



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 04

President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This week was a difficult reminder to me that some friends and family are doing it tougher than me during this latest round of restrictions.

When I talked to my cousin with special needs it reminded me that while it's difficult for me to navigate around the media reports some, like my cousin, have no understanding of what it all means and can unintentionally do the wrong thing.

A friend also rang me for support as she was struggling in isolation and finding it difficult to have a balanced life at home. Why was my situation different? I have struggled with isolation, and setting a new routine for myself but I have also made sure I have found other things to occupy my time and thoughts. I have started working through my list of projects I have put off until I had time, had virtual holidays by posting my must do travel destinations, rang friends just to chat and I have my rotary family and projects.

While there are things in Rotary we can't do at this stage, there are plenty of things I can do in the mean-time.

This time in isolation gives me opportunities to do other things but I know if I need it I have the support of my family and friends, including those in Rotary.

Stay Safe.

Sue

MEETING REPORT

We had three ZOOM meetings scheduled.

7:00pm to 7:30pm Guest speaker Peter Dalwood

7:40pm to 8:10pm Club meeting

8:10pm to 8:40pm Board meeting

ZOOM meeting 1 – Guest Speaker

We had a full complement of members present including our AG Geoff, apart from Barbara Searle who was an apology due to friend John having had an accident, and John Donaghey.

Peter Dalwood gave us a detailed guided tour of the new updated District website. Peter is the Technical committee member for the website. The new site is aimed at Rotarians in the District and the general public, and is configured to replace the

previous hard-copy District Directory. All Rotarians were asked in Open Doors Ed 1 by DG Alma to go to the site and check the information contained and tell her if there were any mistakes or omissions, <https://www.9810rotary.org.au/>

Peter passed on his PowerPoint presentation to Bill for circulation to all members. There is a large section of the website open to the general public explaining what Rotary achieves in the world. Members need to log in to Club Runner and retrieve their login name and create a password. In the protected members only section there is a list of all members as a PDF which can be printed out (over 80 pages) or saved separately and the website can be accessed via a mobile phone app.

Peter showed that the general public can send emails to any club member, or any club executive. However, only when a member is logged in can they see the actual contact details of any other district member.

Via the website, members can also separately log in to RI with their registered email address as their user name and will have a different password if they want to go to the Brand Centre, for instance. It was an excellent detailed explanation including covering all our questions. Thank you, Peter, for all your hard work.

ZOOM meeting 2 – Club Meeting

After the normal chit chat between everyone as they logged in, Sue opened the club meeting with her Reflection. She then told us the Centenary Project committee had applied to district for grants to fund some of their ideas.

There was no report from Treasurer Warwick or Sec Stuart. There was no report from Chris (Community), Glenys (Youth), Bob L (International/Foundation), Sue (Vocation) told us that Box Hill have communicated with us about the Apprentice Awards and she advised that next week we would have Committee meetings and postpone the Apprentice Awards night to the following week (3rd Aug) (This has now been further postponed – editor). Sue has proposed that the designated 1st Monday in the month for Committee meetings would be stopped and it would be left to committee chairs to organise committee meetings in the first two weeks of each month. Everyone agreed. Bill (Fellowship) had nothing to report. Warwick (Membership) reported that he had listened to a Zoom on Membership presented by Michael McQueen which was worth listening to. He would tell us when it was available as a recording so all could listen.

Sue suggested that the ideas raised at the Forum which she circulated notes on, be taken up by the appropriate committee. This was agreed to.

As we are no longer having the chocolate/wine weekly raffle (due to COVID-19 restrictions), Ron suggested that we run a Grand Final Sweep on where the venue will be this year with each person paying in \$10 which can be split between the winner and fund raising. Warwick agreed that the money can be paid directly into the bank and Stuart agreed to help Ron in suggesting possible venues. Meeting closed a few minutes early as the Board meeting was next.

Ron Brooks

ZOOM meeting No 3 – Board Meeting

Annual Fee for 20/21 year -- \$250.

No joining fee to be charged in 20/21. This will be reviewed in July 2021.

There will be an extra Box Hill Institute Carpentry Award this year- a one off addition to our usual awards.

The club agreed to donate \$3,000 to Hope Katolo to build a house as in the quote received.

A committee of Bob L, Bill M and Stuart W check our constitution and By-Laws

Chris Tuck- Community chair, outlined to us that we support 14 students in their education. We spend \$10,400 on educational support. That is an amazing commitment by our smallish Rotary club. Well done all.

Ron Brooks will set up a Sweep in lieu of our club weekly raffle. Sweep on - Venue for the AFL Grand Final. Only club members and their family or honorary members are eligible. Half the money to the winner - half to our General account.

Sec. Stuart

ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

The club has determined that the annual fee for 2020/2021 shall be \$250, as our General Account is looking very healthy. Perhaps the federal and state governments can be shown how to do it.

