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Together, We

#FlattenTheCurve

Well I knew some things would change with married life. Less than three months in and our whole world has well and truly changed.

Anyone who has read the book “who moved my cheese?” understands we must adapt to change to live and we are now moving fast in our daily lives to adapt to that change.

Best predictions available are that the flattening of the curve will occur in June and that September/October will see us on the other side if everyone plays their part. The general understanding from official circles is the expectation that COVID 19 will get worse before it gets better. I'm not wanting to be alarmist but realistic and therefore we need to plan for that.

Changeovers

Things like Changeovers won't be happening in the traditional sense and alternate arrangements need to be made.

Some Districts are planning for Changeovers in October, others are planning to do a celebration around then. What each club needs to do is look at how they will address the issue.

Just like I asked 2 newsletters ago WHY DO WE MEET?, now we need to ask WHAT IS A CHANGEOVER FOR AND WHY DO WE DO IT?

Yes, it is a celebration of the year past (or a thank goodness that leader is now out 😊) and a chance to look forward for the year ahead. Can we do all that differently or at different times of the year?

In the Philippines, whilst leaders change 1 July, changeover ceremonies occur when the DG visits during the year.



District Meetings

Our District meetings will be by zoom for the rest of this Rotary year.

There will be more meetings than originally planned for the next three months as we work together with plans as to how to have our District and our Clubs continue to be relevant and also ready for when we come through the otherside of the COVID tunnel.

There is a nice bright light there for the future of our Country and Rotary if we are ready for it.

Online Meetings

I have got no idea at present how we do a Changeover on zoom or what are breakout rooms on zoom etc and I am happy for someone to help show me these.

What we still need to do is keep our meetings positive, fun, interesting and informative.

There are lots of clubs meeting online – in our district, in Australia and online. Our members need to get involved in these. If requested I will start a District meeting each week however my preference is not to do what clubs do. I believe the better role for District is to keep clubs engaging with their members.

Engagement

My next concern turns to engagement. There are clubs like Karana Downs, Kimbe, Bribie Island, KippaRing NorthLakes, Caloundra Pacific, Toowong, Paddington that I know of that are 'meeting' online.

We need more (or I need to know of more, see list later in this newsletter). We can organise guest speakers. I have attended a large number of zoom meetings where it has been engaging, inspirational and thought provoking. If a club has a good guest speaker, why restrict it to only members of that club? This is an opportunity to do things radically differently. If a Rotarian wants to join another District's Zoom meeting what's wrong with that? I joined another District's Zoom meeting this week to hear a speaker on Days for Girls.

Or another Club's Zoom meeting? This is how Rotary should work and this is about Rotary and about rebooting Rotary in difficult times.

I would like Rotarians to talk to their Presidents and President Elects as well as their Assistant Governors about how the clubs intend to 'meet' in the months going forward because it is obvious clubs cannot lie dormant and expect to reengage with their communities and projects. An example is Ivanhoe Rotary where they meet as a breakfast club and the money they raise at the meeting goes towards a project and support for breakfast in Broome for indigenous communities. If their fundraising stops the work they've been doing over the years stops hence they've asked for a \$15 contribution each week they connect through a Zoom meeting. Simple and effective. I know a number of our clubs are doing something similar.



Can you let me know what each of your clubs are doing for meetings and projects and who is their zoom or alternative champion? If they need help and you are unable to then let me know and we will try and find someone to help.

Similarly District Chairs could make themselves available to clubs to be guest speakers at the club meetings via Zoom. It couldn't be easier - glass of red, a presentation and doing it from your home. Why not? Let's do this. It's a great opportunity to talk about TRF, International, ARH, mentoring - let's encourage clubs to embrace it.

Going forward if they can't get a guest speaker why not pick up a 'guest speaker' from RISSPO Youtube, My Rotary or a TED talk? Ever watched a TED talk? 18 minutes maximum with a really well delivered message on anything you're interested in.

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A man's mind is stretched by a new idea or sensation, and never shrinks back to its former dimensions.

