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R.I. President – Holger Knaack District Governor – Philip Archer Assistant Governor – Graeme Lynas

> Our Rotary meetings are currently being held online via zoom.

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

OCTOBER

Rotary

Birthdays -

3rd Marg Gallagher 4th Beryl Adcock

Inductions -

12th Charlie Cunneen (1994) 14th Ron Payne (2009) 16th Gordon McKern (1976)

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -		
October 14 th	Club General Meeting 6.45pm – Julian Mather (see additional info later in bulletin - Zoom – Log in using this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102433477	
October 21 st	Club General Meeting 6.45pm – Zoom – Log in using this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102433477	
October 22 nd	Combined Cluster Meeting with the DG – Zoom – Login Details to follow	
October 28 th	Club General Meeting 6.45pm – Zoom – Log in using this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102433477	
November 4 th	Club General Meeting 6.45pm – Zoom – Log in using this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102433477	

Tattslotto Lucky Supplementary Number Draw

The Club's Tattslotto Comp Round 3 is underway details of winners are -



Round 3 – details of winners –					
12/9/2020	#6	Barry Clayton	17/10/2020		
19/9/2020	#33	Mick Costello	24/10/2020		
26/9/2020	#14	John Jones	31/10/2020		
3/10/2020	#40	Mick Costello	7/11/2020		
10/10/2020			14/11/2020		

President Mick's Report –

Greetings for another week, last night I have some problems getting on to our Zoom meeting (my computer decided it needed to shut down and reset itself just as I was logging on).

Mick's Quote of the Week

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to

— Nelson Henderson

I went to the backup plan using the tablet but had no idea as to how to Zoom with it. Apparently everyone could hear me but I could not see anyone or hear them, hope I wasn't swearing at everyone? Sorry if I was! (Editor's note – it's ok Mick – we muted you!)

Eventually the computer came to my rescue. Apparently I should shut down the computer from time to time so it can do these uploads. My lesson for the week.

Once I got on I found we had 2 guests on the night Bree Bacon and Grant Hocking ASM District Governor 2019-2020, thank you both for joining us.

Grant attended to present our Club with a Rotary International Citation for the 2019/2020 year, well done to us! but in particular to PP John for his leadership and with the expertise of Alison on this achievement.

Guest Speaker tonight was Rotarian Rita O'Brien talking on the history of the family business, O'Brien's Pharmacy and the use of the Building in High Street, Eaglehawk.

I didn't realize it is the oldest Pharmacy building in the Bendigo Region and still has a lot of the original features.

Grange Raffle is launched on Monday so get you pennies together, because of our meeting restrictions during COVID, we have all saved \$25.00 per week so for every 8 weeks we've each saved enough for a ticket...... (we've been without a

dinner meeting now for 27 weeks), and if you win I am offering my services to help drink it.

Next Week-

Invocation is Lindsay Walkington (our newest member throwing him in at the Deep end)

Chairperson Geoff Gallagher and Guest Speaker Julian Mather.

Mick Costello President 2020-2021



October is 'End Polio Support Month.'

Have you joined Ron's team yet – or maybe you simply want to donate to the cause – let's support PP Ron in this endeavour to raise funds and draw attention to this great fundraiser.

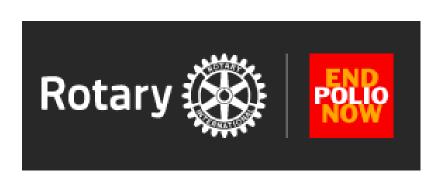


Please support my 'End Polio Now' fundraiser by joining my team at

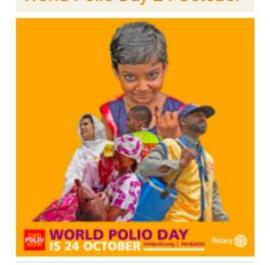
https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/fundraisers/ronpayne

while also making a valued contribution to world health. If you feel inclined to support this very important project further, please SHARE this post on Facebook or anywhere else you might be able to promote it. Thank you enormously in anticipation.

Ron Payne



World Polio Day 24 October



End Polio Walk - We encourage members to join this year's fundraising event to be held between 1-31 October.

People can register at www.rotarywalkwithus.org

Or can source further information on the facebook link at: Facebook event page - https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Walk-With-Us-585720215446222

Our Guest Speaker next week -14^{th} October - an evening not to be missed. Make sure you ask your family and friends to join us for this very entertaining and informative evening.



Face Masks -

Recent changes to the face covering requirements have seen another surge in demand for the club's face masks.

