

PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

13 August 2020

Greetings to my fellow Lefties!! This week, I am sure there is slight relief at seeing some faint light at the end of the tunnel with the lockdown in place to fight the Virus – fingers crossed, but please stay home/safe/well regardless. Thanks again for the positive feedback on our Meetings – keeping connected, informed, and entertained are the primary aims, so here is the RCNB news of the week:

- **Ron Phillip's sad passing** – his funeral by Zoom is on Friday at 5 pm – moment of reflection.
- **Our Zoom gatecrasher "John"** – legal sleuth, John Gartlan has identified the villain!!
- **2nd Bite/Camcare....** this morning Rob Head did well, equipped with all Virus paperwork.
- Jane's fortnightly **Rotaract sessions** are going very well - Jonathan Shepherd who spoke on "Starting your own Business", Rob Head who spoke last week about HR in the workplace and next week Estelle Kelly will speak on coaching..... FYI, one of the Rotaractors has lost her job and is struggling financially..... more information after Monday's Board.
- Also, Jane has been ironing madly - the wrinkles out of **Grapevine** distribution – let us know of any concerns as it is important for everybody to receive and read this weekly.
- **COVID** – I am sure you are keeping up with constant media announcements on COVID – many are tiring of it. FYI, we have declined an invite tonight to join another Zoom session with a Federal politician speaking at another Rotary Club on COVID. Just too much.
- **Congratulations** – we are now all financial Members of RCNB – a big thank you.
- Thank you again – the **Voluntary Service Fund** is being well supported \$1990 so far this year.
- **Nino's Fund Raising** with special sausages etc. are going well - \$470 banked this week – stay tuned for an Updated listing. Nino has also been keeping in touch with Sue at Bunnings – they have donated items, yes for free for us to Auction in coming weeks
- **SGM** – any feedback/questions pre the Meeting would be appreciated
- **M/tea with DG Philip Archer** on Sat 22 Aug 10-12noon – invite coming
- FYI - our **Board is meeting next Monday night** – we will be discussing the Darwin indigenous hearing Project, the Fire Relief Project, the Drought Project, amongst other things.
- I hope you are all practicing your musical talents for our **North Balwyn's Got Talent** night on 17 September – I will be tapping Members on the shoulder in a week or so...

Sergeant Estelle's session was enlightening with Member's talking about '**The Best Book on Their Library Shelf**' – thank you again to Ian Adams, Cris Yudi and Peter Elliott.

Our eminent Guest Speaker, Bill Oakley did not disappoint when sharing his 'Life in Hobart' story to date – amazing knowledge already of the Tasmanian geography, various haunts around Hobart and Hobart Rotary experience including cutting onions and cooking sausages!! We Remember....



In closing, our thoughts are with the Steinicke family on the passing of daughter Jennifer – RIP. See you next Thursday when we hear about Foundation programs from Alexa Ridgway.

All the very best PRESIDENT GREG – the Leftie with the short haircut.....