



PROPOSAL FOR CLUB CONSIDERATION

At the AGM to be held on Tuesday 18th the following proposals will be put to the club. Members will be asked to vote on each proposal. Where approved, implementation will be from January 2019 for a trial period, with all changes reviewed prior to the end of the current Rotary year.

Suggested changes and the rationale behind them result from survey data previously circulated with the two major considerations to be addressed being **time** and **cost**.

Members are asked to give due consideration to each proposal prior to voting on the 18th.

It should be noted the Board gives its full support and recommends the following for trial.

1 That the RCH ceases to meet weekly and meets twice monthly.

- It is suggested the club meets with a dinner meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This would be a formal meeting with a guest speaker. Rotary business would be kept to a minimum to allow greater time for quality guest speakers. It is anticipated this would be a good meeting to bring along guests and/or prospective members.
- The club would also meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This would be a dinner meeting primarily focussed on club business. Eg current projects, club speakers, reports from committees, Rotary information. A more relaxed evening for club members.
- In addition committees, as they stand at present, would determine how, when and where they meet. Eg possibly over coffee, at a bar, pre-dinner drinks, after dinner supper, etc. The committee director would report to the board monthly as at present.
- Social events would be included as and when most suitable.

2 That the RCH removes the regular invocation in its current form from meetings and replaces this with a 'reflective' moment where members may wish to report individual successes or celebrations, or alternately report on members who are in need of support.

- It was determined the invocation is somewhat of an anachronism in this day and age and that those wishing to give a form of thanks could do so privately. The club could better use the time to look at how we can support members in need as well as better celebrating member successes. A stronger focus on members.

3 That the RCH removes the shrapnel box from its regular meetings.

- This is also seen as somewhat of an anachronism in this day. In its place it is suggested the President calls for support for special and urgent needs as required where members can contribute as they see fit. (A great example the call for 'undies' earlier in the year.) It is believed this would make the giving far more relevant and more targeted to immediate need.

Each of these three recommendations is to be put to the vote on the 18th December at the club AGM.

Where agreed by majority implementation for a trial period will commence from January 2019.

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