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Note, the Newsletter is now published on our website (thanks Mark). So if you need to look at a previous edition you can do so. Also you can refer it to prospective members to show them what we do.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Club News

This Week's Meeting - Days for Girls

This week's meeting will feature the presentation made by Celeste Mergens, the Founder of the international organisation Days For Girls. This started as a simple idea Celeste had one night and is now a global movement bringing dignity, education, and opportunities to millions of women and girls around the world.



Days for Girls Hygiene kits

This comes about as Andrew attended the Zoom meeting organised by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and found it terrific.

After the first zoom meeting with the presentation, we can continue on to our second Zoom and maybe discuss opportunities for our Club to support girls both in Australia and overseas. And we can also continue on to have some general catch up chatter, something we are getting used to and becoming quite good at.

Last Week's Meetings

Last week was Committees. The Community Committee had a great meeting with lots of chatter and ideas. This included a discussion about Roger D wearing a funny hat for "Lid the Lid on Mental Health". As we talked we all,

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particularly Roger, got more and more excited. The Committee also talked about several other projects including a sign on EastLink to celebrate the 100 year anniversary as well as a 100 year book to be produced with students. It was also noted that the founder of Escabags will be talking to the Committee to see if we can support them in Victoria. Thanks to everyone, it was also a fun meeting.



The International Committee also met and had a very good and productive meeting, albeit it with a few technical glitches. They are still finalising ideas around projects to support given the current pandemic situation. They also noted that 26 October is World Polio

End Polio day.

The following Week – Board Executive meeting and an opportunity for the rest of us to have a chat

The Board Executive will meet to discuss some of the business issues associated with our Club. Meanwhile the rest of us can meet, with no fixed agenda, and catch

There is always something to talk about, and even if there is no particular topic, we can just ask how everyone is going. If the Premier announces some changes to the current lock down this Sunday, we can talk about what we are going to do.



Rotary helps people in our local community and around the world

From the President

Three months into the Rotary year and we've hardly left our homes and it continues for at least another week. I've been chatting with a few of you from time to time, will continue to reach out and I hope everyone is doing well.

It's great to see how members have made the best of a @#\$% situation, have embraced Zooms for committee & general meetings and guest speakers.

Congratulations to Roger Daniel, support crew Pam and the community committee! An idea is born at the most recent committee meeting and with only four days in the planning, they've pulled off a great fundraiser and promotion for the Lift the Lid on Mental Health. Thank you to everyone who supported Roger, donated, and shared on Facebook. At last count, funds raised are \$657.80. Well done!

Don't forget to place your order for wine. Orders close on Friday. Phil, Donna and the team have done a fantastic job and I can vouch for the wine it tasted great when I tried it.

Thanks to John Lambert & Dee for keeping us all informed about all things Rotary and other bits and pieces with the newsletter.

100 Year Celebrations of Rotary – Our Rotary cluster have had an initial meeting and has a booking at Eastland/town square for a function to promote Rotary and the Baton relay on Saturday 17th April 2021. Many ideas for local community functions that span this end of the District 9810 over February to May 2021 were discussed. Stay tuned for more information.

It's great to see our members being organized and maintaining contact with each other. I urge you to still ring someone each week to have a chat.

Stay safe and I will see you in the next Zoom. I cannot wait to see everyone face to face.



Wine Bottling - Rotary 100 year Anniversary – Only a few days left!!!

Time is running out to order your 100 year anniversary wine. Last orders must be placed by this **Friday** to comply with our licence.

Many of you have already placed orders with over 500 sold already. Both the red and white are good wines great for drinking now or putting away for a few years. They would be great to have in your cellar or to give to friends at Christmas.



Wine will be able to be picked up from Donna and John's warehouse

in Bayswater sometime in November. But if that is not possible (because of

distance) the producers, Warrabilla in Rutherglen have offered to have the red (Durif) delivered at a cost of about \$10/case. If you have friends who want some of the wine and can't get to Bayswater, Phil will need to know the full address details so it can be forwarded to Warrabilla at the time of order.

The White will be delivered to Bayswater and any on-delivery would have to be organised later.

Remember LAST ORDERS ARE THIS FRIDAY 16th.



Rotary District 9810 – Open Doors

Your copy of Open Doors should have arrived on Monday and as always it is full of interesting information including the following.

- A reminder that 24 October is World Polio Day, a time to raise awareness and organise an event for your community. For ideas go to: https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day?cid=com_wpd20_20200909_eml_na_mem_tkt_adt_en_
- Some fabulous new membership discussion starters
- Information from Worksafe to allow Rotary (and other) Op-shops and markets to open, are opening
- Information on the Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group helping communities to help themselves by
- work with communities with food related projects and micro-business opportunities in South and South-East Asia, Oceania, sub-Saharan Africa, South America and the Caribbean. They also may be able to help club international projects. For information go to https://foodplantsolutions.org/



• A call for volunteers L2P, a Program that helps young learner drivers who don't have a supervising driver, or a suitable vehicle, to complete the 120 hours of driving experience they need before they can apply for a licence. It a great program leading to safer drivers and roads and great opportunities for youth. If you would like to be a contact TAC For further information, contact Luke Donovan, Road Safety Victoria

T: 03 9881 8958 | M: 0418 351 739, <u>Luke.Donovan@roads.vic.gov.au</u>.

- How D9810 is helping Beirut Rise Again (your club can help too)
- Two Rotary Action Groups you probably didn't know about are The Challenge of COVID Recovery. A presentation by John Hewson organised by the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley, Mon 19 Oct, 7:00pm, Cost \$20. https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=654248&

Mental Health Foundation of Australia (MHFA) invites us to Dinner



The MHFA understands that the current situation can be stressful and is inviting us all to Virtual Dinner – **Meals for Mental Health** on October 27, (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm). It has partnered with **Marley Spoon**, a meal delivery service that ships ingredients directly to your door so you can prepare healthy meals. This collaboration is to raise mental health awareness and fundraise for the cause. So you can enjoy a box of fresh goodies and donate to MHFA at the same time. Click Here

MHFA is delivering most of the National Mental Health Month events in an online format and you should have received an email listing all those events (contact John L if you haven't received it) or go to events on the MHFA website (including the Meals for Mental Health www.mhfa.org.au and search for events.

Glen Park Community Centre - Seniors Strength Classes

Richard Joseph from the Maroondah City Council has advised that the Glen Park Community Centre are hosting Seniors Strength classes online in Term 4 2020. These classes are not only to build strength and resistance but to also combat social isolation and promote community connectedness. If interested, or if you know someone who might be, email the Glen Park Community Centre at office@glenparkcc.com.au or enquire via Facebook www.facebook.com/GlenParkCC





Activity

Have a look on line for a different website, one that gives you information about things you didn't even know you wanted to know. Its Messy Nessy's website (www.messynessychic.com).

Nessy, named Vanessa by her parents (but you can call her Nessy) lives in a little house in Paris where she produces her website. Her passions are eating in kitschy restaurants, telling stories, singing blues songs, sneaking into abandoned places, searching for old photographs and playing with puppies.

The website has amazing and varied information and images about anything and everything - from to art to architecture, history to people, travel to society (and even some on transport and vehicles). Some examples are

- Erbil Citadel, Iraq, "the oldest continually inhabited place in the world
- Brief Compendium of Amazing African Architecture
- Levy banks in Venice used this month for the first time)
- Story Behind that 80s Look We Love to Hate
- Documenting the Disappearance of Small English Shops

There is also a special section "Things I found on the Internet today".



Its Wacky Wednesday









