



## From the President

I am sure that everyone is acutely aware of the continually changing environment that we find ourselves in with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic now taking hold around the world.

To this end Rotary has **cancelled the District 9800 conference in Bendigo** to prevent mass gathering of people and to help limit exposure to this virus.

**Rotary Chadstone East Malvern will also cease meetings for the next four weeks to assist in reducing the spread of the virus, and to reduce the risk to members.**

I would like all Rotarians to help where possible in assisting those with limited means to procure groceries or other items. Please take care of you and your loved ones. We will keep you posted on when we will return to meetings.

Wishing Louise a very happy birthday.



**\*\*\*Rotary Chadstone East Malvern Meetings CANCELLED until further notice.\*\*\***

## And from the RI President & President Elect

The COVID-19 coronavirus is affecting every aspect of our lives in real time, and this puts Rotary members in an unfamiliar place.

As [#PeopleofAction](#), 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, Hawaii, USA](#). 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 ([CDC](#)), 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 our COVID-19 response page at <http://on.rotary.org/covid-19> for ongoing updates.

This is an unprecedented challenge for nearly all of us. But it is also an opportunity for Rotary members 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,

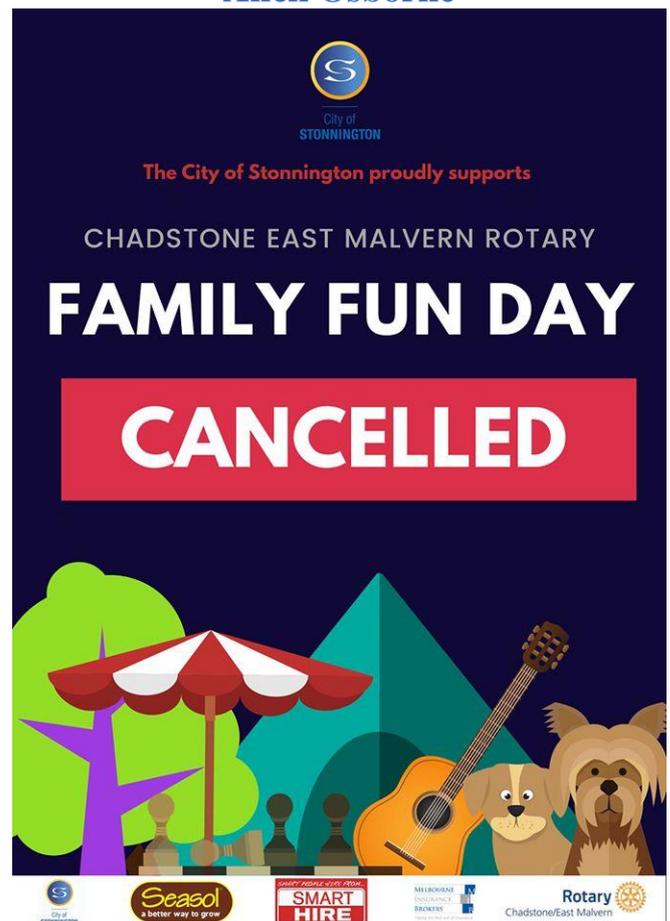
Mark Daniel Maloney

2019-2020, President, Rotary International

Holger Knaack

2020-21, President, Rotary International

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Family Fun Day—Final Planning and**  
**Preparation**  
**Alick Osborne**



Unfortunately, like so many events this week we have had to cancel the Family Fun Day.



The City of Stonnington also decided to postpone Pets In The Park to a date unknown. Without the City of Stonnington running in conjunction with us, and providing essential services, we really could not operate.

And with the various developments announced to help control the spread of COVID-19 it is now entirely clear that events are off the agenda for some time.

We will stay in contact with the City of Stonnington to see if there is another date in the future where we can run the Family Fun Day this year. This is unlikely to happen in the first half of 2020.

I would like to thank all our sponsors, participants and volunteers for the help you had already provided and pledged to give to our annual event.

## The week that was...



Simone de Krester spoke to us of her trek through Nepal in 2019 that was with a team of like-minded people from her workplace Computershare.

She along with 20 others from Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong embarked on a week-long hike through the Himalayas. They spent a year fundraising, raising \$143,000 plus paying their own expenses to attend the trip.

Previous groups had fundraised similar amounts, and this paid for the construction of a multi-storey boarding house for students to reduce travel

time. The fundraising by the oceanic team was put to furnish the boarding rooms.

Simone spoke on how life changing this event was and the new perspective it has given her. Her team supported the International School in Nepal, ensuring that it can continue to support the many local children who may not otherwise receive an education. The team completed the Trek with a welcome reception at the school where they saw first-hand how their efforts have made a positive impact on the lives of the students, as well as the wider community.

If you would like to see more check out the video link below.

Video Link:

<https://www.computershare.com/corporate/trek-nepal-2019>

## Dates for your diary!

With the effects and the extent of the COVID-19 virus still becoming apparent we have had to cancel or postpone a number of events, and more events may be affected.

In addition to the Family Fun Day we decided not to run the scheduled Bunnings BBQ, and Stonnington BusyFeet will be closed until next term.

We will be reviewing other events including and up to The Market scheduled for early May.

4<sup>th</sup> April – Birthing Kit Assembly

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - RCEM Craft Market at Phoenix Park

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May – National Reconciliation Week – Indigenous Cultural Walk – Gardiner's Creek, City of Stonnington

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Cambodia Gala Dinner at Kooyong Tennis Club.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – BBQ at MS Walk and Fun  
Run in Albert Park

## 4<sup>th</sup> April – Birthing Kit Assembly (Rosemary)

- Hosted by Louise Young (Friend of Rotary)
- Venue: 1A Millewa Ave, Malvern East, 3145
- Times: 10 – 12pm  
12 – 2pm  
2 – 4pm  
4 – 6pm → Packing the Kits into boxes

Kit Assembly



**Birthing Kit  
Foundation  
Australia**

## Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May – Cambodia Gala Dinner (Paul)

- Date: Sat, 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Time: 7pm
- Venue: Kooyong Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong, 3144
- Cost: \$65 plus cost of drinks at the bar



**Alick Osborne**  
March 4 at 8:55 PM

**NEW AUSTRALIAN RECORD PRICE FOR A SINGLE ROLL OF TOILET PAPER**

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern auctioned its final roll of toilet paper at the Club's regular weekly meeting on Wednesday 4th March achieving a new Australian record price of \$20.

The 3 ply roll from Who Gives A Crap was keenly sought after in a bidding frenzy. The Auctioneer, Sergeant Alick Osborne noted that bids from the floor and phone quickly rose above the reserve price before the roll was knocked down to the winning bidder.

President Tania Aisbett commented that funds raised from the auction would support Club activities such as the recent donation to the Walmer CFA which was used to purchase upgraded equipment.

Under bidder Trevor congratulated Hein who came in with the winning bid.

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Top that District 9800 Rotarians!

👍👍❤️ Sandi Fulcher, Chris Don and 45 others
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