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President's report

Our first weekend at Bunnings was very successful with so many of our customers welcoming us back and greeting us like old friends. A sincere thanks to all our volunteers as we adjusted to the new requirements.

On Monday we all wore our hats to raise funds for Lift the Lid, in aid of mental health awareness. Thank you to Roza Sage for her informative presentation and to Emma Lamont for judging. Our two thoroughly deserving prize winners were Lynda Sparkes and Geoff Glassock.

We had a very full Board meeting on Tuesday night. The main matter of business was to go through the revised by-laws presented by Peter Sparkes – what a huge amount of thought and consideration he has given this task! The revised by-laws will now be sent to members for their consideration and they will be put to the AGM on 30 November for approval.

Other matters included:

- Ride the Train for Polio – see below
- The Fathering Project – see below
- Plans for the AGM – see below.

Our thoughts and well wishes are with Alan Cameron who is currently in hospital.

Thanks to our Sergeant Deana Atkins for the return of the fines session on Monday. Don't forget to have a money box or jar beside your computer for future meetings.

A reminder that there will be no Zoom meeting this Monday as it is Committee meetings week.

Have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiwer
 President



Thought for the week

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Pick-a-card!

There was no pick-a-card draw this week.



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Planned meetings for October

- 19 October 2020 – Committee meetings (no Club zoom meeting)
- 26 October 2020 – Guest speakers by Zoom

Planned meetings for November

- 2 November 2020 – Club Zoom meeting
- 9 November 2020 – Ori social dinner
- 16 November 2020 – Committee meetings
- 23 November 2020 – Zoom Guest Speakers
- 30 November 2020 – Annual General Meeting

Nominations for President-elect 2020-2021

- result

The only nomination received was for Jenny Kroonstuiver, and this has been accepted by the Board.

Ride the Train for Polio

The End Polio Now Train Ride is on Friday 24th October and members are invited to join us to travel down to Emu Plains by train and meet the main group just before midday.

This event is a great opportunity for our Club to demonstrate its commitment to the number one priority of Rotary and that is to eradicate polio.

If you are interested in joining the group, please let Jenny Kroonstuiver know on jkroonstuiver@hotmail.com.

Bunnings BBQs upcoming rosters

There are still a few vacancies for volunteers on **Saturday 31 October**. If you are available to be on the roster, please let Jenny know.



Community Projects Wheelbarrow Raffle

Please remember to return butts to Jenny Kroonstuiver. If you are depositing funds directly into the Community account, please remember to say what they are for and who is depositing, and to let Jenny and Adam know you have deposited the funds. Books of either 10 or 50 tickets can be taken by Club members to sell. If you are willing to take a book, please email jkroonstuiver@hotmail.com to arrange drop off/or collection, or otherwise pick up a book from Lynda Sparkes at the Garden Centre. There are still plenty of books left!



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Springwood Estate Wines – Last chance to order

Opportunity to order the excellent wines from Geoff Glassock closes at the end of October. See the back page for ordering details.

Pride of Workmanship Awards – Nominations close 20 October

Just a reminder that nominations close this week. The nomination forms are available on the Club website. Please forward completed nomination to Cheryl Kitto: cheryla9@bigpond.net.au

The Awards will be given out in November and at this stage, we are considering either a small gathering or a zoom meeting - to be decided closer to the event.

The Fathering Project

Geoff Glassock has been working to introduce the Fathering Project to the Club.

The Fathering Project aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father-figures to effectively engage with their kids. The Fathering Project delivers resources programs and events specific to the engagement style and needs of dads and father-figures. They work in schools and are already in two schools in the Mountains.

This project began in WA, and after Geoff saw it on Compass, he got in touch with them and met up with the NSW Coordinator. The coordinator will be speaking to our Zoom meeting on November 23rd.

Time to register for District Conference

Members are encouraged to register for the District Conference 13th-14th March 2021. There is no cost to register.

Registering does not mean that members have to attend on the day - it is just showing interest.

This Conference will be short sharp and sweet and will something entirely different. So come on and join us and help ROCK the BOAT.

Here is the link:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d3656b40-52ee-4293-9942-b19d6df5956f>



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Board nominations - time to start thinking about nominating

The AGM will be on 30 November, so please start thinking about nominating either yourself or someone else to the 2021-2022 Board. Please chat to the current Directors to find out more about their portfolios.

Positions will be:

- President
- President-elect 2021-2022
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 5 Board members.

Walk for Ana Paula

When: Saturday 17th October to Saturday 24th October 2020

Where: Chatswood to Blackheath:
Distance approx. 150Km.

Why: To support the study of Ana Paula Salgado from Timor-Leste (TL), towards obtaining a Dental Degree from the Fiji National University (FNU).

Background:

In February this year, 2020, Ana Paula Salgado commenced the five-year Dental Degree at the FNU, sponsored by the Timor-Leste Dental Program (TLDP), a Rotary Program, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chatswood Roseville. The program sends 4-5 volunteer teams annually to TL to provide dental treatment and oral health education to communities in rural and remote areas of

TL. The annual cost of Ana Paula's study at FNU, including travel and living expenses, is \$25,000 AUD.

David Sheen, co-founder of TLDP hopes to raise \$10,000 AUD by completing this walk.

