

4 May 2021

Rotary Club of Traralgon

Serving Through Rotary for 79 Years District 9820 Victoria

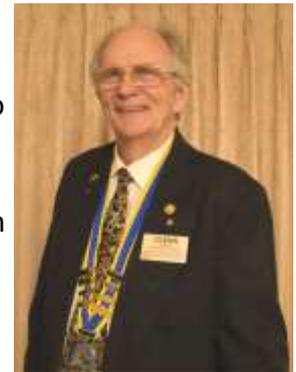
The Club meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday each month
Apologies to Secretary Norm by 7.00 pm on Sundays please. Ph 0408 744 824

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President's Announcements

The District Mini Conference was a resounding success, though quite different to the "normal" Conferences that most are familiar with. However, it was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends from far away, hear keynote speakers, and appreciate considerable talent displayed by young musicians performing a variety of musical styles. These same students lost almost a year of face to face class time, but overcame the challenges presented, to not only excel academically, but also continue to develop their skills with their musical instruments. All were overwhelmed by their performances!



So COVID and its effects on the work of Rotarians was an often discussed theme. We have succeeded in keeping our Club together, and perhaps have grown stronger from what we have learned. But what can we, as Rotarians, do to continue assist the return to the "normal" life we once enjoyed?

Continuing to practice the rules of the day regarding masks, social distancing, limiting unnecessary travel in case of snap lockdowns all helps, but vaccination will really put an end to this terrible blight. As Rotarians, we need to encourage others to heed medical advice, not Google, FaceBook, Twitter or all the other posts found in social media platforms... and certainly avoid reposting and perpetuating the rubbish! There is some serious "witchdoctor class" advice out there, which must be ignored!

Get the vaccination. You will help yourself and others around, and one only need to look at India to see what could happen here if we don't take COVID-19 seriously!

Regards to all

President Glenn Azlin

Rotary Meeting 20 April 2021

Sergeant Wolf welcomed all, guests were introduced. Particular welcome to District Governor Mark Humphries and his wife Linda (District Governor Nominee Designate).

PDG Janne Speirs was invited to do the toast to Rotary International.

She paid tribute to Rotary's 115 years of records on the table. Rotary was asked to use skills learned in polio immunization in contract tracing for COVID. The organization is well regarded by other government and non-government entities, because we deliver what we promise.

DG Mark Humphries responded with congratulations to members, for being involved in one of the worlds eminent service clubs. Rotary has one Goal. Help change people's lives.

President Glenn

Warm welcome to DG Mark Humphries and DGND Linda Humphries.

Secretary report Birthdays and anniversaries were announced

Treasurer Peter reminded members that donations to Foundation will soon be sent to Rotary International and encouraged all members to make a personal donation if possible.

Gavan. Thanked all who helped out at the BBQ last weekend. Last weekend total profit of \$660. Reminder there is a maximum number behind the counter due to COVID restrictions, so when people come for change of shift, please wait till someone is ready to move away rather than crowding behind the counter/table..

The next BBQ is Mother's Day, 9th May and then 3rd July.

Glenn Setches. Thanked those helping with footy gates. Next date is 1 May. Roster for the rest of the year is filling up. There are just 8 games left.

Janne Membership.

Membership committee Pilot Programme catchup is in about 3 weeks, to discuss how things are going. Membership committee is Janne, Jan Inglis, Don Crewe, and Rae Mackay.

Wednesday 28 business breakfast. The guest speakers are from AGL.

Ray Scheffer noted Rotary Centenary house is looking splendid.

PDG Charlie Speirs introduced the guest speaker DG Mark Humphries.

Governor Mark Humphries opened by mentioning his Rotary perspective has grown beyond local to national and international. In the last 12 months, we have moved through zoom meetings to hybrid meetings of face to face and zoom.

Together we see a world where people create change.

Within the last 12 months Rotary has still had influence, we just did things differently.

Rotary 100 years.

Mark moved on to think about all the things Rotary has done across this great country of ours. The baton is to promote Rotary. A new book promotes the projects we have achieved in the past 100 years. What legacy will our club leave moving forward? We do amazing stuff in our part of the world.

Areas of focus -

We were reminded of the 7 areas of focus: Promoting Peace; Fighting Disease; Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene; Saving mothers and children, Supporting Education; Growing Local Economies; Protecting the Environment.

