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Club of Eaglehawk



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Meet Wednesdays
 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
 at California Gully
 Mechanic's Institute
 Eaglehawk.

Our Rotary meetings are currently being held online via zoom.

See below for details on the program for each Club meeting.

MAY

Birthdays

2nd Geoff Adcock
 4th Sarah Wainwright
 5th Maria Cogo
 16th Graeme Lock
 17th Howard Osborne
 18th Gail Fitzpatrick

Inductions

15th Brian Fitzpatrick (2019)
 22nd John Gurr (1974)
 22nd Lindsay Roberts (1974)
 28th John Jones (2003)
 31st Gary Frank (2017)

Anniversaries

16th Rod & Jeanette Hanson

Dates for Your Diaries

May 27th	Club General Meeting – Zoom – Log in using this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102433477
June 1st	Club General Meeting – Zoom – Log in using this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102433477
June 24th	RC Eaglehawk Changeover
June 27th	D9800 Changeover

Tattslotto Lucky Supplementary Number Draw

The Club's Tattslotto Comp is now underway and we will list the winners each week here for you to see who won when you didn't!

Winners to date are –

25/4/2020	Number 31	Geoff Gallagher
2/5/2020	Number 35	Leon Scott
9/5/2020	Number 34	No Winner
16/5/2020	Number 15	John Gurr



President John's Report

This week we had a very productive board meeting at the home (socially distant) of Geoff and Marg Gallagher and it was wonderful to enjoy the face to face contact, the blazing wood fire and subsequent supper – thank you Geoff and Marg.

The meeting was prefaced by a letter of resignation from Brian Gould. Brian has been confronting a number of personal and family health challenges in recent times and this, in association with his new professional commitments, has prompted his decision. His resignation is accepted with regret and we thank him for his wonderful contributions with respect to the youth portfolio and the Caravan and Camping Swap Meet in particular.

Members may not be aware but PDG Gordon McKern has had some health challenges and was admitted to hospital last Saturday. He has since been discharged and is recovering at home. I have had some conversations with him and he is in good spirits – on behalf of you all we wish him well.

Lyn Harrison is now home and recuperating. After an extended stay this may take some time but we are pleased to see that her progress is very positive. Geoff Adcock is now at home after knee surgery and was able to join the board meeting via zoom. Personal contacts with any or all of the above would, I am sure, be most welcome.

As part of Board discussions we received an update from Sr Henrietta (via Heather) from Timor Leste. We have invested heavily in scholarships at the secondary and tertiary level and these have been comprised by the Covid 19 virus. Tertiary students have been encouraged to stay away from Dili and secondary school attendance is down to about 30% and this, no doubt, will impact on educational outcomes in the future. We remain, however, committed to supporting this emerging nation. Many of us have such a strong personal connection.

This Sunday (May 24) we have District Assembly. The sessions will be recorded and, if you haven't registered, please review the Assembly on line.

A large part of the discussion was around discretionary giving and the need to keep in mind that fundraising opportunities in the short term will be limited. There is also the consideration that needs in our immediate community are emerging and will continue to do so and so it is critical that we have some reserve to address those needs. Thank you to Treasurer Ron Payne for his comprehensive reports that allowed us to have an informed conversation.

Arrangements are in hand for our Annual Report and Directors will provide these in the near future. The report will be made available on line with hard copies available on request. My intention is to provide an 'executive summary' with highlights of the year that can showcase our achievements (albeit in a very challenging year).

A major discussion point at the Board meeting was around the issue of membership – retaining current members and attracting/retaining new members - a conundrum yet to be resolved and a challenge for the future. We do need to recognise the current economic climate, family circumstances, personal priorities, availability of time and the myriad of other factors that impact on our commitment to be, or to become, Rotarians.

On a completely separate issue, May is Bowelscan month. Kits are not available at chemists this year but can be ordered on line at rotarybowelscan.com or a call to 1300779694. Cost is \$20.00 but that investment could save your life. (90% chance of survival if detected early!). I encourage you to have a test.

