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A Message from the Pres



Happy New Year Everyone.



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and 2022 was off to an exciting start. Our first BBQ was on Friday the 7th and how great it was to jump onto clubrunner volunteering section last week and see all places were filled already. I can only imagine how pleased PK feels when he has his team in place for an approaching BBQ without making a phone call to chase up members to participate. Well done everyone. It was a wet start to the day but still quite successful for a Friday

Still needs to be confirmed, but we also have a Sunday BBQ this month on the 23rd, always a bonus to be offered a weekend Bunnings BBQ.

Thank you to all that have replied for the 18th at the **Whitehouse** already, it will be a fun night and a good way to start the year. If anyone doesn't eat red meat, can you please let me know.

The Ironman competition is back in Geelong on February 17th. Would anyone be available to **pack the Athlete Bags** on the 17th from 9 – 12.30 or be involved with paperwork for the **Athlete check** in on the Friday for a few hours anytime between 1.30 – 7pm.

This is such an easy fundraiser plus I have chosen the simple jobs that doesn't require standing on the roadside in maybe hot or wet weather conditions. If you could just send me a quick message as to when you are available, and I can then pass your details onto the organising team and your name will be registered for the job you have chosen.

Recently received a phone call from **Jan McGowen from Christ Church** to say how very pleased they were with the Christmas gift packs we donated to their clients. Jan did mention the KFC voucher that was included in the bags went down very well as expected.

To all concerned you put some smiles on some faces, good job.

Please stay safe and well
Cheers Jo

Some Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25th
"Welcome Back
and what's in
store"
at Waurn Ponds
Library 7.15 for
7.30 start

Tuesday 1st Feb
Board meeting
On Zoom 7.15 for
7.30

Tuesday 8th Feb
Project and
planning night
Waurn Ponds
Library 7.15 for
7.30

Tuesday 15th
Social Tuesday
More information
TBA

Tuesday 22nd
Guest Speaker
night more
information TBA

SAVE THIS DATE

Members Partners Family & Friends
You are invited to Join us for our



SOCIAL SUMMER GET TOGETHER

18th January @ 6pm

64 Brompton Av Curlewis

This is a great opportunity to say thank you to all our
Friends of Bayside



Members, please bring a salad or sweet to share.

Also BYO alcohol.

Punch and BBQ meat will be provided.

For catering purposes please

RSVP to Jo before January 15th

HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR CLUB IN 60 MINUTES

Now that sounds like a great idea.

I noticed this article recently in The Rotary in Review newsletter and thought I should share.

David Higgs faced a challenge when he took over as the president of the Rotary Club of Henderson, Texas, USA. The club was down to less than 20 members and fewer than a dozen attended weekly meetings. That's when he came up with a plan, including encouraging club members to make a big deal of their installation dinner and work together to invite 100 people to the event. Read about how their efforts helped double the number of members in a [blog post](#) for Rotary Voices.



FYI

Thought you might be interested in this letter received regarding vaccination

Dear District Governors and Club Presidents,

We see the decision to vaccinate as a civic and humanitarian imperative. Rotary is not a political or religious organization; it is a service organization, and this is the lens through which we are advising you of our position.

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants. Rotary endorses and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19. In areas where COVID-19 is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. It is critical that the virus be contained so that the world may begin to heal. To that end, the purpose of this statement is to reinforce Rotary's position.
2. Misinformation has become an "info emic" that hinders the fight against COVID-19. In line with our Four-Way Test, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are committed to providing our members with science-based information.
3. Rotary International staff at One Rotary Centre were required to be vaccinated by 10 October 2021, as a criterion for employment after that date. RI's employee vaccination rate stands at over 99 percent.
4. Globally, Rotary is actively engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Our efforts have included advocacy with the G-20, and a proof-of-concept program with GAVI/COVAX to leverage our frontline experience with polio eradication to facilitate vaccine delivery in several low-

and middle-income countries where Rotarians are active. While we know many clubs are already deeply involved in COVID-19 prevention, we are working on additional strategies to multiply our collective efforts. GAVI/COVAX is a partnership including WHO and UNICEF focused on global access and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

5. Those children for whom vaccines are not currently available are at significant risk. Until vaccines are available for all children, the vaccination of adults is the best way to protect children who cannot be vaccinated. Paediatric admissions for COVID-19 are rising precipitously in areas of low vaccination.
6. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services. Local recognition of these heroes by each of our clubs can help to encourage them to continue their important work. Rotary abhors any harassment and attacks on healthcare workers.
7. Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to
 - o set good examples by being exemplary role models.
 - o redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 treatment, prevention, and vaccination efforts.
8. Vaccines have proven to be one of the greatest advances of modern medicine. The World Health Organization estimates that vaccines save between 2 to 3 million children's lives each year, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative estimates the polio vaccine has saved more than 19 million children from paralysis. Vaccines are safe, effective and are responsible for eliminating or controlling many other vaccine-preventable diseases such as smallpox, measles, rubella, and Ebola. And now, there is the opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccines.
9. The eradication of polio remains a goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to the efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regards,

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John Germ
Chair, The Rotary Foundation

CC: RI Board of Directors & Directors-elect, TRF Board of Trustees and incoming Trustees, District Governors-elect, Club Presidents-elect, Regional Leaders, COVID-19 Task Force, International PolioPlus Committee, Communications Committee

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