

FRIDAY'S FIRST ZOOM VIDEO SESSIONS

"We thoroughly enjoyed it, was not too difficult to join, would like to see it happening each Friday night. Good idea to have multi groups going, so small and opportunity to say something. Also, to mix participants round. This could be achieved by a couple of hosts divvying up participants differently each time. Alternatively, if hosts could each invite all interested to their meeting, then invitees could move around from group to group, as in a real meeting!"

Regards, Richard Perry

"I live in a technology desert, but I was able to hook up and it was a very enjoyable 40 minutes talking with Rotary Friends."

Cheers, John Cole

"Wonderful to socialise and enjoy each other's company without breaking any laws or risking contamination." 😊

Thanks, Moira

"It was a joy to be able to connect. In fact, it was quite relaxed, it was extremely good we had David moderating and getting everyone involved. I felt so happy to be in touch with all of you. It was very easy to connect, no issues at all and again, David was there to teach us how we could see all etc. fantastic we must keep doing it in the absence of being able to physically meet. I reckon we should however limit the duration say one-hour Max, people can come in and out, during this period without overloading the internet."

Cheers, Gregory de Costa

"I do wish I had shares in this new-fangled service called ZOOM! It has completely come into its own in the last few weeks because it is about as close as you can get to having a get-together without actually being in the same room. The only things not shared are smells; I guess that can be both a good thing and a bad thing (just saying!).

I helped participants new to ZOOM one-on-one over the phone before Friday's get-together. If you have not used ZOOM before then I would like to do that with you, please to avoid problems joining the next actual meeting. You do not

need to do anything before I call you. In fact, it is generally better if you don't try to install ZOOM before I call you. You do need internet access and a newish computer or tablet or iPad.

The get-togethers need to be a maximum of say 12 because images on the screen get a bit too small with more. In fact, it is probably better with say 8 or even fewer for a general chit-chat as opposed to a formal meeting. That is why we had 2 meetings going on Friday, one "hosted" by me and the other very kindly by Brian Klee.

On Sunday afternoon I will send out another invitation email to everyone in the club to get-togethers commencing 5:00pm on Monday. If you are available or interested in being a part, please do reply promptly.

Friday's get-together was an entire success. It was fun and just worked in this really really strange time."

Cheers, David Thompson