

## PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

7 September 2020

The Meeting started with a **Special General Meeting** for Members to approve both the revised **By-laws and Constitution** - each document met with the formal approval of Members and are now to be lodged with Corporate Affairs. Thanks go to my review team of Gavan, Jane, Rob Head, David Cheney, and John Gartlan for their wise counsel on this quite detailed process. What else would you do for excitement during lockdown?

This week, it was pleasing to receive positive feedback from **last week's Forum** – much appreciated, as your Board is doing its absolute best on your behalf in these very, very trying times for us all. It is certainly not a 'normal' year... And yes, to those that asked, we do intend having another forum in the new year.

Special mention this week goes to **Peter Elliott** who is awarded a **Paul Harris Fellow Pin +8 (that is the one with 3 rubies)** for his very generous ongoing contributions to Foundation. Must be that he is saving on not losing any golf balls these days.... Thanks Peter.

Our regular phone roster was re-energised this week to make contact/touch base with Members, especially those who we haven't seen/heard for a while – thanks to our **RCNB Call-team**, as it's very important we remain feeling connected, for a bit longer.

Just on Members, one of my priorities coming out of the Forum is to confirm all **sub-Committees** within our club and to make sure everybody is involved somehow as we hopefully emerge into the "new normal" post Covid – watch this space.

The various fund-raising options are proving immensely popular, thank you again. The **Raffle, Nino's food offerings, VSF and the Indigenous Hearing Project** are all being very well supported. **A big thank you to Nino for his tireless initiatives.** Thru this generosity during these times we can financially support initiatives such as our potential Rotaractor, fund our Centenary Project, and look to other deserving causes on the horizon. Just on that, the Raffle will be drawn NEXT Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September so best you *enter by the Wednesday evening, please.*

**Sergeant Estelle's session** with Members talking about their Rotary experiences was again, most enlightening. As mentioned, we are all learning so much more about each other during lockdown! Special mention goes to Bronwen on wordsmithing her experiences.

**Jeremy Desmier** then gave a very comprehensive view of Real Estate in our area during lockdown – it is interesting how he has had to adapt from traditional methods of buying/selling in these times.

Looking ahead, September's weekly Meetings have plenty of variety and interest for you all so do please join us. Thanks for your ongoing support – stay well and Open Opportunities.

President Greg