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THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

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Thursday 9th April, 2020.

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

Greetings members,

As we celebrate an Easter season like no other, I trust that you are keeping well and managing to physically isolate whilst staying socially connected through all the means at your disposal in this age of technology. It seems that video chats, emails, and cyber-connections are what will bind us together for a considerable time.

As we watch the news of how this crisis is unfolding in all parts of the world, we must be strong in our commitment to do all the small things correctly for the greater good.

It is imperative that we maintain our 'Rotary' connection during this time, so that when we can finally physically meet again, we can hit the ground running.

I wish you all a peaceful Easter. Don't dwell too long on the absence of family. Focus on the future fun you will all have when this is over, because we all did what was necessary to make that possible.

Bless you all.
Vicky.

Until further notice the days of the week are now called, thisday,thatday,otherday, someday,yesterday, today and nextday!

From the President.

Greetings all,

With the joy of the season to you!

I understand there is a general exemption for the Easter Bunny, so don't hold back.

What innovations are you using to keep in touch? Let us know your tales of Zoom/Facetime/Skype. At home we are learning to Zoom. I even conducted a brief Rotary Board meeting on Zoom, and we will experiment again next week. Maybe a Club Zoom meeting soon? Coolamon have done several. Thoughts?

Just to confirm the obvious, that we will not be meeting at the Country Club on the 16th April as hoped. I think our ability to physically meet again will be closely linked to the Country Club's ability to host us again. Watch this space!

The Board met by Zoom to consider a suggestion from ex-member Charlie Blomfield that we emulate a Bega project which is to provide hand sanitiser units in high traffic areas i.e. supermarkets and shopping centres. We are researching it as quickly as we can. See the photo of the unit (we would want to brand it as Rotary), which at Bega cost about \$350 each. Then we need the sanitiser (quoted so far at \$24/litre), and of course permission to place them in the various locations. An issue is how long will the need continue? I welcome any suggestions or comments.



Our new club website is up and active at waggarotary.org Please check it out and give us feedback. Training is being arranged for Alan Lean, Terry Mecham and Lyndal Seymour, also via Zoom I think.

We have also arranged new club email addresses for:

- president@waggarotary.org
- secretary@waggarotary.org
- treasurer@waggarotary.org

Please start using these addresses for our Rotary officeholder correspondence, as distinct from member matters. The test is do you want the email to be passed forward to the next president/secretary/treasurer?

The joint clubs website is also now up and running at waggaserviceclubs.org.au Please check it out too!

As always, I look forward to this issue of Crow About, many thanks to Vicky.

David Friedlieb

Bits n Pieces from members

From **Terry Mecham:**

Now we all know that when we pay our \$25 for dinner, we also get a chance to win a bottle of wine. On the basis that a ticket costs us \$25, the last bottle I won probably cost me about \$10k. However, my faith was restored last week when I went to the Farmers Market at the Showground, and on the way out I purchased 3 tickets in a raffle for Can Assist (unknown prize). Imagine my surprise when I was contacted today to tell me I had won 3 bottles of wine. This worked out at \$1.67 a bottle. I may have to give Rotary away and concentrate on supporting Can Assist!!

Bits n Pieces from/about members (continued)

From **Tony Hutchinson:**

We spent a month down at Merimbula from 20/2 to 20/3 so also experienced the wild panic buying of toilet paper, paper towel, tissues and food. There were 2 Woolworths supermarkets in the Merimbula area plus a Coles at Eden and they all had the same wild rush. Very coordinated I thought.

We had a look at the damage around Mogo and Cobargo and have decided that the media, although reporting from the scene are rather more dramatic than accurate. Recovery was well under way until this latest crisis.

I went to buy oysters at the Tathra oyster shed and who should be there but our past member Charlie Blomfield who sends regards to all. He agreed with my assumptions about the media and told of certain locals from Cobargo who were livid at the sensationalism and beat ups in the reports. The Bega Rotary club is involved in the distribution of aid funds and the coordination of the rebuilding of some community facilities.

