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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 19th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Sunday 22nd March 9.00 – 3.00 approx	Thursday 26th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 2nd April [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	**FTG Arboretum	BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE	Caltoria Brewery 31 Holloway Drive, Bayswater	FTG Bowling Club ??
Program:	Fellowship & Future Plans		To be confirmed	JOINT BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING
Speaker:				
Chair:				
Rotary Toast				
Cashier:				
Scribe:				
Sergeant- At-Arms:				
Partners' Night	Yes			Yes

**** NOTE:** Change of venue and meeting above for this week.
Our speaker for 19th March has had to cancel so we will reschedule him for a later date in the year.

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

**SEE IMPORTANT ATTACHMENTS RELATING TO
CANCELLATIONS OF ROTARY DISTRICT FUNCTIONS DUE
TO CORONAVIRUS**



ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Hello Everyone,

Thank you Fran for passing on all the emails over the weekend from Rotary District 9810, Mark Maloney 2019-2020 President Rotary International and Holger Knack 2020-2021 President Rotary International.

Please note the Bendigo Bank Bowling Night this Wednesday has been cancelled indefinitely but The Theatre night Tuesday "The Full Monty" is still going ahead.

As our lives are being impacted and changing daily we are being challenged in many ways. Great disappointment to have had Rotary Functions cancelled just this last week.

- The Shine On Awards - we will still celebrate when the time is right, and congratulate our candidate Stephen to recognise his volunteering contribution to community.
- The Relay for Life
- The District Conference.

We are making contact with our local community leaders to see if our club is able to assist those, who will be most affected i.e. Foot Hills Community weekly meals.

On a brighter note Graeme Aspinall is one of the support drivers for the Rotary Bike Ride this week raising money for Australian Rotary Health Research. A distance of 540km starting at Lake Bolac Halls Gap ,Murtoa to Brim Patchewollock to Rosebery Horsham to Ballarat finishing at Lake Daylesford.

Congratulations to all riders and support team. One of the best Rotary programmes.

Did you know "Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia?"

This week's club meeting is being held at the Arboretum 6.30 pm BYO dinner. We will then discuss future meeting plans.

So until Thursday stay safe.

**Allan Tierney
President 2019/2020**

BREAKING:

GETTING OUTDOORS NOT CANCELLED
MUSIC NOT CANCELLED
FAMILY NOT CANCELLED
READING NOT CANCELLED
SINGING NOT CANCELLED
LAUGHING NOT CANCELLED
HOPE NOT CANCELLED

LET'S EMBRACE WHAT WE HAVE.

"That Was The Week That Was"

Thursday 12th March 2020

Last week 7 Rotarians and 3 Partners attended the Combined Meeting with the Boronia Inner Wheel Club to support "Angel Flight".

The guest speakers were Reg (the pilot) who gave a very enlightening and told of the wonderful work that Angel country people to access specialist would otherwise be unavailable to distance and high travel costs.

All the "Angels" are volunteers, with aircraft and covering most expenses fuel costs are now covered).

They are a registered charitable receive any government funding, and provide this valuable service.

These caring compassionate volunteers from their presentation it was obvious personal satisfaction from helping



and Warren (Earth Angel) entertaining speech and Flight provides to assist medical treatment that them because of vast

the pilots flying their own involved in each flight (their

organisation, who do not rely on public donations to

do an outstanding job and that they gain enormous those in need.

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

2020	Program.	Speaker
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
22-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
26-Mar	CALTORIA BREWERY VISIT – TO BE CONFIRMED	
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
2-Apr	JOINT BOARD MEETING & COMMITTEE MEETING	
9-Apr	LAARFS (The Laughing All Abilities Really Friendly Singers)	Leon Moore
10-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-Apr	Fairhills High School Presentation on their Cambodian Trip	Susan Harris
23-Apr	World Literacy Foundation	Richard Patterson
30-Apr	TBA	
May	is Youth Services month	
2-3 May	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)	
7-May	JOINT BOARD MEETING & COMMITTEE MEETING	
8-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-May	Knox Environment Society	Irene Kelly
21-May	TBA	
23-May	Interact Multi-District Conference 2020 at Axedale	
28-May	TBA	



ROTARY DISTRICT 9810
MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY 2nd May
and SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2020



MUNA 2020 – SUSPENDED

In response to circumstances surrounding the COVID – 19 virus and following a meeting of the District 9810 Board on Saturday 14th March 2020, a decision has been made to **suspend MUNA 2020** due to be held at the Victorian State Library on Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May 2020.

Whilst circumstances might permit the event to be staged later in the year, hopefully before the end of Term 3, the ever-changing nature of the current medical situation might prevent this from happening, and accordingly MUNA 2020 will be cancelled.

If the event is to be cancelled, as much notice as possible will be given to clubs and students of this action. In the meantime, we shall continue to communicate any further developments as they arise to all clubs concerned.

