



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you all had a chance to be outside and enjoy the lovely weekend weather.

Thank you to all our volunteers at yesterday's Farmers Market, there was certainly many people taking advantage of the nice day to do their shopping.

I would like to repeat the offer made by our Almoners – Gail and Julie. They are available for a chat, or to share a walk with any members who feel like they need a bit of company and conversation. Please everyone, look after your mental health, and reach out to your family and friends, or fellow Rotary members if you feel the need. We are all suffering from "lockdown fatigue", but please don't feel you are on your own.

Last week's speakers from Team Med Nepal were excellent. They illustrated how you can adapt in times of crisis, but still fulfil your end goal of helping people in a country desperately in need.

Roy Downes is circulating on email a roster for the Concourse Car & Bike Show on Sunday 12 September. With a bit of luck, the timing for this event may mean it is able to proceed. Please sign up if you are available to help out.

This week's meeting will again be on zoom, as the current lockdown doesn't end until midnight on Thursday. Stay tuned for any late changes, but the meeting is scheduled for 6.00pm.

Yours in Rotary
Lynda



Next Meetings

Thursday August 19

Amy Butler

Matt's Place

Chair: Richard Jones

Cash Desk: Peter Flude, Kerrie Geard

Thursday August 26

DG Visit

Chair: Liz Tanzimat

Cash Desk: James Glenwright, Denise Grocke

Thursday September 2

Simon McKeon AO

It's ok to be a little selfish when contributing to community.....

Chair: John Sime

Cash Desk: Megan Glenwright, Bridget Hage

Venue is VGC, 6:50 for 7:00 unless otherwise noted.

Covid rules apply as advised.

Were available more detail of the speakers topic can be found in the Club Calendar on our website.

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Farmers Market Report

Our market on Saturday 14th was very successful, with 47 stallholders in attendance. The excellent weather conditions provided an incentive to lock-down affected local residents to get out and about. Patrons began arriving in a very steady stream from 8:30 am, appropriately masked and compliant with QR code scanning requirements. Only at midday did arrivals ease off, with a handful of patrons arriving just 10 minutes before the market closed.

Quite a few stalls sold out of all or some of their product lines on offer. Despite baking 5 extra trays, market stalwart Bromley's Breads were completely sold out just after 11 am. One family was heard to remark on leaving "next time we come early so there is something left to buy".

Our takings through the gate were just over \$3,200, a very pleasing result. A sizable number of patrons took advantage of our tap and go facility. Among our generous cash donations were numerous English, Kiwi, and Turkish coins, plus a golf ball marker from Sandhurst Golf Club to add a little colour!

Well done to all our workers on the day, especially last minute stand-ins and those who revealed their previously hidden spruiking talents on the gate!

Mark Perelaer

See photo on last page.

St Stephen's Community Garden 5 Years On

A great boon during partial lockdown

Those Rotarians around at the time will remember the great enthusiasm engendered in transforming an overgrown tennis court to the wonderful community garden. A joint project with the Rotary Club of Brighton North, our 'Champion' was Heather Chisholm, who got the whole project off the ground (pun intended). As secretary of the Incorporated Association, it fell to her to negotiate the arrangement with the Church of England hierarchy. Five years on, the garden is run by a dedicated community committee, just reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.

During the lockdown there were various restrictions, but when permitted, eager gardeners tended their plots and held working bees. Following \$2,000 seeding funding from the RCOB (plus loads of hard work), another from Brighton North Rotary and a \$5,000 grant from the Council, the Garden is now on a secure financial footing. It's a great sight to see the many plots' produce: silver beet, lettuces, rhubarb and much more. A very successful RCOB project.

David Greenall



pp Heather Chisholm Discussing our project with Jane from a neighbouring community garden in 2016



Gardener Rotarian John Sime sows seeds in the sun

01.05.2021



Five years later

01.05.2021



This year Cancer Council of Victoria will not be supporting the selling of merchandise or community stalls for Daffodil Day. This does not change their core purpose and mission of Daffodil Day encouraging communities to create funds for lifesaving research.

“This decision will keep our dedicated supporters like you safe, also the COVID -19 pandemic continues to create unpredictable issues.”

