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"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"

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Dear Leaders and Club Members in Australia Region,

Easter is almost upon us and is likely to be the most memorable *Easter* for many reasons, not all of them positive. The pace of life over the past few weeks has been much slower and less adventurous than it has been for many years. You might be mistaken in thinking that it could be like life when we were younger – no restaurants to go and visit, no sport (especially on Sundays), no outings for coffee. We do know though, that technology keeps us in the modern era in some ways and is likely to be a saving grace during the current covid-19 crisis.

Covid-19 has given each of us the opportunity to step back from the busyness of our lives and to take stock of what may really be important for each one of us. In thinking about those priorities, it might be surprising to see that relationships with others, fairness, creativity, thoughtfulness and compassion may be what we value highly rather than what surrounds us or the places that we might visit next. Some of us seem happier to be in the kitchen trying a new recipe, or in the garden getting the winter vegetables ready. The empty shop shelves at the supermarket and in the garden centres are evidence of this.

I am sure that society is not likely to be the same next year as it was at the beginning of 2020. We are likely to be more resourceful, kinder and satisfied in different ways.

On this weekend of *Easter*, people celebrate and remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross followed by His resurrection over 2,000 years ago. He died then so that people on earth over all the ages could have a living relationship with God and live in meaningful and sacrificial ways too.

During this current crisis, there will be many opportunities to sacrifice a little of yourselves by giving yourself in service to family, neighbors, club members and to your friends. Be a bright light to your corner of the world.

In Ephesians 4:4 we read, "You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together both outwardly and inwardly." May we continue to travel in the same direction with a strong desire to build strong communities and strong clubs in the year ahead, having faith and belief that what we are doing does "*make a difference*".

Love and blessings for *Easter*,

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