We thank you for your understanding, support and enthusiasm to date and ask that you immediately communicate this news to all your sponsored teams this coming Monday.

Kind regards,

Dr Daryl Moran and Jenny Moran
Co-Chairs MUNA 2020

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From: Judith Eadon <judith.eadon.bigpond.com@clubrunner.email>

Date: 14 March 2020 at 8:21:02 pm AEDT

To: Frances Mandergeddes <frannieng@hotmail.com>

Subject: Coronavirus update re timeline

Reply-To: "Judith Eadon" <judith.eadon@bigpond.com>

Dear Frances Mandergeddes,

The District Board have had a query about the time line.

The District Board intended that **ALL public events** or events other than Club Meetings **as from today** be cancelled.

Clubs now need to consider their own situation in respect of their meetings from next week onwards.

Apologies for any confusion caused.

Regards

Shia Smart

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To: All District 9810 Rotarians and Rotaractors

Dear All,

District 9810 Board has met this morning to consider the implications of Covid-19 and its impact on District events.

The unanimous decision of the Board was to cancel the conference in Echuca/Moama next weekend. This was a difficult decision taken by considering the welfare of the attendees based from advice from medical information available and from Rotary International.

The financial implications will be considered as the Conference Committee contacts event providers.

The Board found the decision doubly difficult considering the investment of time, effort and talent made by the conference committee. The Board commends the committee and expresses regret at the necessity of cancellation at this late stage.

At this stage, all D9810 events scheduled for April will be cancelled. Events scheduled for May and June will be reviewed closer to the event dates and the District members will be informed through the usual means. Please see details below.

The Board strongly recommends to all clubs that all public events scheduled for April should be cancelled and events scheduled for May and June reviewed. Should clubs decide to go ahead with public events they are strongly advised to consult with the District Insurance Officer about their coverage or lack thereof. Clubs with events held on land controlled by the local Council should contact the Council offices to ascertain their current policy in regard to the event.

Clubs will need to consult with their members regarding continuing or suspending meetings for the month of April. As fellowship is an important aspect of Rotary membership, clubs may consider continuing meetings in a different format, for example using conference calls and on-line tools such as Skype and Zoom or change to a brief meeting without a meal.

I am very disappointed to have to make these decisions and provide this advice as, at this stage in the year, I was really looking forward to attending all the sensationally fun events held by the clubs in our dynamic District.

District Events

MUNA – will be suspended while discussions are held with the Committee, the venue and relevant health authorities

Presidents' meeting, Grants Seminar, District Assembly and District Changeover will be considered as the dates draw closer.

Clubs will be notified as decisions are made on all the above events.

Regards

Shia Smart

District Governor 2019-20



7 Surprising Facts About St. Patrick's Day

1. The Real St. Patrick Was Born in Britain

St. Patrick

Much of what is known about St. Patrick's life has been interwoven with folklore and legend. Historians generally believe that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain (not Ireland) near the end of the 4th century. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. After toiling for six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain. He eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.

2. There Were No Snakes Around for St. Patrick to Banish from Ireland

St. Patrick depicted with his foot on a snake.

Among the legends associated with St. Patrick is that he stood atop an Irish hillside and banished snakes from Ireland—prompting all serpents to slither away into the sea. In fact, research suggests snakes never occupied the Emerald Isle in the first place. There are no signs of snakes in the country's fossil record. And water has surrounded Ireland since the last glacial period. Before that, the region was covered in ice and would have been too cold for the reptiles.

3. Leprechauns Are Likely Based on Celtic Fairies



Leprechauns are known as mischievous Irish fairies.

The red-haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies—tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

4. The Shamrock Was Considered a Sacred Plant



Three-leaf clovers symbolize spring.

The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the "seamroy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

5. The First St. Patrick's Day Parade Was Held in America

Men march in the 1895 Saint Patrick's Day Parade in New York City.

While people in Ireland had marked the birthday of St. Patrick since the 1600s, the tradition of a St. Patrick's Day parade began in America and actually predates the founding of the United States.

Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston in 1737 and in New York City on March 17. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there. In 2020, parades throughout the country, including in New York City and Boston were canceled or postponed for the first time in decades due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

6. The Irish Were Once Scorned in America

While Irish Americans are now proud to showcase their heritage, the Irish were not always celebrated by fellow Americans. Beginning in 1845, a devastating potato blight caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland. While approximately 1 million perished, another 2 million abandoned their land in the largest-single population movement of the 19th century. Most of the exiles—nearly a quarter of the Irish nation—came to the shores of the United States. Once they arrived, the Irish refugees were looked down upon as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.

7. Corned Beef and Cabbage Was an American Innovation

The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country—corned beef and cabbage—was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish-Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th century and early 20th, purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. The Irish would boil the beef three times—the last time with cabbage—to remove some of the brine.

