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# BRUCE'S BULLETIN

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WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS  
(AMONG LOTS OF OTHER THINGS)

*Diamond Creek Rotary Tram Cafe*

*Safe Families program*

*Interact news*

*Sustaining the Environment - our challenge*



## BRUCE'S COLUMN

*Written by District Governor Bruce Anderson*

Welcome to the last DG's Newsletter for 2021 Rotary Year with less than one month to go to round out our year with the theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities". At the time of writing (June 1st) we are back in COVID lockdown, hopefully temporarily only, and getting ready for club changeovers, and District Changeover. For District Changeover at Wangaratta (lunch event (11:30am for noon) on Sunday June 27th at the Gateway Hotel) please book now via TryBooking on the following link: District 9790 Changeover Luncheon 2021: <https://bit.ly/3z7XU7d>

Please don't leave it to the last minute to book – if we have to cap the numbers because of COVID limitations you may miss out! We need you to book by June 17th.



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## Calendar of events

Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Club of Broadmeadows 15th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner	Northern Golf Club, Glenroy Road, Glenroy	Tuesday 15th June, 2021 at 6.30 pm	Bookings: Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776
District 9790 Changeover Lunch	The Gateway, Wangaratta	Sunday 27 June 2021 from 11.30 am	Try booking on: <a href="https://bit.ly/3z7XU7d">https://bit.ly/3z7XU7d</a>
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp	TBA	Sunday, 21 November to Saturday, 27 November 2021	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, Email <a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a>

## District/club deadlines

Grant applications for 'Supporting the Environment'	Projects will be accepted from 1 July 2021	Phil Clancy on <a href="mailto:philip.clancy1@gmail.com">philip.clancy1@gmail.com</a> or 0428 834 162
Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations	30 June 2021	2020-21 Club Presidents
National Youth Science Forum (NYSEF)	2 July 2021 for completing the online application Calendar	Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618, <a href="mailto:nigelligins@bigpond.com">nigelligins@bigpond.com</a>

## June 2021 Rotary Fellowships Month





## District Governor's page

**For club changeovers** the “G Train” (Bruce, Anne, David and Neta) are dividing up the invitations, more or less geographically, as they arrive from clubs. At last count we have the changeover event details for 45 clubs and have confirmed attendance by at least one of us for 26 club changeovers.

**Rotary International Convention:** The International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will be a virtual event. For more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention, and **to register, please visit:** <https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>.

**The latest membership figures** I have from Rotary International show we have 1534 members as of May 31st, exactly the same as we started with on July 1st last year. Given the year we have had with COVID it is extraordinary that we have held our ground on membership – **well done to Membership Chair Ruth Byers and her team**, membership directors in all our clubs, and Rotarians who introduced friends and colleagues to Rotary! With a few inductions over changeover season we could end up ahead on the year which would be a great outcome.

**Marilyn’s “Partner’s Project”** in association with the **Olga Tennyson Autism Research Centre** at La Trobe University (OTARC) is raising funds to bring the capacity for early detection of Autism out into the regions. As we near the end of the Rotary year clubs can make **contributions to the Partner’s Project directly to the District Fund Account BSB 633 000 Account 140 378 365**. Please specify the funds are for the Partner’s Project.

If you have not yet heard **the Rotary song** composed by AG Stephen O’Connell and performed by Stephen, Lachlan McIntyre, Mica Torre and the Rotary Club of Albury North Voices, please go to the link shown below, and feel free to share the link with friends.

<https://youtu.be/oNhUhsh-Gx4>

As this is **my last DG’s Newsletter**. I wish to thank everyone in D9790 for giving me the opportunity to be your DG and encourage you to **get behind incoming DG Anne** and her team as we all move forward in Rotary to **“Serve to Change Lives”**.

Stay safe!

DG Bruce, June 1st, 2021





## **Important Message regarding the International Convention**



### **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

**Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the 2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities which will take place from 12 through 16 June 2021.**

**The registration fee is \$65.**

**You can also join us early at a preconvention, 10-11 June, for Intercountry Committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers. Each preconvention will cost an additional \$20.**

**The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and preconventions are open to all Rotary members and participants and include access to the virtual House of Friendship.**

**Don't forget to visit the convention event page on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and program highlights!**

**REGISTER TODAY**

**For more information, go to <https://convention.rotary.org/en>**

## District Changeover

**Book now for District Changeover on  
Sunday June 27 2021 in Wangaratta!**

**Lunch event (11:30am for noon) at the Gateway  
Hotel, Wangaratta**

Book here: <https://bit.ly/3z7XU7d>



**Past DG Philip Clancy has issued another challenge to all Rotarians in District 9790 to participate in the 2021 Waggle Dance Challenge.**

The idea is to produce a short video (60 to 90 seconds) of how you interrupt the Bee Waggle Dance. You can dress up, be part a group or however you wish to celebrate the dance of the bee.

