

## **ROTARY CLUB FITZROY**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **BOARD MEETING 29 NOVEMBER 2021**

1. Greetings to all and a reminder our last meeting for the year is on **6 December 2021** at the Bowling Club.
2. **Christmas lunch**, will be held at Pat and Barrie's home on **Sunday 12 December** and they have very kindly volunteered to fund all meat and chicken for the event. Pat and Menka will co-ordinate contributions from other club members. Numbers attending will be limited to 30 as that amount can comfortably be accommodated for a sit down meal.

#### **SAFE Families**

3. Dorothy Gilmour, the chair and co-founder of Rotary SAFE Families addressed our meeting on 8 November 2021. Dorothy spoke of the need to **Recognise, (the 3 x R's)** incidents of domestic abuse, which are not always violent in nature, but encompasses undue control, duress, either psychologically or financially. **Dorothy has requested our club provide an Ambassador to SAFE Families who will be the recipient of correspondence and attend meetings.** I urge member/s to volunteer for this position.

#### **Sacred Heart Primary School**

4. At the last board meeting we agreed to fund Sacred Heart Primary School's request for a donation to their breakfast club. Members hopefully received an email I forwarded from the school which set out the details of students attending the school and those who benefited from the program, noting that whilst 25% of the children may have working parents, those parents work in the most lowly paid jobs (generally). Your funds contributed \$2,000 to this program.

5. **Let me know if you would like to volunteer to work some shifts in the breakfast program, next year.**

### **Fitzroy Primary School**

6. When we asked how we could assist the disadvantaged students at Fitzroy Primary School, we received a request for staff funding. The board did not believe funding staff positions was an appropriate use of Rotary funds, when those positions should be State funded. We will renew our offer to Fitzroy Primary School to assist individuals or groups of children in activities which they would otherwise be unable to participate.

### **Bunnings BBQ**

7. Twelve of us, plus my brother, who took a real shine to the actual barbequing, netted \$934 profit from the barbeque at Collingwood Bunnings on Sunday 7 November 2021.
8. Seven of us spent very busy periods at the Port Melbourne Bunnings on Sunday 21 November, working with members of the Rotary Club of Albert Park. Our club will share in the monies raised, which apparently netted over \$1,700.

### **District AGM**

9. I attended the district AGM on Monday 22 November 2021 via zoom, and distributed the lengthy agenda and reports to all members.

### **Future club activities**

10. We have been called upon to do the catering for the **Fitzroy Festival**, organised by Fitzroy Co Health at Atherton Gardens on **Friday 17 December** from 1.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m.
11. **I call for volunteers** and suggest that if you volunteer, you may wish to ask a friend to work with you. **Please let me know what hours you would be able to work.**

12. We will be at Atherton Gardens again, on Saturday **18th December** for the Champion's Challenge Sue has already requested volunteers for the event.

### **Footscape**

13. I am very disappointed to report that after donating \$1,000 for products for foot kits, a very small delivery of products has arrived at my home. The amount is so small it is probably not worth my while inviting club members to my home to pack. I am particularly disappointed with Footscape because the amount of products, which are probably donated, was meant to be a project for our club as well, with members joining to pack the kits.
- 14. Let me know if you would like to drop over to my place (double vaxed) and pack the items later this week.**

### **Centennial project**

15. A number of members thought an art installation good subject for our Centennial project. Ross had suggested a large compass, and we await more details of that.
16. On Saturday 27 November, I attended morning tea with the DJ, by Zoom, and we heard from Richard Blakeman from the Rotary Club of Canterbury, who described his club combining with other Rotary Clubs in the Boroondara Council area, and the council, and installing a interactive play structure sculpture at Yarra Bank Reserve in Hawthorn. Richard advised this project not only bought the clubs in the area together, but it forged stronger relationships with the council and led to the recruitment of new areas.
- 17. Any member who would like to take control of a project for our club, is invited to come forward.**
18. At this meeting, we also heard from Doug Hawley, Chair of Forameal. I will organise for the video of this session to be shown at our club meeting, with Barrie's assistance, as Doug was calling for other clubs to become involved in this very worthwhile project.

19. I encourage members to join these sessions so you can find out what other clubs in the district are doing, and some sessions may inspire members to participate in programs organised by other clubs or bring inspiration to our club.

### **The time capsule**

20. The time capsule produced by the Rotary Club of Fitzroy 31 years ago, is in the City of Yarra Council Chambers. Pat and I secured the key from Commonwealth Bank Smith Street, Collingwood, some time ago, and hopefully we can get the capsule opened by the end of this year.

### **RIMERN**

21. Rimern is an initiative set up by Prahran Rotary and assisted by other clubs. The Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network, has a warehouse in Brunswick. It provides mainly furniture, and electrical goods, to people in need. **Volunteers are required for the warehouse.** If you would like to volunteer you could contact RIMERN or let me know and I will pass your details on to the organisers.

### **International Rotary Convention**

22. The International Rotary Convention will be held in Melbourne in May 2022. The organisers have called for clubs to host overseas guests. Individuals or club members can host a number for example of eight overseas guests at their home. \$55 will be paid per guest, and the host must organise transport for the guest to and from their hotel in the city.
23. The other avenue is for clubs to host up to 50 people who will arrive in a bus. I have spoken to Janice, the President of Richmond, and she is keen our clubs combine with view to hosting a program. We will also approach Collingwood and Carlton to see if they are interested. \$35 per head will be provided by District and visitors can pay for three drinks, so we have been told. The Board will discuss this issue at its meeting, but if members would like to **host overseas people at their**

**home, please let me know.** The organisers need to finalise the volunteers by 22 January 2022.

**Other events for you diary**

24. Remember we have:

- Lunch, animal on a spit, at Rhonda and Geoff's home on **Sunday 23 2022.** Members will be asked to contribute food and pay \$25 ph. This is in lieu of the first meeting of the year.
- MS Megaswim at Fitzroy pool on **18/19 February 2022.**
- **21st February 2022** Dale Hoy and wife will attend dinner at our club meeting.
- Crackerjack at the Bowling Club on Friday **25 February 2022**

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