

**Maroondah M.A.D.ness**

**Making a Difference**

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Welcome back after our Christmas break. Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. With the current Omicron variant running rampant, the Board has agreed to put on hold any thoughts of meeting face to face during February. Thus, we shall continue to have Zoom meetings. This of course is subject to review if circumstances change.

**Profit Results for Golf Day and Trailer Raffle**

**Golf Day** $19,808

**Trailer Raffle** $11,200

**Total:** $31,008

The above are great results considering the year we had leading up to these events. As you know, both of these events were in limbo until about a month or so before the fundraisers were due to occur. With a lot of prep work by each of the committees and time committed by members and volunteers the results are commendable. Well done to all.

**Barbeque at Bunnings Ringwood**

We wish Darrin and his team of Rotary members a great day selling sausages and drinks to Bunnings customers. They are all polished up on selling in a Covid safe way.

**RYLA - (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)**

Our RYLA candidate is Alysha Tang and she has just returned from the 6 day program at Rawson Village in West Gippsland. We shall have an opportunity to hear all about the activities she undertook and what she gained from the experience in the not-too-distant future.

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**BBQ & Barefoot Bowls Night**

The cancelled Barefoot Bowls and BBQ night has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 2.

However, it shall be deferred again if the Omicron is still playing havoc. Fingers crossed by then, that the number of cases spreading in the community have eased.

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**Happenings**

**David C** on 19th January**:** Our news only happened a few hours ago, we have just learned that our granddaughter, Kelly had a little girl last night, which makes us proud great- grandparents for the third time……..Congratulations David & Rosemary from your friends at Rotary.

**Andrew & Dianne B’s** Christmas & New Year: Christmas lunch was at daughter Tanya’s new house in Wonga Park. With a wonderful outdoor entertaining area lunch there was a given, with one caveat, that being the 3 steps down from the house to the lower deck, which is more like a pit because there are 2 steps up to another level. Before I even set foot outside the house to get to the table I was met with a cry, “watch the steps dad”. This was repeated numerous times during the afternoon, particularly given I did miss the bottom step on the way down on one occasion. So far there have been no further incidents.

Otherwise, it was a quiet period with attendance at the G for the 2nd and 3rd days of the Test and being in a position to witness Scott Boland’s incredible performance.

**Donna & John H-S**: We had our Court Party, which seems to fall the day after golf day (always a big weekend for us), followed by a quick catch up with our Ballarat family on 12th Dec, a mad (sprinting) “left-it-too-the-last-minute” shopping session on the 23/24th, leading up to a quiet and relaxed Christmas Day!  Since then, we’ve done painting at home, set up a room for Charlie and any future grandies!  Team LBD are back working from home again and so far, we’ve avoided Covid ourselves (touch wood)!!

**Roger & Pam D:** We sneaked off to the Rosebud for a week and a half, managing to miss Covid there as well as we could have at home. We caught up while there, with honorary member, Gerald Touhy who lives at Capel Sound. Our son, daughter in law and two teenage grand-daughters suggested we meet them at Cape Schanck Lighthouse and take a walk to Bushrangers Bay. About 6 kilometres with lots of steps going up and down. When we got back to our car our phones had recorded that we had climbed the equivalent of 26 floors. We realised our bones and muscles are getting older when we tried to get out of bed next day…….

**What’s on, at a Glance:**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** |
| Jan 30 | Bunnings BBQ Ringwood | 8-4pm |
| Feb 2 | Committee Meetings via Zoom | 7pm |
| Feb 9 | Zoom Club Meeting | 7pm |
| Feb 16 | Zoom Club Meeting | 7pm |
| Feb 23 | Board Meeting |  |
| Feb 27 | Rotary Storm Recovery Festival Monbulk Reserve, Monbulk | 10am |
| Mar 2 | BBQ & Barefoot Bowls at Heathmont Bowls | 6.30pm |
| Mar 9 | Club Meeting at Club Ringwood (maybe subject to review) | 7pm |
| Mar 16 | Club meeting at Club Ringwood (maybe subject to review) | 7pm |
| Mar 23 | Club Meeting at Club Ringwood (maybe subject to review) | 7pm |
| Mar 25 & 26 | District 9810 Conference |  |
| Mar 30 | Board Meeting |  |

***Breaking News: In a shock move, England Cricket Board have announced tennis World No1 Novak Djokovic as temporary batting coach. “We acknowledge he doesn’t have a background in our sport but we couldn’t overlook the fact it took Australia two weeks to get him out”.***