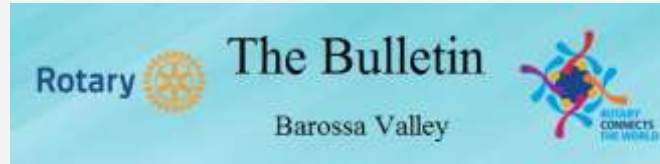


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## 2019-20 Issue 49 Meetings Suspended 11 June 2020

The news journal of the *Barossa Valley Rotary Club*

### Club Information

Meetings Suspended due to Coronavirus.

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**The Four-Way Test  
of the things we Think, Say or Do.**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**Invocation:**

Oh lord and giver of all good, we praise thee for our daily food.

May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways help us to serve thee all our days.

**No Meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions,  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE MARIE ROTHE OF  
APOLOGIES (MEMBERS) AND ATTENDANCES  
(FRIENDS/PARTNERS) EACH WEEK (Mob: 0411 524 156)**

### **Presidents Message**

This week we have the pleasure of PDG Marie Dorrington OAM and PDG Peter Schafer join us for our zoom meeting. Our Guest Speaker, Janette Etherington, will give a presentation on Interplast. PDG's Marie and Peter both have a long term interest and involvement in Interplast and are keen to hear the latest presentation.

I sent out a request to update the records on Club Runner. Thank you to those that have done it. If anyone has problems with the update please call me, or you can send me the updates and I will enter them into Club Runner. I want to produce a small Members directory booklet that will have members and friends phone number and email address at the start of the next Rotary year. I have received information on the RI Virtual Conference on 25-26th June. If you are interested in joining I have the links and can pass them on to you. This will be your best opportunity to be involved with a RI Conference and you will have the choice of selecting which sessions you attend, at the lowest price possible. The coronavirus restrictions are being eased in stages, but as yet they are not relaxed enough for us to resume face to face meetings. Hopefully, we will be able to resume meetings soon. The Board will be constantly reviewing the situation and we will resume normal operations as soon as we legally can

Keith Millington  
President.

Guest Speaker - Janette Etherington  
Interplast Australia and New Zealand

Last night those Rotarians who were present in the Zoom meeting heard from Janette Etherington about Interplast.

Interplast was started by a Rotarian doctor who had visited America and seen something similar in action and wanted the same here in Australia. Together with a colleague who was a plastic surgeon they put in place the first team representing Interplast and that model is still used today. A typical surgical team for an Interplast program comprises a volunteer anaesthetist, one or two volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons and one or two Interplast nurses. A typical program lasts several weeks and costs around \$50,000. In that time up to 50 patients can receive surgery that is life changing.

The partnership with Rotary is still as strong as it was in 1983. Rotarians support Interplast across Australia and New Zealand with 25% of funding coming from Rotary clubs. Without Rotary, Interplast could not do what they do today.

Interplast started in 1983 and have performed well in excess of 26,500 surgeries on patients across developing nations in the Asia Pacific. It is unique as a medical charity because there is an equal commitment to training and mentoring medical personnel in partner countries as to treating individual patients offering surgeries they couldn't otherwise access.

Janette then introduced us to some of the patients which really put a human element to the work they do. These were their individual stories.

Gladi, a young girl from Laos, had a large tumour across her left arm and across her rib cage. It was a benign tumour and surgeons removed it which was remarkable since the tumour was the size of a netball on a tiny child.

Maria from the Philippines was born with a bilateral cleft lip, where the lip fails to fuse together in utero and prohibits a child from eating properly as they can't suck and therefore don't thrive or grow.

Vanvisa from Laos was badly burned when she was eight. Once a year, for four years, Interplast surgeons have operated to free her burn contractures. Her neck had been fused to her shoulder so her head was constantly at right angles making life understandably difficult.

Rockson had a cleft lip and cleft pallet which were so severe the gap went all the way up into his nasal cavity. You can imagine the difficulty he must have had eating and drinking as a baby and small child. The Interplast surgeon who operated on him said that his case of cleft lip and pallet was the worst he had seen and he is a veteran of many Interplast surgical programs.

Kids are ostracised because it is not understood why they look so different. They are bullied, they drop out of school, so the cleft lip or pallet impacts on their ability to get education. Patients come in all shapes and sizes, ages and backgrounds, with the oldest patient being 80 years old and the youngest was 18 days old. Lastly, we heard about Ropati from Samoa. He suffered from neurofibrosis

(Elephant Man condition) where the tumour had grown in front of his right eye so he couldn't see.

Interplast places equal stock in a commitment to mentor and train local country partners: training surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals. Programs not just surgical and include such things as hand therapy, physiotherapists and teaching volunteers to make compression garments for burns victims.

In these unprecedented times, COVID-19 has closed all relevant borders and the immediate needs of international partners have changed to focus on COVID-19 responses. Australian and New Zealand volunteers have been required to focus on COVID-19 responses. When normality resumes Interplast is engaging with relevant government agencies here and internationally to respond.