In past years our club has supported the Day by the giving of time by our members to sell Cancer Council merchandise in the Concourse.

Should you wish to make a personal donation to this great cause please visit <http://www.daffodilday.com.au> and make your donation.

Thanking you
Mary Cunnington

Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) Update

I am delighted to share with you our [2021 Mid-Year Supporter Update](#). The MITS family continues to grow, with over 80 students now studying in Melbourne either in our Year 7 program or at one of our Partner Schools in 2021. This year our students have continued to show great courage and resilience in the face of the ongoing disruptions caused by COVID-19. I do hope you enjoy reading this update on Semester 1 at MITS.

As you know, one of the most special events on the MITS calendar is our annual Gala Dinner. We are monitoring the likely impact of COVID-19 restrictions over the coming months and will communicate our plans for the dinner soon. We dearly hope that it will be possible to come together with our community once again.

Thank you for your support for MITS and our students.

Best regards
Ed

**Edward Tudor | Executive Director
Melbourne Indigenous Transition School**

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Location: Six Acres Winery 20 Ferndale Road
Silvan, 3795

Date: Saturday 18th of September

Time: 12.30pm-4.00pm

Cost: \$50

Food | Fun | Speakers | Auction | Raffle | Spit
Roast

Book by the 8th September

All welcome to attend - Book Now !

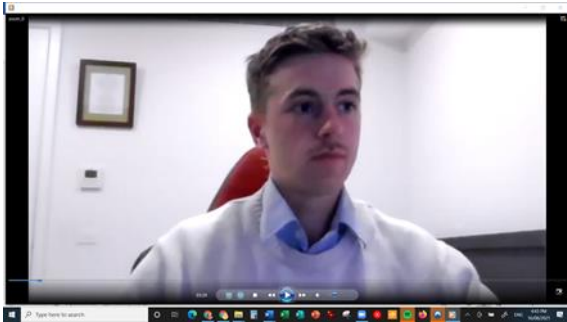
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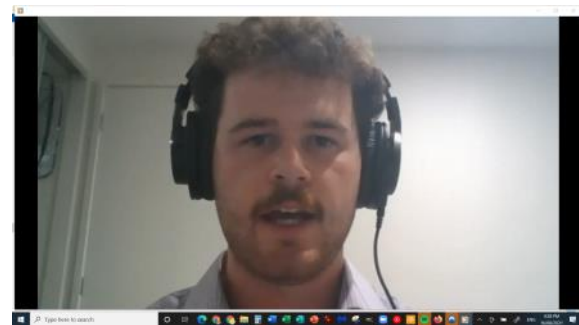
10 Years Ago

Speakers: Jason Cox, Harry Botta

Topic: TeamMed Nepal 2021



Jason Cox



Harry Botta

Jason and Harry gave an update on TeamMed Nepal activities over the last 12 months+ covering:

- Overview of Objectives
- Organisation / Previous Trips
- Impact of COVID-19 on Nepal
- Future Plans
- Thanks for RCOB Support

These are all summarised in the following slides.




Monash University Student-run group
Undertake global health projects across the globe.
Projects in Tonga, Nepal, Uganda, India and the Philippines
Supplement local resources and address regional healthcare needs.

Objectives of the Nepal Team

"Provide medical care and advice to those who would otherwise struggle to make the significant journey to Kathmandu"

Some statistics:
Human Development Index: 0.602
Literacy Rate: 67.9%
Infant Mortality rate (per 1000 births): 27.8
(compared to 3.0 in Australia)

Sourced from United Nations Development Program - Human Development Report



Himalayan Guge Organisation

Not for profit

"To promote health-related, educational, cultural and community interventions in the Himalayan region of Nepal"



Health camps

- Supported by local Nepali doctors and nurses
- Provide medications + assessments
- >450 patients



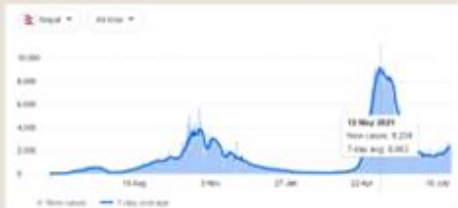
Previous Trips

- 8 past successful medical outreach trips to Bigu, Dolakha and Soloban, Solokhumbu 2011-2019
- Established permanent health care post in Bigu with TeamMed Fundraising
- Unique opportunity to experience and contribute to global health
- Travel is entirely self funded by students

