

Quo Vadimus

Where are we going?

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From the President

Good morning Sunrisers and welcome to week 45, how time is flying.

I trust you are all well and coping in these highly unusual times. Last week we were pleased to have Greg Warren MP along to keep us updated on what is happening locally and in NSW. There is scope for us to apply for further grants when funds become available for distribution.

It has been interesting to join in with other clubs' Zoom meetings to hear some excellent speakers. Cronulla Rotary have Stephanie Woollard from Seven Women as their guest speaker next week on Tuesday at 6.30pm. If anyone would like to join please let me know and I'll send you the link.

There are some very interesting articles available on District 9675 website and I suggest you take a look and no doubt you'll find something suitable.

Don't forget to consider nominations for PHF recognitions and send to Barbara by the end of May.

President Liz



ROTARY MONTH OF MAY

By Erika Emerick, RI programs and promotions specialist

Youth Service Month is a special time in Rotary. Throughout the month of May, members of Rotary clubs, Rotaract, Interact, and those involved in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Youth Exchange celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun.

The outbreak of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, may alter the way we observe Youth Service Month this year. But it need not dampen our enthusiasm, excitement, and gratitude for these programs and the volunteers who make them possible. Here are four ways you can safely celebrate:

1. Serve. Make the month special by identifying needs in your community, and getting creative with ways to meet them within the safety of local shelter in place guidelines. This could include sewing masks for essential workers, collecting and distributing supplies for shut-ins, or creating a phone chain to offer a message of encouragement to seniors who are isolated and alone. [Check out this list of projects](#) being conducted by Rotary clubs around the world for inspiration.



2. Stay Connected. Schedule an online meeting with your sponsor Rotary club, or with program participants and alumni. Recognize past accomplishments and discuss ways to work together in the future to strengthen participation. Visit the [Meeting Online](#) learning topic to find and share resources, join discussions, and ask for expert advice about creating online meeting spaces.

3. Unite behind a fundraiser. Empower Rotary's response to the pandemic by donating to the [Disaster Response Fund](#). Grants from this fund are already providing hospitals in Belgium, Croatia, and Italy with lifesaving ventilators; and equipping frontline healthcare workers with personal protective equipment in Korea, Nigeria, the Philippines, Spain, and the United States. In India, disaster response grants are providing disinfectant sprayers, beds, and mattresses for healthcare facilities.

4. Set and achieve goals. Take this month to focus on initiatives that will help your club earn this year's [Rotary Citation](#).

MONTH OF MAY - CONTINUED

Brainstorm sustainable service projects, ways to increase giving to The Rotary Foundation, and build awareness of Rotary in your community. Young people are looking for a way to make a difference. Show them how Rotary equips them to do so, especially in this time of crisis. And watch your membership grow.

Share how you're celebrating Rotary's Youth Service Month on social media with #RotaryYouthService.

ROTARY'S Areas of Focus



The Four Way Test
Rotary



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anne Drenth	Birthday	6 th May
Peter Whitford	Joined	7 th May
Peter & Doris Whitford	Wedding Anniversary	10 th May
Peter Whitford	Birthday	19 th May
Wendy Underwood	Joined 1998	20 th May
Denys Cato	Birthday	21 st May
Shaun Cook	Birthday	22 nd May
Simone Warren	Birthday	25 th May

2019/2020 BOARD

President: Liz Stonestreet
 Secretary: Denise Pritchard
 Treasurer: Di Blyth
 IPP: Bec Purcell
 Directors: Barbara Edwards
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DG: Di North
 AG: John Pillay
 International Pres: Mark Daniel Maloney

CALENDAR 2020

MAY	
Wed 13 th	Zoom Meeting
Wed 20 th	Zoom Meeting Invitation to join Gregory Hills Next Gen via Zoom, speaker Brad Hannagan – Lifeline CEO - 7pm
Wed 27 th	Zoom Meeting
Wed 27 th	Zoom Meeting
JUNE	
Wed 3 rd	Zoom Meeting
Wed 10 th	
Wed 17 th	
Wed 24 th	

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.