Another Zoom meeting next Wednesday and looking forward to catching up.
Stay safe,

John P Jones
President 2019/20

District Governor, Grant Hocking



All clubs and the district are ensuring that Rotarians are staying connected and communication during the period of COVID 19 restrictions. I know this because I have been visiting many club meetings and also many district meetings hearing first hand about the great work being done in our District.

Although this week there has been a slight easing of the restrictions, there is a real need to maintain our social distancing and healthy habits for many months to come. The rate at which more restrictions will be eased and not reinstated depends a lot on how we do as a society in limiting the spread of COVID 19. I know all Rotarians are sensible and will do the right thing to lead the way and be an example to the community.

As mentioned last month we have achieved our goals of **Staying connected**, ensuring we have **projects**, and having some form of **fundraising**.

We need all clubs to share your ideas on the [Staying Connected page](#) of the District website. Your ideas and actions are important to share and will help our district and our clubs. Once again I need to thank Jane Pennington and Mark Stephens for maintaining this page and keeping us all informed. Mark has shown that people accessing our page has increased as is the number viewing Networker which is another great way to stay in touch with the activities of the District and clubs.



District Zoom Meetings

These are now occurring on the weekends with recent ones for Presidents and PEs.



Morning Tea with the DG

Starting next weekend on **Saturday 23rd May starting at 11 am** I will be hosting a Morning Tea with the DG which will continue **every Saturday morning ending on 20th June**. This will be an opportunity to chat informally and ask questions about what's going on in the District, clubs and across the Rotary World. I started the year holding these regularly and now we can continue on the Zoom platform.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81883114579>

The Morning teas will occur around the District Assembly on Sunday 24th May and the District Changeover on Saturday 27th May with more detail on these events below.



Virtual Rotary Club Changeovers - Stephen Sennett, Rotarian with Melbourne E-club, recently wrote an article on Virtual Rotary Club Changeovers. This was circulated widely and has been republished in many other districts across the world. I thought it deserved great recognition so shared it with RISSPO (Parramatta) who are including it in Rotary publications here in Australia and also with RI Voices blog. There is also a request for Stephen to join an upcoming panel discussion with

RISSPO and Rotary leaders in Australia. Details will be shared when available. You can read the article here <https://medium.com/@ssennett.au/virtual-changeovers-c0103ebe23f5> Well done Stephen.



Highlights

As you will read below there is a lot happening in the district and around Rotary with information below on;

- the Bushfire Response Committee, bushfire support projects and the application process to access funds from our appeal.
- R100 projects
- ROCAN CD sales in memory of Yvonne Moon OAM
- Keep cups for sale
- RI Virtual Convention

I hope you join me when you are able at a Morning Tea with the DG and I likewise hope to join you at an on-line club meeting soon. I look forward along with the DGEN (Philip, Dale and Mandi) in joining many of your club changeover events in June and July this year.

It is more important in these challenging times to maintain focus and continue to support our communities. We will be judged by how we perform across the entire year but probably more so how we perform during the COVID 19 restrictions. I know when the restrictions are over that we will certainly appreciate our lifestyles, communities and Rotary experiences more than in the past. It is important to stay positive and be supportive.

Stay Connected, Stay Safe and Stay well.

RI Virtual Convention - RI President Mark Daniel Maloney and his team have also been busy organising the RI Virtual Convention programming. The dates and times shown below detail how it will be broadcast at a few set times each day. Additionally, if you miss the live broadcasts, they will be readily available on the convention website, providing some flexibility for you and your event attendees to participate at your own convenience. The Virtual Convention is free to all attendees, however, there will be a sign in process in order to access the programming. Detailed Instructions for this process will be provided before the event. Look for additional messages in the coming weeks and check the [convention website](#) regularly.

