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What a busy week it has been!

Our Monday night Zoom meeting was attended by 23 members (and several dogs). It was great to see so many in attendance. Thanks to all the Board directors who introduced themselves and explained their aims for the year.

Thanks also to Pat Ainslie, Margaret Bell, Marilyn Kenney and Geoff Glassock, all of whom have taken on District roles this year. Each person provided a brief overview of their jobs at Monday's meeting and we wish them well in their new roles.

Then on Tuesday night we had our first Board meeting which has resulted in a flurry of activity.

Key points from the Board meeting included:

- Fees have been set and invoices sent out.
- We will be using the donated wheelbarrow and Bunnings vouchers for a Christmas raffle.
- Invitations are being sent to Honorary members.
- Club Committees are currently being finalised.
- Bunnings BBQs are about to resume - see below.
- We will be supporting the Men's Health Educational Rotary Van (MHERV) - see below.
- We will support the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre shop - see below.

With the news of new cases of Covid19 being reported we are being extra cautious in planning any community activities, including the Bunnings BBQs. I encourage anyone who is concerned about being involved to err on the side of caution, as your own health is of paramount importance.

As a result, Valda Bray has advised that the social lunch at the Ori planned for 28 July has been **postponed** until further notice.

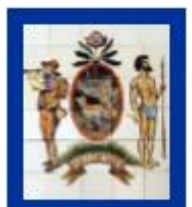
Despite our best efforts to keep the club fees at the same level as last year, we were defeated by the fluctuating exchange rate, and the rise in the fee for the hard copy of RDU. Please do not hesitate to contact Adam or me if you are having difficulty paying. Hopefully many of you will find that the fees increase is being offset by the current removal of Monday dinner costs.

I plan to have Club Committees finalised by next week. All members will be assigned to a Club Committee. If you have a committee preference and have not yet been contacted, please contact Jenny Kroonstuiver.

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MHERV, 16-17 August: volunteers needed

Our Club will be supporting the Men's Health Educational Rotary Van in the Springwood car park on **Sunday 16th and Monday 17th August 2020.**

Geoff Glassock is looking for two volunteers per shift, for 3 x 2 hour shifts each day. Their job will be to meet and greet and to facilitate the signed consent to participate.

If you are able to help, please contact Geoff Glassock.

Bunnings BBQs – volunteers needed

Bunnings BBQs are set to recommence with some substantial changes in practices, such as using a greater area to facilitate social distancing, electronic payments, our people applying the sauce etc.

We have agreed to run the BBQ on Sunday 26th July and then on the third Saturday of each month.

Margaret Bell will be seeking volunteers prior to each event, and we encourage each member to be mindful of their own health considerations before volunteering.

Thank you to Margaret for the preliminary work she is doing to ensure we are adequately prepared.

LATE NEWS – please note that the Bunnings BBQs have once again been suspended.

Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre shop – volunteers needed

While several members, led by Pat Ainslie, have already been volunteering their time for several months, we have now agreed to support the shop as a Rotary activity.

Any club members who would like to help will be covered by the Neighbourhood Centre insurance after filling in a volunteer form at the centre. We are able to wear our Rotary shirts and you will receive a volunteer's badge from the centre.

There is no cost to Rotary to participate and this activity gives us a window to show our support in the community.

Anyone who would like to give some time to this service please get in touch with Pat Ainslie, coordinator for the shop roster.

Planned meetings for July

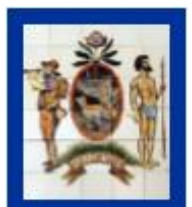
- 20 July 2020 – District Governor's visit (note, **no** Zoom meeting)
- 27 July 2020 – Guest speakers by Zoom

Planned meetings for August

- 3 August 2020 – Zoom meeting
- 10 August 2020 – Social dinner at the Ori (see below)
- 17 August 2020 – Committee meetings
- 24 August 2020 – Guest speakers by Zoom
- 31 August 2020 – TBA



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Booking in to the 10 August social dinner at the Ori

At this stage we are still planning to have a social dinner at the Ori on Monday 10 August. We have booked for two tables each of 10 people.

It is essential to pre-book your attendance with Bronwyn Berriman, and the first 20 people will be accepted. Members will order from the menu and pay individually.

The Ori has asked that patrons remain seated whilst at dinner.

Feedback from Bega Rotary – Tathra Bushfires

Below is an extract from an email received from Charlie Blomfield

I previously indicated that your donations would take time to best target the community.

In the past year we conducted a garden expo last spring over a weekend with experienced presenters focusing on replanting in the area and then open gardens to demonstrate what could be achieved.

However the bulk of the donations were used, together with donations to local RFS, to successfully apply for a State Government grant to build a training facility attached to the Tathra fire shed. The arrangement is that when the training

room is not required by the RFS, then the facility will be available for community groups to use - hence strong community support. Completion is expected about the end of October this year.

Here is a link to the Tathra RFS web site that gives some detail -

<https://www.tathrafirebrigade.org.au>

100 years of Rotary - Blue Mountains celebration picnic

Sincere thanks to all those who responded so quickly to the invitation to the picnic on 25th October. There was a 60% response rate with 13 people indicating interest in attending. These numbers were required to assist with initial planning and further information will follow as planning progresses.

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