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Our Leadership



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You are invited to Come and Celebrate (in a different way)
our special 40th Birthday – online

Put the date of Thursday 7 May at 4pm in your diary now!!!



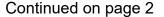
There will be music, entertainment, a toast to our Club, cake, singing and reminiscences about our 40 years.

It would be a good idea to come along to a zoom meeting prior to this one so you can experience how online meetings work and see how easy it is to join in.

Watch out for the zoom link so you can log in at the right time

Need more information or got questions?

Contact Bronwen (bddimond@yahoo.com.au) or
Jane (jane.pennington@bigpond.com)





AG Eastside

Barry

Hickman

President RCNB Pete Sutherland

MEETINGS THURSDAYS 6 for 6.30pm Kew Golf Club 120 Belford Road Kew 3102 Ph. 9859 6848

Club Diary

Club Birthday 7 May 4:00 pm Zoom online
Camp Getaway weekend 16-18 October 2020
Fellowship Weekend 23—25 October 2020
Read about Rotary in your area in The Progress Leader http://leader.smedia.com.au/progress/

APOLOGIES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

Sign the "apology sheet" at the front desk if you know in advance.

Or E-mail to apologiesrcnb@gmail.com
Please apologise no later than 5pm on Tuesday.

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You will need to provide a few things yourself:







Have a cup cake with a candle on it, ready to light the candle at the appropriate time

Have a glass of champagne ready to toast our Club





Bring along your best singing voice to join in a rendition of Happy Birthday

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ROMAC | Update

Dear Valued Supporters of ROMAC

I write to you as we all find ourselves in the midst of an unexpected time.

I must start my communication by saying that I hope you are all safe and well and coping with this medical crisis. Regardless of how the COVID-19 is affecting our lives, I would like to bring you up to date with the present state of play with ROMAC and our patients.

As you are aware, currently only Australian citizens and residents may enter the country; and New Zealand is similar. As a result, ROMAC is unable, at this stage, to accept any new patients needing surgery or medical procedures.

For your information, there are two patients still in Australia receiving medical attention. Firstly, there is Vincent from the Solomon Islands who arrived in July 2019 diagnosed with "complete eosophageal T3-T4 level with no fistula between the oesophagus and trachea / bronchus" as well as "immediate respiration pneumonia" requiring treatment. Vincent turned 11 months old on the 3rd April 2020. After many operations and procedures under the direction of Professor Croaker at Canberra Hospital, Vincent is now taking milk from a bottle and oral foods and his weight has now increased to 7.3kg. He is now crawling and getting into mischief! Vincent and his mother, Cosinta, are being cared for at the home of Sandra and Brian Goldstraw, with assistance from her ROMAC team. Hopefully Vincent and Cosinta will be able to return home in July this year.

Secondly, there is Germaine. Also from the Solomon Islands, Germaine arrived at the Westmead Children's Hospital in early March to be diagnosed with rheumatic aortic and mitral valve disease. Her operation was successful and she was discharged from hospital at the end of the month. She is currently staying with her mother and friends in Wollongong, NSW. Here in Australia and New Zealand, so much is still uncertain. But one thing we at ROMAC know, is that in the coming weeks and months ROMAC will be needed by sick children in the Islands of Oceania like never before.

Please consider supporting ROMAC so that we can continue our much needed work with children from our neighbouring countries in Oceania.

Please donate now to help.

Keep safe and keep well.

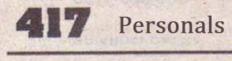
Harold Sharp

Chairman



"You've been eating again."

I have the most loving wife. Last night I woke up while she was holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from COVID19.



Corona free man seeks corona free lady with toilet paper. Send picture of toilet paper.

www.Facebook.com/Diedlaughing

From Gavan Have received in the post the resume of our ARH Indigenous Scholarship recipient – Isobella Kruger – comes from Queensland to study at Monash – studying Bachelor of Medical Science / Doctor of Medicine. Won the Monash Outstanding Achievement Scholarship in 2019.

We have about 20 pages of information on her background and studies to date – she appears to be "Flying" through her studies.

Wonderful stuff!



Monash University, VIC
Doctor of Medicine
Scholarship Awarded 2020
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https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/isobella-kruger/

How will I contribute to improving Indigenous health as a qualified medical practitioner or health worker?

