



SPECIAL BULLETIN

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Club Meetings

Listening to an investment webinar yesterday the conversation was about connectivity with the preference for humans to meet in person enjoy each other's company and the banter with our peers, which our meetings are known for. So, we can have this connectivity we have been told to double vaccinate with the intention of living life as normal. Given all the event cancellations of late this is not the case.

We had an impromptu Board meeting last Wednesday to discuss our future meetings and after considering several factors, we need to put on hold "life as normal" and to defer physical meetings for February. We will review the situation closer to the end of next month and make a decision on our March meetings. There is a saying any publicity is good publicity, but I don't want the Club to become known as a super spreader or have compulsory RAT tests at the bowls club entrance!

In the interim we will move to online meetings (did I hear a cheer or was that a groan?) on the usual first and third Wednesday of February. The likely start time would be 6:45pm but more detail will follow closer to the first meeting.

Bunnings

The BBQ scheduled at Mornington Bunnings for Saturday the 12th is still on. With measures in place such as face masks, gloves, card only payment, limited face time with patrons and hygiene protocols, the board felt this is sufficient to proceed with this fund raiser.

We will need a team leader and five volunteers per shift being for morning and afternoon shifts.

Something that came up for discussion at the Board meeting was that we are seeing the same faces volunteering for our fund raisers and other events such as the vaccination clinics. If you have the time and haven't put your name down for something for a while, please consider helping at this BBQ.

If you can help out please contact John Cole by email to colepjv@gmail.com ASAP.

Events

It is with regret that we have cancelled Trash and Treasure yet again. This time due to the difficulties on running a safe event during a pandemic. The Charity Dinner and Auction planned for April has not been cancelled but will be moved to a date to be determined later this year. Another Rotary event which you would have received an email on is the District Conference has been rescheduled as well.

Catering

Thank you for your responses to this. Quite a few options have been brought to our attention. With catering, there have been three major considerations and issues being:

- While it takes a fair bit of organisation and we have an efficient process in place, we still struggle to get the numbers right (for various reasons I won't go into) on the night for catering,
- How to cater for the tastes of all of our members and,
- Now we are providing for a much larger group than previous years.

No matter if you loved or disliked our previous caterer's food, Karen was very accommodating about the above. However, the frustration of dealing with the moving numbers and getting the tastes right was the reason our caterer had to give this up.

What the Board considers as the best option as a replacement, would be to go somewhere that is local, that has a meeting room with suitable facilities, and has a choice of meals and drinks that can be purchased direct from the venue (with no cut-off time as per now). The benefit is that members can choose their own meals or no meal and therefore the issue around getting numbers and tastes right become less relevant.

The local options that have been investigated include Risdon Brook Hotel, Motor Yacht Club and Beltana Hotel. Unfortunately, none of these completely meet all the criteria. There is the possibility of us moving a bit further afield such as the Bellerive Yacht Club (Bellerive Rotary already meet there) or Mornington Hotel which would meet the criteria. We could consider McDonald's – I had my 50th birthday there but that is a story for another time!

The other option is to pursue caterer(s) to replace Karen and continue with the bowls club. We do have a bit of time to look at this.

We will get a survey to you soon to gauge your preference to the above and about a few other things very soon.

My general preference is to use the KISS principal and option one in my eyes would meet that criteria but I'm just your humble President.

Finishing up

If you have any queries about any of the above, feel free to have a chat with me.

Finally stay safe and well.

