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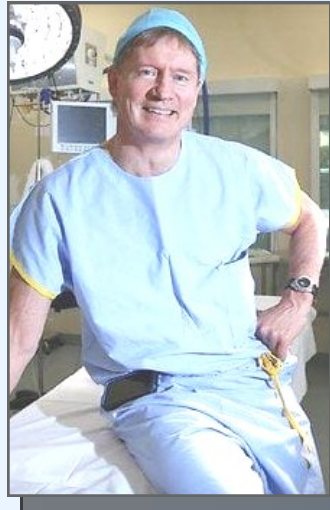
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- **President-Elect** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **Vice President** - Glenda Barber
 - **Secretary** - Geoff Slack
 - **Treasurer** - Frank Moxon
 - **Club Service Director** - Debbie Loveday (acting)
- **Community Service Director** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **International Service Director** - Ray Hodgson
- **Vocational Service Director** - Neil Porter
- **Youth Service Director** - Gil Padarin-Innes
- **Membership Director** - vacant
 - Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 6pm for 6-30pm start.
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- **Past District Governors -**
 Roger Dulhunty 1969-70;
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District Governor Elect -
 2020-21 Debbie Loveday
District Governor Nominee -
 2021-22 David Mayne
 - **Bulletin Editor -**
 Kerry Medway



SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A PRIVILEGE

An article written by Dr Ray Hodgson
Australians for Women's Health

While we all grumble at the inconvenience of self-isolation and social distancing, take a moment to appreciate that we live an affluent country that allows us to isolate. Spare a thought for the multitudes in developing countries who are about to be hit with a tsunami of COVID infection. Try social distancing when your home is a two-room shack you share with multiple others.

.Try practising basic hygiene when you have no access to running water and you can't afford hand sanitiser.

.Annoyed you can't buy toilet paper? Try living in Dharavi, Mumbai, where there is one toilet for every 1,400 people. Short on pasta or tinned tomatoes? Try living in rural India or Nepal where there's no possibility of stockpiling food.



Frightened or frustrated about our shortage of ICU ventilators?

Picture yourself in a defenceless country where, even prior to this pandemic, health resources are already overwhelmed and the prospect of up-scaled hospital care is fantasy.

Right now in Australia, we appear to be flattening the curve with our public health and hospital-based interventions. But in developing countries, these measures will be largely ineffective or unfeasible. It's highly likely that COVID 19 is about to rip through the developing nations in Africa, South Asia and Latin America. The developing world is already falling apart economically from the collapse of commodity prices, tourism and international funding. COVID 19 has only just reached these parts of the world, but as this infection escalates, there will be unimaginable damage to health, human rights and, in the most severe cases, basic food security and nutrition.

The Federal Government of our country has acted appropriately with unprecedented funding and cash flow programs to assist Australian citizens and businesses. But we must look beyond our borders. An estimated 55% of the global population has no access to social protection. Communities in fragile developing nations desperately need the help of wealthy countries like ours.

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Winner of the PDG Barrie Titcume (1971-72) Trophy for best club bulletin in 2018-2019 in Rotary District 9650, Australia.

Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise & Bull Editor - Kerry Medway

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomers	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
Apr. 1st	Youth Exchange in New Orleans	Glen Freeman	Elizabeth Fielding	Diana Gammon			Sandra Adams Kerry Medway & PRE-EASTER MINUTE
Apr. 8th	Tidal Pool						
Apr. 15th							
		Kathryn Butler	Sheila Openshaw	Mavis Wallace	Padarin-Innes Darryl McMahon	Gil Debbie Loveday Geoff Slack	

All club meetings are CANCELLED for the month of April

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A PRIVILEGE - *continued*

There must be swift action from Australia and the rest of the G20 forum to devote emergency spending to these countries to prevent economic and social devastation. Unfortunately, the two global superpowers, the US and China, have squabbled over the cause and origin of the global spread, and this has hampered the international response.

Instead of brooding over the constraint and confinement in our lives right now, we need to spend some of our time in social isolation being socially ACTIVE. We - all of us - need to push, protest, campaign, rally our political leaders to step up our international support, urgently. Without this, without a massive boost to international aid, we risk a reversal of the solid gains we've made over the last twenty years, and an entire generation lost - in rights, in opportunities and in human dignity.

Ray Hodgson - www.A4WH.org

Working With Children Check

WWCC expiry date extension On 25 March 2020, the NSW Parliament passed the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Act 2020 The Children's Guardian has extended all clearances that were due to expire from 26 March 2020 to 26 September 2020 for a further six months. The six-month period applies from the date of the person's current expiry date. Further extensions may be applied should they be needed. People who are granted an extension will be advised by email and the system will be automatically updated. People who need a new WWCC will need to go through the regular application process, which includes attending a Service NSW centre to verify their identity. This is to maintain the integrity of the Working With Children Check and ensure that children are not put at undue risk. - *Gil Padarin-Innes*

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **May 2nd - 9th - RYLA**
- **June 12-14 - District MUNA @ Bonny Hills**
- **September 18 - Rotary Golf Day**

Club NEWS

- Congratulations to former member **Karl Mosby** & his wife Elaine - birth of twin grandchildren of March 30th - Julian & Aniah. The Mosby's now live in Qld.
- This Wednesday 15th join in our club's first on-line social gathering on ZOOM. Secretary Geoff will send out the entry code. Don't forget to have a glass of wine or juice ready to toast.

This week's MYSTERY SAYINGS ?

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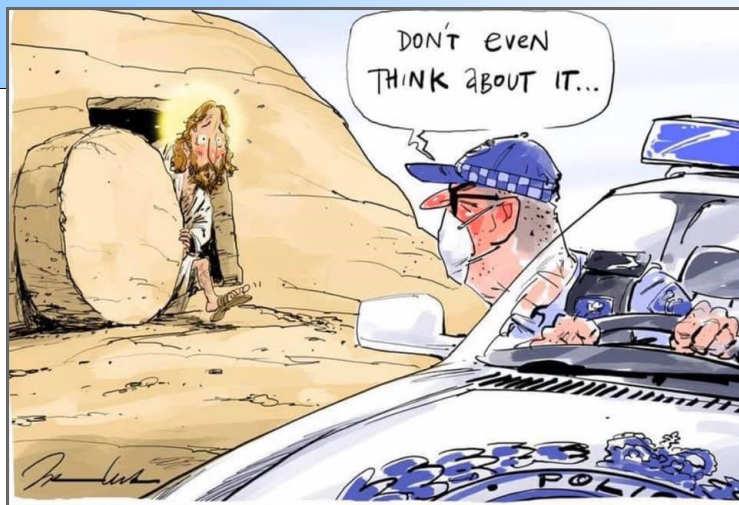
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PLAY OF GOLF

No-one won the toilet paper from last weeks Mystery Sayings - Answers -

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1. Playing a round of golf
2. Right between the eyes.



BIRTHDAYS April 2020

- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sheila Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday

ANNIVERSARIES April 2020

- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley