Rotary Ideas for Covid-19 Lockdown

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# Introduction

This document contains a starter list of ideas to consider during the 2020 Covid-19 Lockdown. Some of these ideas may well be applicable after the crisis is over. If you have any different ideas to add to this list, please email them to PDG Geoff at merylandgeoff@bigpond.com.

# Expand the Scope of your Rotary Bulletin

Unless you already do this, add some of these segments to your weekly club bulletin:

a) Reports on the welfare of members and how they are coping during the crisis

b) "Seen on Social Media" - some of the best funny sayings and pictures of how people are coping with the crisis

c) Links to Youtube videos that might be of interest to members e.g. some of the best talks on the Crisis e.g. Bill Gates' recent interview on "TED"or simply general Rotary matters of interest

d) Joke Corner with some of the best jokes about the crisis

# "Contact Groups"

A small group of members (e.g. the Board or the membership committee) can be recruited to each "adopt" 5 or 6 other members and telephone them once a week or fortnight asking them how they are coping and whether there is anything other Rotary members can do to assist. The Contact group leader then sends to the Bulletin editor a one sentence summary report on each of their contacts. These are published in the weekly bulletin to keep members up to date on how their fellow members are going.

# Using Zoom for Club Meetings

"Zoom" is a group conferencing program that is free for online meetings of 40 minutes or less (for up to 100 participants) It is relatively simple for members to set up, and can work on a wide range of devices including PC and MAC desktops, iPads, iPhones, Android phones and tablets. It does require that all participants download the "Zoom" software and register with the Zoom program. Many families and businesses are already meeting with Zoom, so it might not be all that much of a challenge for members to get on line. It requires one member to host the meeting and send an email link to all the club members. Members then simply click on the link to join the meeting. If they haven't already downloaded Zoom, they'll be prompted to do it when they click on the link, but it is better that they already have it on their device. Zoom allows the host to share PowerPoints, videos and screens to all participants. More details can be found on the District website.