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Membership

There is absolutely no doubt membership is going to take a hit at the end of June. We are going to have business owners, managers and employees all in difficult financial situations.

I completely understand and empathise with their situations. We need to understand what some of the impacts on

membership in clubs is going to be and whether we have thoughts as to how to mitigate these. Fees is obviously one but fees are at an RI level, District level and Club level. I'll be happy to hear your thoughts.

Relevance

A comment from Dean Parham from Mitchelton Club to me this week was very much on point: "As far as memberships go, payment of fees is a side issue I believe... being relevant is more of an issue. We at Mitchelton only charge members exactly what it costs the club in per member outgoings; RI, District, RDU. Additional club income is derived from meetings income and some other services we provide. We are constantly looking for ways to keep our club viable and to keep members interested. We have given donations to Oz Harvest and Meals on Wheels over the past couple of weeks to help those in real need as well as keep our club profile visible."

Calling for volunteers to help with District Club Runner set up, District Website set up, Social media and PR.

In many ways the Rotary year for 2019-20 is not over, it has just begun because I truly believe that going forward will be about restructuring Rotary and improving its relevance in extremely difficult times.

The world needs Rotary and right now Rotary really does Connect the World.

Time for us to move into the 21st century!

Thinking of you all. Please feel free to call me if you want to discuss anything.

Help Needed

Computers 4 Learning require equipment – in particular Computer Mouse and HP laptop chargers 65 watt with blue end fitting. Contact them on (07) 2101 3414 if you can assist.



We Are Connecting

Each week I join a Zoom meeting with my fellow District Governors from around Australia and from this Sunday our New Zealand District Governors will be joining us along with RISSPO representatives Andrew Best and Trudy Grice, during these meetings we discuss the current issues that Rotary is facing and my intention is I will provide members with an update from these meetings and also information from what is happening in our District.

I am very heartened by how clubs are adapting to these difficult times. There are clubs that have embraced Zoom and other online meeting tools, and WhatsApp and other group communication tools. Wow! I am impressed. Well done everyone.

I know you have some members who haven't embraced this. Please use your more I.T savvy members to mentor and assist those not so early to embrace. Many clubs are experiencing an increase in attendance as we all stay connected. Communication right now is critical, so if you can't get some members over the line, please be sure that they get regular telephone contact to keep them up to date.

Do you know, most who don't embrace the technology wrongly fear it is too complicated or difficult for them? Seriously, it is not, that's why I ask that mentoring assistance is put in place for these members.

Just remember, despite the world as we know it changing rapidly, we are current, we are cool, we're right there, so as Rotarians we can continue the great work we do, even when in isolation. It just maybe different service work then what we used to do.

To assist Clubs and Members here are some ideas from the Australian District Governors

Zoom Meetings

- There is a 20% discount for Zoom Pro subscription, if you click through MyRotary.
- Link:
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Ideas

Zoom Meetings (cont'd)

- Establish a zoom meeting protocol.
- Nominate one or two Zoom experts for your club or contact District for help with same.
- Establish an Agenda with a time frame and email out with the meeting invite.
- Preplan for presentations online.
- Use the zoom controls to help run the meeting.
- The organiser will be the controller of the meeting.
- Have an initial social chat with all members for 5-10 minutes.
- Start the meeting with all audio off.
- Have a time keeper.
- Use the hands up control to manage people wishing to speak.
- Do a trial run.
- Keep meetings regular.
- Supplement general meetings with a closed Facebook group for more involved discussions.
- Members can use a pretend name .
- Work 1 on 1 with members less familiar with the zoom process.
- Create a public Zoom address for the open club meetings so others can attend on line.
- Arrange to buy the correct amount of Zoom time.
- Invite Myself, Assistant Governors and District Officers to attend your Zoom meetings.
- Keep your first online meeting simple as members adapt to the technology. Stay connected.
- Contact Past Members and or spouses and either talk via telephone and/or invite them to your Club Zoom meetings.
- Enable / Invite other club members from across Australia to join your meeting including District Governors.
- Invite a Guest Speaker to address your meeting (Remember they are also at home and may enjoy some interaction).
- Andrew Best provided the following link to look at innovative ways we can change up meetings https://youtu.be/RQ_RPw-zR4 (It's a bit of fun)



One of Us

Stranded due to Covid-19

Following a wonderful exchange of ideas at our District Conference and International Pets, Russell Clinch President Elect of Honiara Club was caught stranded here as he wasn't allowed to return to the Solomons due to Border restrictions.

