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President 2019/20 – Joy Varughese

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Standard meeting venue and time: Dorset Gardens Hotel, 335 Dorset Road, Croydon
6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start, unless otherwise specified.
Meal following meeting at Dorset Gardens Bistro.

DATE	Tuesday 17 th March 2020
SUBJECT	Business Meeting and Board Meeting
DATE	Tuesday 24 th March 2020
SUBJECT	Destiny Rescue Australia
SPEAKER	Allison Troth
DATE	Tuesday 31 st March 2020
SUBJECT	Annual Croquet Challenge with the Rotary Club of Lilydale.
VENUE	Croquet Club of Lilydale, Market St, Lilydale VIC 3140
DATE	Sunday 19 th April 2020
VENUE	Potters Receptions, 321 Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte, Vic [Melway Ref. 35J1]
SUBJECT	Fashion Parade.
DATE	Friday 24 th April 2020
SUBJECT	ANZAC Day Assembly at Melba College
DATE	Tuesday 28 th April 2020
SUBJECT	Tentative Vocational Visit
DATE	Saturday 2 nd May 2020
SUBJECT	Playground Dismantling

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Contd.)

DATE	Friday 15 th May 2020
SUBJECT	District Foundation Grants Seminar
DATE	Tuesday 19 th May 2020
SUBJECT	Business Meeting and Joint Board Meeting
DATE	Sunday 24 th May 2020
SUBJECT	Rotary District 9810 Training Assembly
VENUE	Deakin University, Burwood Campus, 221 Burwood Hwy., Burwood Vic 3125
DATE	Tuesday 1 st June 2020
SUBJECT	Club Visioning with Lachlan Fennen
VENUE	TBA
DATE	Tuesday 16 th June 2020
SUBJECT	Plans for 2020/21 and Board Meeting
DATE	Saturday 27 th June 2020
SUBJECT	District Changeover

A reminder to all members: - If you are unable to attend any Tuesday night meetings, the Club protocol is to notify Jean Stuart.

(except for those with special circumstances who instead advise when they will be attending)

MEMBERS' CORNER

It is the responsibility of each member to inform the club if they are unable to attend any Tuesday meeting, OR if they are bringing partners / guests to a meeting.

Please notify Jean Stuart on 0416 036 489 or at jeanieos007@gmail.com before 10:00 am on Monday

Greeter for March : VIV BAUM

Warm Birthday wishes to all those celebrating their special day during March.

Bev Thomas 18th March



Congratulations to those celebrating their Anniversaries this month

Dawn & John Anderson 18th March

Cheryl & Greg O'Neill 21st March



Chronicle contributions and any articles of interest are invited from all members and persons that have an interest in the promotion of Rotary International.

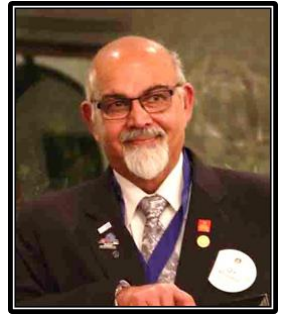
By emailing

president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au

By close of business on Friday.



President's Report: 17-03-2020



At the meeting on 3rd March, Assistant Governor Christine Anderson spoke on the need for the club to elect a President-Elect. She encouraged the members to come forward to take up the position and stated that there should be no fear about the job. Other experienced members of the club were on the Board to assist and guide the President. She also related her own experience and how delegating tasks to others made her job so easy.

On the 5th March we had our annual Charity Golf at the Dorset Golf Course. Despite the early rain and showers on and off, all 60 golfers enjoyed a fun-filled day. A number of golfers came forward to thank the club and stated that they would be back next year. We thank all the golfers and the sponsors of teams for their wholehearted support for our major fundraising event. There were prizes for the winning teams as well as for the raffle winners thanks to our sponsors. We are so thankful to the various sponsors who have stood by us over the years. I must thank all our 27 members and partners and family members who braved the weather and did a tremendous job. **A special thanks to Stephen Bode and his team for a job well done.**

The week that went by, even without a regular meeting, was an eventful one due to the COVID-19 (corona virus disease) outbreak which WHO has now classified as a Pandemic. Rotary International and our District have been sending out instructions to all clubs on the steps to follow. RI President Mark Maloney and RI President Elect Holger Knaack have jointly recommended that **“Rotary District and Clubs cancel or postpone club events following the advice of national and local health officials”**. District Governor Shia Smart and the District Board considered the implications of COVID-19 and have taken the decision to cancel our District Conference. Further to that the advice is **“At this stage, all D98710 events scheduled for April should be cancelled”**. The District Board intends that **“All public events or events other than club meetings as from today be cancelled”**. Our own Board will have to seriously consider the implication of all this on our major club event of April.