More information and a short introduction video by Costa Georgiadis (ABC's Gardening Australia TV Program) can be viewed at Join the Global Waggle Dance Challenge – World Bee Day (Australia):

<https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/waggle/>

Video clips can be uploaded via the above When Foundation site and there are plans to promote later in 2021.

**If you are interested and require further information and/or assistance please  
contact Ian Dempsey:**

**[dempsey@big.pond.com](mailto:dempsey@big.pond.com) or mobile telephone: 0419 890 015**





## **SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT our 7th Area of Focus**

**Sustaining the Environment, our challenge.**

Over this past year many clubs have planned and started more Environmental programs following discussions within their AG groups and with members of ESRAG and our District Supporting the Environment team. What has become more evident is that there is a wealth of information and willing support available both within Rotary and our communities.

There are so many ways that we and our Rotary Clubs can work towards a sustainable Environment but we may have to curb our personal ways to ensure a better future for nature and the overall environment. Not only must we clean up the problems that we have caused but also revive the sustainability of the many creatures that share this planet. This is not just about the birds and bees but the toll we are taking on the food stocks that we devour.

The selection of marine life that we see as a healthy food option is not always sustainable for the future. A valuable guide is the Australian Sustainable Seafood Guide ([goodfish.org.au](http://goodfish.org.au)); this advises us that many choices on our local fish shop menu are not sustainable. An example is farmed salmon where it takes 2 kg of fish based protein fed to salmon to produce 1kg of salmon.

Foxes and both domestic and feral cats are destroying our native birds, reptiles and small mammals, many home owners still fail to prevent their cats leaving their premises. Many native insects are considered as pests whereas they are vital in a balanced environment. These along with birds are nature's recyclers and decomposers.

We need to be aware of our energy consumption not just in everyday life but with the growing problem associated with the increasing information and Mega data stored in the cloud and in large computer systems. These require increasing power to keep up with the demand.

Shire Councils need to designate remnant bushland as Public Open Space when dealing with developers. Then it will be retained instead of it being pulled out for more housing.

Gardeners need to be careful not to plant weedy invasive plants such as Agapanthus and Gazania that cause vast numbers of seed to escape the gardens and infest bushland and creeks.

Phil Clancy

D9790 Supporting the Environment Coordinator



# **Rotary Club of Broadmeadows**

## **15th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner**

### **Guest Speaker: Frank Vincent AO, retired Judge**



**Tuesday 15th June, 2021**  
**Northern Golf Club,**  
**Glenroy Road, Glenroy**  
**6.30 for 7.00 pm,**  
**\$45 pp**

***Lawyers would would enter courts just to hear him speak – firstly as a barrister in murder trials, then as a Supreme Court justice”. John Silvester, The Age***

FRANK Vincent has dealt with more crooks and murderers than he cares to think about.

But when it comes to Christmas cards, the retiring Supreme Court judge says the best one came from a "client", the notorious Mark "Chopper" Read

Frank Hollis Rivers Vincent - who formally ended his career in criminal law yesterday when he reluctantly retired from the Court of Appeal - was once dubbed "Mr Murder".

He represented the accused in more than 200 murder trials before his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1985, where he presided over dozens more. When you add the number of convicted murderers who have pleaded their case to him during his 16 years as chairman of the Parole Board, it's a sobering tally.

As a judge, he sentenced four killers to life imprisonment with no possibility of release.

When young Frank began studying law at Melbourne University, his parents - then living in Tasmania - moved back to Melbourne and lived with him in an army hut at Camp Pell, the old US military camp at Royal Park.

Eventually the family moved to a Housing Commission property in Glenroy.

Justice Vincent, a Bulldogs supporter, also retired as chancellor of Victoria University but will retain an interest there. He will also stay involved with groups including Western Chances, which operates a scholarship scheme for disadvantaged youth.

