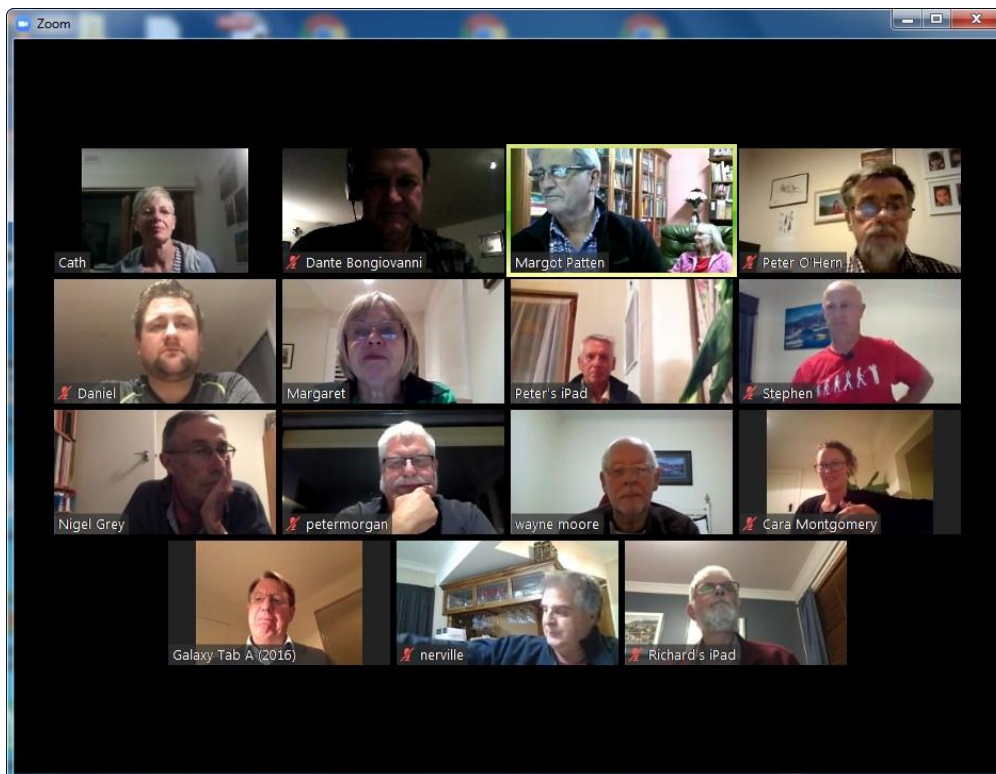




Last Meeting - Our First Meeting Held via the Video Conference Platform "Zoom"

15 members Participated



Welcome back Wayne!



It was great to see Wayne back up and about after his recent quadruple bi-pass - he is feeling so well he is now walking 2km a day - his doctor has told him to ease back a bit - good news!!

Update from our President

I think the hardships we are all experiencing are better than the unknown alternative we faced a few weeks ago. At this point in time it would appear that we are all doing OK. Not wonderful but OK. I have now spoken to almost every member of the Club at least once and it is amazing the different ways people have found to fill their time. A recurring theme has been to spread the word people are OK. I hope you have all found time to talk to at least a few other members of the Club because we are our own best resource when it comes to keeping up morale. I know you will all be pleased to know that Kesh Kasyap and Dante Bongiovanni have both completed their self-isolation unscathed and have been launched back into the community.

In true RCOL fashion, the Board has decided to just get on with it, so it is business as usual. This week's Zoom Meeting will start at 7pm sharp so start getting on line any time after about 6.45. (People are encouraged to have a glass in hand) Our guest speaker, Michael Brown, will start at 7.10 (Sorry Nigel 7.05 didn't leave enough time for introductions) and his approximately 20 minute presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions. We will then be joined by DG Michael Cooke for the induction of two new members of our Satellite Club, Clarence Sunrise. Triston Coyte and Bec Barry are both past members of Scouts and know the other members of the Satellite Club. Bec is Mel Barry's sister. Their Club Mentors will be Peter O'Hern and Peter Rasmussen. I am hoping for a large turnout of past, present and future members on Zoom because this will be our new normal for some time.

Our Satellite Club, Clarence Sunrise has also started meeting on Zoom. At their last meeting they resolved to contact each of the Rotary Clubs in Clarence and offer their support to any Rotarians who might need help of any sort during this difficult time. Anyone from our Club who needs any type of help, picking up groceries, medicine etc, can contact them through me 0439 919 234 or by phoning Louisa Marmion 0450 879 732 or Tahlia Siddall 0404 287 146. They are keen to help and are available any day of the week, just ask.

At our Board meeting, a number of decisions of interest to members were made. All of our existing food and drink stocks (frozen sausages, hamburgers, sauce, water and soft drink) have been donated to Risdon Vale Neighbourhood House because they are likely to be out of date before we can use them. A cash donation of \$100 has been made to the Purple Bus Project in Alice Springs and Lindisfarne Scouts have been offered financial help to buy tents after Covid19 has been overcome. Catherine continues to work with Risdon Vale Primary to finalise the type of glass house needed for their Garden Project. Rotary International has offered members a choice in the future of receiving 'Rotary Down Under' either electronically or for \$10 more in magazine form. Richard will survey members about their personal preference. It is worth noting that the Zoom meeting was an hour shorter than our usual face to face meeting!!