The District Training Assembly for Incoming Leaders will be on 24th May. Elected Incoming Board Members are expected and encouraged to register. (The club has already paid the fees for all members). To register please go to ***Everbrite.com.au/e/94935543767*** and get your event ticket. It is free.

The meeting today will discuss important Club Business and will be followed by our Board Meeting.

Our most urgent task remains: to find a Club President for 2020/2021 for our club.

Regards,

Joy Varughese

2020 Golf Day Report

Thanks to the participation of players and the generous support of organisations through donations of goods, vouchers or cash donations we raised over \$8000 on our 31st Golf Day. Despite the wet weather, 15 teams with a total of 56 players played on the day.

Special thanks to our sponsors The Hendrie Group (Gold) who entered 4 teams, Bendigo Bank Mooroolbark and Bendigo Bank Mount Evelyn (Silver), Le Pine Funerals, Millar & Merrigan and Stevens Glass (Bronze).

The funds raised will go to our continued funding of local charities and organisations such as the Maroondah Hospital Mental Health Unit, Helping Hand Foodbank, Treasured Babies, Swinburne Young Mums and Safe Futures Domestic Violence Support. Also supported from these funds are many youth development activities such as speech contests for both primary and secondary school students and leadership programs

Thanks to Maroondah City Council for again making the course available and their further support through raffle donations of golf merchandise from their shop. Particular thanks to Carmel Peters and Mark Weightman who prepared the course for us.

Thanks to the members and partners of the Rotary Club for volunteering today. Especially those past members Roger Paul, Ross and Pat Taylor and Kevin Francis who have made it here. Thanks also to Tony Wright who has managed the event for many years and has passed his knowledge on so it can continue. Thanks also to Brian Gobbi for his handling of registrations and scoring.

Golf Results:

Team Event

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| • Best Ambrose Team | Stevens Glass |
| • Runner Up | Hendrie – Archer Team |
| • Third | Bendigo Bank – Mt Evelyn |

Novelty

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| • Nearest the pin 9 th hole | Brad Carroll – Hendrie Carroll Team |
| • Nearest the pin 17 th hole | Warren Phelan – Laminated Timber |
| • Ladies' Longest Drive on fairway 1 st hole | Donna Carter – Anderson Team |
| • Men's Longest Drive on fairway 1 st hole | Luke Kerchavel – Stevens Glass |
| • Men's Straightest Drive 16 th hole | Graham Mahoney – Anderson Associates |
| • Woman's Straightest Drive 16 th hole | not awarded |
| • Lucky Hole 11 winner | David MacCallum – Bendigo Bank Mt Evelyn |

Attendees at our Charity Golf Day

Anderson, John

Baum, Viv

Blank, Peter

Bode, Stephen

Bode, Ruth

Davies, Lyn & Lou

Fletcher, Jill

Francis, Kevin

Gobbi, Brian

Jung, Tad

Knight-Brown, Kylie

Knight, Brad

Knight, Heath & Mitchell

Lawton, Carol

Martin, Joel

Paul, Roger

Ryan, Kevin

Sinclair, Marlene

Stuart, Jean

Taylor, Ross & Pat

Thomas, Eric & Bev

Varughese, Joy

Wright, Tony (as a player)



To: All District 9810 Rotarians and Rotaractors

Dear All,

District 9810 Board has met this morning to consider the implications of Covid-19 and its impact on District events.

The unanimous decision of the Board was to **cancel the conference in Echuca/Moama next weekend**. This was a difficult decision taken by considering the welfare of the attendees based from advice from medical information available and from Rotary International.

The financial implications will be considered as the Conference Committee contacts event providers.

The Board found the decision doubly difficult considering the investment of time, effort and talent made by the conference committee. The Board commends the committee and expresses regret at the necessity of cancellation at this late stage.

At this stage, all D9810 events scheduled for April will be cancelled. Events scheduled for May and June will be reviewed closer to the event dates and the District members will be informed through the usual means. Please see details below.

The Board strongly recommends to all clubs that all public events scheduled for April should be cancelled and events scheduled for May and June reviewed. Should clubs decide to go ahead with public events they are strongly advised to consult with the District Insurance Officer about their coverage or lack thereof. Clubs with events held on land controlled by the local Council should contact the Council offices to ascertain their current policy in regard to the event.