District Conference is 1st & 2nd May. Virtual from 11am to 1pm with key speakers. Followed by the



“First full district event in over 12 months”. Being together will be fantastic. Speakers from 3.30pm followed by dinner at about 7pm.

Membership: We want to grow our base; grow clubs; engage with the community; encourageservice.

Marks commented on the negative cycle of fundraising and giving.

Clubs fundraise, then donate to another charity - charity builds brand reputation, then asks the Rotary club for more funding.

Rather, if we give to programmes that are promoted by Rotary - MUNA, RYLA, etc. we promote the Rotary brand.

District Governor’s Spouses’ programme this year is Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM).



DGND Linda told us funds raised this year will go to end malaria in Vanuatu - for good, 400,000 people contract Malaria each year, 75% die - many children. Through RAWCS, this project will buy nets, plus conduct a residual spraying programme. Vanuatu has worked hard already, need a little help to finish the job.

More people killed by a mosquito in one year - that by sharks in 100 years.

DG Mark Concluded by asking us to look at the Rotary signs in town. A poor sign presents a poor public image. Please look at our signs and get them fixed. Clubs who complete this project are currently eligible for \$250 in funding.

Questions:

Why don’t we have more guidelines about how we spend our money?

Reply- Rotary has 4 star rating (out of 4 stars) when it comes to spending funds - only a tiny amount goes to admin. Nearly all of it goes to the project. We now need to name the project when raising funds.

Question: What are we doing to promote inclusion at district level?

We have policies and procedures in place to say it is not acceptable to exclude anyone. We are getting a core of people who are fully supporting inclusion and are working to broaden that acceptance.

We have had an interesting year. Think about doing things differently - maybe use online meetings more. District is looking for champion clubs with regard to membership.



Sergeant Wolf. Conducted a fine session.

P Glenn called DGND Linda to draw the raffle, won by Lee Garwood.

President Glenn thanked DG Mark and Linda for being with us today and to visitors for being with us.

It has been a good night, thank you for your contribution and presence. Close the meeting, reminding us: **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

9820 District Assembly Sunday 24 May. All sessions are online, members are encouraged to register, and chose which sessions they wish to attend. Follow the link below for more information

Link: [Welcome | District 9820 \(rotary9820.org.au\)](https://www.rotary9820.org.au) Copy and paste in your browser, click link to District 9820: Home Page See you there,

Sessions include: Youth Protection & Insurance; Revitalizing the club; and sessions for Secretary; Treasurer; Rotary Foundation; Membership; Public Image; Community and Vocation; International; Youth Programs

Statistics for 30 March 2021

Apologies:

Wayne Abblett, Tony Boulton, Norm Butler, Darryl Marks, Chris O'Brien, Helen O'Brien, Lorraine Paulet, John Paulet, Andy Ringin,

Leave of Absence:

Simon Schembri, Geraldine Jones, John Caruana

Guest Speaker:

DG Mark Humphries & Linda

Visiting Rotarians:

Peter Kingsbury, Lee Garwood

Partners:

Barbara Vallak,

Visitors

Bryana Frazer, Len Jones

Statistics	
No of members	34
Member Apologies	9
LOA	2
Members Present	23
Guests	2
Visiting Rotarians	4
Partners	2
Visitors	2
Booked for ? . Attended: 31	

Celebrations and Anniversaries coming up:

INDUCTIONS	
BIRTHDAYS	11 May Lorraine Paulet; 14 May Darryl Marks;
ANNIVERSARIES	12 May Charlie & Janne Speirs

This is our club's 3696th meeting

District Website: Information relating to Clubs within our District may be found via the following address:
<http://www.district9820.org>

Club website: www.traralgonrotary.com

Facebook : 'Traralgon Rotary', like us and request to become a friend.

	This Meeting 4 May 2021	Next Meeting 25 May 2021
Programme	Morwell Power Station & Briquette Factory Demolition	Pride of Workmanship
Speaker	Barry Dungey	
Sergeant	Gavan Hodgson	
Greeters	Tony Boulton & Debby Butler	Russell Davidson & Ian Draper
Cashiers	Ian Keith & Brian Lythgo	Rae Mackay & Darryl Marks
Behind the badge	Janne Speirs	
Meals on Wheels	5 May Ray & Jacki Scheffer	

ROTARY INVOCATION

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

THE 4 WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all