

PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

27 August 2020

This week saw a record number of Members attend our RCNB Forum – maybe Zoom during lockdown enabled more attendance than normal Forum evenings but it's great to have Members interested in the range of Club activities being managed by the Directors on their behalf during this challenging year.

I personally thank again each Director for taking the time on their respective portfolio presentations as Members are now aware of a very wide-ranging array of opportunities that are before us.

Importantly, Members are also now aware of the Board's prudent approach to dollars - with four of our key Fundraisers possibly under a financial cloud, the Directors were able to cover what we are still doing, what is still planned, what is deferred and what hopefully can be achieved once we recommence full Fundraising activities. Yes, a little tricky to balance, but we remain positive for the future.

Members were also thanked for their continuing and significant generosity:

- of time on a Thursday to keep us connected
- of contributions to the Voluntary Service Fund of some \$2500+ this year in the absence of contributions from sausages/onions!
- to the Indigenous Hearing Project – already two Members have been very, very generous
- and I hope to the upcoming raffles/food offerings.

At the conclusion of the Forum presentations, there were a couple of reminders:

- ✓ One aspect we will be addressing next month is **Sub-Committee structures** – my expectation is still that last years are replicated this year but maybe not in practice. We will need every Member to be actively involved on a Committee so as we are prepared for the “New Normal” going forward.
- ✓ To date, our Thursday Meetings have enjoyed Speakers from varying backgrounds – **could you please contact me asap with names of people you know who would be willing Speakers sometime during our October/November program.** This would certainly keep up the enjoyment factor for everybody as currently our Speaker possibilities have almost dried up.
- ✓ **“North Balwyn Has Talent” night on 27 September** – we have confirmed 9 “entertainers” from our midst but need two more - **any takers??** *Call or email me, please.*

That's about it for a week when outside temperatures are rising and /Covid numbers are declining, so all's good to think about Opening Opportunities.

Have a great week - stay safe and well
President Greg