Clubs will need to consult with their members regarding continuing or suspending meetings for the month of April. As fellowship is an important aspect of Rotary membership, clubs may consider continuing meetings in a different format, for example using conference calls and on-line tools such as Skype and Zoom or change to a brief meeting without a meal.

I am very disappointed to have to make these decisions and provide this advice as, at this stage in the year, I was really looking forward to attending all the sensationally fun events held by the clubs in our dynamic District.

District Events

MUNA – will be suspended while discussions are held with the Committee, the venue and relevant health authorities

Presidents' meeting, Grants Seminar, District Assembly and District Changeover will be considered as the dates draw closer.

Clubs will be notified as decisions are made on all the above events.

Regards
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ROTARY DISTRICT 9810
MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
SATURDAY 2nd May
and SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2020



MUNA 2020 – SUSPENDED

In response to circumstances surrounding the COVID – 19 virus and following a meeting of the District 9810 Board on Saturday 14th March 2020, a decision has been made to **suspend MUNA 2020** due to be held at the Victorian State Library on Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May 2020.

Whilst circumstances might permit the event to be staged later in the year, hopefully before the end of Term 3, the ever-changing nature of the current medical situation might prevent this from happening, and accordingly MUNA 2020 will be cancelled.

If the event is to be cancelled, as much notice as possible will be given to clubs and students of this action. In the meantime, we shall continue to communicate any further developments as they arise to all clubs concerned.

We thank you for your understanding, support and enthusiasm to date and ask that you immediately communicate this news to all your sponsored teams this coming Monday.

Kind regards,

Dr Daryl Moran and Jenny Moran
Co-Chairs MUNA 2020

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Dear Fellow Rotarian,

The COVID-19 coronavirus is affecting every aspect of our lives in real time, and this puts Rotarians in an unfamiliar place. As People of Action, we are most comfortable when we are fully engaged in the world – moving freely, meeting openly, and offering helping hands. These are very difficult times for people who, like us, are at our best when we are learning, growing, and serving—together.

We are also leaders in our communities, and these times call for leadership. In many ways, this also is our time. We have proven abilities to reach out and collaborate to offer immediate help to people in need at a rapid pace. These are precisely the skills needed all over the world today. The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. Rotary has the unique ability to help improve those efforts in every community and every country.

Using all the technology we have at our disposal, we as Rotarians can continue to reach out and collaborate on big projects with Rotary clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors. There are a number of examples where Rotary clubs are helping health authorities communicate best practices or provide needed equipment or support that have been shared with our leaders around the world.

As Rotary's president and president-elect, we have been thinking of these issues very seriously in regard to upcoming Rotary events. As you may be aware, we have made the difficult decision to cancel two Rotary Presidential Conferences honoring our relationship with the United Nations- one in Paris, another in Rome. In the near term, we recommend that Rotary districts and clubs cancel or postpone meetings or events following the advice of national and local health officials.

We know that clubs and districts are seizing the opportunity to become leaders in their communities and are making better use of technology in this time of need. For example, a Rotary e-club in Italy held a live online session about COVID-19 awareness, a Taiwan club worked with companies and a pharmacy association to donate 1,600 bottles of hand sanitizer to the city of Ji-Long, and Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka helped upgrade software and hardware for the health promotion bureau to assist its social messaging.

We cannot know quite yet what path this virus will take. We know we can play a role to help “flatten the curve,” reducing the number of cases in the short term to allow our health systems to address this issue. If the collective global effort helps bring the situation under control, then we hope to re-embrace our core values at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu. Our time together will have greater meaning and purpose than ever.

Please know that we are taking a close, continuing look at our plans for the convention in June to make sure all attendees' safety will be protected. We are following the lead of the world's most trusted sources, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for their guidance. We want you to be able to make decisions about what is best for you and your families in terms of attending this year's event.

In the meantime, this is an opportunity for us to demonstrate that *Rotary Connects the World* in innovative ways. We should be closely following the advice of the [WHO](#) and local health authorities. Again, this includes canceling Rotary club events and meetings in the short term to reduce unnecessary interactions that could cause infections. We can put a greater emphasis on the work we do in our communities by helping our less fortunate neighbors cope with the effects of isolation and fear, or by supporting our health authorities to address this situation.

We are dealing with this situation in real time. Please visit the [rotary.org COVID-19 response page](#) for ongoing updates.

This is an unprecedented challenge for nearly all of us. But it is also an opportunity for Rotarians to find new, meaningful ways to lead individuals and communities to connect and do good in the world.

