



CLUB NEWSLETTER

Future Rotary Club Meetings March to August 2020

The current COVID-19 pandemic in Australia has made it necessary to restructure how we meet as a Club.

Our weekly venue, the Village Green Hotel in Mulgrave has closed it's doors in order to conform to the strict social distancing requirements imposed on our community by the Victorian Government. In addition, social gatherings have been restricted to people who normally live together and more importantly, people over the age of 70 have been actively discouraged from leaving their homes during the pandemic.

With effect from March 2020, we now meet in the virtual world of ZOOM every other Monday at 7pm. Invitations to attend are sent out by our Secretary to all members in advance of the planned ZOOM meeting.

This new meeting format enables our Club to conduct it's business and review progress on initiatives both current and planned but without the physical social interaction and dinner that we normally enjoy.

Future developments with regard to the COVID-19 restrictions and it's impact on our Club will be advised through the Club Bulletin. In the meantime, enjoy recent articles of interest.



Mutunyi Farmers Training Centre Matching District Grant, Progress Report at July 2020

The fruits of this program are continued to appear. We set out with the aim to have this project meet the need to train subsistence farmers with the skills to produce food. Utilising the Kenyan Government's Department of Agriculture freely available experts as trainers, the Mutunyi Farmers Training Centre provides the facility for this to occur.

Attached hereto are photos showing the first harvest of watermelons and pumpkins (which appear to be butternut pumpkins). These were harvested from the first planting of seeds purchased from stage two of the grant. Other plantings of other plant seeds purchased will occur on a seasonal basis. Results have also occurred in the plantings of mango, banana and orange trees in as much as the saplings planted are flourishing. Once threatened by a locust plague, fortunately the plague in wide areas of East Kenya came no closer than 10 kilometres of Mutunyi Farmers Training Centre.

Fr. Jason Micheni, the Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Meru who is managing the Centre's development, reports on stage one that the fish production is doing well. He further commented that the bee hives are producing honey, while the chicken production is occurring from the small incubator. In this 2020-21 Rotary year we have budgeted to fund additional solar panels so that the capacity of the system will allow the larger incubator to provide reliable operation. Disruption of power supply due illegal tree felling caused unreliable operation of the large chicken incubator, provided in stage one, early in its use.

Fr. Jason further reports that progress the building of the shaded covered area and the glass house funded in stage two was well advanced up till the event of Covid-19 travel limitations in Kenya. While these travel limitations now have been lifted, many of the workers on these two facilities have declined to come to the site. As a result work is progressing slowly.

We used RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) to safely transfer funds to the dedicated project account in Kenya. You too can help with the extra Solar Cells in the project through RAWCS, with a tax deductible donation which is very welcome. This can be made through our RAWCS account at < info@rawcs.com.au > nominating account 63-2017-18.

Thanks to Tony Hough for this article.



COVID 19 Masks for Indonesia

The COVID-19 pandemic has created major issues within nations around the globe. We here in Australia have our various issues but we are covered by a blanket of security underpinned by many safety nets.

Indonesia also has been hit with the pandemic but they do not have the infrastructure or capacity to assist their citizens as we do here.

To answer the need of the poor, the very poor who have to make the choice between food for themselves and their family and/or a re-useable face mask, means that many people who are extremely vulnerable, are not even having the “luxury” of the simplest of protection.