Catherine, with help from Peter O, is busy planning our next social event on 29th April. It is likely to be a quiz night with a twist so keep your eye open for details. There will also be a Guest Speaker on Zoom on 6th May. An email will be sent out before each meeting with the details you need to join the meeting.

Stay strong and stay safe. Kind Regards, Mike Patten

Update from our Operations Director

As you can imagine all of our Tommy work has vaporised over the past few weeks, that doesn't mean that we are unloved and I anticipate that we will be in high demand once the world changes again. It is very clear that we need to be planning for what our future may look like now and this uncertain period gives us an excellent chance to dream and prepare.

The Board has asked me to work with the club and to organise a group of members to make recommendations to the club about what we can do. Please let me know if you would like to be involved (if I don't get enough volunteers please expect a phone call). I will send out an email shortly inviting you to participate, but am happy for you to beat the gun as such.

At last week's Board meeting we recognised that we had a fair bit of food such as sausages, cordial and sauces that were unlikely to be used in the near future and a decision was made that we should offer it as our gift to the Risdon Vale Community Centre. We had a fabulous positive response from them and I can assure you that a lot of curried sausages will be prepared for the not so fortunate in Risdon Vale in the near future. Well Done. I am assured that a lot of the older folks just love curried sausages. Please don't forget them if you have food or goods that can be dropped off to keep them going.

Currently the Community Centre is going OK following the receipt of a \$20K grant from the State Government, however as time goes on it is likely that things will get tougher and we may need to help them if we can.

I had a call from John Cole the other day saying that he was in isolation back in Hobart, hopefully we will hear more from him now that he is back in town for a while.

On an international basis, Rotary is working really hard to remain relevant, I am advised that they are holding a Board meeting shortly, amongst the subjects to be discussed are the fees that are to be charged for next year. This is more complicated now that we are not meeting as much and doing less, confused by the changing exchange rate between the US and AUS.

The Club has two Bain Marees in storage, if you know of a business that would want to borrow them during this time please let us know.

Peter M

PROGRAM - 2020 (Meetings to be held on first and third Wednesdays via "Zoom")

The Zoom Meeting Number will be sent out via email just prior to the meeting

Date	Speaker	Topic
15 April	Mike Brown –Retired Tas Fire Chief	Disaster preparation
29 April	Social event – Quiz Evening via Zoom	
6 May	Anita Oliver – our sponsored Rotary Exchange Student	Her Exchange experience in Italy
13 May	Board Meeting	

THEY SAY THAT LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

(with thanks to Members of the Club & others for sharing these on social media)



SOMETIMES I WONDER IF ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE I DIDN'T FORWARD THAT MESSAGE TO 10 OTHER PEOPLE

FEELS LIKE WE ARE 3-4 WEEKS AWAY FROM LEARNING EVERYONE'S REAL HAIR COLOUR...

The fact that canned food, toxic chemicals, and store bought hand sanitizers are out of stock...

 ...yet **fresh fruit, vegetables, and herbs** are **FULLY** stocked, shows that humans have no idea how the immune system works.

QUARANTINED WITH HUBBIE FOR TWO WEEKS - GERTRUDE IS KNITTING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM! 🧶



Waiting for new Aussie slang to be born in the next few months.

Early guesses:

- Sanny - hand sanitiser
- In iso - self isolation / lockdown
- the Rona - self explanatory
- Magpie - supermarket hoarder

In a sentence:

Me boss tested pozzi for the rona so now I'm in iso. Popped down to woolies for some sanny but it's been bloody magpie'd.



Breaking news!
God was seen in New Zealand. When asked what he was doing there, he replied "Working from home bro".
#Heaven



Closed for tourists
 AFTER having to cancel successive attempted holidays to various states, I decided to rename them:
 NT: No trespassing;
 SA: Stay away;
 QLD: Quietly locked down;
 VIC: Very inconveniently closed;
 WA: Withdrawn association;
 NSW: Not So Welcoming;
 TAS: Totally alone state;
 ACT: Authorised coronavirus tacticians.

MALCOLM SWINBURNE
Hope Valley

The RSM noticed a new squaddie and barked at him, "Get over here now".
 "What's your name soldier?"
 "John" the soldier replied.
 "Look, I don't know what bleeding Army you think you have joined son, but I don't call ANYONE by his first name" barked the RSM, scowling, "it breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority". "I refer to my soldiers by their last names only. Smith, Jones, Baker or whatever, and you are to refer to me as "Sir". Do I make myself clear?"
 "Yes, Sir"
 "Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"
 The soldier sighed heavily, "Darling. My name is John Darling, Sir"
 "OK, John, here's what I want you to do...."



PEOPLE KEEP ASKING "IS COVID 19 REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"
LISTEN UP
CASINOS AND CHURCHES ARE CLOSED
WHEN HEAVEN AND HELL AGREE ON THE SAME THING
IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY SERIOUS

Quarantine day 16

