



From the President

In this unprecedented time of social isolating Rotary, which is built on the foundation of fellowship and bringing people together is now finding new ways to be there for one another.

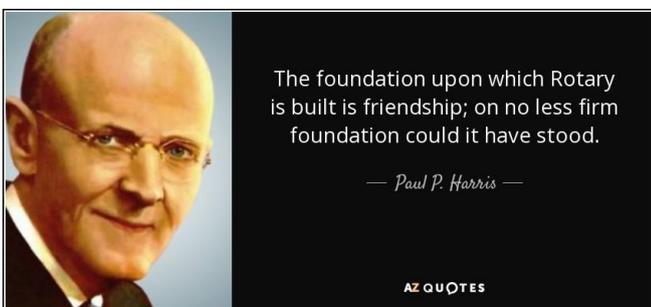
I am always inspired by these times of difficulty which leads to amazing ways in which we adapt and continue to thrive. When everyone rallies together, and new ways and new ideas are brought to life.

Throughout this time where we are minimising our contact with others I am reminded of the quote “Helping one person might not change the world... But it might change the world for one person.”

So, I ask all Rotarians to help one person at a time. Phone one (or 100) person (people) a day and check up on them, chat to them and keep them connected. I ask you to help one person who may need help or guidance. I ask you to help yourself by taking time to reflect on all that you have done and all that you are doing.

Take this time to learn a new skill or to look at the many groups that can be found at <https://my.rotary.org/en>. Join a discussion group, find a new idea or find others that share a similar hobby to you and join their discussion group.

I hope you can join some of the on-line meetings that are now available. Stay in touch with one another.



District 9800 Zoom Meetings

As a measure to ensure we stay connected at this difficult time DG Grant Hocking has organised a twice weekly get together on Zoom.

The meetings will occur every Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6pm, commencing tomorrow the 18th March 2020.

This is open to any Rotarian in D9800 who wishes to join us.

To join this D9800 Zoom Meeting:

1. Your computer or phone can be used with a camera and microphone.
2. Use this link <https://zoom.us/j/103410322> to open the Zoom window.
3. You will soon see everyone who has joined the meeting.

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

Gardiner's Creek Litter Trap - Lyle



Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern is supporting The Friends of Gardiner's Creek (FOGC) in a submission to obtain a federal environment grant to create a litter trap on storm water drains leading into Gardiner's Creek.

A meeting was held Wednesday March 18th at the site of the pipe entering the creek.

Attending was Katie Allen, MP for Higgins, Trevor Phillips (President) and members of FOGC, and myself (representing RCEM).

Unfortunately, the Federal Environment Minister, Sussan Ley, who was scheduled to attend, could not as she was stuck in Sydney due to travel restrictions due to the coronavirus.

The potential grant (\$20,000) would be to involve the Boroondarra council in developing and installing an appropriate litter trap over the pipe. The council would collect the rubbish from the trap.

Success of the trap would hopefully lead to other installations of the traps further up the Gardiner's Creek, albeit in different council districts.

Via Katie Allen, approval of the grant is expected in a few weeks (the government has much bigger issues to resolve!!).

The exact involvement of RCEM is unknown at the moment, but it has the possibility to become an excellent project in removing rubbish from the Creek, and thus the Yarra.

Watch this space!!

Bottle Top Delivery



Lyle dropped a delivery of bottle tops to Precious Plastic in Nunawading. They are taking type 2 and 4 plastic caps, but please remove any inserts or seals inside the bottle cap.



Dates for your diary...

With the existing restrictions and more likely to be introduced (state shut down of non-essential services to commence this week) it is not clear when we will be able to resume our normal activities and routines.

Any suggestions about projects we should be developing, ideas for how we can stay in touch and things we should be doing now are welcome.

Please contact President Tania, Sec. Paul or the relevant team leader.

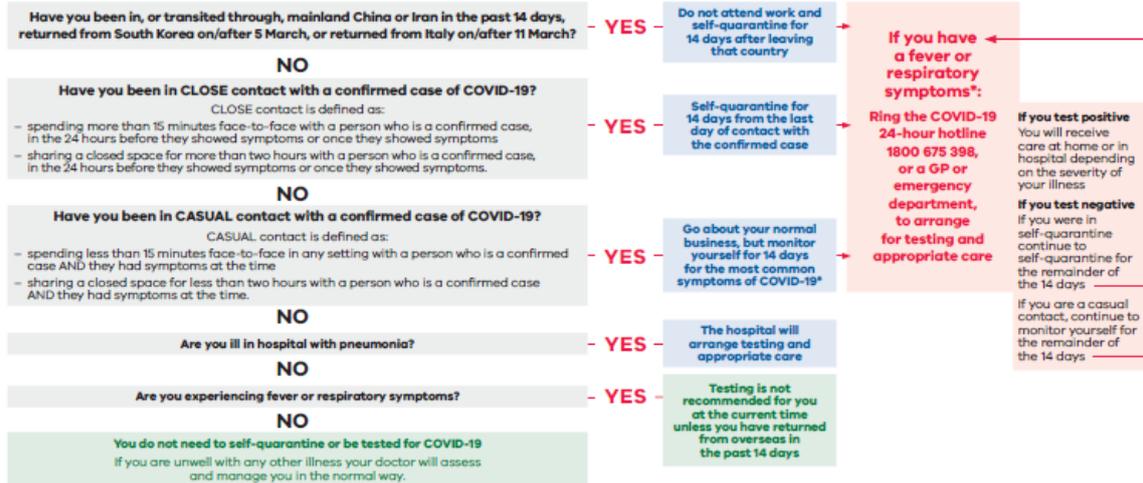
Family Fun Day – what might have been...



As a heavy shower passed over this morning I was still wishing we could have been in Central Park.



Self-assessment for risk of coronavirus (COVID-19)



Additional information for healthcare workers and residential care workers

In addition to the above steps, the following information applies to healthcare workers and residential care workers who have direct contact with patients or residents.

If you have an influenza-like illness, which is a fever above 37.5 and symptoms of an acute respiratory infection (shortness of breath, cough, coryza and/or sore throat):

- do not go to work
 - ring the COVID-19, 24-hour hotline 1800 675 398, or a GP or emergency department, to arrange for testing and appropriate care.
- If you test negative you can return to work when well, at the direction of your treating doctor.

A healthcare worker who has worn appropriate personal protective equipment while treating a patient does not become a close contact as a result of that care. They may be a casual contact as a result of that care so should monitor themselves for 14 days.

*The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain and fatigue.