If it's time you changed to a good high quality double thickness cotton face mask then new stock is now available by contacting Alison -

alison@bendigo.com.au or by calling 0417 562 952



Combined Cluster Meeting with the DG

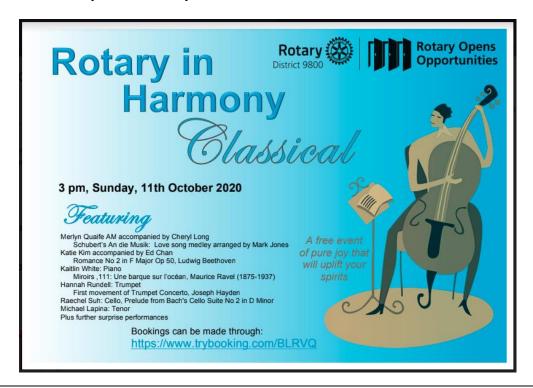
Every year, each Rotary Club in the District is visited by the District Governor who attends their meeting, this gives all members the opportunity to talk to and connect with them on a personal level. This of course can't happen this year but DG Philip Archer is very keen to connect with us. So, we're having a combined Cluster meeting –

Thursday October 22nd at 6.45pm On Zoom

The meeting will go for about an hour and all members, friends, family and those interested are encouraged to participate.

- 3 minute overview by each Cluster President on "highlights so far"
- PDG Murray Verso Foundation
- PDG Peter Frueh Membership
- DG Philip Archer
- Q & A for all using the chat function

This is a great opportunity to hear about the current happenings of Rotary, the emphasis being on Foundation – the Charity arm of Rotary.



Gordon has provided the following information as our members/readers may be interested in knowing of an initiative by one of our successful local businesses -



BOARD REPORT - MCKERN FOUNDATION

MONTH OVERVIEW (SUMMARY)

The Fresh Fruit Friday programme remains on hold due to COVID-19; however, we are looking to recommence the program in all participating schools at the beginning of Term 4.

We have received interest from 2 additional schools – Eppalock PS and Marist College (junior school), looking to join the program once back up and running

Below is a list of participating schools for the remainder of 2020. All schools will be invited to re-apply to be a part of the 2021 programme.

Axedale PS	Kennington PS	
Bendigo South East College	Lockwood South PS	
BSSC VCAL Program	Maiden Gully PS	
Big Hill PS	NETschool	
California Gully PS	Quarry Hill PS	
Camp Hill PS	Spring Gully PS	
Castlemaine PS	St Francis of the Fields PS	
Eaglehawk North PS	St Liborius PS	
Eaglehawk SC	St Kilians PS	
Elmore PS	St Monica's PS	
Epsom PS	St Peter's PS	
Harcourt Valley PS	Strathfieldsaye PS	
Huntly PS	White Hills PS	

Whilst the programme is completely funded by the Foundation and our partners and there is no cost to the schools, there is a requirement that the schools 'giveback' through promotion of the programme, via school newsletters, posters etc, providing as much exposure as possible for the benefit of our Partners. The Foundation also works very closely with Briana Cowan from Mingle Media, who maintains contact with each of the schools. The schools are asked to provide 2x engaging photos/stories per term, which are then shared via the McKern Foundation Facebook page, and linked in with our partners.

Fresh Fruit Friday Partners

JL King – our local fruit distributor who also provide fruit to the programme at a reduced cost.

Orrcon - provide the Foundation with a monthly rebate (\$15 per tonne) on steel purchased.

Adroit Insurance - \$10,000 per annum

Roberts Family Foundation – \$5,000 per annum. This Foundation is headed by Anthony and Christina Roberts (Porter Davis Homes).

O'Farrell Robertson McMahon - ongoing partnership, assisted in setting up our Foundation with DGR status.

COGB Community Grant

As the programme continues to offer many worthwhile benefits to schools and the community, we recently decided to apply for a large grant (\$25k) via the City of Greater Bendigo grants program. Our initial Expression of Interest submission for the grant was approved, so this month we have been working with Carolyn Stanford of Stanford Marketing, who has been assisting us with the formal grant submission. The proposal asks for ways in which the programme will benefit, so we have agreed that if successful, the programme will expanded with 10 additional schools each year, for the next 2 years. Applications will close on 17 September.

Connecting with our community

During this month, as we focus on Economic & Community Development, I'm delighted to advise you about the launch of a wonderful program focused on alleviating the sense of isolation many are suffering because of the pandemic, The G'Day Network. This program is an opportunity to adopt one or more initiatives and activities, all of which are simple to implement and aligned with this month's theme that will connect people. You can find a list of activities listed on the brochure that can be accessed through the above link.

The brochure can also be tailored to your club for use as a handout, and linked to your website and through social media. If you would like a quantity of printed brochures with your club's contact details, please email Nick Kane on nick@minuteman-prahran.com

If a one-page document describing how to get started with this program would help you, please email our Community Service Chair Sue Foley on suefoleyrotary@gmail.com

Loneliness affects one in four people and takes a very real toll both mentally and physically. Let's make sure we set our minds on how we can bring people suffering from isolation into a safe space where their conversations can be turned into actions for the development of our communities. Rotary excels in connecting people, because we know first-hand the benefits of fellowship and being embraced by our Rotary family. Helping others to connect will in turn lead to better outcomes and opportunities for all.

