

## PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

10 June 2021

What an amazing Meeting with 46 Zoom screens of attendees!! Still, one advantage of lockdown is to join our Meeting whilst enjoying your wine/cheese night at home with little or no restrictions.

This Meeting was very fortunate to have Michael Gorton AM join as Guest Speaker on the topical subject of 'Governance and the Law'. Michael's legal 'partner in crime', Brian Lacy was the host. We also warmly welcomed guests, partners and those Zooming-in 'from afar'.

Pleasingly, the lockdown restrictions were eased at midnight and the Kew Golf Club is currently permitted by Health Authorities to seat 50 patrons inside. So, my crystal ball as it currently stands is as follows:

- ❖ **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June - DGN Amanda Wendt - LIVE at Kew. We do however ask Members to book with Hugo next by 10.00am Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June as the current cap of 50 simply has to be managed. Bookings will then close.** It will be a **BIG Night** as we currently plan to include 4 inductions, Students receiving Awards in our very successful Essay competition, plus a visit from our Interactors, all subject of course to fitting under the restrictive cap.
- ❖ **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, we have a Joint Board Meeting by Zoom to comfortably accommodate 16 Board Members.
- ❖ **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Changeover night at Kew Golf Club – LIVE at Kew.** Between now and then, we read that indoor seating restrictions “may” be further eased, allowing the patron cap to be lifted to the current regional number of 75. It is very important **to book via the Hugo link on/before 18<sup>th</sup> June for 24<sup>th</sup> June** to allow Members to have priority at Changeover and for us to keep within whatever seating arrangements are permitted by Health Authorities on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Bookings will then close on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

How are our community activities faring?

- ❖ **Sunday Market**– Yes, we are advised that the Market is BACK 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE with Jane, Estelle, Rowan, Jim then on 20<sup>th</sup> June John Rennie, Rob Head, Cris Yudi, Geoff Steinicke – please keep an eye on the Roster and let GeoffS know of your availability.
- ❖ **RCNB Gardening Project** – back 18<sup>th</sup> June with GeoffH and GregC – please continue to contact Neil with possible dates you are available.
- ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Bite to Camcare Camberwell** – CONTINUES ON –17th June John Magor, 24th June Geoff Haddy.
- ❖ **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Bunnings BBQ – see website to volunteer.
- ❖ **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 12 – 3pm**– our Rotary Boroondara Cluster is having the Opening of the **R100 Yarra Bend Playground** – RCNB is providing the Sausage Sizzle.
- ❖ One for the diary...22-24 October – GregM has planned a weekend at Camp Getaway.

Brian Lacy then introduced Michael Horton with an outline of his very impressive achievements and positions. Michael's presentation lived up to his very highly regarded reputation – very clear, simple walk thru the obligations of Directors in governing their organisation within the law. Specific examples where individuals and companies failed to comply and, in some cases, where the ramifications on those businesses, directors and shareholders were severe both financially and personally. Michael left us with some practical tips:

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- ✓ Be honest, do not lie, do not guess.
- ✓ Ask questions, get and then test/check answers, keep respect/trust.
- ✓ Do not just rely on Lawyers, Advisors, Auditors to drive the business.
- ✓ Do not steal!!
- ✓ Understand the business culture and leadership styles.

A lively Q&A with Michael then rounded out a very insightful presentation – thank you.

Break out / Chat rooms again proved to be another Zoom highlight – it is great to be able to ‘virtually’ interact with our friends on these occasions.

In closing the Meeting, a big thank you was made to all attendees for joining us again – great to see you all. **PLEASE REMEMBER to advise Hugo of your attendances by 10.00am Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> for 17<sup>th</sup> June AND by 18<sup>th</sup> June for Changeover on 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

As we emerge out of lockdown and certainly know it is winter, stay warm, stay well, stay connected and as always, continue to enjoy all of the Opportunities that RCNB has Open to you. AND drive home safely!!!

President Greg 😊