My name is Isobella Kruger and I am second year medical student at Monash University. I have chosen to study a Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine because I am extremely passionate about helping people, inciting social change and diminishing injustices in the world today. As a proud Kobumerri and Ngugi woman from the Gold Coast (Yugambeh language) region, I have grown up on country and seen first-hand the damaging health implications on individuals in Indigenous communities of trans-generational trauma and cyclic abuse. Consequently, I have come to discover about myself, that I am a very empathetic person who has always had a desire to improve the situation of mental and physical health discrepancies for Indigenous people in Australia.

BRIGHT Fellowship Weekend Oct 23, 24 & 25.

Fellowship Weekend 23, 24, 25 October

We now have a total of 16 rooms booked; 13 rooms for 3 nights and 3 rooms for 2 nights. Total number indicating they will attend, including partners is now at 27.

I suggest those who are waiting for a COVID all-clear before advising to join the activity, to please take an optimistic approach and commit, with the knowledge that no money is required at this stage and with the understanding that the FS Weekend is subject to the same influences as everything else.

So we are asking you to indicate a desire to attend without committing.

Please text 0438 005 820 or mauriewalters@gmail.com advising you are in (at this stage) or out (will definitely not be attending)

Naturally at this early stage we are not requesting any payment and understand that members' circumstances may change at any time.



Weddings: Pat and Peter Cleary
Birthdays Bronwen Dimond

Inductions: Nil





Drought Relief Program (DRP) - April 2020 Update

St Arnaud, Wimmera/Numurkah, Dairy Farming Community

After the devastating fire season, this year to date has seen good above average rainfall in both regions -

	Average Jan - Apr	Actual Jan - Apr 20th	Var (+)
St Arnaud	101.7	142	40.3
Numurkah	130	165.5	35.5
Melbourne	202	358.8	156.8

While we Melbournians feel our drought is over, the regional areas is a different situation.

It is important to note -

- Above average rainfall is required over a sustained period;
- The long term below average rainfall is expected to take 7 years to overcome;
- Benefits derived from the rainfall will not be converted to income until next Jan in St Arnaud;
- The financial plight of farmers will take many years to pay back the debt.

Finance Report

DRP Fund

The Box Hill Miniature Steam Railway raised \$2,500 for the DRP. This sum was matched dollar-for-dollar by Balwyn Rotary to add \$5k to the fund.

The DRP Fund balance is currently \$54.8K.

St Arnaud vouchers

All St Arnaud printed vouchers were handed out to clients located up to 75km from town.

As at 20th April, 2020, redeemed St Arnaud vouchers amount to \$32,450, or 81.1% of the print quantity. These vouchers expire at the end of April with the final redeemed value and the balance/write back value to be determined mid to late May.

Numurkah vouchers

This second location financial voucher program was launched in mid-January. With \$50,000 vouchers printed, \$40,000 were delivered to the 4 local RFCs – as at 15th April, \$8,200 had been distributed to the dairy farming community.

<u>Pictured – Jan 2020 launch of Numurkah voucher program. Geoff Haddy and Rob Head representing NBRC and Lorraine Greenwood from Numurkah RC.</u>

Community Events

Due to COVID-19 there are no current plans for community events. Our team secured a large quantity of ladies cosmetics/shampoos from L'Oreal which was destined for the Numurkah primary schools for Mother's Day gift packs, however this too is currently on hold.



Community Testimonials

"I believe that the Rotary Vouchers have been one of the success stories in the St Arnaud area as many families have benefitted from using the vouchers which has taken the pressure off a little while still supporting their local community" – Michael White, RFC Manager, St Arnaud.

New Numurkah recipients -

"This is the first time I have filled my pantry in 12 months". "I have one less thing to worry about now".

"I've now been eating regularly". "Thank you very much, meat is our most expensive grocery item so it was great to stock up at the butchers...." Many more responses expressing their gratitude.

Geoff Kneale Chairman Drought Relief Program

Second Bite Roster April /May 20

The Roster to collect food from 2nd Bite and deliver to Camcare.

Food is picked up from 2nd Bite between 8:15 and 8:45 am every Thursday and delivered by 9:45 am to Camcare.

