

# Quo Vadimus

## *Where are we going?*

The Bulletin of the Rotary of Macarthur Sunrise, District 9675

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

### **From the President**

Good morning Sunrisers, this is my last bulletin as President and it is with mixed emotions I share with you.

Some of us joined the virtual District 9675 changeover on Sunday. Great to see our special friend Warwick Richardson being sworn in as our District 9675 District Governor for 2020 2021.

It's so hard to bring news when we are in a very different life style, but my message to all members of Macarthur Sunrise Rotary...thank you for your support, your help, your presence, and most of all your commitment.

Hope to catch up with you all on Wednesday 8th July at Studley Park. Stay sane and stay safe,

It's great to be a Rotarian.

### **President Liz**



## **LETTER FROM PASKALI**

Dear All at Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise,

Greetings from the school of St Jude. We hope you and your loved ones are being safe and healthy at this time.

With everything that has been going in the world and the few cases of the COVID -19 in Tanzania the government had closed down all the schools and universities but after three months and decrease in cases, the government announced all universities and colleges to resume classes as of June 1. Currently Paskali and his peers are back in university and starting up their second semester.

We thought it would be nice if you would get to hear from Paskali and how he was doing during the lockdown and have further insight through his personal reflection. Kindly find both attached.

Our Beyond St Jude's team has been and still is keeping in regular contact with our scholars to make sure they are back in university and have settled well while providing advice, and counselling where needed. All scholars are also in continuous contact through our Alumni network, where they are being informed about the preventative measures they can take against the spread of COVID-19 especially now that they are back in



university.

Despite the challenge of having to stay and home and forgoing classes for nearly three months most of our scholars and interns used this time to educate their families and communities on how to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**If you have not seen the video already, you can watch them in action here!**

Warm Regards,

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# SCHOOL OF ST JUDE

**Subject: The Sydney Morning Herald Digital Edition: Subject, artist bridge 11,000km gap to salute school**

This article is from the June 22 issue of The Sydney Morning Herald Digital Edition.

They may be 11,000 kilometres apart, but the Australian founder of an African school for the disadvantaged has made a big impression on the artist painting her portrait.

Working from her Melbourne studio, Anna Minardo has been conducting sittings by Zoom video with Gemma Sisia, the founder of a free school for the poor in Tanzania. In six sessions over two months, Ms Minardo has crafted an image of Ms Sisia with three students, the initial enrolment when The School of St Jude opened in the city of Arusha in 2002.

Minardo, who has painted portraits of Pope John Paul II and Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, and whose image of satirist Bryan Dawe was an Archibald prize finalist, prefers subjects sit for her at her studio at Windsor, in Melbourne's inner south.

While that's not possible with Ms Sisia, Minardo says the video link, along with their hour-long talks, have conveyed not just Ms Sisia's features, but her spirit. "I admire the fact that she's so young and so determined," Minardo said.

Many people saw poverty in Africa, thought 'Oh, those poor people' then return home and forget about it, but Ms Sisia, starting with little money, built a school.

Minardo said: "I admire her determination, love and dedication to create something that everyone would say is impossible."



The artist plans to enter the oil on linen piece in the Archibald prize and the Darling prize and hopes it draws attention to Ms Sisia's "fabulous" school, which is suffering due to COVID-19.

Schools in Tanzania closed on March 18 and St Jude's pupils don't have internet at home. Ms Sisia said St Jude staff had been dropping off and collecting class work and also delivering thousands of COVID-19 family care packages for students and staff, some of whom are six hours away by car.

Ms Sisia said St Jude's had lost income from Australian sponsors, who had suffered during the pandemic.

Ms Sisia was keeping in touch with supporters via video and trying to stay positive.

Ms Sisia, who hadn't had her portrait painted before, said it felt strange and it was "hard to sit still" during the sitting.

She was surprised Minardo "would think me a worthy person to paint".

She hoped the portrait "raises more awareness for the school and becomes a legacy of everything we have done here".

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Beth Michie	Wedding Anniversary	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Rebecca Purcell	Birthday	12 <sup>th</sup> July
Liz Stonestreet	Birthday	25 <sup>th</sup> July
Tanyia Harris	Birthday	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Di Blyth	Birthday	29 <sup>th</sup> July

## 2020/2021 BOARD

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# CALENDAR 2020

We are back to meeting at Sugar Mint Café in person, but if need be you can still Zoom into our meetings. Just give us a call and we can set this up for you.

## JULY

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Macarthur Sunrise Change Over at Camden Golf Club
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café

## AUGUST

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café

Rotary online meeting list  
<https://bit.ly/OnlineRotaryMeetingsDatabase>

*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.*

**Information to be included in the newsletter must be received by 5pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month before the meeting. Please send to [sharonc3012@icloud.com](mailto:sharonc3012@icloud.com)**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF DISTRICT 9675

1. Many people have asked for information on what other clubs in the district are doing for mental health issues. Attached is a copy of the pocket size card that is being distributed through clubs, pubs, pharmacies, doctors' surgeries and the like in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven area to give people ready access to information on where to go for help for such things as mental health issues, help with addiction to alcohol and other drugs, aboriginal services, help with gambling problems, homelessness, domestic violence and others. This is an initiative of the Illawarra Rotary Clubs which received a District Grant to produce these pamphlets. The phone numbers relate to Illawarra agencies but there is no reason why other clubs could not produce a pamphlet related to their area.

2. Please read the attached article for another interesting project from the Rotary Clubs of West Wollongong. They used funds to support a local restaurant while providing top quality meals for local hospital staff as a way of saying thank you.

3. Please update your club membership on the District Website <https://www.rotarydistrict9675.org/> If you update the district website this will automatically go onto the RI database. There are only two clubs that haven't linked to the RI website so they will need to update both on the RI website and the District website. Both RI and District will be sending out club invoices in July based on your membership on 1<sup>st</sup> July. If you don't want to pay for members who have left your club please update now.

4. Even though COVID-19 has stopped travel throughout Australia, the District Governors of Australia would like you to consider, that when you are able to travel again, to plan some time to volunteer at the Purple House in Alice Springs. Please read the attachment for more information.

5. There has been a request for new blankets for refugees and asylum seekers for this winter. There are drop off points throughout our district (see attachment). This is a different project for clubs to get behind. Many clubs are currently looking for service projects in the community. Perhaps the Rotarians in our district can buy a blanket. The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia have said they are in great need of blankets that can cover a bed (rather than throw blankets).

6. As you would be aware we are approaching the beginning of our Centenary and we are honoured to have the Governor General and Mrs Hurley as joint ambassadors for the Centenary and for the Centenary Project Rotary Give Every Child a Future (RGECAF). This is the video that our Ambassadors have provided

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9dtxm0zhefuagy3/AADMxLENKKxjrsCuw-PY8dmNa?dl=0>

You are invited to join Rotarians across Australia on 10th July for virtual fellowship, as well as meet the R100 Centenary Ambassadors, the Governor General and Mrs Hurley, as they launch the national centenary campaign. You will witness the "Passing the Baton" ceremony. The baton that will carry the symbols of our centenary and will travel far and wide across Rotary clubs and Districts. Please see the attachment for more information.

7. **NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)** has announced that the closing date for applications has been extended to 20 July 2020. Even though conditions related to Covid-19 in Australia seem to be improving, NYSF will continue to monitor the situation. NYSF has a range of Covid-19 specific risk management and contingency plans ready as required and will keep giving updates throughout the coming months as to whether NYSF 2021 will be going ahead as planned. For more information please visit the NYSF website. <https://www.nysf.edu.au/what-we-do/how-to-apply/>