Russell is in Australia indefinitely whilst Julie his wife has not been allowed to leave the Solomons due to the nature of here job at The High Commission there.

Currently living with his daughter in Townsville, Russell wants to remain connected to our District and looks forward to visiting clubs on Zoom etc.

He was at Bribie Island last week and would love an invitation to attend.

I also recommend him as a guest speaker at your club.

**You can contact him
on russell.clinch@me.com**



Rotary 
District 9600



D9600 is not in Shut Down

We must keep as much as we can in motion so that we can appear out of the other end of this devastating situation in a strong working condition.

Please continue to keep any ideas flowing to me so we can share.

In many ways the Rotary year for 2019-20 is not over, it has just begun. I believe that going forward will be about restructuring Rotary and improving its relevance in extremely difficult times. This is the start of a new Rotary beginning over the next three or so months not the ending of a Rotary year. We are already Opening New Opportunities.

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Yours truly,
DG Darryl

Projects

- Mentoring Others

- Coffee Catchups, virtually and using technology.

- Homeless Packs - Rutian Mi has talked with Ian Sampson, the Chairman of the 3rd Space - a charity looking after the homeless people on 505 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley. Ian told him they need toiletries to help homeless people improve their personal hygiene. Things like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush and towels. Most of us have some hotel/aeroplane toiletries from trips and I believe most other Rotary travellers will have spare toiletries at home as well. It might be a great district "action" to donate toiletries to 3rd Space for homeless people. The AG or designate can collect donations from the clubs and send to the district. 3rd Space is happy to pick up from us if we have one or couple collection points. This will prevent our members from the community infection.

- Emergency Packs - see contents list and details from Karana Downs

- Community Care - register with State Government or just check on your neighbours and family

- Days for Girls Kits - contact me for patterns, see their website for make up of packs.

- Hats for hospital workers - making hats to cover the head/hair of nursing staff in wards. Local contact Ken Ryan of Kenmore Club ken@kenryanassoc.com.au



- District Grant Application - Qualify your club for Rotary Foundation Grants and start your application for 2020-21 District Grants.

- Global Grant - make contact with a cub in the Islands and help them prepare a Global Grant.

- Learning on Line - have a competition in your club and across the District on who can do the most learning modules from the Learning Center on MyRotary.

- Update your Club's Profile - Look at your Club's website, facebook etc and bring up to date including the correct Rotary Logos.

- Volunteer on a District Committee - talk to the current chair.

- Help Design the new District Website and Clubrunner. - contact DG Darryl

- Post on the District's FaceBook and Instagram.

- Start a Discussion on the Rotarians of District 9600 FaceBook closed group.

- Replan your Club's activities for the Future - relook at what is the best way to do the event now and not what we did before.

- Write the history of your club - great group activity to keep a number of people involved. Also connects us with our members past and present. Write the history for the District for the last 25 years. See just much has been achieved over the years.

- Be a Zoom champion for your club and other clubs.

- Send me a report on what your club is doing for future newsletters - see Karana Downs report for reference.

- Write an article for Rotary Down Under

- Start a Book Club - Noosa Daybreak are using their books from Bookfest to share books into the community and thus not only help others. It is also a great way for them to advertise their postponed Bookfest to now be held on the long weekend in October.

- Find a candidate - for 2021 for Ryla (1-7 May 2021), Rypen etc

- Update RDU magazine preference for members

- Nominate someone for an Australia Award



Mooloolaba's Walk for Mental Health



Mooloolaba Rotary Club holds a Walk for Mental Health each October and would like to invite other clubs to get involved in running additional walks around the time of Mental Health month this year.

