

PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

3 June 2021

In welcoming everybody to the meeting, there was a sense of deja vue at being back on Zoom after a long break – all too familiar, but I hoped all enjoyed their wine/cheese at home, without restrictions!!

We were truly blessed to have Rotary legend, Jessie Harman as our Guest Speaker on “Her Rotary Journey” – already an amazing journey to date, with more to come. Interestingly that Jessie's journey to this meeting was on Zoom, saving her the journey from home in Ballarat!!

We were also delighted to welcome many from near and far - special mention of Joseph Yap (Greystone), Dean Wells (North Balwyn), Greg Ross (Hamilton Island still...), John Gartlan (Perth), Sue McDonald (Canberra), Ken Maxfield (Yea), George Swanson (Sorrento), Kristine McDonnell (North Balwyn) John McBride (Research) and as acting Sergeant, Jane Pennington (Kew) 😊. Amazing how Zoom connects so many widespread Members.

A couple of items were mentioned prior to hearing from Jessie.

We noted with sadness during the week, the passing of past Member, Belinda Wandabwa – Eileen gave the Club a very appropriate, touching tribute to Belinda's life – thank you.

Lockdown – pleased that we all had a practice last week of using the QR check-in – now, an everyday requirement. Regarding the next few Meetings, **next week 10 June will be another Zoom**, 17 June hopefully we are back to KGC with DGN Amanda Wendt and Changeover on 24 June likewise, back to KGC – we do need you all to book for the Changeover as soon as possible (using the link to Hugo in Grapevine) as we will shortly be working with Kew on our numbers able to attend.

Jim Studebaker then started his hosting of Guest Speaker Jessie with a biography of an amazing lady who has achieved so much in life and Rotary.

Jessie then quietly but very professionally outlined her thoughts on possibly writing a book on aspects of her journey – very cleverly, we were taken on her journey in various fascinating Chapters of her very full life. Clearly, Jessie will be a most valuable addition to the RI Board, and she has our best wishes – visit us any time.

Yes, we then opened chat rooms for 10 minutes of lively repartee, sledging, embellishment, and just good fun. The Club at its very best.

As always, I gave a very brief update on our Club activities:

- **Sunday Market**– NO MARKET during lockdown – please keep an eye on the Roster and let GeoffS know of your availability.
- **RCNB Gardening Project** – NO GARDENING during lockdown – please continue to contact Neil with possible dates you are available.
- **2nd Bite to Camcare Camberwell** – STILL ON - Thur 3/6 – GeoffH, 10/6 - GregC
- **BBQ's** – next bbq 10th July, then 8th August.

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On the horizon are:

- ❖ **Next week's Meeting** 10 June – Guest Speaker is **Michael Gorton AM**, hosted by Brian Lacy talking on **Governance and the Law on ZOOM.**
- ❖ **Thursday 17th June - DGN Amanda Wendt on 17th June. A BIG Night** as we will be including **4 inductions, Students receiving Essay Awards, plus a visit from our Interactors. Fingers crossed that we are back at Kew.**
- ❖ **Thursday 24th June – Changeover night at Kew Golf Club** – please, book asap via the Hugo link to officially welcome PE Maurie and his team as our new Board.
- ❖ **Saturday 10th July** – Bunnings BBQ – see website to volunteer.
- ❖ **Sunday 8th August 12 – 3pm**– our Rotary Boroondara Cluster is having the Opening of the **R100 Yarra Bank Reserve Playground – RCNB** is providing the Sausage Sizzle.
- ❖ **Wednesday 8th September – R100 Business Breakfast** – watch this space.
- ❖ One for the diary...22-24 October – GregM has planned a weekend at Camp Getaway.

As we endure more lockdown and now into Winter, stay warm, stay well, stay connected and as always, continue to enjoy all of the Opportunities that RCNB has Open to you. **AND drive home safely!!!**

President Greg 😊