

## Bulletin # 40/41 from 23 and 30th of April 2020



### Webinar Speaker :Chris Bartlett ARHF Hat Day

We enjoyed seeing some interesting hats tonight from around the world, or made creatively at home with household items. All of this in support of programs of The Australian Rotary Health Foundation (ARHF) which is one of the largest independent funds suppliers of mental health research in Australia. Tonight our speaker Chris Bartlett made our night more interesting by providing us with information about ARHF.

The 2020 Facts book was a reference for the information provided. Our club has always been a strong supporter of ARHF, as has our district. PDG Don is a life member of the association having been on this board for a number of years. The ARHF started in 1981 by Ian Scott from the Rotary Club of Mornington with the aim of funding research in to S.I.D.S. Since 2000 the organisation has a strong focus on funding mental health research and from 2012 the focus has been the health of young Australians. Our own District 9670 has contributed more than \$1 million to ARHF, and in total it has contributed over \$48 million since its inception. The Fund provides scholarships for Phd students for original studies, to rural and medical nurses, and to indigenous students. Currently students with grants from ARHF, are studying at Newcastle University.

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### Birthdays

None this week  
Anniversaries

Kathy and Josh Rimmer on the 6th

Michael and Maggie Jenkins on the 15th

### Winners in the Hat Competition:

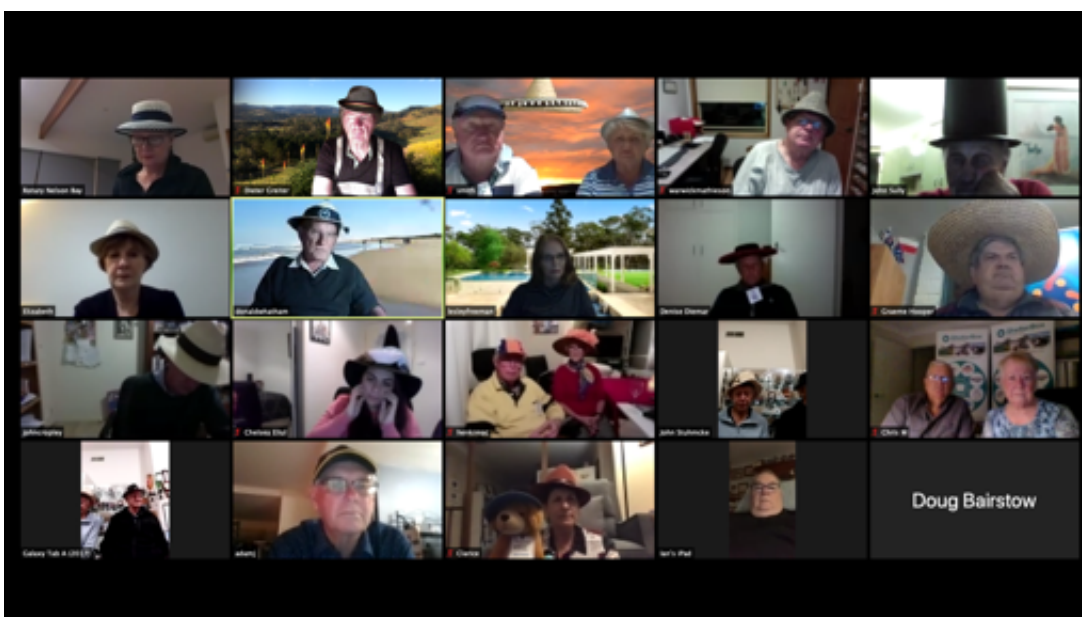
Ladies: Chelsea with her COVID hat & Yvonne with a hat made by her mother who was a milliner.  
Men: Stove pipe John and Spanish Geoff.

### Next weeks Guest Speaker **Mayor Ryan Palmer**

A Challenge to all was made by Phil Smith. He has often amused us with a story which starts with, "Something funny happened to me on the way to Rotary tonight." What is your story? (Stretch the details if you like )

**Bulletin :** Chris Bartlett  
**Photos:** Various.

**Binoculars Roster:**David Clark & Ella Clarke



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Zoom Meetings each week from 6 pm on a Tablet, Computer or Phone near you.