**Rotarians, Partners & Friends welcome.**

**Bookings: Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776**

**Payment: BSB: 063-135 Acct: 00800260 Book Now!**



## Safe Families - Stopping Abuse in Families Everywhere



Rotary Melbourne has been part of City of Melbourne's fabric for 100 Years. Back in early 1920's history, Rotary Melbourne wrote of their awareness of the vulnerability of young people especially females.

From the Father and Son meetings held annually in the early 1920's, Rotary Melbourne commenced Father and Daughter lunch meetings in the late 1920's. Rotary Melbourne have been advocates for "respectful relationships" for 100 years. We created our Rotary Melbourne Pledge in 2016 that Rotarians would not condone violence or abuse in any form, which has lead to the 2019 creation of Rotary SAFE Families. We have been advocates for 100 years.

**OUR MISSION:** Prevent family violence to Women, Men, Children, and our Elders. We promote Family peace and harmony to save lives and avoid trauma.

**OUR VISION:** We play a leading role in reducing family violence at all levels in our community. **OUR VALUES:** Passion, understanding, and rightfulness (commitment / justice).

**Rotary Club of Lavington has become an Ambassador Club for Rotary Club of Melbourne's Safe Families program** and hope to promote it throughout the district 9790 clubs and into NSW Rotary district 3790.

Rotary SAFE Families has become a significant tool for a national "collective voice" to reinforce our powerful messages, rather than a single voice in stopping family violence in our communities.

It is an initiative of Rotary Melbourne and acknowledged as a Rotary 100 Year Centenary project, and supported by Rotary Australia Foundation.

'Rotary SAFE Families' was established over three years ago to help stop all forms of family violence by addressing its underlying causes. It has evolved into a national program with valuable resources and tools including images and short films to assist every Rotarian in every part of Australia to play their part in stopping abuse in families everywhere.

Now, with an active website and the Rotary Ambassador Club Program in place, Rotary Clubs around Australia are signing up to promote the program's powerful messages to their communities, we must – all of us – take some responsibility for stopping abuse in Australia by:

- **Recognising the signs**
- **Raising our concerns whenever they arise**
- **Referring to the right agency for support.**

Rotary Australia has 1,100 Clubs, 30,000 Rotarians around the country. We are inviting every Club to become aware of our responsibility to our children and grandchildren to change our culture and foster "respectful" relationships with our friends and family. Just like in 1985, the Traffic Accident Commission used the slogan: "If you drink and drive ... you are a bloody idiot". Yes, it took years for their message to sink in and Rotary SAFE Families is anticipating years of commitment to make a difference in the horrific statistics of family violence including elder abuse.

Rotary SAFE Families says: "Abuse is NOT the Norm!" Together, we can "Stop Abuse in Families Everywhere!" Family abuse is a "taboo" subject. We must start the conversations with family and friends to demystify and be part of the collective voice that change can happen if we take steps to make that change.

**If you would like to know more about how you, your organisation, your Club can be part of this campaign contact:**

- **Dorothy Gilmour:** [info@rotarysafefamilies.org.au](mailto:info@rotarysafefamilies.org.au)  
or
- **Rotary Club of Lavington:** [lavington@rotary9790.org.au](mailto:lavington@rotary9790.org.au)  
or
- **RC Lavington's Pete Lee:** [petjam42@gmail.com](mailto:petjam42@gmail.com) (or ph: 0409 956 251 or 02 6056 4090).

**Check out the SAFE Families website for free use of films, promotions etc:** [www.rotarysafefamilies.org.au](http://www.rotarysafefamilies.org.au)



## The Rotary Tram Cafe in Diamond Creek

Nestled amongst the trees up on the hill in the new Regional Playspace in Diamond Creek is the Diamond Creek Rotary Tram Café. Now open for seven months, the tram has become a popular destination for local families visiting the playground, walkers and runners along the Diamond Creek Trail and those who have ventured from further afield looking for a different experience.

The Tram Café is run by the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek and it is the largest ongoing project that the club has ever run.

So how did this project come to fruition?

In May 2018, the Victorian State Government announced they that would be giving Victorians the opportunity to acquire one of 134 Retired W Class Trams. Schools, community groups, not for profit organisations and other public institutions were invited to submit an Expression of Interest in order to acquire one.

The Rotary Club of Diamond Creek was approached by the Diamond Creek CFA and the Diamond Creek Men's Shed to put in a joint submission to acquire one for Diamond Creek. A small group of members from each organisation worked closely with the Nillumbik Shire Council to do this.