We have never been prouder to be part of an organization that does so much to protect and strengthen our communities, at home and across the globe.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney
2019-2020, President, Rotary International

Holger Knaack
2020-21, President, Rotary International

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Playground Recycling

In August 2019 we harvested the Rolling Hills playground which was to be scrapped.

We have received photos of children using this playground which has been reinstalled at a very remote village about 10kms outside of Kurunegala which is approximately 3 hours drive from Colombo. This location was found by the Rotary Club of Ibbagamuwa. The village consists of 400 families and we were told that about 150 children would benefit from the equipment.

We have been given the opportunity to harvest another two playgrounds in the Mooroolbark area in April. We have invited the Rotary Club of Lilydale to join with us on this project.



**SUN
19 APR
2020**



*'Champagne' Lunch
&
Fashion Parade*

from 12 noon at

Potters Receptions

321 Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte

Fashions by

Cachi
DESIGNS

of Surrey Hills

Tables of 6 to 10

\$70 per head (booking fee applies)

Book online at:

www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australia--croydon--46765/fashion-parade/

Or in person at:

Remington Wright & Co. Suite 3/50 Main Street Croydon (cash only)

Bookings close 3 Apr, 2020

Proceeds
from this event
will support
bushfire recovery
& community
projects

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PRELIMINARY CALL
TO CONFERENCE

2020 RAM Annual Conference NEWCASTLE NSW

5th and 6th September 2020

The Mercure Newcastle Airport

Williamstown Drive, Williamstown



MALARIA AWARENESS DAY (April 30th)

Suggested Activities

Suggestions by which a club or group of clubs or district may wish to raise the awareness of malaria in their area.

- The guest speaker for the normal meeting that week to speak on malaria;
- Instead of presenting the guest speaker with a gift, donate the dollars towards the purchase of mosquito nets.
- District Conference's scheduled for that period to include a speaker on malaria.
- Set up a bed net display at your District Conference.
- Plan a special dinner and invite other clubs to participate.
- Arrange a sausage sizzle at a suitable high-usage venue e.g., your local Bunnings store.
- Set up &/or man a display at a suitable venue, e.g., the local shopping centre.
- Encourage your Rotaract and Interact Club/s to get involved.
- Arrange to speak to at least one class in your local school/s.
- If possible, set up a poster or display in a local shop or business.
- If you have a market, use it as a promotional display.
- Place an article in your local press.
- Run a special VIP Dinner.
- Arrange an interview with your local Community Radio Station.



SAVE THE DATE

Rotary District 9810 Training Assembly



Sunday 24th May 2020 08:30 am – 12:00 pm
Deakin University, Burwood Campus
221 Burwood Hwy, Burwood VIC 3125

The District Training Assembly is an annual event aimed at informing club office bearers of the latest developments in Rotary in order to better prepare for their role. It's not just for new office bearers. It's an opportunity for the more experienced Rotarians to share their experience in a mutually supportive learning environment, aimed at strengthening all our clubs. It's also a great opportunity for newer Rotarians to network and learn more about the "bigger picture" of Rotary and what happens beyond their club.

This year we're offering a range of both role-based and topic-based workshops. It promises to be a dynamic day of learning and development, so be sure to register early to secure your workshop booking.

Attend Event

Register online here =>

eventbrite.com.au/e/94935543767

PDG Tony Monley OAM

2020-21 District Learning & Development Coordinator

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Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures,

Rotary continues to make an impressive impact. Are you:

- Keen to help others and want to make a difference?
- Seeking more meaning and purpose in your life?
- Looking for ways to help your community?
- Want to be part of a worldwide network for good?
- Interested in a Corporate Social Responsibility program in which your company can participate?

Volunteering with Rotary can provide you with a great work life balance. It's an opportunity to extend your life experience and business skills, to benefit your local community and the wider world.

- It provides a bridge from your working and home life – to meet and network with other business and community people
- Ongoing personal development
- Grow your understanding and knowledge
- Open to both men and women
- Make a new extended network of friends
- Weekly contact opportunities
- Links to a vast international network
- Provides a pathway to do good in the world

The impact our members make takes shape at our Club meetings and activities. These gatherings allow you to join other passionate, visionary people to discuss and act upon community needs.

Rotary Club meetings are also a place to strengthen connections to friends and neighbours and form meaningful relationships that last a lifetime.

Club Information

Postal Address:	P.O. Box 226, Croydon Victoria 3136		
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