This month we also embark on our **Walk with Us** campaign to end Polio. Please join in as a walker and share this great fundraising initiative with your colleagues, family and friends. It is another fantastic way to engage with our communities and promote community spirit.

Have a great week everyone...Rotary builds communities and opens opportunities.

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer



By Ian Salek

That's the personal maxim of Past District Governor Grant Hocking ASM (Ambulance Service Medal). In other words, make a contribution in life before it's too late. Grant has done exactly that in his working and Rotary life.

Grant was born in Williamstown, went to school in Altona and gained his HSC at Paisley High
School in Newport. Community service was fostered in Cubs and Scouts. He proudly tells of his
Scouts "Bob-A-Job" work at homes in the area. After finishing school he spent a year studying Biological Science at La
Trobe University, then decided on a move that changed the rest of his life...he took up Nursing.

After four years at Epworth in Richmond, Grant joined Ambulance Victoria where his first rounds were in the city and Western suburbs. After becoming a MICA (Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance) paramedic and Team Manager, Grant's career highlight came in 2014. He was recognised in the Australia Day Honours List and awarded the Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) for helping to shape Ambulance Victoria's clinical standards, operations and outcomes. These improved processes and procedures of case review in Ambulance Victoria are still used today. He received his Medal at Government House from then State Governor Alex Chernov AC QC. Grant remains with Ambulance Victoria working on improvement for the Grampians Region.

In his District Governor's year 2019-20, Grant set up new Committees such as Peace, Environment and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to encourage Rotarians to welcome a wide variety of new members. He sees Rotary's work to 'End Polio' as its greatest achievement. To strengthen the Rotary brand and save costs, he believes Rotary should dispense with annual themes and maintain a singular message.

Grant loves spending time with his wife Melissa and their three sons. His other great passion is walking. For seven years he has beaten his 1,000-kilometer annual goal.

The Rotary Radio Show Facebook and Website page will advertise the full Radio Interview with Grant Hocking on 94.1FM 3WBC.



An Artist, a Rotary Club and over \$80,000 in Drought Aid

By Noel Hobley

Terry Jarvis, one of Australia's most exceptional watercolour artists, and his partner Michelle Kent, wondered how they could help during one of the toughest droughts in Australia's history. So, in November 2019, they stuck to what they knew and generated the 'Life on the Land – Our Farming Heroes' painting exhibition at the Bendigo Town Hall. Over \$40,000 was raised, including a major donations from Gulf Horizons Foundation, Flashmarket and EyeCandy



Motorsports, as well as support from other local donors such as Fosterville Gold Mine and the City of Greater Bendigo.

Strathfieldsaye Primary School students also held a fund-raising event, donating all funds to the 'Life on the Land - Drought Relief Appeal'.

In order to stage the exhibition and organise the distribution of funds, Terry enlisted the help of Bendigo Rotarian, Brian Figg, who had been involved with the Easter Art Exhibition over many years. Opening on a Friday night and exhibiting through Saturday and Sunday, the 'Life on the Land – Drought Relief Appeal' was an instant success and its committee immediately kicked into action to organise the distribution of available funds.

Rotarians with varying experiences within farming communities and financial management set about identifying opportunities where there would be the most impact for rural areas 'doing it tough'. Leveraging existing drought programs through Community/Rotary groups at the coalface remained a preference for distribution of funds.

The largest distribution to date of \$20,000 went to the Rotary Club of Cobar that organised a B-double truckload of hay to be distributed to farmers in the Central NSW area. With this funding Rotary Cobar was also able to secure further funds from Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) and a second truckload of hay was organised.

Funds also went to Rotary Mildura who provided food vouchers for farming families in the Millewa region, and hygiene products for school children at Werrimul, including a voucher for new shoes. The East Loddon Foodshare program based at Dingee, produced grocery hampers, with groceries purchased locally from funds provided by the project. Importantly, the hampers were distributed to local CFA brigades and the Salvos for distribution to families they identified who were in need.

Following the success of these distributions, the Gulf Horizons Foundation donated a further \$30,000, and donations from individuals have also been gladly received.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo continues to review further distribution opportunities including funding to community groups like East Loddon Foodshare, Drought Angels, Star Thrower and Hive Aid. A pallet of cosmetics was made available and together with vouchers, cosmetics were included with hampers. A NSW artist colleague saw Terry's Facebook post about the Appeal and is donating a painting to Rotary for a raffle or auction to raise further funds.

Whilst the recent rains have relieved some rural communities, recovery is slow and drought conditions still exist across many areas. So, the work goes on, and funds raised will continue to be used to assist those in need.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo acknowledges the foresight of Terry Jarvis and Michelle Kent for initiating the 'Life on the Land – Drought Relief Appeal' exhibition, and thanks all those who have given donations for their generosity. Further donations to the appeal are still welcomed through:

https://donations.rawcs.com.au/36-2019-20

For further information contact: Brian Figg – Project Manager, Life on the Land – Drought Relief Appeal, Rotary Club of Bendigo at brianfigg@hotmail.com or 0428 133 384.