In September 2018, the successful applicants were announced and we were proud to be deemed as the best successful application from the 1500 which were submitted.

Whilst still supportive of the project, the Diamond Creek CFA and the Diamond Creek Men's Shed stepped back from the project and it became owned solely by the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek.

On 13 June 2019, the project really came to life with Tram 812 being delivered to Diamond Creek after being in storage at the Newport depot for approximately twenty years. With much work and extremely generous donations from local businesses and the community, the tram has been restored and refurbished to its former glory, and is now surrounded by a huge deck and pergola.





## The Rotary Tram Cafe in Diamond Creek



It opened for business as a café on 31 October 2020 and has been going strong ever since. Most of the Diamond Creek Rotary members have now completed their Food Handling Certificates and are volunteering at the Tram Café. Two baristas are employed by the café but the remainder of the work is all done by the volunteers. One of the regular volunteers, Georgia Vincent, granddaughter of PP Arthur Lewin, has commented that volunteering at the Tram has given her much needed confidence and skills that she did not have previously.



Araluen, a disability support service in Diamond Creek, run the café three days a week. This is a wonderful training opportunity for their clients to gain hospitality and customer service skills. Local community groups and other Rotary Clubs are invited to participate in running the café on weekends for an opportunity to share in the profits.

To date, all groups that have volunteered have earned a minimum of \$500 for their day's work – a nice bonus to their fundraising coffers. We have been delighted to see the Rotary Club of Bundoora and Diamond Valley & Gateway Rotaract Clubs volunteer along with a wide range of community group with diverse purposes, including the Diamond Valley Lions Club, Wharonga Pre School and Plenty Valley FM who broadcasted from the Tram on their volunteer day.



**If your Rotary Club would be interested in participating, please contact:**  
[tramvolunteers@diamondcreekrotary.org.au](mailto:tramvolunteers@diamondcreekrotary.org.au) or  
 contact **Diamond Creek Rotary** and we will point you in the right direction. You can look forward to a fun and lucrative day!



Kerry Jones  
 Rotary Club of Diamond Creek

### **Note from the editor:**

*In the May edition we published some information about the Diamond Creek Tram Cafe project which contained some inaccurate information regarding the ownership and development of the project. For that we sincerely apologise and commend you to the superb article above which will give you the actual background to this magnificent Diamond Creek Rotary project.*

## **"MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH"**

The Rotary Club of Lavington in 2020 decided to participate as the Rotary 100 project. The Peace Pole Project started by The Rotary club of Canberra Burley Griffin. We enquired with the local Murray high school and they were keen to participate with the plan and a pole was ordered to be in place before World Peace day in September. Covid slowed those plans but we are proud to announce the Peace Pole at Murray High school in Lavington was officially dedicated on the 26th April 2021. It has 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' in four languages, Nepalese, Swahili, Wiradjuri, and English.

*Our young make up 20% of our population. They also make up 100% of our future. Let us give them Peace as our centenary gift from Rotary.*

*The Peace Pole program had its beginnings in 1955. You can now find Peace Poles in close to 200 countries and more than 200,000 have been placed around the World. Our aim is to distribute 100 Peace Poles for 100 years of Rotary sponsored by 100 Rotary Clubs, with each pole will be numbered 1 to 100.*

*Peace Poles are planted with the Universal Peace Message "May Peace Prevail on Earth". They symbolise our common wish for a World at Peace. They stand as a silent vigil for peace reminding us to think and act in the spirit of Peace. The Peace message is written in four languages, one panel on each side of the Peace Pole.*

*The words of the Chinese Philosopher Laozi were used by the Rotary International President Herb Brown in 1995/96 as part of his theme and at this dedication.*



**"If there is to be Peace in the World, there must be Peace Between Nations. If there is to be Peace between nations there must be Peace Between Cities. If there must be Peace Between Cities, there must be Peace Between Neighbours. If there must be Peace Between Neighbours, there must be Peace in the home. If there must be in the home, there must be Peace in the heart."**



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANSFIELD PRESENTS

# HOMELAND STORY

*Saving Country*

A film by Glenda Hambly

Q&A with guest appearance  
by  
Director Glenda Hambly  
and Producer Damien  
Guyula

Join us for our  
special screening at  
Mansfield PAC,  
View St Mansfield.

