



Rotary
Club of Glenferrie



The
BULLETIN extra

Dear friend,



A Message From Our President Thelma

Interesting and Challenging Times

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

“This too shall pass, so stay in touch and look out for others”. This is the title of an article written by Bianca Hall and worthy of a read in today’s Sunday Age. As the Government imposes more shutdowns to slow the spread of COVID-19 we will find new ways to communicate and continue our work in Rotary. Please see Richard’s article on meeting “virtually”. Rotary activities will be affected. As many of you would know the Farmer’s Market scheduled for Saturday was cancelled.

Over the last month the Club has been very active with well attended dinner meetings, a special BBQ on the deck, induction of Kennath George, a Board meeting, further progress on the Rotary 100 project, and a weekend of bushfire clean-up work in East Gippsland. Don Heath and Cheryl will provide a report on the EG weekend.

Report from the Board meeting

- We accepted a resignation from Cameron Purnell. Cameron and his wife Kirsty have relocated to NSW.
- Approved a leave of absence for Charles Tran until 30 November 2020. Charles has been promoted to a Leading Teacher position at Copperfield Secondary College in Kings Park.
- Ian Salek and Rob Winspear provided an update on the Farmer’s Market attendances, challenges, combining events with markets and discussion on future opportunities.
- Approved our Rotary 100 project “Upgrade of the playground at Yarra Bank Reserve”. The project will be a collaboration between the Rotary Clubs of Hawthorn, Camberwell, Canterbury, with Glenferrie taking the lead role. An MOU with Council is being developed and a letter of commitment for participating clubs. A presentation is planned for the Club as soon as possible.
- Approved the adoption of a village in Vietnam. This is an exciting overseas project with opportunity for personal involvement and a rewarding experience for members. Rob Hogan will present to the Club.
- Approved a vocational service project to market LightWalker Walking Sticks.
- Special mention to our membership director Elizabeth Dumonic with up to seven potential new members attending recent dinner meetings.

Let’s stay connected, positive and active so we can come out the other side of this unprecedented event even stronger. Stay safe and healthy.

Thelma Hutchison

Would you Like to Resume



Club Meetings Virtually?

Zoom Zoom >>>>>>



Club Meetings are fun, but they are also an important part of being a Rotarian. They are the places where friends are made, information is exchanged, ideas are born, plans are laid down and action is commenced. The routine of attending regular meetings plays an important role in weaving our club's members together.

This must be the most challenging start to a year in living memory. There is a very good chance that it will be some months before we are able to congregate physically as a club, and the club board is preparing for a long hiatus from our regular meetings at Kooyong.

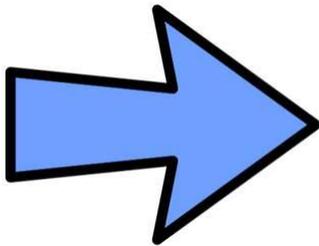
A proposal has now been tabled that we recommence meetings virtually, using the online meeting application **ZOOM**. ZOOM is the virtual meeting tool used by the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne, by the various District committees and by the Board of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie.

The proposal is that, in the event that we are unable to resume regular physical club meetings in the foreseeable future, that we meet via ZOOM:

Club to meet via ZOOM on the **first** and **third** Tuesday evenings of the month.

- Meetings commence at 7:30pm and close at 8:30pm sharp.
- Typical agenda would include a guest speaker for the second half hour, with club business/chit chat comprising the first half hour.
- The weekly raffle would still be held with the usual club prizes offered
- The first meeting would be on Tuesday April 7th, 2020 at 7:30pm

Richard Blakeman
Club Service Director



If you would be prepared to participate in meetings via ZOOM during the current medical emergency, please email me now at: Richard.blakeman.au@gmail.com with the word YES? If there are sufficient positive responses, we will start the ball rolling for the first meeting on April 7th.

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Advantages of Meeting Via
ZOOM

Communicate, Collaborate, Connect

There are many:

- It keeps us together
- We can stay in touch with developments within the club, Rotary and the community
- You can't catch coronavirus by meeting on ZOOM
- No need to send in an apology if you are not coming
- You don't have to worry about getting a car parking space – especially now that half the carpark is closed at Kooyong due to building works

- No temptation to eat the cakes at Kooyong – serious benefit
- You can still win the raffle
- Partners can easily join in
- No travelling in peak hour traffic
- You can choose your own meal knowing the food is going to be excellent
- You can leave the meeting at any time without having to sneak out
- Huge cost differential (consider making a donation to The Rotary Foundation!)
- Avoids having to watch a re-run on the ABC (or worse, paying to watch it on Foxtel)
- Brings you up to date with the way the younger generation communicate – electronically.
- For those of us who have always had our head in the clouds, working via the cloud will be like coming home.

Hope to see you on ZOOM very soon!



Club Service Director Admits to Dereliction of Duty

Who won the \$L@@#y Raffle?

Excited by the number of potential new members at the meeting on March 10th, and stung into alternative action by the presentation on bees, I completely forgot to note who won the raffle at the last club meeting. I apologise for this inexcusable oversight and beg forgiveness. Would the person who won the raffle please email me at: Richard.blakeman.au@gmail.com and own up.



Rotary Club of Glenferrie Adopts a Village in Vietnam

New Service Project Launched



Rowan Mclean of North Balwyn Rotary is the Project Manager for Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) of an International Service project in Vietnam which our club is joining.

Rowan started the project with the help of the North Balwyn Club ten years ago and formed an organisation called “Overseas Kids Foundation” to work in the village of Minh Hac in north west Vietnam. Bacchus Marsh club, Balwyn Rotary and Brighton Rotary have all adopted villages since.

The idea is to provide scholarships to individual students in the village, install services such as water, toilets, libraries etc. in the schools, and generally promote welfare of the village.

Mr Moui, the head of Education for the Ha-hoa District, has suggested to Rowan that the village of Vo Thanh is desperately in need of help and would be the ideal candidate to be the next village adopted by a club.

The board of Glenferrie Rotary has voted to adopt the village of Vo Thanh as its contribution to the project. This will be an exciting overseas project with plenty of opportunity for personal involvement of Rotarians and a rewarding experience for the whole club.

Rostered on.....

All rosters for the year are now available in the => [Member's Area of the club website.](#)



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