

President Greg – Update 6th August

- What great fun the **Fellowship Chat Rooms** proved to be for our first time – from all of the positive feedback, more Chat Room sessions will be included for Members to catch up more personally pre-Meeting, just like the old days at KGC. The various headgear proved a real hoot but a word to “John” – gatecrashers are not allowed, and I have asked John Gartlan to commence legal proceedings.
- A tedious week with more **COVID and Lockdown experiences** to tolerate – hang in there, listen and follow the Health/Government advice and stay well. Pleasingly, Geoff Kneale and Melissa are now on the improve from their skirmish with the virus – that is a relief. The impact of the Virus has caused our Fareshare work to cease and the 2ndBite/Camcare volunteering to be under very stringent requirements.
- I did emphasize that our various **volunteering roles are just that – as volunteers** – should any Member feel uncomfortable for personal reasons in Volunteering for a Project, then Do Not do it. Just keep the organizer aware of your availabilities, if possible.
- Gavan advised us of a **SGM on Thur 3 September re the Constitution & Bylaws** - David Whiting issued these as templates in March 2020, various iterations have been evaluated progressively and I thank our team of Gavan, RobH, DavidC, John Gartlan and JaneP for their tireless efforts.
- **The Draft Foundation Grant Application** for indigenous hearing in NT is taking shape with Rob Head, GarthS and JohnMcB doing the hard yards with me.
- Pleasingly, Treasurer Geoff has received a few more subscriptions since reminders were sent BUT– as at last Thursday, 9 Members are dragging the chain. It is now August folks, so these are now **overdue**.
- **Sergeant Estelle’s session** was fascinating in hearing 5 Members various exploits during lockdown – amazing what can be achieved in challenging circumstances. Thank you.
- Looking ahead, the Meeting/Guest Speaker program is in good shape. The actual dates are in Grapevine for your reference.
- And, on Thursday 17 September, the Meeting will be **“North Balwyn’s Got Talent”** – yes, lubricate the vocal chords, dust off the guitars, polish up the keyboard, do what you like (within reason...) as at the end of these acts, the audience will vote on the best performance of the night by using the Reaction icons. Winner to receive a bottle of Grumpy’s crook red!!
- And a couple of reminders, please:
 - Have a think about the timing of Thursday Meetings - too early/late/long?
 - Is there anything you would like RCNB to do over the next 1 month or so??
 - If your subscription is overdue, please talk to Treasurer Geoff – appreciated.

Have a good, warm, safe week - President Greg