

PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

4 February 2021

Overall, an interesting Meeting, albeit overcoming a couple of initial gremlins in the attendance numbers providing a challenge to work thru, as we are now doing.

We welcomed Guests:

- Assistant Governor, Casey Tan and his wife, Carolyn
- Guest – Peter Don and his wife Burite to speak on the Rail Futures Institute
- David Troon – Guest of Rob Head
- Grant King – Guest of Neil Marshall
- And.... Jenny Cribbes

So, RCNB Members have been very active again this week:

Early morning pickup at 2nd Bite West Heidelberg, then delivery to Camcare Camberwell – last week was Kris & Maurie Walters, this morning was **Rob Head**.

Sunday Market – last week was Jane, SueMcD, Kris, Maurie and this week is **Kris, Maurie (good PE...) Jennifer, Janie**. There was yet another request in a note to Members last Tuesday for more Volunteers to fill gaps in Feb/March - GeoffS is spending an inordinate amount of his precious time rounding people up – *PLEASE be proactive and call Geoff*. Just on the Market, we are now guaranteed a minimum of \$200/shift for 2 shifts each Sunday – gate takings were down, so we lent on RC of Balwyn!! So what? Annual Income for us from the Market goes from \$14k to \$20k.

Greg Matthews, myself, and others are finalising the arrangements for another great Golf day at KGC on Fri 12 Feb. *Please put your hand up when asked to 'chip in' with some assistance.*

Neil Marshall is working with schools on the Garden roster and the associated Covid-safe conditions.

Jane is attending FareShare each week, unnoticed.

Board Meeting on next Monday 8 Feb.....we will talk about a Homelessness Project at Servants, which of our past RCNB Projects are to be nominated for District Recognition, applying for a small government Grant for some specific needs we have, and the Attendance procedure for notifying Hugo for each Thursday -no change until we advise. Just on that, Hugo must be thanked, again, for his tireless and immaculate record keeping. Just on attendances, we advised KGC on Wed am of 34 attendees – this morning we notified 41, which was pleasing. Not so pleasing to the Chef to find an extra 7 meals. A reminder to notify Hugo know via the link in Grapevine by early Tuesday if you are coming, please.

What is on the horizon?

- ✓ All the above, especially the Golf Day is my current focus.
- ✓ Plus, the paperwork on Project Recognition,
- ✓ Plus applying for the Grants,
- ✓ In recent week, there have been **Membership enquiries** to our Club – thanks to the initiatives from Rowan, JimS and Neilm – very pleasing and I am sure, our current Members will welcome some new faces soon.
- ✓ Ro/GregR are off and running with the Speakers Program from next month – remember, let them know if you have suggestions.
- ✓ And **Gavan** is now OIC of the KGC cupboard, projector and screen – thank you.
- ✓ Anything/anyone I have missed??
- ✓ We are still on the lookout for an Assistant Treasurer, though.

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A brief but extremely well compiled video by Lili-Ann from RC Camberwell on the **Australia Day** event was then shown to the Meeting. It certainly refreshed our memories of a big day for all Rotary Clubs in the Boroondara area, especially for our Catering team and Ro/JimS in a RCNB information marquee.

AG Casey Tan then gave some perspectives of Australia Day from a District viewpoint and on all counts, our Victoria Park event was thought to be the best. AG Casey presented our Club, PDGJimS and me Certificates of Appreciation for being integral in making this event happen. Thank you, Casey.

Sergeant Estelle updated the Meeting and again hosted some very Happy Fines – going well.

Our Guest Speaker, Peter Don who is a Member of the Rail Futures Institute gave a detailed presentation on Melbourne and Victoria current transport networks and what the future may hold. Peter's undoubted experience and passion with Rail was truly evident, as he covered aspects of future projects being planned as far forward as 2050. This includes options such as Sky Rail, tunnels, and various types of transport, including provisioning for more bicycles to be catered for. Thank you, Peter, and Burite.

Director's reports:

- ❖ Rob Head – updated us on the **Drought Recovery Program**
- ❖ Neil Marshall has the **Gardening program** with school starting 5 Feb.
- ❖ Geoff Steinicke spoke on the **Sunday Market** and was pleased that we are now guaranteed a minimum of \$200/shift x 2 shifts each Sunday – as always though, we need more RCNB Volunteers in their yellow shirts to join us at that now, major fundraiser.
- ❖ **A plea for helpers on Friday 12 Feb Golf day came from Greg Matthews.**
- ❖ **Ro/Maurie (aka as 2Mauro) have 9 gigs scheduled at Eva Tilley, entertaining the residents. Terrific!!**

In closing, I hoped the variety of tonight was enjoyed by all.

Next week, we have **Professor Sue Evans** giving us an outlook for Cancer diagnosis – should be a very interesting and relevant presentation for us all. Sue comes highly recommended by proud Mum, Margaret Wilkins.... The following week, **Tony Wells** will host the Meeting as I/Estelle will be away – Professor Charles Sowerwine will share his passion about Melbourne Heritage.

And on **Thursday 11 March, we will be Celebrating International Women's Day** with partners and Days for Girls – will be a fun night!!

Finally, let us keep active and continue to be visible in the Community activities that we all Volunteer for. Let us encourage more of these important connections going forward and enjoy Opening Opportunities.

Have a pleasant week. President Greg