

# Weekly Bulletin 20200505



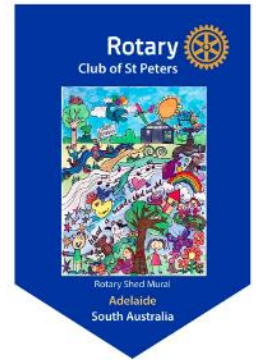
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***Club Bulletin for the eMeeting 3130 held on Tuesday 5th May 2020***  
***Next Zoom meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May – Club Assembly***

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## **Fifth Rotary Club of St Peters meeting held via Video Conferencing**

**Past President and AG *Brian Kretschmer*** was the host of the Zoom meeting. *David Birkedale* gave the Invocation and Loyal Toast.

**President John George** welcomed all including *Wayne Holton's* son Paul, and then introduced guest speaker, Rotarian *Chris Paassens*.



Chris said he has made several trips to Antarctica as part of his work as an engineer.

He started his talk with a few facts about Antarctica.

## Interesting facts about Antarctica

- Antarctica is the coldest and the driest place on earth
  - The coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth was minus 128.56 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 89.2 degrees Celsius), registered on July 21, 1983, at Antarctica's Vostok station.
- It can be extremely windy
  - On average, Antarctica is the windiest continent. Winds in some places of the continent can reach 200 mph (320 km/h).
- It's a big place!
- There's a lot of ice
  - Antarctica is home to about 70 percent of the planet's fresh water, and 90 percent of the planet's freshwater ice.
- Its Melting
  - If the West Antarctic Ice Sheet melted entirely, it would raise global average sea levels by 16 feet (5 meters), according to some estimates.
- The continent is dedicated to peaceful research
  - The Antarctic Treaty was signed on Dec. 1, 1959, after more than a year of secret negotiations by 12 countries. It dedicates the continent to peaceful research activities. Forty-eight nations have now signed the treaty.

Chris said it was much like a big mining town.

Living there is very different, with continual daytime in summer and in winter continual night. Temperatures can reach minus 50 degrees which means any moisture freezes almost instantly.

In winter no access is possible and people have to entirely self-sufficient.

The wildlife is fully protected and must be left alone.

Chris only stayed there for a few days, just long enough to do his work.

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### President's Announcements

- Welcome to all for our fifth Zoom Club Meeting.
- Social Connection - Thanks for your phone calls to the sixth person below you on the list.
- Corporate Membership proposed ByLaw Addendum 1 – papers have been sent to all members – another copy to be sent this week.
  - To be voted on at next week's Zoom meeting.
  - Need a 2/3 vote by members present so please put the date in your diary.
- Club Assembly next week.

Brief Directors' reports please.

A good chance for members to put forward ideas for 20-21.

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### From the Secretary

We have now had five Zoom Club meetings.  
How good is that!  
Everyone is putting in a great effort.



### Club Assembly on Zoom 12 May Same place-same time

Can Directors and Office bearers please prepare a very brief report?  
(I'll ask Brian to raid the Cartoon Library so we can balance the meeting content.)

Also find your special pen. We all have one with a story. Please have yours ready for the Club Assembly.

Music Night – Partners Night on Zoom – 26 May – Save the Date.

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### PP and AG Brian Kretschmer - 9510 Membership Zoom meeting 30/4/20

#### Summary

As a basis for our first meeting Fiona posed 4 questions

1. **What are the most important things we need to focus on in the coming Rotary year?**
  - a. Create a list available of what successes clubs have had with attracting and retaining new members for all clubs to tap into – put in what worked and did not work and why? This can also include Corporate Membership
  - b. Alumni is an untapped area
  - c. Public Image – getting our presence in the community
  - d. Clubs helping other clubs
  - e. The previous 9500 membership forum received a good response and excellent feedback.
2. **What are the best ways we can help clubs, thinking of your own club - what do they need help with most?**
  - a. Discussion on actions that were raised when Fiona visited clubs about membership strategies – are there actions happening from these?
  - b. Accepting the future i.e. change, loosening up meetings, but not at the expense of loosening your long term members
  - c. Have other avenues to be involved in Rotary than just meetings
3. **What do you want to see the Membership Committee doing as a priority?**
  - a. Visiting clubs to see what they are doing and not doing about membership
  - b. Understanding why members are involved and focusing on promoting the great things that Rotary does should be the priority
  - c. Huge amounts of RI information about membership from RI – but need to determine what clubs want and how we set up a register of best practice and great ideas and successes which resonate. Creating a membership taskforce - Need to ensure we're not overwhelming clubs with information
4. **Is a membership forum / seminar important, and if so, how can we reach the most people and achieve the biggest impacts?**
  - a. Seminars useful but must have action plans that people will commit to and knock them off one at a time
  - b. Building capability within the AG group to help guide clubs and supporting them.

### Thank you note from AllKids -

29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

To; The Rotary Club of St Peters.

Attn: John George; President and John Reynolds; Treasurer.

Subject; Donation to AllKids



Dear Johns and all members of the Rotary Club of St Peters,

Today I received notification that you have donated \$4,200 to AllKids to be used towards a new server and associated equipment used in the AllKids Learning Centre. This will allow AllKids to replace outdated equipment and ensure that we can continue to deliver quality educational programs to the 700+ children that attend the centre. In particular, the server is used to deliver our Future School IT based English and mathematics programs, grade 1 to year 12 International curriculum.

