

## **PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE**

**15 October 2020**

As we await Premier Dan's announcement on lockdown, it is great to see us all still connecting, keeping in communication and staying well. Keep it up! Our Club Service Director Adam Hillary is compiling some guidelines as reminders of what lockdown meant to us all at the outset – hopefully, this can refresh our thinking as we all come safely out of this lockdown. Just on this, please let us have any feedback on the Committee Membership Guide circulated a couple of weeks ago and is on the website. Just helps us coordinate activities going forward, thanks.

Already our Gardening Guru Neil Marshall has advised that he has contacted Xavier and Camberwell Grammar in expectation of restrictions allowing our Gardening Project to resume next Friday 23 October, maybe. MLC's Saturday participation ended on 10 October....

Thanks to both Rob Head and Jim Studebaker for journeying to 2<sup>nd</sup> Bite/Camcare this week – some updated photos are included in Grapevine.

Speaking of photos, we have been promised photos and publicity from Darwin on the Indigenous Hearing Project for which we have funded some vital equipment.

There are also likely to be photos of the mighty Rotaboards pounding the streets in October for the Walk against Polio - \$1950+ and 600+km covered raising some \$64k in D9800 – an amazing initiative!!

One of the team, Priya is very thankful for the continued financial assistance which RCNB has provided for her during these tough times.

Our Fundraising continues to roll along with thanks to Nino/Jane. The latest Fundraiser is a RCNB Wine offering as emailed to you earlier this week. Nino advised the Meeting of how to participate.

For your information, YTD \$1,100 has been raised from Nino's food sales, Club Raffles \$1,190, the VSF has over \$5,000 deposited and there is \$1,700 from Service Donations from Members. I say again, a big thank you for these voluntary contributions – bring on Bunnings as that will hopefully ease the calls on your pockets.

Our Drought Recovery Program in Numurkah is still benefitting from our Voucher program, albeit there is Government funding also being provided to the needy – Geoff Kneale arranged a Zoom meeting for the DRP team and we will be talking further about the way ahead for DRP at Board on Monday.

Wed 28 October 6/6.30pm is our Cluster Meeting by Zoom with DG Philip Archer – please join me.

Tues 10 November is RC Glenferrie Remembrance Meeting – all invited.

Our AGM is on 19 November – Secretary Gavan is keeping you all aware of the details.

And this week we note the passing of Ursula Smith, wife of past Charter Member Bernie.

Sergeant Estelle's session heard Tony Wells provide great background on our Community friends, Servants. This was very enlightening in the current environment – thanks Estelle/Tony.

Adam Hillary then hosted Tom Rochford and Darren from the Bendigo Community Bank, updating us on how the lockdown has changed traditional banking operations. A very worthwhile presentation – thank you.

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Speakers:

- 22 Oct – Andrew Campbell – Hearing and Brain Health
- 29 Oct – Melb Cup Meeting, maybe sweeps arranged.... Darren O'Hara – Our Own Wine
- 5 Nov – Fellowship Meeting – Rotaractors/David Winter
- 12 Nov – Ike Nwokolo from Incubate – Life's Journey from a Communal Perspective.
- 19 Nov – AGM then Andrea Stahel, Community Officer at National Gallery of Victoria
- Thereafter, looking for Speakers, please

Stay safe, stay well, and enjoy (hopefully....) some eased restrictions on lockdown.

Cheers

President Greg