We made a special trip to Eden on 10/3 as the Queen Elizabeth was docked. They have extended the main wharf in Eden harbour and dredged the channel so that the large cruise ships can now berth rather than having to anchor in Twofold Bay and transport passengers ashore in lifeboats. The crowd was massive, and it looked like every available coach was on duty to transport passengers up the coast on day trips. This was the last cruise ship to visit Eden and was on its way to Port Arthur then back to Sydney.



From **Vida Smart:**



Pete and I are supposed to be in Hawaii for the first two weeks of April, so we had an 'Aloha Mai Tai Drink' or three in our lounge room instead. Won't mention the Hula dancing that came afterwards...

Don't know if the link below is appropriate for a Bulletin, but I found it fascinating.

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/history-of-pandemics-deadliest/>

Pete and I are still working pretty much as usual, so we are not going crazy with self-isolation yet.

From **Gerry Page:**

Joan & Clair completed their lockdown without incident thankfully – looks like Clair will be here indefinitely with the planes largely shut down and the situation in Britain worse than here. British Airways have very helpfully given her a booking in early July! Hope you are going Ok in the strange environment.

From the Past:-



Do you remember which years these photos were taken??



Raffle Winner



This week's lucky winner is **Ellen Brasier**, on whose behalf I enjoyed a lovely chilled Sav Blanc. This refreshing little tippie made Tuesday evening's choir singalong via Facebook very enjoyable!! (Singing is thirsty work!)

Short and Sweet (Thanks to Gerry Page.)

CORO - IRONIC

Coronavirus, Holy Ghost

It's got the blooming world on toast

The petrol price has fallen like a stone

But we can't go anywhere to burn some - stuck at home

The tourist havens down the coast that beckoned 'Come see us please & stay'

Don't want us coming now - 'please stay away'

And what makes it extra flaming hard

We've just got Gladys's Regional Seniors Travel Card

Instead of that old 'Pub with no Beer'- iconic

We've got beer with no pubs - ironic

There are good supplies available of food and cheer

But we're short of stuff we need to wipe our rear

We've got this room chock full, of 50,000 books that we can't sell,

When there's bored folk out there, desperate for a book to read - bloody hell

Oh! And a double take on that last election call

The 'Socialists' won it after all

The tourist season beckons in the Northern Hemisphere

And not a tourist to be seen - it's really queer

The whole world united for once in tackling climate change

By grounding all the folk on earth & all the dirty planes

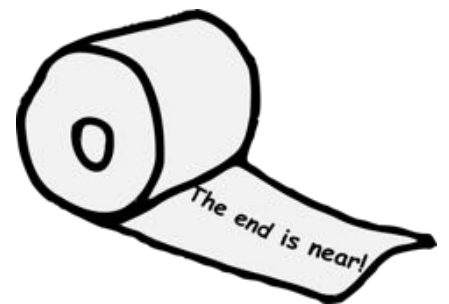
Mind you, if you think the current situation weird & giving you a nervous frown

Just remember where we came from - and where we are -

We're on a planet spinning around the sun - and probably upside-down

Happy Socially-Distant Easter

Gerry



'The View from a Social Distance'....

Once again, I ask that you open your wallets..... this must be the only place in the universe where cash is still king!!!

Some Easter fun.....

What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards?

A receding hareline.

It will cost you if you are 'follicularly challenged'.



Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail?

To a retail store!

Have you shopped for anything except groceries this week?? Pay up.

It's true that bunnies have good eyesight ...

You never see a bunny wearing glasses, after all!

Wear glasses?? Pay up.

Had your eyes fixed by Alok within the past year???? Pay up!! (That'll catch a few...)

What's the difference between the Easter bunny and a lumberjack?

One chews and hops, the other hews and chops.

Have a wood fire?? Pay up.

I saw Arnold Schwarzenegger eating a chocolate egg so I said to him, "I bet I know what your favourite Christian festival is." He said, "Have to love Easter, baby!"

Kick the tin if you have any form of chocolate in your house.

(Looking BEGGING for members who are willing/able to submit a 'finesmaster' or 'short & sweet' segment for future issues please!)

Guest Speaker



Nic Marks is an independent policy adviser, speaker, statistician and author. He is best known for his work on the Happy Planet Index as a fellow of the New Economics Foundation in London. The Happy Planet Index is the first global measure of sustainable well-being which envisions a future where good lives don't have to cost the earth.

