

PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

25 March 2021

A very warm welcome was extended to "Guest Speaker", Imre Lele and Judy Steinicke.

This will be a fairly short update as some of you evidently had information overload last week with my including notes from the Board Meeting – just keeping you all up to date on Thursdays and then circulated more widely in Grapevine.

Great news this week that there are No Covid cases in Victoria – fingers crossed. Very pleased that most restrictions are being relaxed from tonight.

I again want to acknowledge Member participation in our various Community Projects:

1. **Sunday Market** – 21/3 – Jane, Don T, Eileen, PhilF - 28/3 – Estelle, GregM, CrisY, **TBA**, - 4/4 Jane, SueMcD, GeoffH, **TBA**
2. **RCNB Gardening Project** -- 19/3 – GeoffH, GregC, Ian Glenny. 26/3 NeilM, Rob Hortin, JanieP, TonyW, Ian Glenny. 27/3 – PeterE, Estelle, Neil, then it is school holidays to 23 April.
3. **2nd Bite to Camcare Camberwell** –25/3 – Garth, 1st April – GeoffH, 8/4 -RobH.
4. **BBQ's ahead** – 21/3 – MASH BBQ – Box Hill – JohnMcB, Kinga, Sue, JJ, GregC, Jane, Kris, Maurie, JohnM. **10/4 – Bunnings BBQ – need morning and afternoon crews, please.** 25/4 – Bunnings BBQ – JohnMcB, Kris, Rob Head, DavidC, Sue, Maurie (*need 5 more from 1-4pm, please.....*)
5. And yes, all of those on the **Thursday Duty Roster** – 25/3 – JohnM, RobH, Rowan, SamH, JenniferH, Rob Hortin – 8/4 – PhilF, GregM, Jeanette, GeoffH, SueMcD, Imre
6. AND **2MAURO** for again entertaining at Eva Tilley – also many forward bookings.
7. And while we are thanking people, **Peter Cleary has been awarded a PHF +1** for his contribution to Foundation – thanks Peter.

A couple of advertisements:

- A. A letter of appreciation was sent to Yolanda Torrisi, Marketing Coordinator, Greythorn Shopping Centre.
Remember to use these \$10 vouchers on your table by 31 May, please.
- B. On your tables also - an urgent call out for all Cluster Clubs to assist with the RC Canterbury **FORaMEAL Project** of re-packing food sachets. This is a very successful Project, one that I would like to see us support by being able to pack some items. The Date is **Wednesday 31 March 6.00 to 8.30pm Amora Hotel – 629 Bridge Rd.** See Grapevine to Register, or chat with me.

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C. **And there is more on your tables - HotXBuns** – final orders were in tonight after the Meeting and a reminder to *pick them up from Bakers Delight, North Balwyn on Monday/Tuesday*. Thanks again to John Koa.

Sergeant Estelle updated the Meeting with anniversaries, birthdays, and inductions – how time flies. It was then pleasing to hear that monetary FINES are back on 8 April – yes, collecting fines without being double handled is considered a safe-practice. Payments at the Desk or the Bar remain only by Credit Card as they are still cashless areas.

Eileen Toohill very admirably hosted an amazing presentation of Imre Lele fascinating and emotional journey over the years. I highly recommend you read Greg Ross' summary of this presentation further down in the Grapevine. Thank you, Eileen, and Imre.

Just a few reminders:

- Thur 1st April – EASTER - No Meeting
- Thur 8th April – David Mann is our Guest Speaker sharing his personal show biz stories. David's cv, as prepared by Greg Ross, also appear further down in the Grapevine. JimS will be standing in for Hugo who is taking some R&R and accessing the auto-link for acceptances on Tuesday 6th April, please. **NEWSFLASH – Ken Maxfield & Tricia will be joining us on 8 April to be reinducted!!!**
- Thur 15 April – Tim Piper CEO of the Australian Industry Association Guest Speaker on the COVID impact on business – again, JimS is standing in for Hugo but same process for acceptances please.
- **Partners/Friends/Guests are warmly welcomed at any time.**

As always, grateful for constructive feedback any time. Have a happy, safe, and healthy Easter – hope the Easter Bunny allows you to Open Opportunities.

President Greg 😊