Members are invited to sponsor David for this walk. To make a donation, please head to link below:

<https://timordentalprogram.org/donate-now/>

Further details are available from Jenny Kroonstuiver

Remember when....



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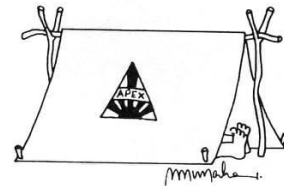
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Apex in action — or inaction

LEADERSHIP:



"...Not since the dark days of the Great Depression and World War 2 has there been such a crying need for real leadership in Australia. Apex — the Australian Service Club, can provide this leadership at National and local levels..."

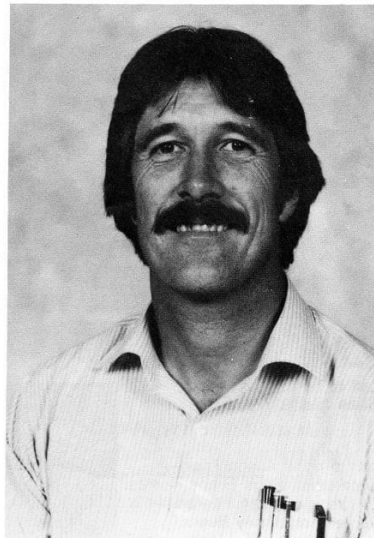
How often have we heard this said? More importantly, is it true, and if so how can we make it happen?

The "state of the nation" at any one time is a moot point. There will never be (fortunately) complete agreement, in a society as diverse as ours, as to what constitutes problem areas and what are examples of acceptable solutions.

However, I think it fair to assume a consensus that we ALWAYS need a good supply of leaders, at all levels — unhappy is the nation with a "Hobsons Choice" of leaders!

Australia is a different society from its European ancestors. There has been for nearly 200 years a conscious rejection of the concept of a "ruling class". W.C. Wentworth's proposal of an hereditary aristocracy was laughed out of existence in the 1850's. Much to the despair of quite a number of immigrants, accustomed to automatic respect in their home countries due to the circumstances of their birth. Australians have tended to grant respect only when it is earned.

This robust democratic philosophy has led to problems in the past. Most notable of these have been in the military sphere; Australian soldiers in 2 World Wars frequently fell foul of the British (and in WW2 the American) military establishment. Similarly, the talents of General Monash in WW1 were slow to be recognised because "he is only a citizen — soldier, not a real general". Monash was, of course, arguably the most able commander on the western front.



A like problem bedevils industrial relations. There is no question that the preconceived ideas of "class enemies" held by some "Pommy shop-stewards" have caused as many problems as has the arrogance displayed by some "would-be-if-they-could-be" managers.

Our healthy democratic traditions carry with them, I believe, the seeds of a rather more insidious problem. Too many of our Leaders are afraid to lead.

How often do we see this in politics? The leader who is honest enough to stand up and tell us the truth about how tough things are gets shot down in flames. The one who pretends everything will be hunky-dory — "Just trust me" — gets hailed for his political nous. The short term gain is the target all the time.

I am afraid it is we who are to blame for this. We demand accountability only in the sense that we must not be hurt, and that if things go wrong, it is someone else's fault — preferably our leaders, because we can sack them at the next election.

The fact is, we are NOT seen by the community as an active aggressive group of young men, keen to right the wrongs in our society. We are seen increasingly as a conservative group of middle-aged men trying hard to pretend that Australia and the world have not changed for the last 15 or 20 years. I believe the evidence for this is that (i) we are increasingly ignored by Governments, as indicated by our National President, and (ii) we are increasingly ignored by the younger sections of our community, as shown by our ever declining membership in the under 25 areas.

To restore the position to what we believe it should be, we are going to have to allow our leaders more freedom — at all levels of Apex. Instead of howling for blood when a decision is made that we don't immediately like, why don't we look for ways of making it happen?

Our leaders within Apex must feel confident about their positions. It is not a sound display of leadership to say to every difficult decision "...I don't know, I'll have to consult my Club/District/Zone on that". All too often it is an abdication of responsibility. If this attitude change can come about, we may see Apex Clubs, Districts, Zones and the Association once again taking their rightful leadership positions out in front, at the cutting edge, where life ain't easy. We may feel a little uncomfortable — but is that so undesirable really?

The respect we expect from the community is that which we, the current membership, earn — not that which our predecessors earned. Do we have the confidence, the courage, to go out and face the loneliness of leadership?

I hope so!

...Duncan Berriman.▲



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WINE SALE

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT 2020

**1 dozen mixed case
from Fresh Creek winery Pokolbin NSW**

- 2015 Botanica Shiraz (clean skin)
 - 2019 FC Rose (clean skin)
 - 2018 FC Semillon (clean skin)
- 2019 Botanica Semillon Sav Blanc (clean skin)

Cost per case:	\$ 140.00
• 6 only	\$ 75.00
• 3 only	\$ 40.00
• Single	\$ 15.00

For collection from Valley Heights or can be delivered

**Please email Geoff Glassock with your order asap for
delivery before Christmas glassock@bigpond.net.au**

Or 0408 436 676

The treasurer will send you an invoice with payment details

For further information please contact:

Dr Geoffrey Glassock AM FAPS PHF. Community Service Director 2020-2021



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