

President Greg's Update



23 July 2020

A sad week with the passing of long-standing Rotarian for 42 years, Ted Angleton – a few moments of quiet reflection in remembrance of Ted was observed at our Thursday Meeting.

Secondly, our best wishes go to Geoff Kneale and Melissa who locked down from Thursday after both testing positive to COVID – for a couple who take care in all they do, this is a wakeup call to us all.

The first Board Meeting of our new Team was held last Monday. Discussion included:

- Corona Virus/Lockdown – we discussed how best to look after you, our Members during this challenging time. Re Masks, the Board agreed that the decision on what protective masks are to be worn by Members is a personal choice of Members and our Club will not be making recommendations.
- Revised Constitution & Bylaws were approved - SGM will be called in the next couple of weeks.
- The Service Budget was approved – the Club Forum will be on a Thursday in early August.
- Thanks to the 37 Members for paying Subscriptions - others will be reminded by the Treasurer.
- The Numurkah farmers we support with our Drought Relief program have been benefitting greatly by government income support, while it lasts.....it is then back to our Rotary dollars.
- Three Projects were noted for possible Foundation Grants – Indigenous Hearing in Darwin, Fire Relief in South Wodonga, and Homelessness in Servants.
- Our R100 Project being a seat as part of Balwyn Park upgrade was approved as a Cluster Project.
- A New look Grapevine was approved!!!

Sergeant Kelly's session was again entertaining and informative when hearing of 5 Member's experiences in Rotary. I am sure we could have heard more as this was a taste of things to come.

Our Guest Speaker, Mathew Loughnane (CEO of Kew Golf Club) gave us his candid perspectives on running a Club during lockdown – these are challenging times in balancing the expectations of staff, Members, Board and Statutory authorities and to date, continuous communication is enabling this.

Take care, stay home, stay connected and Open Opportunities. Cheers President Greg