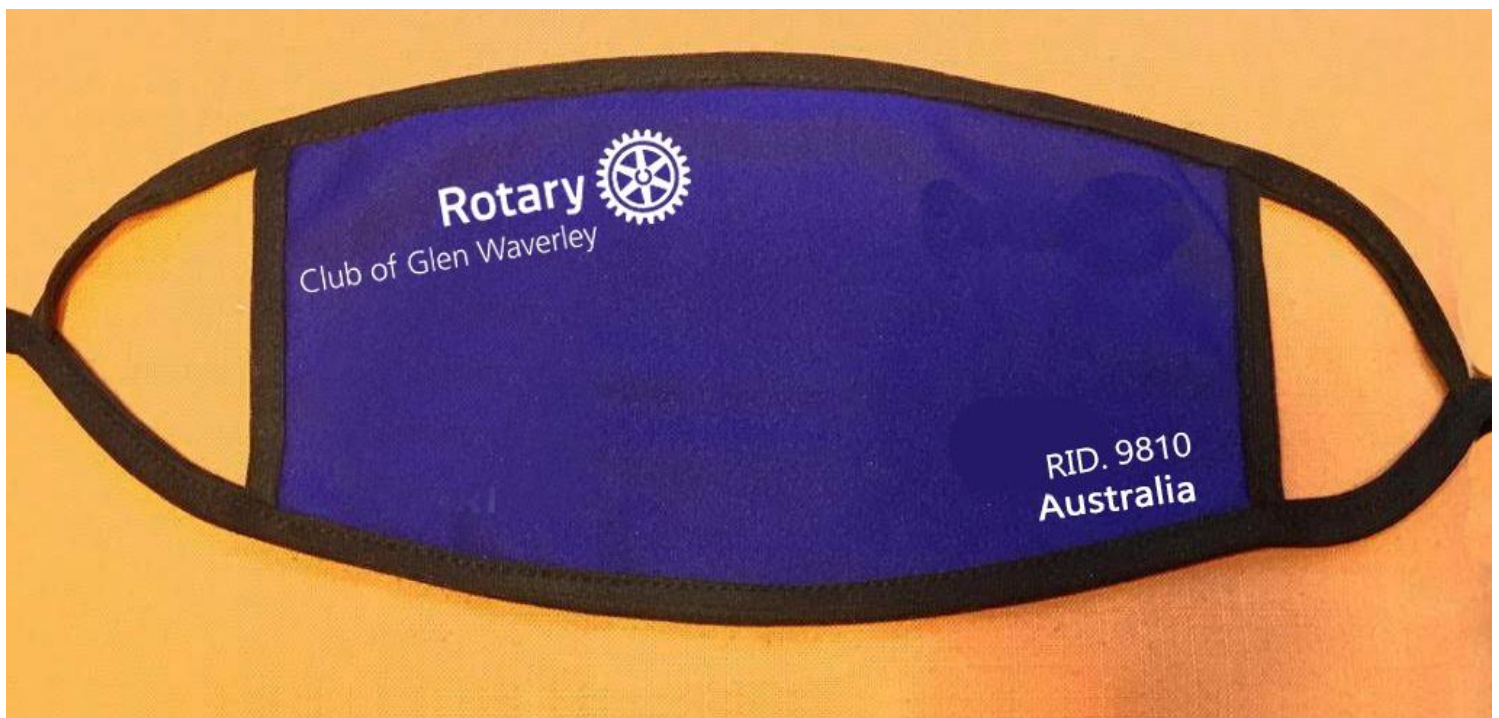
The Rotary Club of Semarang-Kunthi D3420 Indonesia are proposing to distribute 1 million of these basic safeguards and for that to happen they require funding.

The Rotary Club of Glen Waverley answered that call and with the assistance of a District Grant was able to fund the manufacture of between 6,500 and 7,000 of these masks.

The masks are produced by a disabled community in the Semarang area at a cost of approximately US.50 cents per item. That is a win-win.

The masks that are being produced by the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley’s funding, will be distributed on Kupang [Timor], Jayapura [Papua] as well as Lombok to the very poor, both adults and children.

Thanks to PDG Graeme Woolacott for this article



50th ANNIVERSARY of the ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN WAVERLEY

The Charter for our Club was granted on 20 June 1972. This date falls on a Monday in 2022. It was proposed that a 50th Anniversary Event be scheduled around that date at the Village Green Hotel and that the evening be dedicated to the Event.

Past RI President Ian Risely has been approached as the keynote speaker. His availability will determine the exact event date.

