



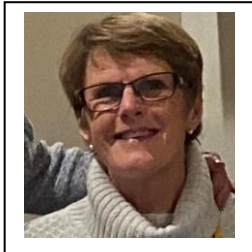
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The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale (Inc)

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Date: 29th August 2021

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just returned from “Care Giving” to our new little family in Anglesea. If you try to buy a takeaway from any café they ask for your ID, then a permit/letter, then have to sign a Declaration. It’s all very intrusive but they are doing what they are told by the government – it certainly is a disincentive to go outside the 5k limit and try to sit it out in a holiday resort! Anyway the new baby is going well so that’s a positive.

Last meeting it was great to see most of the club members Zooming in, especially to see that Steve Ennor has made it home safely after his epic trip to Queensland. Liz and George Guiver are doing as well as all of us during lockdown and although we miss them at our zoom meetings they are in our thoughts and hope we can all see each other soon.

With International Chair Ian Thomlinson in the hot seat it was good to again greet Honorary Member Peter Keep along with his colleague Tony Lyon from the Warrandyte Community Church – Tony also helps Peter with his work with the Help Charity.



Peter gave a short explanation about the Syphos Stars project which raises money to buy \$10 Christmas gift packs for the children in Khayelitsha, one of the poorest slums in South Africa. Each gift pack contains a T shirt, pair of thongs, a significant toy and some sweets. Each child’s name is written on a yellow star which is attached to the gift.

The project is named after Siphon who was the Director of Uyesu Unathi before his early death. One of his last acts was to distribute Christmas gifts to needy children in Khayelitsha where he lived and worked. 'Siphon' means 'gift'. He was a gift to his community. He loved



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people and worked hard to make a difference. This year the Help Charity has raised over \$11,000. Every dollar raised in Australia by the charity goes straight to the children which is gratifying.

The trust also assists with mentoring the pastors and wages for pastors – in Rwanda churches are closed due to covid which means no money is coming in via collections and there is no such thing as electronic transfers in that context which meant that many pastors were not being paid. Pastor Jevenal has a daughter who needs heart surgery in Israel but this is on hold due to Covid.

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INVESTING HEAVILY in the Inkuru Nziza mu Rwanda church (EIR)

- Mentoring Pastor Juvenal, the head of the denomination on Zoom weekly
- \$3,000 wage support
- Raised \$8,000 to pay for his daughter to go to Israel for heart surgery

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TRAINING EIR LEADERS IN CHILD SAFETY

Some of the other work done by the Help Charity is helping the Leaders of the EIR church in Rwanda to develop Child Safety Policies. Peter said he was pleased that the policies they developed looked as good or better than policies in

organisations he has seen in Australia. The slide shows the leaders with their certificates.

Peter showed a short video of three girls in the Young Mums Education Project in George (SA) which provides assistance and training to young mothers. The Help Charity provides funding to support the work of *OPTIONS-YFC* at George by sponsoring the Young Mums Education Project. The girls were expressing their thanks and appreciation for all the support they get.



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Peter went on the explain that he got involved with helping in Africa after he visited Kings Children’s Home in East London South Africa. When he came home, he talked to people about the need for help and soon he found people were giving him money for the projects. Fairly soon he had to set up the Charitable Trust to ensure the funds were secure and managed well.

Peter explained that the social programs under the HCT are tax deductible which has made the Trust more attractive to potential donors. The charity also helps the Children’s Home by paying wages for 8 nannies, buying supplies for food and baby needs and funding maintenance programs.

Ian Thomlinson has pledged \$1000 toward Siphos Stars from our International budget which ensures more children in Kayelitsha will receive a Christmas gift and we know our funds will be well managed throughout the process. Thanks, Peter, for a great presentation.



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SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

Aug 30, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Contact: [Peter Behm](#)



Social Media overview

1. This workshop will be focussed on understanding what the clubs currently use in the form of social media. What works, what doesn't?
2. The workshop will provide clubs with an opportunity to explore options in social media that can work for them.
3. It will be a centralised discussion with slides rather than lecture -based presentation.

Zoom meeting link

Join Zoom Meeting

Monday 30th August at 7.00pm - 8.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82600846997?pwd=bjdzaytaOWNCdkxanZjaFlyaHpUUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 0084 6997

Passcode: 441964



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Take HEART:

Amidst the current restrictions there are a number of exciting activities that have warmed my heart and, I hope they will warm yours too.

- Our Op Shop continues to collect food and distribute it to needy members of our community.
- Sikh community members are also collecting and distributing food to the needy.
- The Essendon Football Club has donated \$20,000 to the Aussies who are to compete at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

"Many thanks" to all involved in the above activities. They have found a way to 'make a difference' and, such acts encourage us all to seek to 'make a difference' too.

Personally, I enjoy understanding the Cartoons of Michael Leunig, a cartoonist that places his messages in provocative format.



And, thanks to the 'Magpies' who warble at 7am each morning outside my bedroom window...I love to hear them.

PP Liz Guiver
24 August 2021