

Club meetings have been suspended indefinitely due to the Coronavirus.



Hello members.

PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES

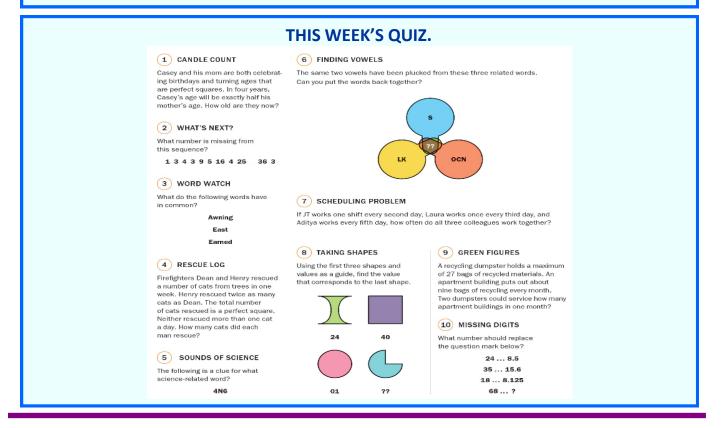
Welcome members to another week. I expect that for some the week has gone very slowly and for others, (particularly if you have outside employment), not so slowly.

How did you go with contacting two other members? Can I ask that you ring two different members this week. The Rotary newsletter helps to keep us informed of club happenings, but receiving a phone call out of the blue from a fellow member interested on how we are going is

a great tonic to us all.

I presume most members like me in self isolation have been planning and doing those jobs that have been in the bottom drawer. My hope is to erect that shed for the garden equipment and even build a cubby for the grand children. And I haven't mentioned that the board games have got a dusting every odd night. President Harry.

Please find below something for the mind.



Finland has just closed its borders. No one now can cross the finish line. How life changes! Today a Chinese with a cough is considered more dangerous than a Muslim with a backpack!



PEOPLE NEWS.

Secretary **Andrea Bartholemew** is keeping busy at home, attending to club matters that need her attention. She is also minding grandchildren as required.

Congratulations are in order for **Peter and Patricia Stearnes** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last week—no doubt quietly—no big party splash! They are keeping busy at home, Peter is busy wood-chopping ready for winter.

John Frearson is keeping busy catching up on jobs at home. He is only motor-bike riding is to the shops. Convincing police at road blocks that motor-bike riding is a form of exercise could prove a bit tricky!

Melissa McGrath is finding interesting things to do at home—cooking etc. She is on 'school holidays'. She is not sure if she will have a job when schools resume. She wonders if she will be asked to 'babysit' the kids that need to be at school. She expects the classes to be very small.

Paul Fitzpatrick and Troy Reid have plenty of work at present. They are trying to keep 1.5 metres away from each other! Things got a bit quiet a couple of weeks ago, but have now picked up and they are really busy right now.

Steve Gordon is working on his 'to do list' of projects at home. He says that the list is three foolscap pages long. He is almost finished item one and will shortly move on to job number two!



From Harold Sharp—ROMAC Chairman.

I write to you as we all find ourselves in the midst of an unexpected time.

I must start my communication by

saying that I hope you are all safe and well and coping with this medical crisis. Regardless of how the COVID-19 is affecting our lives, I would like to bring you up to date with the present state of play with ROMAC and our patients.

As you are aware, currently only Australian citizens and residents may enter the country; and New Zealand is similar. As a result, ROMAC is unable, at this stage, to accept any new patients needing surgery or medical procedures.

For your information, there are two patients still in Australia receiving medical attention.

