



ZOOM MEETING – 17 MEMBERS PRESENT

Another very enjoyable and successful Zoom meeting managed by President Arja and enjoyed by 17 members in the comfort of our homes. The number participating is increasing each week as members become familiar with the use of the Zoom app. Members are able to enjoy their favourite beverage as they discuss many important aspects of Rotary and matters of a personal nature as well as the effects of the COVID-19 on the operation of their business and employment. We noted that Katrina enjoyed her red wine from a super large glass with contents sufficient to last the 30 minute duration of the meeting. Ian attended the meeting between courses of his birthday dinner. Happy Birthday Ian, we will collect the fine when we return to the Crow's Nest. Sergeant Warwick please note.

Our club's regular operation is on hold with many projects cancelled or postponed. For health and safety reasons our binoculars at Gan Gan have been removed and placed in storage. Thank you, Warwick and Geoff. Our exercise equipment which lines the foreshore has been placed out of bounds by Port Stephens Council for the short term. Our project at the Yaccaba Centre is more than half complete and will be resumed and completed when the social separation rules are relaxed. Bunnings barbeques are cancelled till further notice. Innovation has allowed some activities to continue such as our Zoom weekly meetings. Michael informed us that he had participated in a virtual bike ride today. The ride which originated several years ago when several fit and younger Rotarians completed a weekly ride followed by coffee and chat is currently operating by Zoom. The Zoom version involves considerable chat where many of the country's problems are discussed and solved. The oxygen that would have been consumed during the ride is now used for chat and exhaled as hot air.

It is important to keep Rotary alive and well during these trying times. Our Zoom meeting is one strategy of doing so. It is important to maintain contact and look out for the welfare of your friends and fellow members. Though we cannot maintain physical contact what about making a daily phone call at random to a fellow Rotarian.

During our meeting Chelsea was asked how she as a young person (our youngest Rotarian) was coping at this time. Fortunately, Chelsea has been able to continue her important work as a trainer of young tradespeople. She has a concern for the welfare of family and friends particularly those who are a little older. Chelsea continues to take care of her club director's duties. Our members who conduct their own business spoke of the effect the Corona Virus pandemic was having on their operation. Doug and Narelle spoke of the hardship being experienced by the travel industry. Both have been working hard to arrange refunds and rescheduling of trips planned by their clients. Ian and John spoke of how their practices have been reduced in operation to provide emergency service only. Ian spoke of the difficulty being experienced by some older patients in understanding the Government regulations about social contact. All were appreciative of the Government's efforts to assist their business to remain viable. All expressed a real concern for their employees and they are doing everything possible to keep them employed.

As there is not much regular weekly news and no guest speakers to report I thought it would be a good idea to ask members to tell us how they are occupying their time in forced isolation. Please provide a short item for publication. This might be about what you are doing, a special message for others, an important event in your life or any matter that you would like to share that may be of interest to fellow members.

I will set the ball rolling by letting you know that Fiona and I have decided to paint the interior of our house. At the present rate of progress this is likely to occupy most of the 90 days of isolation. We began with the main bedroom. The first 2 days was spent thinking about the task. Next day we made a start by stacking and covering the furniture in such a way to give access to the walls and ceilings for painting. Next task was covering the furniture and carpet with protective covering to prevent damage from the odd drop of stray paint. The following

day we began the cleaning process with sugar soap and bucket. Next day followed placing spackle into gaps and cracks and the removal of picture hooks and nails. By now we had lost track of time but were pressing ahead with the task hoping to complete our first room in the not too distant future. This will include two coats of paint and replacement of the furniture. We are looking forward to returning to our comfortable bed. Of course, we continue with the regular household chores, Rotary secretarial duties, gardening, Community College Zoom meeting and long walk around the back yard. No doubt the 90 days will fly by.

As you can see, Henk fulfilled his customary photographer's role. He is shown photographing the screen during our meeting. Unfortunately Richard Turner, Chelsea and Michael Jenkins were off screen when the photo was taken.

Another excellent meeting, thank you, Arja for setting up and to those members who were able to attend. Hopefully those experiencing technical difficulty will be with us next week. If you have a problem with Zoom please contact Kathy, Arja or Chelsea who will be able to provide advice



Next meeting –Zoom meeting at 6.30pm next Thursday (and each following Thursday).

Link by clicking below or copying to your browser at 6.25pm to access the meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6424376030>

Meeting ID: 642 437 6030.

MEMBERS WELFARE.

Message from President Arja re: Ian McIver:

I telephoned Ian McIver to see how he was coping and was advised by Phyllis that Ian had a fall on Wednesday and is in Hospital in Newcastle. Ian has broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Phyllis said that Ian is being looked after well and is expecting him home next week.

I asked Phyllis if she needed help with getting to the hospital on anything else. They have their son in law from Adelaide who is taking her to the hospital tomorrow.

I asked Phyllis to let me know if they needed anything at all and hopefully we can help if required.

TERRY FITZSIMONS: Terry remains in Newcastle Private Hospital. As I informed you last week Terry has had his second leg amputated. He has suffered a complication with the healing process and has needed a second operation. This operation held this morning (Friday) will remove a little more bone and a suction bandage will be applied to aid healing. Terry was in good spirits when I spoke with him and he would appreciate a phone call. A visit is not possible as the hospital is in lockdown.

IAN ROLFE: Continues to make steady progress. Last time I spoke with him he was still wearing his neck brace. Please give Ian a call when you get a chance.

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF PHILL & CHRISTINE'S HOLIDAY. (Email copy and photo left) Phill's hotel view Perth).

Hi all

Have added some new contacts so for some of you this might be the first you've heard of our plight.

Background:

Have been on board the ship Vasco da Gama since boarding in Singapore on 9th March.

No virus on board. Plenty of food and alcohol and we've generally had a good time.

(in effect we've been quarantined for 22 days already)

Finally got off ship yesterday in Fremantle at 7:45 PM after being told to assemble at 1:45PM. In hotel room 8:45PM.

We are quarantined in Crown Metropol for 14 days. Nice room - wouldn't mind staying here under different circumstances.

As you can see a nice view from room. Unfortunately, no balcony.

Dinner last night was "airline" food. Breakfast a little better but almost 100% carbohydrates.

Not allowed to leave room. Still not sure if we will be quarantined again when we get back to NSW.

Feel sorry for those travelling alone.

Thinking about how I was going to spend my time I went to youtube this morning and remembered the attached video and thought it worth sharing.

I know I've sent the "entitled snowflake" link to some of you before but it's worth another look.

Have a look, have a laugh.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlmarLZpsyQ>

We're fine. Stay safe.

Love

Phil and Chris



CHRIS BARTLETT was an apology from this week's Zoom meeting due to a clashing Whatsapp meeting with his daughter who is currently in London. In an attempt to outdo Phill and Christine, Chris has sent the photo (right above) – the view from his balcony and pad where he spends his time in isolation.

LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING SOME BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOU.