

President Greg's Update 30 July 2020

This week is obviously MASK week and is great to see the general public abiding by the requests. We are all thinking of Geoff Kneale and Melissa with their COVID Struggles and wake up call to us all. We also have Ted Angleton's family in our mind following Ted's funeral on Tuesday. Almoner Eileen gave the Meeting a very touching Update on both of these unfortunate events. But some Good News!!

- Don Taylor mastered the 2nd Bite/ Camcare trek this morning -easy, he said. For Members wondering, we have provided drivers with Club letter that 'keeps them out of jail' as they are delivering essential food. Camcare have also issued Essential Worker Passes for our driver's use.
- Jane volunteers weekly at Fair share
- Rob Head/Skinny/I have been Meeting on a possible Foundation Grant Application for the indigenous hearing Project – going okay.
- GregM is getting more information together on a Fire Relief Project on the Vic/NSW border but lockdown is making this a challenge – thanks Greg
- And this week, our New look Grapevine was born - albeit some Members have hungry virus protectors re-directing Grapevine into Trash. Jane has done a wonderful job with this so watch this space for next week version

This week, I had another regular Meeting with Cluster Presidents of Canterbury, Balwyn & Camberwell:

- ✓ In many ways, we have lots in common in these times
- ✓ The Camberwell Market is still on hold with lockdown
- ✓ The Camberwell Art Show will be a monthly on-line Project this year during the months of August to Nov – we will be invited as interested aficionados' and buyers!
- ✓ Our Cluster R100 Centenary Project in Balwyn Park is all locked away.
- ✓ RC Canterbury are looking at mentoring ambulance Victoria
- ✓ The Cluster may do a joint Homelessness Project in our Community – maybe.

AND....as of this morning, 51 Subscriptions had been paid which is also good news that an additional 14 have paid this week, thank you. For those 15 members who are yet to make payment, Treasurer Geoff would appreciate your early attention. He will email reminders next week to help you remember – please help him!

Sergeant Kelly's session "Would I Lie to You?" was very entertaining for us all. The scenarios given by GregM, Kinga and BarryC on crook wine, lost keys and 3ft waves on a lake were 'questionable' but ultimately deemed True...we are led to believe....

Our Guest Speaker was **Cathy Booth**, Founder & Director of [Umoja Orphanage Kenya](#). This is a non-profit organization based in Australia/Bundaberg to give orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya a second chance in life. And what a person to manage such a challenge - displaying obvious Leo traits of loyalty, forgiveness, and compassion, Cathy proudly lead us from her first experiences in Kenya when land was purchased and housing constructed to today where the orphanage is almost self-sufficient and provides orphans the chance to live thru to adulthood – hats off to Cathy and her team.

Our Club will not be supporting this project at this stage and it is up to each member should they wish to do so. There is no obligation on behalf of the Club.

In looking to next week, **Thursday 6th August is a Fellowship Meeting** – we all Zoom in as normal, then Zoom will split us into 6 virtual Meeting rooms for free-range chat – the special request is that you all **wear headgear that stimulates Fellowship chat – generous compliments and sledging are allowed, if not compulsory!!** After 20 minutes, we all get Zoomed back into the central Meeting for an abbreviated Meeting – No Speaker. You don't need to do anything individually on Zoom to make this Room transfer happen.

Have a great week, stay home, stay well and Open Opportunities wherever you can Cheers President Greg 😊