Firstly, there is **Vincent** from the Solomon Islands who arrived in July 2019 diagnosed with "complete eosophageal T3-T4 level with no fistula between the oesophagus and trachea / bronchus" as well as "immediate respiration pneumonia" requiring treatment. Vincent turned 11 months old on the 3rd April 2020. After many operations and procedures under the direction of Professor Croaker at Canberra Hospital, Vin-



cent is now taking milk from a bottle and oral foods and his weight has now increased to 7.3kg. He is now

crawling and getting into mischief! Vincent and his mother, Cosinta, are being cared for at the home of Sandra and Brian Goldstraw, with assistance from her ROMAC team. Hopefully Vincent and Cosinta will be able to return home in July this year.

Secondly, there is **Germaine.** Also from the Solomon Islands, Germaine arrived at the Westmead Children's Hospital in early March to be diagnosed with rheumatic aortic and mitral valve disease. Her operation was successful and she was discharged from hospital at the end of the month. She is currently staying with her mother and friends in Wollongong, NSW. Here in Australia and New Zealand, so much is still uncertain. But one thing we at ROMAC know, is that in the coming weeks and months ROMAC will be **needed** by sick children in the Islands of Oceania like never before.

Please consider supporting ROMAC so that we can continue our much needed work with children from our neighbouring countries in Oceania.

APOLOGIES BY 10.30am TUESDAY TO TERRY CRAWFORD 6344 7033 or 0417 366 531

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AND FINALLY.....ANZAC FACTS

- 1. The ANZACs were all volunteers.
- 2. April 25, Anzac Day, was the day the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915.
- 3. 25 April, was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916.
- 4. The first dawn service on an ANZAC Day was in 1923.
- 5. AIF is an abbreviation for Australian Imperial Force.
- 6. There is no town called "Gallipoli". It is the name of an area. Visitors to Gallipoli usually stay at nearby towns - like Ecubeat.
- 7. ANZAC Day was not a public holiday in New Zea- 19. In Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands and Niue, ANZAC land until 1921.
- 8. ANZAC Day was not a public holiday in Australia until 1921. However it was not observed uniformly 20. in all the states.
- 9. The Gallipoli Peninsula is very near the famous an- 21. cient city of Troy.
- 10. The term ANZAC is protected under Australian law.
- 11. More than 11,000 ANZACs died at Gallipoli and more than 23,500 were wounded.
- 12. Services are held at dawn because in battle, dawn was the best time to attack the enemy. Soldiers would wake in the dark so at the first signs of light they were alert and awake.
- 13. The original Anzac biscuit was known as an Anzac wafer or tile and was part of the rations given to the ANZAC soldiers during World War I. They were included instead of bread because they had a

much longer shelf life.

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- 14. Anzac biscuits were created by wives of soldiers who wanted to bake healthy goodies for their men. They lacked egg and milk, so kept for a long time and didn't spoil during transport.
- 15. The Poppy as a symbol comes from Canadian John McCrae's WWI poem. In Flanders Fields. It was used as a symbol by the Canadians for their Remembrance Day, and has been adapted as a reminder of the loss of all veterans in all wars.
- 16. The wearing of rosemary on ANZAC Day is done as a mark of respect for the men who never returned from Gallipoli, or indeed, later wars. The wearing of it honours the memory of those brave men.
- 17. The 'Last Post' is incorporated into funeral and memorial services as a final farewell and symbolizes that the duty of the dead is over and that they can rest in peace.
- 18. The men who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula created a legend, adding the word 'ANZAC' to our vocabulary and creating the idea of the ANZAC spirit.
- Day is also commemorated to honour their soldiers who participated to the campaign.
- ANZAC Day is commemorated in France in the towns of Le Quesnoy and Longueval.
- ANZAC Day is commemorated in the village of Harefield in Middlesex just outside of London because of a quirk in history. In 1914, millionaire Sydney expat Charles Billyard-Leake offered his manor home and 250 acres of parkland for injured Australian troops to recoup. It was imagined 50 soldiers in winter, 150 in summer would be catered for. But by the following year and post Gallipoli, it had become a fully-fledged hospital with 1000 beds just for Australian soldiers. More than 50,000 wounded Diggers passed through the home, which became known as Number 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

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