When transferring funds by EFT into the account in BSB 633 000, a/c no. 1418 41288, please do not combine it with another payment (such as AFL sweep funds) and please pay it once only – not like last year. Also please make sure your surname, or first and last initial (like WS for the Treasurer) is mentioned.

The actual invoice will be going to members in the next week or two

Warwick Stott

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Chris Stott who will celebrate her birthday on the 28th July.

Have a great day Chris.



Read a book, share a book or give a book – July is Rotary Literacy month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on August 3rd when we will be entertained and educated by our resident 'bikie' as he takes us over the Camino Trail. Not to be missed as Ron provides our first 'in-house' presentation. Links for this presentation will be sent out in coming days.

COMING UP

27th August is set aside for Committee Meetings to be arranged by the chair of each committee. (Give me a call if you have trouble setting up your meeting.)

3 rd August	Ron Brooks	– Camino Trail Ride.
10 th August	Stephen Fisher	- Polio Update
17 th August	Peter Malden	- 'rotaryeyesfiji'
24 th August	TBC	

ROMAC NEWS

1 The Bosin Twins



You may remember the Bosin Twins who are often described as the patients who laid the foundation for ROMAC as it is known today. The co-joined twins, Eaustina and Eusthucia, from Papua New Guinea, were born over 20 years ago on a small island near Bougainville which was, at that time, war-torn.

Fast-forward 20 years and Eusthucia has graduated with Diploma in Business in Madang and Eaustina will graduate later this year as a primary school teacher, also in Madang.

2. Vincent



Vincent is currently the only child being treated in Australia or New Zealand by ROMAC. It was hoped that he would be well enough to return home to the Solomon Islands this month, but border closures caused by COVID-19 have meant that he, and his mother, Cosinta, remain in Canberra where they are being home-hosted.

Bob Laslett



Don't leave home without your mask!!

CAN YOU HELP?

Hi Fellow Rotarians,

Our Club is presently making up Hygiene Bags to go to Alice Springs for indigenous children to use to help prevent the spread of Trachoma we are looking for some cotton material (preferably with Aboriginal Print) so we can make the bags. If you have some that is not in use could you please let me know? For details of the bags and other items please see the attached information.

Thanks for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Bill Haywood
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Rotary Club of Waverley
District 9810 Vocational Chair

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END TRACHOMA BY 2020

Trachoma is a contagious bacterial eye disease. It is caused by a lack of sanitation and personal hygiene. Repeated incidences of the disease can lead to blindness.

Australia is the world's only developed country affected by trachoma. It is prevalent in remote Aboriginal communities mainly because children do not clean their faces.

Ophthalmologist and former Rotary Scholar, [Lien Trinh](#), initiated a program after discovering the high incidence of trachoma in outback Australia. Every Rotary District in Australia has now formed a special group to raise awareness and funds and to implement actions to eradicate trachoma by 2020. Lien spoke at our club's meeting on 11th February 2020.

A number of projects are already in place to ensure that children in affected communities keep their faces clean. Some of these projects are:

- Providing every home in remote communities with at least one acrylic mirror which is designed to facilitate pride in one's self and to highlight hygiene issues.
- Provide every child at school with their own face washer. The usual practice is to share face washers and towels.
- Run soap-making workshops so that people can make their own soap for their household.
- Provide hand-operated washing machines to allow families to wash their clothes.
- Donating funds towards the upkeep of community pools to ensure they are clean and safe from disease.

Lien explained that our club could help in various ways:

- Make a donation for the purchase of mirrors, soaps or hand-operated washing machines. Our Club made a donation of \$500
- Raise the profile of projects within the club and locally.

She said we could even come up with our own ideas about how to support the objective.

Bill Haywood had heard about the Hygiene Bags that Sally Jones from District 9820 Champion for End Trachoma by 2020 with the support of Rotary members and friends they had prepared over 100 personal Hygiene bags that were taken to Alice Springs for Aboriginal children who are at high risk.

I consider this is an excellent way to reduce the spread of the condition particularly now with the threat of the Corona Virus, and have recommended this as a project for our club to support.

President Elect John Brownlee and Community Service Chair Cheryl Webster have indicated their support along with new member Mario Miranda and his wife Elna Miranda who will start sewing bags for this project. We might also get support from Glenda Sherwin-Lane and the Country Women's Association.

Sally Jones said the size of the bag is 12" (30cm) width, and 17"(43cm in depth) including where the tape is threaded, she bought the cotton material and didn't pay any more than \$4.00 a metre at Spotlight. She was lucky to buy some indigenous print material, and tried to get some material suitable for the boys etc. There are always op shop materials and some could put out a call on Facebook etc to get lots of material. I think there are many people who are just waiting for the op shops to open to get rid of their extras!

We also need to fill the bag with contents, (see details below) and fund the cost, around \$14 ea. for 100 total cost \$1,400 We may need to approach potential sponsors for this.

Sally Jones has offered to take them up to Alice Springs once the lock down is over.

