

## PRESIDENT GREG'S UPDATE

8 April 2021

A very warm post-Easter welcome was extended, hoping everybody enjoyed the great weather and Rotarian **John Koa's HotXBuns from his Bakers Delight store in North Balwyn.**

We also welcomed David Mann as our Guest Speaker, Ken Maxfield and his wife Tricia as our re-inductee, 2 Guests of David Cheney being Dean & Gulser Wells, 2 Guests of Janie Pirret being Mary Jones and Freida Werdier, and 2 Guests of Terry Kehoe being Neil & Megan Dalrymple. And of course, our Partners Heather Matthews, Maree Kehoe, Kris Walters, JennyC and Friend Maria Gouvoussi.

Member participation in our various Community Projects was gratefully acknowledged:

1. **Sunday Market** – 4/4 - Jane, SueMcD, GeoffH, Lis Haddy (special mention) – 11/4 TonyW, Tak, Janie, and for Terry Kehoe stepping in.
2. **RCNB Gardening Project** - 27/3 – PeterE, Estelle, Neil, then it is school holidays to 23 April. Garth/Neil are working with Camcare to have our Gardening team establish new Garden beds at their Camberwell site on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May.
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Bite to Camcare Camberwell** – 1<sup>st</sup> April – GeoffH, 8/4 - RobH.
4. **BBQ's ahead – Saturday 10/4 – Bunnings BBQ** – thank you to JohnMcB, Imre, Peter & Sally, GregC, PhilF, GrantK, Eileen, Duncan, JohnB, Janie and Terry Kehoe and CrisY for both stepping in. **Sunday 25/4 Bunnings BBQ** – **need one more** to join JohnMcB, PhilF, RobHead, DavidC, Sue, Kris&Maurie, Jennifer, Jane, GregR, Imre, Brian.
5. All of those on the **Thursday Duty Roster** – 8/4 – PhilF, GregM, Jeanette, GeoffH, SueMcD – 15/4 – refer to updated roster thru to June in Grapevine.
6. And on Wednesday 31/3 for joining me for the fun re-packing items **ForAMeal** – Peter & Sally, Jane, JohnB, GregR – appreciated.
7. There has been a tremendous response to our **RCNB Year 6 Essay Writing Competition** with the 88 entries submitted (up from 56 last year) being currently judged by GregR, Jeanette and Eileen. **Participating Primary Schools are North Balwyn, Belle Vue, Boroondara Park, Greythorn and St. Bede's.** The essay topic is **"What will my life be like in 20 years' time?"** Prizes will be awarded at an upcoming RCNB Meeting. A truly win-win opportunity for Schools and Students, all showcased and managed by our RCNB Vocational team – thank you.
8. **2MAURO** – we received \$150 for Maurie/Rowan entertainment at Eva Tilly – more recently, another successful gig by Maurie & Rowan at Faversham House – great initiatives within our Boroondara Community!

### *A few future dates:*

- **Saturday 17th April** – Morning Tea with DG Philip – by Zoom. Details to follow.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch with Rotary Melbourne at the Sofitel.
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – 10.00am Peter Elliott - Working Bee at the containers – We have repair work to be done to the floor and shelving to erect in Container 3, Unused equipment to be assessed and disposed of if necessary (after consultation with those interested), Rubbish to be tipped, General tidy up of all equipment etc. etc. Please let **Peter Elliott** know if you are willing to spare a couple of hours and a bit of elbow grease.
- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm** – a FREE event – a COVID-delayed civic celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WW2. Invitation is from Councillor Di Gillies and will be held at Auburn Uniting Church, Oxley Road, Hawthorn.
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May - our RCNB 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday night** – Guest will be Josh Pitterman.

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- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** and **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May** Peter Elliott - Loan (for a fee) of our Marquee to the Moonee Valley Art Show, in Essendon – delivery and retrieval dates. PeterE needs a small team to assist, please. Peter's mobile is 0419 417334.

*It was then my absolute privilege and pleasure to welcome Ken Maxfield back as Member of our Club after his 'tree-change' of nearly 5 years in Yea. We believe his qualities of character and leadership are those required of a good Rotarian.*

*The object of Rotary has been explained to Ken and we are glad to accept his assurance that he is willing to give Service Above Self by working actively for the Club, his vocation, for the community and for international goodwill.*

*We look forward with confidence to Ken and Tricia's participation in and contribution to this Club's programs, projects, and activities.*

*I congratulated Ken and offered him the hand of Rotary fellowship.*

**Sergeant Estelle** generously welcomed everybody to the Meeting and appropriately acknowledged anniversaries of Inductions, Birthdays and Weddings. Pity that Jen/my 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on 7<sup>th</sup> April cost me a fine, but then again.....that's life!! Thankfully, there were other fines nominated from the floor, which Treasurer Geoff appreciated.

**Our Guest Speaker for the night, David Mann** was hosted by Greg Ross in a heartwarming walk down memory lane from the '**Mann About Town**' himself. What a privilege to hear of stories behind many, many well-known names and so brilliantly presented by David in his inimitable style and passion. Thanks David & Greg

Read more of David's presentation in Grapevine.

Just a few reminders:

- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April** – thank you TerryK for stepping into a vacancy at short notice. Very pleasing to note that our RCNB Market Income for January to March is \$4,996 – great work by GeoffS and everybody who is volunteering!!
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - JimS will again be standing in for Hugo who is taking some R&R and accessing the auto-link for acceptances. *Please reply on the link by Tues.*
- **Next Thur 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Tim Piper CEO of the Australian Industry Association Guest Speaker on the COVID impact on business Partners/Friends/Guests are warmly welcomed at any time.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** we will have David Grierson as our Guest Speaker on Why Anzac Day is so important. We will also be recognising the R100 centenary.
- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – need one more volunteer for Bunnings BBQ from 1.30pm
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Garden beds at Camcare – call Garth.
- **By Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - remember to use your Greythorn Traders \$10 voucher.
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – RCNB Changeover night at KGC

As always, a busy time at RCNB – enjoy the Opportunities open to you all.

President Greg 😊