Saturday 20 June

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – *Together We Connect* –General Session 1
- 14:00 - 15:15 – London/Lagos Time
- 21:00 - 22:15 – Taipei Time

Sunday 21 June

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – *Together We Learn* –General Session 2
- 14:00 - 15:15 – London/Lagos Time
- 21:00 - 22:15 – Taipei Time

Monday 22 June – Friday 26 June – Featured Breakouts (more details coming soon)

Daily, one breakout will be offered at each of the following times.

- 8:00 – 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

District Assembly

This year's **District Assembly 2020 via Zoom** is on Sunday 24th May 2020 commencing at 10:00am and concluding at 12.30pm.

District Assembly is a wonderful opportunity to learn, to connect with other Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 9800, and to hear from the incoming District Leadership Team.

[Contact Gary Goldsmith](#) for more information.

District Changeover

Put the date in your diary now - Saturday 27 June at 1pm on zoom. A totally different Changeover saying goodbye to Grant and his team and welcoming in Philip and his team. More details to follow.



Bushfire Update

As with all Victorians, Rotarians in our District have been profoundly saddened and touched by the tragedy of the bushfires over summer, which have claimed lives, destroyed many homes and decimated thousands of hectares of bushland.

As a result, we wanted to [share with you an update](#) on what our District has been doing and some ideas on how Rotarians can continue to assist those dealing with the consequences and challenges of the bushfires.

To all members of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

Lyn is now at home, very tired, but improving each day and is busy doing her exercises.

Thank you to Pres. John for his regular phone calls and to all members for their Cards, Messages and phone calls offering support to both Lyn and myself at this time.

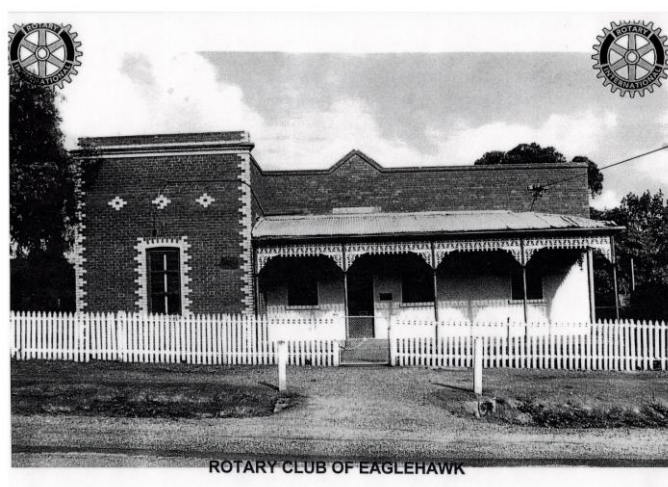
Doug and Lyn Harrison

Club Face Book Page

<https://www.facebook.com/EaglehawkRotaryClub/>

Our clubrooms, 'The Mechanics' at 8 School Street, California Gully are a wonderful example of an older historic building being repurposed for maximum usage by the community in 2020. This wasn't always the case, but in the early 2000's the building came to the attention of our club members, specifically, Stan Spencely, who set about negotiations with the City of Greater Bendigo and ultimately embarked upon the refurbishment of the dilapidated building to achieve the magnificent restoration that today allows not only our club, but many community groups the ability to use this facility, one of the best buildings in California Gully. Community groups or individuals are able to hire the facilities for club meetings, family gatherings or even work seminars, simply go to our web site for additional information - www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au

Here are a couple of the photos used in the post –



Make sure you click the 'like page' and the 'follow page' buttons that appear directly under the page header so you get the best chance of seeing these stories as they are posted, and of course share them so all your friends can see them too!

FOR SALE * Rotary Keep Cups *** FOR SALE**



Our District 9800 Conference Committee has worked hard to minimise the impact of the cancellation of the conference, and we are extremely grateful to all who have supported and assisted us in this process.

We now have the opportunity to offer you a unique opportunity of a different kind. We have a supply of **Rotary branded 'Keep Cups'** that were designed and ordered for our conference that are now available for purchase.

They are easy to order by simply going to –

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJKLH>

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