

# PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

**22 October 2020**

This Grand Final Football week comes with far more optimism for many people as the virus numbers seem to be decreasing and consequent restrictions being able to be eased somewhat.... Indeed, it was terrific to have 43 Zoom screens with happy faces join the Meeting. A special welcome to AG Casey Tan and Terry Keyhoe.

Sergeant Estelle's welcome and entertaining session on naming a person, place, animal, thing was thoroughly enjoyed and much appreciated, as always. Two dates were noted – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October being Grand Final Eve and is named **Thank You Day** to show gratitude to Victorians for making sacrifices to help contain the spread coronavirus as the game is moved interstate. Secondly, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October being **World Polio Day** is why our Rotaboars team is walking during October to 'End Polio' – for October to date, we thank our generous sponsors who have donated \$2,322 whilst 1028 kms have been logged by our 16 walkers – just fantastic for all involved, thank you.

A recap of who-is doing what included:

- Saturday – MT with DG Philip was an entertaining session for many of us who Zoomed-in, including our Rowan talking on Club Service initiatives.
- Monday – Rowan addressed RC Keilor East on Vietnam with a special emphasis on farming.
- Wednesday – I attended the monthly Eastside Cluster Meeting – discussed several items including the Camberwell Market (getting closer....), Cluster Membership initiatives, Homelessness, DG with us Wed 28<sup>th</sup> October 6/6.30pm.
- Thursday – Steven Greateorex at 2<sup>nd</sup> Bite, Camcare.
- Friday 9.30/11am – Geoff Haddy, Ian Glenny, Neil Marshall Gardening. We are contacting those Property Owners who were deferred in March and we will be having catch-up Gardening sessions without Schools on Friday's until 4<sup>th</sup> December – please, let's share the Gardening activity across more Members when the roster appears in Grapevine, thank you.

And on Monday, our Board met and the key items we discussed were:

- ✓ **DRP Update** from Geoff Kneale – the program continues into 2021, particularly in Numurkah.
- ✓ **Covid protocols coming out of lockdown.** Some guidelines will be emailed on Monday to best remind us all how to be safe during lockdown. As we emerge and recommence our activities (e.g. Gardening), specific pages may be added with applicable guidelines from our Club, supplemented by any guidelines from our partnering Schools, Kew Golf Club, Bunnings. I would encourage you to familiarise yourselves with what has been prepared and is always a Working Document going forward. Look after yourselves!!
- ✓ There is a session offered by the Boroondara Council entitled "Community OnBoard Online Workshop: COVID-19 Safe Forum for Community Groups + Q&A. It is on Monday 9 November from 10am for 45 minutes. It would be very beneficial for members to attend – contact Jane for the link to register.
- ✓ The financial path ahead is now looking more encouraging with thanks to you Members generously supporting the various Fundraisers. The easing of restrictions may mean that the waft of sausages/onions is not far away, thankfully. Maybe even a Grand Prix which is so crucial to our Cash inflow in Feb/March.
- ✓ Garth updated the Meeting on Camcare/2nd Bite rostering and our likely participation in the **Chances Scholarship.**
- ✓ Our Youth portfolio is busy with **Jane herding the Rotaboars** walking to "End Polio" going extremely well. One of the walkers, Priya is very thankful for more financial assistance we provided to her during hardship in lockdown at the beginning of October.
- ✓ PeterD tabled an application for a **\$1000 scholarship for a year 11/12 student** attending Balwyn High School, which was approved. This amount is matched by Rotary Foundation if successful.
- ✓ Arrangements for our **AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> November** were tabled as a reminder.

Almoner Eileen thankfully had no Club health issues to report. Very pleasing!!

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**Fundraiser Nino** reminded us about the great **RCNB own Wine promotion**. Darren O'Hara, the man behind this promotion, will be with us by Zoom next week. I took the opportunity of thanking Nino and Bev for their tireless contributions to RCNB over many years and wished them well for their sea change to Ocean Grove in the New Year. As a Club, we need to fill Nino's ample BBQ shoes, particularly in connecting with Bunnings even before Christmas so I would appreciate 2 or 3 volunteers to put their hands up, please. This is very important and will be appreciated asap.

I then outlined a traditional RCNB voluntary **Melbourne Cup Sweep**, of which details were emailed to Members on Friday and are in Grapevine – get tickets for the family/friend as well!

**Secretary Gavan – AGM 19<sup>th</sup> November** – any financial questions to GeoffH in advance, please.  
**Hugo** then outlined the **traditional collection of items for Xmas** – see details in the Grapevine.

It was then my pleasure to introduce **Andrew Campbell who spoke on "Hearing & Brain Health"**. This was a most interesting, relevant, and maybe wake-up for some of us on the relationship for example of hearing deficiency and dementia in some cases. Another take out for me was to wear a hearing device for 12-16 hours continuously per day for best effect. Andrew is generously donating his book on a range of associated topics for all those who contact him on [andrew@neuaudio.com.au](mailto:andrew@neuaudio.com.au).

In the wrap up, I reiterated how good it is to see some optimism and smiling faces.  
Let us see who is smiling after the Cats v Tigers game on Saturday night!! A win to a Victorian team is my tip....

The upcoming Speakers program is in Grapevine – we will be in discussions with Kew Golf for a return when the 'all clear' is given..... **NEXT WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October**, is a **Zoom Cluster Meeting with RC Balwyn, Camberwell, Canterbury and us!! District Governor Philip Archer would like to see us all there – the Link is in Grapevine with the program being Chat Rooms from 6pm, then the Meeting at 6.30-pm. Our normal Thursday Meeting will still follow on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm.**

Stay well, stay connected and stay optimistic heading forward. **PS GO THE MIGHTY ROTABOARS!!!**  
President Greg