### Hat Parade

These pictures show details of the hats on show. It was great to have representatives from our district join the meeting tonight. President Arja thanks them for making time to be with with our club, particularly given most would be zooming at the district meeting shortly after. DG Graham was present with a large sombrero to shelter the moonlight. He mentioned life as a DG is still busy despite the lack of face to face meetings. Clarice our Assistant Governor was present with Wally her dog in sun safe colours. We thank her for being with us so regularly over the meetings and I am sure we will miss her presence when her tenure is over. ( Not to say she can't visit any time) Thanks to Chris and Helen Mc Grath for being a part of he meeting, and to Helen for the astute and fair judging.

We have not been able to meet for awhile now at the Club, and in the interests of a good cause, a number of members chose to donate the normal dinner fee to Australian Rotary Health. At the time of the meeting we had contributions of \$350 which treasurer Ian will send to ARHF in due course. Any further contributions can be sent to the club account.



### A word about the hats....

Chelsea decided to stay COVID safe with her hat and constructed her own with the use of protective equipment actually on it, for easy accessibility should the need arise. How tremendous to source some of the items, sanitiser, toilet paper, masks when shelves are often bare of stock. Henk and Anjes showed their true colours, well orange, to celebrate the birthday of the dutch king and all things nationalistic from Holland. PDG Don wore his Nelson Bay golf hat lamenting the fact he had not had a game for 3 months. Dieter also showed his connection to Europe with an Oktoberfest hat and outfit. John Sully showed what an English gentleman he really is with his top hat. He used this hat whilst walking the estate back in England. Warwick ensured his head stayed warm with a Harris Tweed number. President Arja had a paper boater from France. Lesley showed us a picture of what her backyard will look like with some upcoming renovation, but wore a hard hat just in case.





### COVID Cruising or long way home?

From the meeting of 23rd of April, Phil and Chris Smith gave us an account of their recent cruise which ended in a long stay in W.A. Phil and Chris commented it was great to have contact with club members, via email or phone, while they spent time in isolation.

The cruise itself was not a problem. The passengers were not inconvenienced, but unfortunately when one person contracted pneumonia (some lengthy deliberation on the diagnosis) the decision was made to close

everything down. The company arranged to take citizens from Australia and New Zealand on one ship, and another headed to Europe, U.S. The problem started when they arrived in Fremantle. Quarantine and isolation was arranged at the Crown Hotel. A nice hotel if you could leave sometime. The N.Z. Government arranged to fly its citizens home immediately the ship docked, but not so for Australian residents. The Ruby and Diamond Princess scandals left cruise ships as villains. Delays in what to do with eastern states resulted in missing the opportunity to return home before border restrictions were enforced. No alcohol or smoking was permitted in quarantine conditions. The meals were 95% carbohydrate for breakfast and lunch. Dinner was not nice at all, sometimes being hard to identify. Sadly one confined traveller developed post traumatic stress disorder and required hospitalisation. Stress levels were increased by poor communication from the state government. At one point there seemed no way to get a flight and the hotel was suggesting the free period was about to run out and they would pay at least 4 days full price accommodation. Even when freedom came suddenly, confusion continued as to how to get a flight, and how travel to the airport. Buses arrived but instructions were not clear who had organised this transport. Despite people needing to go back east 30 free seats remained on the flight.

Well, finally in N.S.W and travelling back from Sydney, Phil and Chris decided to call into Mac Donalds and then had the best tasting burger ever. They received a full refund on the cruise. Will they ever cruise again? That question remained unanswered.

## ROTARY AT A GLANCE

**Rotarians:** 1,216,372 in 35,825 clubs in 545 Districts in 220 countries/geographic areas.

**Rotaractors:** 167,530\* in 10,108 clubs in 532 districts in 184 countries/geographic areas.

**Interactors:** 245,755\* in 10,685 clubs in 498 districts in 161 countries/geographic areas.

**Rotary Community Corps members:** 200,615\* in 10,815 clubs in 235 districts in 90 countries/geographic areas.

As at May 31, 2019, there are 27,703 in 1082 clubs in 21 districts in Australia and 7911 Rotarians in 261 clubs in six districts in New Zealand and the Pacific. Australian and New Zealand districts include Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu, where there are 734 Rotarians in 44 clubs.

## OBJECT OF ROTARY

*The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

- 1** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- 4** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.