Food is then sorted by Camcare staff for their 11:00 am distribution to the under privileged.

Please contact Garth Symington on mobile 0419 519 899

Date		Volunteer Driver	Team Members NOT available
30	April	Rob Head	
7	May	Steven Greatorex	
14	May	Garth Symington	
21	May	Maurie Walters	
28	May		

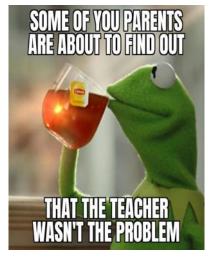
Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour

In our Local Community: Homelessness is at record levels. More than 600 people are homeless in a given night in Wyndham. Some of them are children.

The Rotary club of Wyndham Harbour has secured 196 sleeping bags which will be distributed this winter to the homeless people around the Wyndham area. To save a life, we will assemble and distribute 196 LaLa packs which contain a sleeping bag and some life essentials that can be literal lifesavers during this coming winter season.

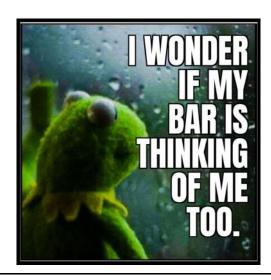
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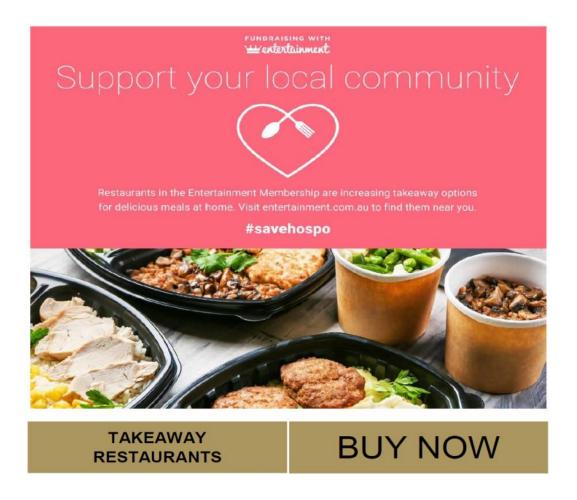
I don't believe in panic buying so I've only bought one toilet roll this week.





wentertainment.

Support your local community https://www.entertainment.com.au/member-



https://www.entertainment.com.au/member-information/takeaway

Enjoy the restaurant experience at home

Our restaurants are increasing their takeaway so you can enjoy a delicious meal at home.

Check out restaurants near you and support your local community.

#savehospo

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

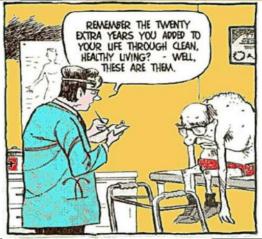
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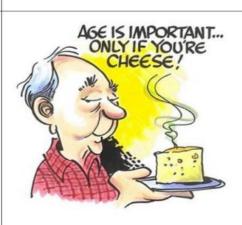
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From David Cheney and the Men's Shed

















Hopefully, this might help you get through your self-isolation. Here is a list of museums, zoos and other attractions from around the world to visit from the comfort of your home.

World Museums

· Anne Franke Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands -

https://www.annefrank.org/en/museum/web-and-digital/

- British Museum, London https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/
- Guggenheim, Bilbao, Spain https://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/en
- · Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49YeFsx1rIw&feature=youtu.be

- Louvre Museum Paris https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne
- MASP, Sao Paolo, Brazil https://masp.org.br/en
- Met Museum, New York https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project
- Musée d'Orsay, Paris https://m.musee-orsay.fr/en/home.html
- · Musei Vaticani, Vatican City -

http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html

- Museum Of London Docklands https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/about-us/business-services/venue-hire/museum-london-docklands/virtual-tour
- National Gallery Of Arts, Washington DC https://www.nga.gov/
- National Gallery, London https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours
- National Museum Of US Air Forces https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/
- · Natural History Museum, London -

https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/the-natural-history-museum-hintze-hall/yQHjHCmSOMKyhQ

