

PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

20 August 2020

Another warm welcome to a week looking more positive on the lockdown front – here's hoping.

This week, our thoughts are with the Steinicke family on Jennifer's passing – the Meeting was paused for a moment of reflection as a sign of support and respect for the family. MND beanies were also evident in the audience whilst Almoner Eileen read a very moving tribute to Jennifer, written so capably as always by father Geoff.

Also this week, the Rotaractors were dazzled by Sergeant Estelle – coaching and goal setting, then achieving these in life.

From our Board Meeting last Monday, some brief Board notes for your reference:

- The Board is working our way through a Prudent financial plan to counter anticipated decreased revenue – more of that at next week's forum.
- Pleasingly, Board approved the Indigenous Hearing Project for \$7,500 – more information and Donation link is in Grapevine, if you wish.
- Geoff Kneale, happily back after his/Melissa's skirmish with Covid, updated Board on Drought Relief – going okay, now with Covid financial relief to Numurkah!!
- Currently getting some more certainty over a Fire Relief Project.
- Quite some discussion on much needed Fundraising opportunities – watch this space.
- With pleasure, RCNB donated \$1000 to a Rotaractor who is out of work due to the Covid lockdown and struggling financially - just shows our Support for our Rotaractors.
- Speakers Program – we will be inviting Partners/FOR to our North Balwyn's Got Talent Thursday fun session on 17 September plus other Meetings to make sure they are connected with us during this extended lockdown.
- Arrangements for SGM on Constitution/ByLaws in place.
- Club Visioning – this will still happen face-to-face sometime pre Xmas.... PE Maurie is now on this Initiative with Greg C.

Sergeant Estelle then hosted very sincere stories from Members on their proudest moments in their life. It's truly amazing what we learn about fellow Members at such sessions - thank you.

In acknowledging Foundation month shortly, Rob Head hosted the Guest Speaker **Alexa Ridgway** on her experience with Foundation Programs and the PhD study/research that was enabled. Quite an astonishing picture of hardship and grief in the community was highlighted and hopefully is being addressed through Alexa's tireless efforts – again, thank you.

My wrap up and look ahead reminded the Meeting on upcoming array of different Thursday Meeting Agendas - they are all noted in Grapevine for your planning and reference.

So, until next week, stay warm, well and positive. Maybe even Open opportunities!!

See you Thursday President Greg 😊