Their club is happy to give advice on how to run the event and can supply several branded marquees and 2 archways to add to the overall appearance.

They can also help in supplying purple Tee shirts for the walkers at a cost.

All the proceeds from our walk goes to Australian Rotary Health. They were able to donate \$10,000 to ARH last year.

Hand Hygiene for Health

Handwash for 20 Seconds



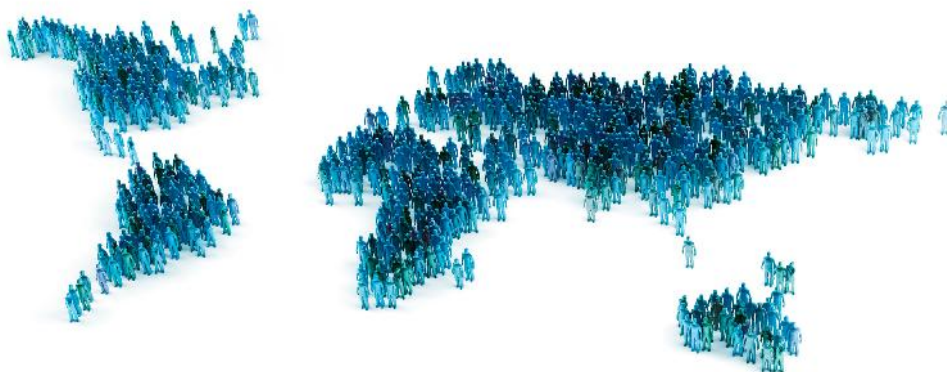
Rotary Project Hand Hygiene For Health (HHFH) uses the SPATAP Portable Tap to transform any bottle or container into a flow-controllable tap with a convenient soap caddy for handwashing in schools with no plumbing infrastructure. This device can be installed in a few seconds, anywhere, by anyone, including children as young as 5 years old. SPATAP provides an immediate, easy to operate handwashing station and is used by schools, communities and medical posts that have limited, basic or nonexistent hygiene services.



- Handwashing is now front page news! Please help us spread health and hygiene and learn about our Handwashing behaviour change project.

DONATE A SPATAP TO A CLASS OR COMMUNITY IN NEED FOR ONLY USD\$15 (INCLUDES SHIPPING & WORKSHOP)

According to Washwatch, over "900 million children have no hygiene service in their school." Hand Hygiene For Health aims to End Hygiene Poverty worldwide.



From Karana Down's

Rotary Club President David Kearney

EMERGENCY SUPPORT PACKS

(PREVIOUSLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT PACKS)

A KARANA DOWNS ROTARY CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

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Quite often, the police are forced to remove victims from these violent situations and place them in safe accommodation. Given how stressful this environment can be, victims hardly have the time to grab their phone and purse/wallet, let alone pack essential items such as toiletries.

With the insidious nature of domestic violence, and the taboo against discussion of it, our club decided that this was a perfect opportunity to show the victims of these crimes that the community they live in does truly care. To this end, we have assembled support packs that our local police teams can distribute to those who find themselves in this unacceptable situation.

These packs include essential toiletry items as well as small niceties like colouring books or a teddy bear for the children who too often are also caught up in these situations. Our Club purchased a number of Australian Rotary Health bears and these have now been included in the children's support packs.

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While the main focus of the project has been the victims of domestic violence cases, our Club is now looking at extending the project to produce 'Emergency Support Packs' which can be used to assist those people who find themselves in any sort of emergency situation.

By providing these packs for distribution by our local police teams, we already know that it is making their work with the victims of domestic violence a little easier.

We have also involved our local community in the assembly of these packs. We have had a fabulous response from our local primary schools which ran campaigns to encourage their students to help collect items for these packs.