QUOTE

IN THE CLASHES BETWEEN IGNORANCE AND INTELLIGENCE, IGNORANCE IS GENERALLY THE AGGRESSOR.

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Paul Harris

Information to be included in the newsletter must be received by 5pm on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month before the meeting. Please send to sharonc3012@icloud.com

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF DISTRICT 9675

Newsletter 11/5/2020 - Janice M Hall

1) **The Give Every Child a Future** (GECAF) committee has developed the concept of an e-card for Mother's Day. Donors can download the card, email it off to wherever they wish, and make a donation to the centenary Pacific immunisation project in the name of the mothers in their lives. Please go to https://everychildafuture.com/mothers_day_2020.html.

All the nine global grants supporting this GECAF project have been approved. The government had promised money but with the bushfire crisis and now the Covid-19 crisis that money is no longer available. Five of the grants have been fully funded with the government funding gap being made up principally by additional DDF commitments. To fully fund the remaining four grants they currently need an additional USD 130k in DDF or USD 190k in cash. Donations from individuals and clubs is still being sought. Please consider an e-card for Mothers Day. Please read the GECAF attachment for more information.

3) During these trying times, the long-lasting partnership between **Rotary and ShelterBox** remains important. Please see the attachment for an important message from our General Secretary and CEO John Hewko.

4) **PDG Barry Antees** has included the latest news on **ShelterBox**. Read about their critical response in areas of conflict in the attachment. You can also view videos on how shelter is more important now with the threat of coronavirus. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_BQ18pMztcAYkXUsMnCQQ

5) Please don't forget our '**End Polio Now**' campaign. A reminder from **PDG Sue Hayward**

You, like me, may have read of an increase in wild polio cases recently. In 2018, we were so close, with just 33 cases in the world. 2019 saw 163 cases, but now the numbers could rapidly increase with UNICEF stating that "one in five children or 10 million children under the age of five risk missing their polio vaccination" – because of COVID-19.

I realise that many of our fundraising activities have had to be put on hold but, for clubs who have funds, please remember The Rotary Foundation's 'End Polio Now' campaign when distributing your money towards the end of the Rotary year. COVID-19 has shown us the power of a virus, when it is unchecked. Our efforts to eradicate polio have never been more important. Can you help 10 million children?

Use this link to see how our Polio teams are helping with COVID-19. <https://www.endpolio.org/polio-eradication-staff-support-covid-19-response>

6) **The Rotary Club of Corrimal** is concerned about International students at Wollongong University as they are not receiving any financial support. As of last Sunday, 315 students had received hampers and home cooked meals. If you wish to support with donations of food or money, please read the attachment for more information and contact Yvette Murada ymurada@live.com.au or Gerri Wood gerriwood265@gmail.com

7) **DGE Warwick Richardson** is proud to announce that a committee has been established to assist him with the Centenary project for the district - **District 9675 Centenary Committee (D9675CC0)**

The Purpose of D9675CC is to have a structure that will assist the District Governor with the final phase of R100. The purpose of the committee will be to

- Raise awareness and engagement with all clubs on Centenary celebrations/activities and inspire a call to action across the district
- Accelerate engagement more broadly with other stakeholders internal and external and raise funds for project
- Be the conduit for dissemination of information and linking with federation of R100 Centenary teams
- Raise the profile of Rotary through media partners and publicity campaigns as provided by the National committee

For more information contact President Barbara Ward of The Rotary Club of Sydney: barbara.ward01@bigpond.com and for more information see the attachment.



"The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox provides a place of refuge for vulnerable people to stay as healthy as possible.

When it comes to fighting a pandemic, the most vulnerable need our protection – or everyone is at risk. As emergency shelter experts, ShelterBox has a vitally important part to play in the global response to Covid-19."

~John Hewko, General Secretary,
Rotary International