Thursday  
17 June 2021

6:30pm

**Tickets: \$30**

All funds raised go to the Rotary supported Local Community projects

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BPZCK>**





## Youth News

### Interact



### Montmorency Interact (Monty)

The College Green team concerned with environmental issues has combined with the Interact Club for a Tree propagation and planting event at Edendale farm on 24 May. Nillumbik Council and Rotary Eltham sponsor this event. Twenty students plus staff from each of Montmorency and St Helena Secondary Colleges will attend this inaugural event.

The Interact Club is funding the construction of an outdoor chess set for the College Chess club in the courtyard.

Members will also be assisting with a dinner dance run by the Rotary Eltham on 12 August to raise more funds for the Club's International project in Nepal. All funds raised will go towards the fit out of the Educational training hall for teachers nearing completion in and outer Kathmandu suburb.

An Interact/VCAL Camp to Corryong for Fire recovery support for 4 days in mid-August is also in the planning stages.

Ian Toohill

### Youth Programs Contacts

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**National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)** – Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618, [nigelliggins@bigpond.com](mailto:nigelliggins@bigpond.com)

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**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** – Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, Email [info@ryla9790.org.au](mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au)

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**Rotex** – Contact Rotex by email [rotex9790@gmail.com](mailto:rotex9790@gmail.com)

**Rotary Builds a Play Ground** – David Earle, Email – [davide124@gmail.com](mailto:davide124@gmail.com)

**Ian Murphy Memorial Debate** – Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618, Email: [nigelliggins@bigpond.com](mailto:nigelliggins@bigpond.com)

If you would like further information please contact **Linda Gidlund** on **0418 173 279** or [lleegidlund@gmail.com](mailto:lleegidlund@gmail.com)



# Youth News

## Interact



### Aitken College Interact Club 2021 Report

So far this year, the Aitken College Interact Club has created a focus regarding what we want to have achieved by the end of 2021, and that is: Sustainable Service within our Community.

We began the year using assemblies and bulletin notices to promote our information session, which was a way for potential volunteers to learn more about Interact and Rotary, introduce them to the structure of the club, what they would be doing as members, and how this helps our local (and the wider) community. We had a large number of people attend that information session, and when - in the first meeting - students were asked to officially sign up, we gained 36 members. The following week students were given the chance to volunteer for board committee positions, and we voted for our preferred board members using ballot sheets, and soon a total of 8 board members were elected.

In term one, our first event was in correlation with Clean Up Australia, which greatly tied together with our aim. On Friday 5 March, 12 Interact volunteers – along with our staff advisor, Ms Neophytou, and environmental teacher, Mr Ganci – cleaned up around our school's creek as it had a large amount of litter around it, along with the surrounding area. Our purpose was to create long-lasting change in our environment and encourage others to clean up their local area as well.

Recently, 10 Interact members volunteered to sell ANZAC badges, key chains and wristbands to staff and students from Prep – Year 12, to help support ANZAC funds, spread awareness about the meaning behind ANZAC day and the reason why we donate to ANZAC organisations.

The Aitken College Interact Club continue to have lunchtime meetings every first Friday of the school month, which so far have had strong attendance and engagement. Our membership acknowledgement presentation will occur mid-May, where the students will receive their certificates and badges in recognition of their membership status.

We have had many ideas for upcoming events such as; investigating how much carbon dioxide each individual at Aitken emits and the amount of corresponding trees required to plant in order to compensate for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the growing, harvesting, and selling of poppies to commemorate remembrance day, the education of the effect of water pollution, participation in RUOK day, and more.

As a club, we are grateful for what we have accomplished already and look forward to what we will accomplish this year and beyond.

Josie Crisara OAM



# Youth News

## Rotary Youth Exchange Report - 2019-20 Highlights

### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE: RESILIENCE AMIDST A PANDEMIC

During the 2019-20 Rotary year, the coronavirus pandemic affected Rotary International and the Rotary Youth Exchange program in unprecedented ways. In early 2020, within just the first few months of the pandemic, thousands of students, families, and Rotary volunteers made the difficult but necessary decision to end exchanges early and return students home. For some students remaining in their host countries was the safer choice – whether due to travel restrictions, health concerns, or at the discretion of their parents or guardians. In both situations, students received support from their sponsor district upon their arrival and from their host districts until they could safely return.