The AllKids Learning Centre is temporarily closed due to a Government directive to close all schools and training centres during the coronavirus pandemic. We are currently busy preparing and delivering home study packages to the 400+ children on our Kids to School program and delivering food to our most vulnerable families who usually receive nutritional support through our day care houses.

Amazingly, Cambodia has recorded only 122 confirmed cases of the virus with no deaths. It's too early to call but I'm confident that we'll be able to open our doors within the next month or so.

On behalf of the children, their family's and the staff at AllKids, please accept our very sincere thanks for your very generous donation.

Kindest regards,  
Paul Otto  
AllKids Country Director.

PS; Really impressed with the Zoom meetings! (thanks for the newsletters Keith).

### Members' Minutes –

**From *Chris Dawson*** - Just received from Virginia (the Italian girl we hosted and who was involved with the Club).

**From:** Virginia Martini

**Date:** 5 May 2020 at 7:55:20 pm ACST

**Subject: Re: Hello from OZ**

Hi!

Sorry if it took me a few days to answer but I have been super busy with university (this semester I am trying to do 5 exams, 2 at the end of may and 3 at the end of June, so you can imagine that I am pretty full with lectures and studying ahah).


Apart from my student life, yesterday was a big day for us Italians.

They started the so called "Phase 2": which means that we are now able to

- do some exercises outside, such as running and cycling, with a family member or maximum a friend (from which we have to keep 1,5m distance)
- people started to go back to work (not my parents since Tourism this year is dead)
- I can now see Francesco and other relatives
- restaurants, bars, gelaterie (which are shops where you can buy gelato) can deliver their food and beverages (but not take away)

It is still a little bit hard, as we still have a lot of restrictions, such as the prohibition to leave the town, but still, knowing that now my parents and my brother are not the only people that I can see is nice.

I am a little bit concern about my apartment in Bolzano (where I study) because I left everything there (food, books, and other things) because we didn't have idea that something like this would have happened, I really look forward to the day the will permit us to leave Montecatini.

Best wishes,  
Virginia 

Also from *Chris Dawson* – **Science for your grandkids.**

**Bread-tag speedboat** – (*Chris has been playing games in the bath again!* – Editor)

Forces

Water

Surface tension

### **What you need**

A tag from a loaf of bread

Bowl of water

Dish washing detergent

Toothpick

Cooking oil

1. Gently float a tag on the water (if you drop it in, it will quickly imitate the Titanic).
2. Using the toothpick, place a drop of detergent in the little hole, and watch the tag.

**Note:** this can only be done once without thoroughly cleaning the bowl and replacing the water (or using a new bowl and water). A fresh bread tag should also be used.



### *What you observe*

The 'boat' zips across the water.

### *Explanation*

The detergent lowers the surface tension of the water at the back of the boat, so the boat is pulled forward.

### *Modification*

Repeat this putting a drop of cooking oil into the hole. This shows the same effect, but slower movement. Children could investigate which other household products show this effect, and which don't. Similar results can be obtained by making a balsa wood or paper boat propelled by a small piece of soap inserted at the stern.



### Boiled or fresh?

Inertia  
Newton's laws

Forces  
Egg

#### What you need

One hard-boiled egg  
One fresh egg

1. Spin each egg, with children watching to see which spins longer.
2. Try again but stop each one by putting a finger on top briefly; then let go.

#### *What you observe*

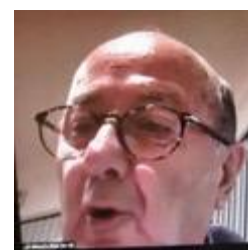
The raw egg doesn't spin for as long as the hard-boiled egg. When stopped, and quickly released, only the raw egg begins to spin again.

#### *Explanation*

Because of their inertia, the liquid contents of the raw egg do not immediately follow the changes in motion imparted to the shell – starting or stopping. This can be related to the different movements of the skull and brain in a car crash, which can result in brain damage from a relatively minor collision.

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**Sergeant** – *Milton Jones* was very observant, watching the idiosyncrasies of participants, who, whilst they sat at their devices, had to remind themselves from time to time that they were on constant view. Milton is a bit camera shy because he seems not to have worked out that his iPad camera in landscape mode is on the side of the device, so that is where he needs to look whilst speaking. Alternatively, one can hold the iPad in portrait mode and the camera will be at the top.



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**Birthdays** – Partners birthdays – Trenna Kretschmer on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Apologies** –Some people had trouble hooking into the meeting...

*Dennis Henschke, Sue Bardy, John Bested, Peter Hewitt*

**Almoner** – *Secretary Pam* reported that her pet cat was hit by a car but is doing well after a trip to the vet, although the cost was equal to a small car!

### Rotary Theme for May – Youth Service

#### Editor's note –

*For future publications I will be grateful to receive relevant emailed contributions from anyone on our bulletin mailing list. **More articles please, not just jokes and cartoons.***

*Keith Payne – Please email articles to -*

[gkpaynerotary@gmail.com](mailto:gkpaynerotary@gmail.com)



*"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."*

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Read the titles from top left onwards ....arranged by a librarian. Simply brilliant! 🤔 😊 😊

