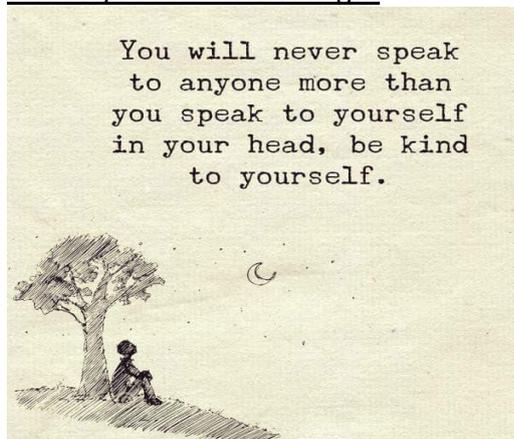
A big thank you to Michael Mahoney for his donation of \$5,000 to fund youth projects.

Michael Portelli informed the club members that the 100 Bee hives for 100 years of Rotary (the Bee Happy Project) was going better than expected and that other Rotary clubs have now come on board. The Moonee Valley Bee Keeping Club has been incorporated and Michael has been appointed the first President of this club, we are proud to have Michael as the first President as he was the initiator this project.

Peter Condos our International Director has several overseas projects lined up and awaiting the COVID situation to abate and the Myanmar political situation to settle.

I take this opportunity once again to thank Kelly Abfalter for taking on the role of Treasurer while Jenni Mann is away on holiday and Maria Kouppas for taking on the role of Secretary in the absence of Steve Roe.

I leave you with this thought



You will never speak  
to anyone more than  
you speak to yourself  
in your head, be kind  
to yourself.

Take care and stay safe.



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## Observations from Dale Hoy, DG

Dale was born in Warrnambool and worked as a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers. Dale joined the Rotary club of Brighton in 2004. As DG of District 9800, Dale is one of 535 District Governors in Rotary International.

RI's theme in 2021/22 is 'Serve to change lives'. Dale notes that this can be split into two parts. To Serve is Rotary's DNA. To change lives is the essence of Rotary's service. Our service is sustainable and has lasting impacts.

DG Dale Hoy then shared Rotary International's Vision:

*'Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves.'*

District 9800 2021-2022 Plan includes significant projects and stresses attempts to build pathways to Rotary, especially among communities and younger people. Another central element is efforts and accessible techniques to help both the District and its clubs to enhance our individual and collective effectiveness.

A very positive project mentioned by DG Hoy is the current work at the district level of building cooperative arrangements with accountancy firm KPMG. A variety of cooperative projects are being investigated. Another initiative taking shape at District 9800 level touched on DG Dale Hoy is the development of international student monitoring projects, with money provided by the Victorian Government.

The final topic covered in the DG's talk was in response to a question about club clusters. AG Tony Laycock noted that cluster responsibilities rest at the AG level, and that AGs Are working very hard to try to make clusters works.

## Upcoming events

- **'Renewables, Batteries and the Future'**  
Angler's Tavern  
Sep 21, 2021, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Tony De Fazio presents**  
Anglers tavern  
Oct 05, 2021 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



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- **club meeting**

Oct 19, 2021  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

- **District 9800 Conference**

April 30- 1 May 2022: more information to follow

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