- Palestine Museum https://www.palmuseum.org/ehxibitions/virtual-exhibitions
- · Picasso Museum, Barcelona -

http://www.bcn.cat/museupicasso/en/museum/presentation.html

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands -

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/rijksmuseum

- Royal Academy Of Arts, London https://britishart.yale.edu/
- Salvatore Dali Museum, Figueres, Spain https://www.salvador-

dali.org/en/museums/dali-theatre-museum-in-figueres/visita-virtual/#

- Tate Britain, London https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain/display/walk-through-british-art
- The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, United States -

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum

- The Museum of Flight https://museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Virtual-Museum-Online
- The National Museum of Computing on Bletchley Park https://britishart.yale.edu/
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/uffizi-gallery
- US Holocaust Museum https://www.ushmm.org/information/exhibitions/online-exhibitions
- · Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands -

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum

- Virginia Living Museum https://thevlm.org/visit/about-us/covid-19-update/natural-education/
- Women's History Museum, Virginia, USA https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits
- Yale Centre For British Art https://britishart.yale.edu/

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Tourist Destinations

- Buckingham Palace, London https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace
- Colosseum, Rome https://tinyurl.com/thrprzf
- Machu Picchu https://www.youvisit.com/tour/machupicchu?pl=f
- Northern Lights https://explore.org/livecams/aurora-borealis-northern-lights-cam
- Pyramids https://www.tripsavvy.com/virtual-field-trip-pyramids-1259200
- Stonehenge https://tinyurl.com/wz3xgz7
- Street Art with Google https://streetart.withgoogle.com/en/
- Taj Mahal, Agra, India https://tinyurl.com/qpz7vmt
- The Great Wall Of China https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china
- Tour of Rome, Italy https://tinyurl.com/s5vlzbc

General Sites

- AirPano https://www.airpano.com/
- Berliner Philharominker https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home
- ExoPlanets NASA https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/
- Legoland https://www.legoland.dk/en/accommodation/hotel-legoland/virtual-tour/
- NASA, Langley Research Centre https://oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh/
- The Kennedy Centre https://www.kennedy-center.org/digitalstage/
- Walt Disney Parks https://tinyurl.com/v7gano5
- Wellcome Collection https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=rMGsprcVCAR

Zoos

- African Animals https://explore.org/livecams/african-wildlife/african-animal-lookout-camera
- Atlanta Zoo https://zooatlanta.org/panda-cam/
- Cincinnati Zoo https://www.facebook.com/events/2915534028492292/
- Dublin Zoo https://www.dublinzoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/elephants/
- Edinburgh Zoo https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/
- Explore.org Live Cams https://explore.org/livecams
- Flamingo Land https://www.flamingoland.co.uk/virtual-tour/
- Florida Aquarium http://www.flaquarium.org/sea-span
- Hirakawa Zoo, Japan https://hirakawazoo.jp/animal/movie
- International Wolf Centre https://wolf.org/wolf-cams2/
- Kansas City Zoo https://www.kansascityzoo.org/ouranimals/list-of-animals/king-penguin/
- Melbourne Zoo https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house
- National Aquarium, USA https://www.aqua.org/Experience/live
- National Zoo, Washington DC https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams
- Osaka Zoo http://www.wombat-tv.com/
- San Diego, California, Zoo https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams
- Smithsonian, Washington DC https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams
- Yellowstone National Park -

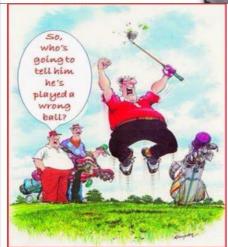
https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm

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ROTARY INFORMATION

Rotary International Website: https://www.rotary.org/

Facebook:- https://www.facebook.com
Twitter:- https://twitter.com/Rotary

Rotary Australia Website:- <u>rotaryaustralia.org.au</u>

Facebook:- https://www.facebook.com/RotaryAroundAustralia/

Facebook RDU:- https://www.facebook.com/rotarydownunder/

Twitter:- https://twitter.com/rotaryaustralia

District 9800 Website; https://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/

Facebook;- https://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9800/
Twitter:- https://twitter.com/rotaryd9800?lang=en
Networker:- rotarydistrict9800.org.au/content/54/networker

Rotary Club of North Balwyn Website;- www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au
North Balwyn Men's Shed Website:www.northbalwynmensshed.com

Find a Rotary Club: https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder

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