

Quo Vadimus

Where are we going?

The Bulletin of the Rotary of Macarthur Sunrise, District 9675
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Solis Ortus (Sunrise) Campbelltown 6:19am



From the President

Good morning Sunrisers and welcome to week 41 from Bunkerland.

I hope you're all enjoying this new way of communication and trying it out with family and friends. I connected with 19 of my family for Easter brunch. We had eggs and bunny ears and shared tales of how we are coping. Many are still working but some have had their work reduced or stopped.

For those of you who knew PP Leon Edelman from Ingleburn, he passed away on Sunday. Leon was President same year as me in 2009-10 and I got to know him and Christine well. Our condolences to his family and his many friends at Ingleburn Rotary. RIP.

I have forwarded emails from DG Di North as well as DGE Warwick Richardson and DGN Jeremy Wright regarding the election of DG for the year 2022-23. This is not a vote for one candidate over the other as this is not up to individual members. Please consider the facts and we will relay our decision to DG Di.

A big "Thank You" to those who have been depositing \$10 every week to make up for the funds we are missing out on by not having face to face meetings. We have absolutely no income and very little opportunity for fundraising.

However we do have expenses in the near future with our annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation and Changeover costs. Also we sadly missed out on IMB Grant for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. I can foresee that grant money will all but disappear in these tough times. We need to be awake to new ideas and find out what other groups are doing to fund our projects.

All bright ideas accepted.
Look forward to catching up with you all on our next Zoom meeting.

Be kind and be careful

President Liz



MEETINGS

Well done Macarthur Sunrise Rotary!
The last three weeks we have been using ZOOM to conduct our meetings which have been well attended by over half of our members and our guest presenters. Participants were mainly using laptops or tablets. Interaction took place freely on a face-to-face basis. Obviously, the way to go at this difficult time. Please join us and invite friends.



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Philippa Kydd	Birthday	7 th Apr
Macarthur Sunrise Rotary	Charter Day	11 th Apr
Denys Cato	Joined (Charter Member)	11 th Apr
Malcolm Nearn	Joined (Charter Member)	11 th Apr
Rob Michie	Joined (Charter Member)	11 th Apr
Ron & Philippa Kydd	Wedding Anniversary	12 th Apr
Sharon Cook	Joined	27 th Apr

2019/2020 BOARD

President: Liz Stonestreet
Secretary: Denise Pritchard
Treasurer: Di Blyth
IPP: Bec Purcell
Directors: Barbara Edwards
Malcolm Nearn

DG: Di North
AG: John Pillay
International Pres: Mark Daniel Maloney

Information to be included in the newsletter must be received by 5pm on the Monday before the meeting. Please send to sharonc3012@icloud.com

CALENDAR 2020

APRIL	
Wed 15 th	Zoom Meeting
Wed 22 nd	Zoom Meeting
Sat 25 th	ANZAC Day / World Malaria Day
Wed 29 th	Zoom Meeting
MAY	
	Zoom Meeting
JUNE	
Sat 18 th & Sun 19 th	Sugarloaf Set up & Dismantle
Thu 25 th & Fri 26 th	Science & Engineering Challenge

Please check the Green Book for more details, tick to say if you are coming or not and if you are bringing anyone with you.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF DISTRICT 9675

Newsletter 9/4/2020 - Janice M Hall

1) **DG Dianne has some news about becoming a writing mentor.** This is an exciting way for you to connect with and assist students in Madagascar. These students want to become qualified web developers and as such require verbal and written English skills. They are looking for *writing mentors* to help students improve their literary abilities. As a *writing mentor* you can assist by correcting one or two written passages each week, typically just a couple of paragraphs. Mitantsoa is an English coordinator who will guide you on how to do this. If possible they would like you to be a penpal, sharing stories and interacting with your mentee. You don't need to be a gifted writer yourself. So long as you have good control of the English language, they would love to have your help. It is anticipated that this will last until the end of this year. Please contact Mitantsoa (mitantsoa@onja.org) if you would like to become a *writing mentor* or have any questions.

2) **Meg Cummins the Youth Commissioner for Scouts Australia** would like to invite your club to assist a group of University of Wollongong students who are studying a Humanitarian Engineering course. They are raising money to fly to Tanzania in the Summer break (it was supposed to be this July but this has been postponed). They will work to build classrooms in remote Tanzania. Two years ago the students went to Rwanda to help restore the community, post genocide. If you are able to assist please contact Meg Cummins at Meg.Cummins@nsw.scouts.com.au

3) **Shelterbox** have started a new Shelterbox Book Club. Join the Book Club community today with a monthly payment to ShelterBox, and you can look forward to delving into a new, exciting book every 6 weeks. Read along at your own pace and join the discussion online, via their private

Facebook group. With every story you read, you'll be transforming the lives of disaster-hit families around the world. Join their Facebook group where you will get to vote on the next shortlist of 3 books – *chosen by their Head Bookworm*. Take part in the online discussions held on the Book Club Facebook Group.

Receive regular news and updates on how your membership is helping the lives of disaster hit families. Join up at <https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/book-club/sign-up/>

4) There has been a request to Rotary from the **Homeless Hub in Wollongong** to make face masks for their rough sleepers. There are other homeless hubs in our district and other organisations that might benefit from Rotarians sewing these face masks. It is important, though, to note that **these masks will not prevent the wearer from catching a virus** as the gaps in the mask still allow air with virus particles to be inhaled. However, the masks will, if the wearer has a viral infection, minimise the amount of droplets containing the virus to be expelled into the air thus protecting the community to a certain extent. For instructions on how to make these masks please check:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B CJcE-r7kcg&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0qM6DxNyNrbTnVKQfZtL8wN9rpwY-b5tLLxA0ZvfXWOGfVbGGRGJG3ODUk>

5) DG Dianne has news about the **Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF)**. This is Australia's primary aerospace and aviation forum hosted for students in grades 10 to 12. Hosted by the Australian Youth Aerospace Association (AYAA) the event engages 60 of Australia's brightest high school students.

The Australian Youth Aerospace Association (AYAA) is a not-for-profit organisation run by student volunteers. This event will take place in December 2020 provided government restrictions have been relaxed by that time. Please read the attached prospectus if your club is interested in sponsoring.

6) **Sue Clarke as Community Awareness Director** from the membership team has correlated an extensive list of projects from the District and the relevant contact person in each Club. Should people want further information or wish to undertake a similar project please contact Sue. See the attachment for the information of Club members and please note it has been uploaded to the District website. The list is to assist Clubs to raise their profile in the community with a selection of proven projects.

Sue has done a wonderful job gathering the information and we hope there is more to come. Clubs may contact Sue Clark at e: ballyclark@bigpond.com or 0402 818 075 or Rae-Anne m: 0411 054 119 or e: raeanne_medforth@worksight.com.au should you wish to have your projects showcased on the list.

7) **Michael McQueen** has published his latest free newsletter addressing 2 very relevant topics. One is how smart leaders are maintaining momentum right now and the second addresses AI's (Artificial Intelligence) role in finding a COVID-19 cure. You can read more at Michael McQueen Newsletter michael@thenexgengroup.com. He also includes a link to Bill Gates TED talk from 2015 which outlines his predictions in 2015 of a possible pandemic.