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ROTARY'S NEW THEME FOR 20/21

Rotary, providing us with the opportunity to make a difference

A Message from the Pres



The first planning meeting for 2021 was busy and informative. Conversation about the February Garden Party for Indigenous Literacy and also the 100 year Baton Relay Celebration.

The **Garden Party** plans are moving ahead very well attached is some information regarding items that are needed for the day. If you can help with any of these items please get in touch.

Peter K has all the jobs for volunteers listed on club runner, that will be needed. I would really appreciate everyone coming on board for this one, as you will see we will be needing help on Friday Saturday and Sunday. If you can check out the volunteer page in club runner and fill in where you can, would be appreciated.

Also, the plans for the **Baton Relay** are progressing well. The expected date is the 21st March, but still hasn't been confirmed. The starting point of the relay for Bayside is Eastern gardens and we will be traveling from the gardens to Christ Church. There has been a little trouble trying to get confirmation to use Johnston Park from council (*funny about that*) so, it has been decided that the garden, car park and the hall will work well.

This will be a family day, with afternoon tea being served, plus there has also been a proposal to maybe have food trailers there and maybe Rotary information stands, and I will pass on this information as it is confirmed.

A big thank you to Peter Kavanagh for booking the Belmont Library for a few of our future meetings. In some instances, we will also be using the Waurn Ponds Library just depending on the bookings. Two good venues with plenty of parking.

It is a good time to get back to a few **Face-to-Face Meetings**, but still have the opportunity to have zoom available to the members that are a long distance away. Look forward to seeing everyone on the 9th Feb, see date, times, and venue information in Dates for your Diary section printed below.

Stay well & keep smiling
Jo

Dates for your Diary

Feb 2nd
Board meeting, Zoom 7.15
for 7.30

Feb 6th Bunnings BBQ

Feb 9th Days for Girls
workshop day 11am -3pm
St Bernards Church
Belmont

Feb 9th Project & Planning
Meeting
Venue Belmont Library
7.15 for 7.30 start

Feb 16th Social evening
more details TBA soon

Feb Sunday 21st
Fundraiser for
Indigenous Literacy
Foundation
High Tea Garden Party, more
information coming soon

Feb 23rd Meeting night 7.15
for 7.30 at Waurm Ponds
Library.

Always feel free to invite friends
or family to hear any of our
speakers,
For an invitation to attend the
zoom meetings email Peter at

Days for Girls

Can you spare a few hours to help this wonderful program?

The ladies will be having their first sewing day for quite some time because of Covid restrictions on Tuesday 9th February in the **St Bernards Church**, corner of Fryers Rd & Reynolds Rd Belmont from 11am – 3pm
If you can spare some time to help the team out it would be very much appreciated. Get in touch with team leader Telsa at telsastubna@gmail.com.au if you need more information.

If you would like to read more about Days for Girls, cut & paste this link
<https://www.dayforgirls.org>



Christ Church Meals Program BBQ

A great day was held at Bunnings for Christ Church on Saturday 16th and proceeds going to their meals program for the needy.
With all the new rules from Bunnings, extra volunteers were needed and as always members and friends of the club jumped in and made it happen. Well done to all and special high five to Judy Eyles for staying on to help out when one of the members became unwell. Thank you, Judy.

Also, it was noted that the CC aprons are a little worse for wear, so, Telsa offered to make new ones for them and with a wonderful donation of \$100 from past member and friend of the club John Faulkner, they will have new ones very soon.

Well done everyone

Next BBQ is on the 6th Feb, please check on the volunteer page in Clubrunner if all positions have been filled. That makes PK job much easier.

No Members birthdays to celebrate

This month, but we can celebrate the arrival of Alexander Peter Collins, brother to Theo and new Grandson of member Peter Hynes. What a beautiful little person. Congratulation Peter.



Also, Congratulation are in order to **Emma Zanghi** our youth exchange student to Germany 2018. Emma has been accepted into University of QLD to study Health Science
Well done Emma, we all send our best wishes to you and look forward to hearing all your news as you

Some DID YOU KNOW photos from Miss Judy?



Shelter Box Fundraising Day

A special fund-raising call - out day was held this month for Shelterbox. District committee member, Peter Kavenagh reported that \$120,000 was raised for this fabulous cause in just one day.

What a wonderful effort.

Why not have a look and see what Shelterbox is all about, just go to <https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au>

Their vision is

TO SEE A WORLD WHERE NO FAMILY IS WITHOUT SHELTER AFTER A DISASTER.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation

DG Phillip and Judy's chosen project for 20/21

What is the ILF all about? if you go to their website it says,

Being able to read opens so many doors. But in very remote indigenous communities, books are all too scarce, and literacy levels are so much lower than anywhere else in Australia.

Our purpose is to make a difference to the lives of indigenous families, by not only gifting thousands of new culturally appropriate books, with a focus on early literacy and first language, but also by running programs to inspire the communities to tell and publish their own stories.

A very good reason to be involved and help make a difference to our first nations people. And that's why the Rotary Club of Geelong Central and Bayside Geelong are working together to raise funds for ILF.

As I said previously there are some things we need to beg borrow, wouldn't go as far to say steal, a few things. If you can help out, we would appreciate it very much.

We are in need of

Plunger Coffee pots, Tea pots, Trays, Cup saucer & plate sets.

Three- or Two-tiered cake stands. Small milk jugs, and sugar bowls. And of course, we will be asking for a few of you lovely people to make us some slices to serve on the day.

And lastly, it's a strange one, but does anyone have a Peacock Chair? Would really like to borrow one of those on the day as well, if possible