This Week's Speakers

Impacts of COVID-19 in Nepal

- Just recovering from a much larger than previous 3rd wave
- In May, Nepalese covid tests were 47% positive (Currently 24.1%)
- Shortages of hospital beds and resources
- Lack of income and employment



Nepal		
Total Cases	275K	Recovered
		271K
		Deaths
		3,014

Nepal		
Total Cases	693K	Recovered
		652K
		Deaths
		9,834

Impact on HGO

- HGO operates as a not-for-profit NGO, but most of it's funding comes from tourism
- "HGO staff are also facing difficulties, we don't have any work from last year to till as we are dependent on tourists."
- "I would like to request (TeamMed Nepal), support those people to have enough food and feed their kids and able to continue medication and follow up their treatments"



- Specifically:
 - Support for lower level staff (Sherpas, tour guides, porters)
 - HGO fundraising goal of \$5000 for 22 student's school fees for 3 months of the academic year

Our Plan

Fundraising

- Hope to beat our 2020 effort of raising \$6000
- Have raised \$1500 so far
- Contacting rotaries/lions/RSL clubs
- Online donations
- Trivia nights/events on campus

Expenditure

- 25% will be donated to a general Nepal focused COVID relief fund, given current crisis and widespread struggle
- 75% to HGO and Bhakanje
 - Split TBD
 - Remaining equipment requested by Bhakanje Health post/Birthing Centre (~\$5000)
 - Support of HGO low level staff/school fees



Thanks for your support

- Raised \$6000
- AU\$4722.64 to purchase medical supplies for Bhakanje's new birthing centre
- \$778.1 to transport these supplies into the remote area
- \$500 donated to fund another HGO run health camp in the upper mustang region of Nepal



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Club Structure

RCOB BOARD

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Treasurer	James Glenwright
Club Services & PE	Chris D'Arcy
Past President	Adrian Culshaw
Farmers Market	Chris Mara
Community	Richard Jones
International	Mark Perelaer
Membership	Denise Grocke
Youth	Michelle Butt

Community- Chair **Richard Jones**

Jan Cooper	Mary Cunningham
Jude Kavanagh	Roy Seager
Roy Downes	Jan Cooper
Mary Sealy	Ken Mirams
Chris D'Arcy	Chris Mara
Kerrie Geard	Soula Deville
Malcolm Sawle (Sustainability)	
Gail Anderson	Lois Lindsay
Bridget Hage	

International - Chair **Mark Perelaer**

John Manks	Geoff Stockdale
Fred Hofmann	John Sime
Clem Quick	Simon Kavanagh
Richard Potter	Tony McKenna

David Rushworth

Youth – Chair **Michelle Butt**

Bridget Hage	Simon Kavanagh
Antony Nixon	Trish Smyth
Vivienne Zoppolato	

Indigenous - Chair **David Hone**

Robert McArthur	Chris Mara
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Membership – Chair **Denise Grocke**

Soula Deville	Malcolm Sawle
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Club Service **Chris D'Arcy**

Almoners	Julie Reith, Gail Anderson
Archivist	Malcolm Sawle
Attendance	John Beaty
Financial Reviewer	Tony Phillips
Club Protection Officer	Ken Mirams

Newsletter, Website, Facebook

David Lea	
Fellowship	Megan Glenwright
Foundation	Chris D'Arcy
On to Conference	Adrian Culshaw
Speaker Program, Dining & Duties Roster	Bridget Hage

District Officers

Assistant Governor for Monash A Cluster	Chris D'Arcy
District Compliance Officer	Ken Mirams
District Indigenous Support Committee	David Hone

Bayside Charity Golf Day

Peter Flude	James Glenwright
Jim O'Brien	Richard Jones

Farmers Market – Chair – **Chris Mara**

Ken Mirams	Liz Tanzimat
James Glenwright	Charmaine Jansz
Julie Reith	Vivienne Zoppolato