Support has also been received from individuals within our community who read about the project in the Community Chronicle, our Club's monthly publication that informs readers about what is going on in our community. The effects of involving people in the assembly of these packs is two-fold. As well as showing the victims receiving these packs that people in their community do care for them, it also helps to kick-start a conversation in the wider community about domestic violence.

We believe that the only way to combat an issue such as domestic violence that hides in the shadows of society is to shine a light upon it.

We have no hesitation in commending this relatively low cost but high impact programme to other Rotary Clubs. Further information about the project can be obtained by contacting president.karanadowns@rotary9600.org

DAVID Kearney

President 2019-20

Karana Downs Rotary Club.

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Our Emergency Support Packs contain items which we hope will help recipients through a short term 'emergency' situation.

As well as the personal care items listed below, they should also contain contact details for Government agencies or Community Support organisations who may be able to assist with whatever crisis they are dealing with at the time, such as DV Connect.

Please note that the Emergency Packs should not contain products in aerosol packs. We also avoid packing inappropriate toys such as guns/knives etc in our KIDS PACKS.



ADULT PACKS

Body wash (not cakes of soap), shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant. (All travel pack size). Toothbrush, Comb/brush, shaving cream, disposable razor. Moisturiser/hand cream. Wash cloth / hand towel. Band-aids. Tissues. Pads / tampons.

MUMS WITH BUBS PACKS

The items listed above as well as:
Disposable nappies in appropriate size
Baby wipes
Moisturiser

KIDS PACKS

Assuming that the toiletry type items above will be available to any children accompanying the adult, the KIDS PACKS can include:

A colouring book and coloured pencils.
An exercise book and pen/pencil
A soft toy for the younger ones and an appropriate toy/puzzle for the older children.

Emergency Packs Cont'd

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Our Club agreed to purchase a number of Australian Rotary Health bears and these have now been included in the children's support packs.

STOCKING THE PACKS

Our Club has found that a call to our local community through our Community Chronicle magazine resulted in most of the supplies listed above being donated. This could also be done by a direct approach to local schools, churches etc. The only cost to our Club was the purchase of the cool bags and shoulder bags that contain the various items. We expect that this cost may have been able to be covered by a call for sponsorship to our local politicians.

The only 'cost' item that has been discussed to date and could possibly be included in the Adult Pack is a mobile phone sim card. However, we believe that the inclusion of such an item would need to be assessed on an individual case basis.

BRANDING THE PACKS

We have deliberately decided not to 'brand' the packs themselves as we believe that this would limit their ongoing use by recipients who we expect would not want use anything that visibly link them with a crisis/emergency situation.



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Club Report

Rotary Club of Karana Downs

WESTERN CLUSTER MONTHLY CLUB REPORT FOR MARCH 2020

CLUB NAME: KARANA DOWNS

DATE: 29/03/2020

MEMBERSHIP: 18 ACTIVE MEMBERS
1 HONORARY MEMBER – BILL WATERFIELD

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: Nil

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Who could have foreseen the events that have unfolded over the last month as a result of the effects of the Corona virus? When was the last time that a single topic has dominated the thoughts and actions of people all over the world?

While this event has had a negative impact on nearly everyone in our Community, I am sure there will be many positives coming from the way people look at how they live their lives and how they interact with their families, friends and work and community group Colleagues.

I expect there will be much for Rotarians to do once it is safe to do so. I am looking forward to hearing what other Clubs are doing while we are all in 'isolation' and what plans are being developed for possible areas of community support when things get 'back to normal'.

CLUB MEETINGS:

Speakers:

On **Monday 2 March**, Brian Herd from crhlaw gave us one of our most entertaining and informative presentations.

You would think that information on the need to have a Will and Enduring Power of Attorney in place would be a fairly dry topic. Not the way Brian presented it!

Brian pointed out that in most cases, it was more expensive in the long run to sort out the mess than can occur in families if these important documents are not in place.

Brian's main message for the evening was **'Whatever you do, do something'** about your Will and Enduring Power of Attorney.

On **Monday 9 March**, Ruth Kelly, Deputy Principal of Mt Crosby State School and the School's Chaplain 'Chappy Troy' Ballantyne joined us to update us on the Chaplaincy programme at the School. They had planned to update us on the outcome of the School's Family Film night fund raiser, but this was cancelled due to the forecast of bad weather. Our Club agreed to sponsor the Film Night to the tune of \$1,000 to assist with the projection and film hire costs.

Our meeting on **16 March** was cancelled due to the increasing concerns about the spread of the Corona virus.

On **Monday 23 March**, eleven of our Club members were available for an 'e' meeting using Facetime on Messenger. The main topic for the meeting was a name change for the Club. Members voted and the consensus was to change the Club name to **Karana Bellbowrie** which we believe will help with our planned increase of involvement in the Bellbowrie, Moggill and Anstead areas. Action will now be taken to have this name formally recognized by Rotary International.

We also got another update from the planning team for our proposed **2021 Australia Day Extravaganza**.

Due to the success of our first 'e' meeting, Club members have agreed to continue with this format until it is safe to return to our usual meeting format.

Fund raisers:

We were understandably disappointed to have to postpone our **'Remember the Farmers' Concert'** planned for 22nd March. While the recent rains have been welcome, the effects of the Corona virus is just another blow (along with bushfires and floods) to those affected by the ongoing drought.

Club Report Cont'd

Rotary Club of Karana Downs

Our can and bottle collection which has been well supported by our local community has been suspended until we can be sure that sorting of the cans and bottles collected can also be done safely.

With the support of our printers and our delivery team, we are pleased that we will be able to distribute our April Edition 103 of our Community Chronicle. As well as being our regular fund raiser, it is also our way of supporting local business advertisers team, many of whom are struggling with the impact of trading restrictions caused by the virus spread.

Social events: Nil.

PR events: Nil

Other activities:

Rotary Junior Community Awards – Mt Crosby State School

On 4th March, the Rotary Junior Community Award programme was presented by Janelle Bodman of Toowong Rotary Club to the year 6 students at Mt Crosby State School. As a result of this, 14 students indicated that they would like to take part in the programme.

Unfortunately, this programme has had to be cancelled for 2020 as, under current restrictions, it would have been impossible for the students to complete many of the tasks set for the Award.

Creative Writing Awards – Mt Crosby State School

On a brighter note, the Creative Writing Award for years 5 and 6 at the School has been able to take place and the 3 winning stories are being published in Edition 103 of the Community Chronicle. An awards ceremony will take place at the School later in the year, again when it is safe to do so.

Emergency Response Packs

We have had meetings with Acting Inspector Shane Hancock of Indooroopilly Police and Senior Sergeant Lee Fortune, Officer in Charge at Karana Downs Police Station about the ongoing uses for our Club's Emergency Response packs. Both officers have indicated that they believe the packs are a valuable resource and have asked their teams for feedback on the content of the packs and how their use might be extended in daily policing activities.

We are yet to see if the packs might have a use in supporting people whose lives have been negatively affected in some way by the Corona virus.

District Conference

Four members of our Club (David and Mary Kearney, Judy Gavranich and Alannah Valentine) were able to attend District Conference. It was great that the work schedule of our youngest member and President Elect Alannah Valentine allowed her to attend the Sunday session of Conference to give her a feel for District level activities before she takes over the reins on 1st July.

Other Comments:

We have received our second report from our Outbound Exchange Student Quentijn Whitfield in Sweden. He is safe and well. He is also aware of the impact the Corona virus might have on what he is able to do but is determined to make the most of his exchange year.

Our inbound Exchange Student Simeon Wacapou from France has been on the YEP trip to Lady Elliot Island. Our Club is currently looking at contingency planning to ensure that the remainder of Simeon's time in Australia (however long that might be) is as safe and secure as we can possibly make it.

Date Claimers

- **D9600 Tree Planting Day** – 4th April 2020 . Unfortunately also postponed.

Regards
David Kearney
President – Karana Downs Rotary Club.

Social Media

will keep us together while being apart



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