Seven of the Pacific nations are considered to be amongst the least prepared globally to respond to an outbreak of COVID-19. While much of the Pacific has a low population density some areas are risk prone for clustered breakouts of COVID-19 such as Port Moresby, Lae or Honiara. Limited health systems are the very reason Interplast works in this region. COVID-19 simply adds further challenges. The World Health Organisation put together a cooperation strategy between Pacific Island nations and Australia and New Zealand and developed a COVID-19 preparedness and action report. A six-month Pacific action plan was prepared and supplies were sent to impacted countries to treat infected people and testing samples are done in Australian labs.

Interplast is currently unable to deploy teams across Asia Pacific so are prioritising virtual mentoring and digital training. They also set up a secure website which enables medical partners overseas safe and secure access to things like medical journals and research materials posted on the website and can contact Interplast counterparts through the website to talk about individual cases with monthly virtual links by surgeons and anaesthetists, particularly COVID-19 related.

Interplast remains committed to repairing bodies and rebuilding lives. Rotary can support by making a financial donation, share success stories and social media content to ensure more Rotarians are aware of the work being done. Individual donations can be made as well.

Interplast Australia and New Zealand.

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Reference your name or Rotary Club.

Photos of the Rotary Club of Barossa Valley Pruning Team in action at Catherine Lawler's vineyard on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Above: Bill, Sandie, Mary, Bryce, Phil and Carmel



Above: Bill, Sandie, Mary and Phil's VERY best angle!  
Below: Phil, Bryce and Carmel



## **The Little Shop That Keeps on Giving**

With permission, below is a list of donations to Barossa charities/organisations (including Rotary Club) that the Great Revival Shop (GRS) in Tanunda has made since the store started.

All stock acquired by The Great Revival Shop for sale has been sourced from the three Rotary Clothing Bins in the Barossa Valley.

Other Barossa Valley quasi charitable groups, e.g. Truro Community Store, have also received clothes and other miscellaneous items from the clothing bins. The exact monetary amount raised by these organisation from sale of second-hand goods from clothing bins is unknown, but it would be fair to assume that similar amounts have been raised.

The Rotary Club of Barossa Valley has received \$31,200. These funds have been credited to the Rotary Club's Foundation; the University Scholarship Programme and; "Operation Flinders". Operation Flinders is a charity to assist wayward or at risk youth founded by Rotarian John Sheppard and operated under Rotary's financial support for the initial years but now operates as an autonomous charity.

### **THE GREAT REVIVAL SHOP**

**DONATIONS FROM JULY 1992 - JUNE 2019**

Pall Care / G.R. Car (Bar. Council)	298260.00
Barossa Valley Community Kids	304160.00
Barnabas	93150.00
Barossa Valley Rotary Club	31200.00
Craig Rogasch	4050.00
Tanunda Lutheran Home	13350.00
Lutheran Community Care	21450.00
Tanunda Hospital Auxiliary	8700.00
Barossa Village	8000.00
Operation Flinders	24900.00
HUB	8550.00
Brad Henderson	800.00
Tanunda Kindergarten	1000.00
Fusion	2000.00
Cross Roads	500.00
Carers & Disability Link	750.00
FORAGE	1000.00
Ad.Care Planning	250.00
Barossa Talking Papers	1250.00
Tanunda Dis. Unit	500.00
Nuriootpa High School Chaplaincy	2500.00
Barossa C.T. Scheme	2000.00
St John Ambulance	2000.00
Early Learning Centre	3000.00
Connections Coffee Shop	1500.00
Nigel Rogasch	200.00
N Stephens	500.00
Farmer's Farm	2000.00
Miscellaneous	210.00
	<b>\$837,730.00</b>

**When will our Country open up again?**

**Robert Brooks has been getting some advice from the medicos.**

*"Here is what the medical experts said about reopening the country.*

The Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Many Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" While the Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow.

The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

Anaesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the bums in Canberra."

## **Attendance Report**

Total Club Members Attending

Total Friends Attending

Partners Attending

Visiting Rotarians

Guests Attending



Apologies/Leave of absence

**Birthdays**

Rick Kessner - 11 June

**Anniversaries**

Don Farley - 33 yrs - 1/6/87  
 Geoff Schrapel - 33 yrs - 1/6/89  
 B. Lillecrapp - 19 yrs - 7/6/01


<b>Duty Roster</b>		
	<b>Non-meeting No.50</b> <b>Venue: Meetings cancelled</b> <b>18 June 2020</b>	<b>Non-meeting No.51</b> <b>Venue: Meetings cancelled</b> <b>25 June 2020</b>
<b>Invocation</b>		
<b>Loyal Toast</b>		
<b>Sergeant</b>		
<b>Rotary Info.</b>		
<b>Chairperson</b>		
<b>Speaker</b>		
<b>Subject</b>		
<b>Bulletin</b>	Roxane Canning	Roxane Canning
<b>Setting Up</b>		
<b>Cashiers</b>	Marie Rothe Bev Stephenson	Marie Rothe Bev Stephenson
<b>Clothing Bins</b> Angaston Nuriootpa Tanunda	<b>11 June - 25 June</b> John Little Peter Thomas Bill Simons	<b>25 June - 9 July</b> Phil Martin Geoff Zerk Bob Sloane

**"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." Abraham Lincoln**



This email was sent to Marie-Louise Lees by Roxane Canning  
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