PDG Graeme Woolacott has agreed to be the Master of Ceremony and Program.

A listing of potential invitees is being drawn up and will consist of charter members, past and present members, honorary members and significant community contributors to our Club.

A historical record of our achievements is being compiled by the Anniversary Committee which will be published both in hard copy and digital formats.

The locality of the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley is defined in our current constitution as the City of Monash, a local government area in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. It has not always been so, originally starting its life as a club in what is now defined as the suburb of Glen Waverley, which was gazetted on 31 May, 1905 as a township. Prior to that the area was known as Black Flat whose Post Office opened on 1 July 1885. The area had been settled in the mid 19th century and developed as orchards and farming land. The name 'Waverley' refers to the Edinburgh Waverley railway station, from a novel by Sir Walter Scott.

Major development occurred in the 1950s to 1970s with rapid infilling of housing built to a generally high standard on large (typically 800m²) blocks. Much of that housing stock is now ageing and renewal is occurring, frequently involving subdivision of the larger blocks into townhouse development. The suburb was also the site of Victoria's first McDonald's restaurant, which opened on 12th September 1973, at the corner of High Street and Springvale Road a year after the chartering of this club.

Glen Waverley was the eastern part of the City of Waverley until on 15th December 1994 when the state government amalgamated it with the majority of the City of Oakleigh to form the City of Monash and the Club enlarged its territory to encompass that City. It was then sharing that area with the Rotary Clubs of Clayton, Huntingdale, Monash, Mount Waverley, Oakleigh, Waverley and Wheelers Hill. Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale joined together in 2019 to reduce the number of clubs in Monash from eight to six.

In the 2016 census there was some 182,000 people in Monash of which 40,500 were in Glen Waverley this was up from 152,000 and 35,000 respectively in 1996, some 16%. Significantly only 40.9% of people were born in Australia and 40.5% spoke English only at home. The most common countries of birth were China 15.5%, India 6.4% and Malaysia 5.5% and Sri Lanka 5.3%.

Glen Waverley has been recognised as a developing urban centre and a transport hub for the east of Melbourne. The Glen has become a significant shopping and living centre with the construction of high rise apartment buildings over the centre and Kingsway becoming a vibrant dining and entertainment area, with strong Asian influences. Due to the Monash Civic Centre being adjacent to the shopping complex there is a significant local government presence. With a large multicultural population with different cultures and with government extending their services, the challenges within the community are changing for Service organisations.

There is one certainty, the next 50 years of the club will be significantly different to the first

Thanks to Peter Morgan for this article.

OUR ROTARY CLUB

MEETINGS -

Normally on Monday evenings in the Cabaret Room of the Village Green Hotel, corner of Springvale & Ferntree Gully Road, Mulgrave. Meetings commence at 6.00 for 6.30pm. Changes to the meeting venue are announced in our weekly Bulletin or online at <https://glenwaverleyrotary.org.au/>
Meetings are for approximately 1 hour and consist of a meal, a guest speaker, networking and conducting Rotary business.

NB. The current COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements has resulted in all physical meetings being cancelled until further notice. Virtual meetings are being held via the ZOOM protocol at 7.00pm every alternate Monday evening.

THE COST OF ROTARY -

There is a Joining Fee of \$100. An Annual Subscription is payable at the commencement of the Rotary year. It is currently \$320 (**2020-2021 year**). Cost per week for dinner meeting is \$30.

CLUB MANAGEMENT -

The Club is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and Committee Chairs. The Committees consist of Administration Service, Community Service, Youth & Vocational Service and International Service. Club Members are allocated to a Committee by the incoming President.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS -

The Club runs events and conducts fundraising to fund various Club projects (Local Community, Youth and International). All members are encouraged to get involved.

FURTHER INFORMATION -

See our website <https://glenwaverleyrotary.org.au/>

Or contact our Assistant Secretary: Roger Lough 0417 812 320 (rotarygw@gmail.com) who will invite you to our next meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

President Ralph Holmes

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