Marks is the founder and CEO of Happiness Works, an organisation focusing on changing the world of work. He has been featured in publications including the Wall Street Journal, *The Guardian*, *Wired UK*, and *The Huffington Post*. He was voted one of the Top 10 original thinkers in 2011 by Director Magazine and listed on Forbes' 7 Most Powerful Ideas in 2011.

Marks's work has led to him being invited to speak, train and host workshops at conferences and events around the world as well as closer to home in London. Notable highlights include his 2010 TEDGlobal talk in Oxford, which has been viewed more than a million times.

Click the link below or copy and paste it into your browser to hear this interesting presentation.

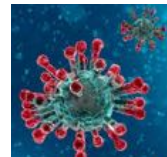
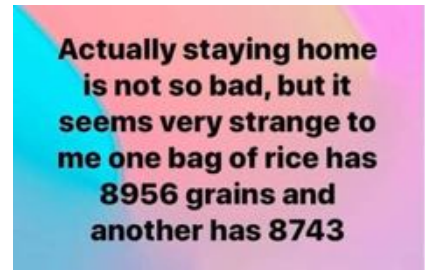
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-8mTWGleow>

Boredom Busters

Each week I hope to bring you suggestions for things you might do to help ease the days of 'distancing'. Here are some ideas:

- For the couch potatoes.... watch
 - *Designated Survivor* (Netflix)
 - *The Ultimate Bond Collection* (Foxtel)
 - *Love My Way* (10play)
 - *David Attenborough Seven Worlds, One Planet* (9NOW)
- For the gardeners.....April garden tips:
<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/april-in-your-patch/>
- For the de-clutterers....
 - sort all your old photos, shuffle, re-sort your photos
- For all members
 - Write and send a little something for the next bulletin
 - Send in that photo of you as a youngster and the cryptic one which hints at your identity (so far I only have four 😞)

What are you getting up to?? Let me know for future bulletins.



THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-

These pictures show images of some iconic locations around the world. Normally these places are teeming with people. All were taken between 15th and 18th March, showing the effects of 'lockdown' around the world.

How many can you name?? (Answers appear at the end of the bulletin.)



A reminder.....

Make an appointment at your doctor's surgery or pharmacy to get your 'flu shot.

Exercise and Fitness.

Check this one out and join in! (No-one will see you!)

https://youtu.be/2wvV6wdXM_M



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(12th —19th April)

Birthdays: Elaine Almond (12/4), Meena Sharma (19/4)

Rotary Anniversaries: Neil Hilpern (16/4/1992)

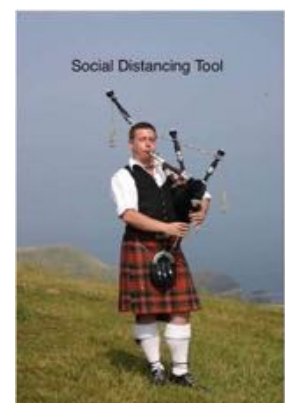
Wedding Anniversaries: nil



KOOKABURRA



Please note that these photos are respecting the principles of social distancing.





We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.

WE ARE TESTING THE ENTIRE NATION FOR COVID-19

We need your help! Tonight between 10.00pm and 6.00am, using laser scanning satellites we will measure

EVERYBODY'S CORE TEMPERATURE

Please stand **NAKED** at your front window with curtains open and your ID is in your hand pointing towards the **SKY**

Your cooperation is appreciated.



The Week in Photos (Answers)

A = Sydney Opera House, **Sydney** Australia.

B = Piazza dei Miracoli in **Pisa**, Italy.

C = Safdarjung Tomb, **New Delhi**, India.

D = California Street, **San Francisco**, California

E = The Trocadero with the Eiffel Tower in the distance, **Paris**, France

F = The Brooklyn Bridge, **New York City**, USA

G = Westminster Bridge, **London**, England,

H = Catalunya Square in **Barcelona**, Spain

I = Cinderella Castle, Main Street at Disney's Magic Kingdom theme park, **Orlando**, Florida.