The contents of the bag included:

- Face washer – Rotary has a facewasher but other facewashers are acceptable.
- Hand towel – I paid \$1.00 each for handtowels at Dimmy's, normally \$2.
- Tooth paste – family size.
- Toothbrush –
- Toothbrush holder
- Soap
- Soap container – usually \$1 to \$2 dollars.
- Shampoo – around 355 to 375mls
- Deodorant – roll on only – hard to get a decent size.
- Drink bottle – I paid \$3.90 for 1 litre drink bottle very good quality and place for child's name. Message also not to share. Bought from Buffalo Sports.

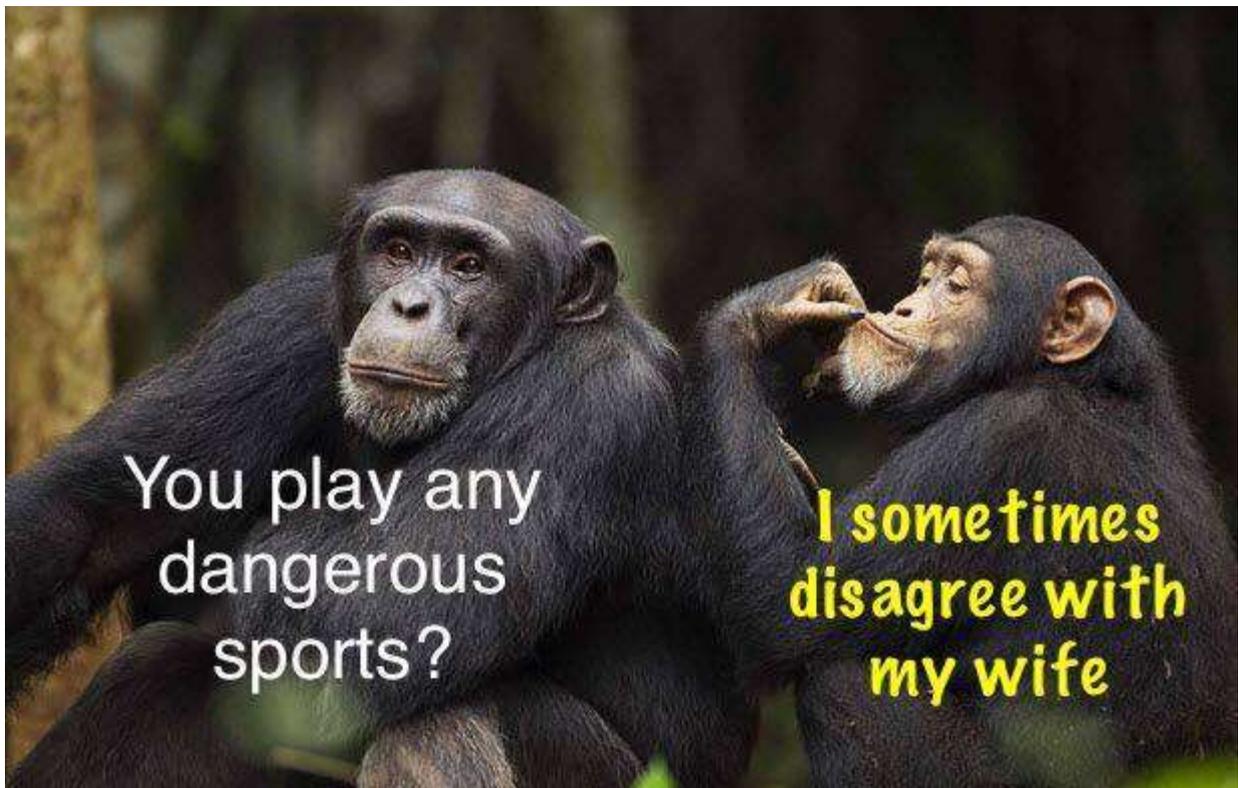
By achieving the goal of ending trachoma by 2020, it will coincide with a major event - the centenary of Rotary in Australia.

Bill Haywood

Past President Rotary Club of Waverley

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KEEP SMILING

BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

Jo-ann of **pee wee designs** and Ebony of **EbBie Jorge & Co** share a stall (Ebony is Jo-ann's daughter in law). Their products are labours of love developed from their hobbies which they sell at two markets each month, our Blackburn Craft market and the one at Park Orchards. They have been regulars with us at Blackburn for the past 2 years.

As you can see from the photographs, they have a range of personal accessories including framed original pen and ink drawings, hide and leather purses, hand crafted clay bead jewellery, and cushion covers. They put their perfumed candles into concrete bowls which Ebbie's partner makes, he is actually a concreter by trade. You can also get larger concrete bowls beautifully polished on the outside, some of which contain succulents. To make things simple, you can pay them by card.

Jo is a cheerful stallholder who would be happy to talk to you about any special needs you might have. Come along to the Blackburn Craft market or email them.

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