Despite the many unforeseen challenges the pandemic posed, the Rotary Youth Exchange community remained strong, turning each challenge into opportunity. During stay-at-home orders, students recorded videos of encouragement to share with one another and their communities. Rotary volunteers stayed in contact with students whose exchanges were cut short, finding new ways to support them through the abrupt transition of returning home earlier than expected. Some districts began exploring and developing virtual exchanges, providing students with an opportunity to connect with other cultures through web and meaningful online experiences.

The 2019-20 year unlike any other, but it reminded us of what we've always been known to be true. The Rotary Youth Exchange community is resilient and capable of overcoming any challenge. Thanks to the dedication of Rotary members, eight students, and passionate volunteers, we will come through this together and stronger than ever.

It's important to realize that this is not the first time that international exchange programs have been challenged by an international crisis, and most study abroad programs have historically rebounded very quickly. In the 2014-15 year, COVID-19 may close some doors temporarily, but we know that with any challenge comes great opportunity.

A crisis could provide a chance for clubs and districts to strengthen their programs and to find new, innovative ways to engage young people with Rotary. There is no doubt the program will come out of this challenge even stronger.

— James Anthony "Tony" Black, 2019-2020 Director



### ENDING AN EXCHANGE EARLY

#### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE COMPLETION RATE

Participating districts reported that **306** long-term exchanges ended early in 2019-20, or 24% of the total number of exchanges. This figure does not include early returns due to the pandemic, which are discussed in another section.



#### REASONS FOR ENDING AN EXCHANGE EARLY

Excluding early returns related to the pandemic, bottom three reasons (the most frequent) reasons given for students returning early from their exchanges. These are the reasons districts cited for early returns.

Early Return Reasons	Number
Academic issues	89
Homelessness	78
Physical health	23
Mental health	23
Problems with host family	20
Problems at school	17
Student requirements in host country	6
Break-off fee	4
Problems with host club	3
Other	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>



# Youth News

## Rotary Youth Exchange Report - 2019-20 Highlights

**HOST FAMILY STORY: WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HOST TWO GENERATIONS OF ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

The general host families find that their students are a great mix of fun and serious. As a member of the "Family" Mentors Team, I host two students of Rotary 7000. I have been hosting many 40-hour students over the course of my Rotary involvement, and have had a truly special hosting experience.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

According to Rotary International's 2012 Member and Participant Experience Feedback survey:

- 88% of host families are able to contact with at least one or more of their former students
- More than half of host families choose to host in order to expose themselves and their children to other cultures, to learn others, and build an understanding of the world
- Host families want to:
  - "Get locally while thinking globally"
  - "Get to know people from all over the world"
  - "Share (their) culture"
- 78% of host families would promote the program to family, friends, and colleagues

The survey was sent to 70,000 people. Of the respondents, 2,100 identified themselves as current or former host parents.

**LONG-TERM EXCHANGES BY COUNTRY OR TERRITORY**

HOST COUNTRY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	HOST COUNTRY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
United States	1,112	10%	Czech Republic	44	1%
Brazil	672	11%	Spain	41	1%
France	669	8%	Hungary	39	<1%
Germany	664	8%	New Zealand	38	<1%
Japan	583	3%	Bolivia	31	<1%
Argentina	234	4%	Norway	31	<1%
Italy	233	4%	Sweden	30	<1%
Belgium	208	3%	Paraguay	28	<1%
Australia	188	3%	Russia	23	<1%
Canada	184	3%	Indonesia	20	<1%
Spain	170	3%	Turkey	13	<1%
Denmark	141	2%	Romania	19	<1%
Switzerland	138	2%	South Africa	18	<1%
Chile	131	2%	Croatia	11	<1%
Spain	128	2%	Lithuania	12	<1%
Ireland	109	2%	Philippines	8	<1%
Thailand	100	2%	Zimbabwe	4	<1%
India	91	2%	Iceland	3	<1%
Colombia	84	2%	Portugal	2	<1%
Switzerland	81	1%	Austria	2	<1%
Peru	73	1%	Spain and Hong Kong	1	<1%
Netherlands	66	1%	Poland	1	<1%
Austria	64	1%	Norway	1	<1%
Sweden	48	1%	Uganda	1	<1%
Poland	47	1%	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,899</b>	<b>100%</b>

The table shows the number and percentage of long-term exchanges hosted by country or territory, organized from largest to smallest.

# BARRELS INVENTED FOR WINE, REINVENTED FOR WHISKY.

A Rotary Australia Centenary Project.

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## STARWARD TOASTS ROTARY'S CENTENARY.

Starward are pleased to be joining Rotary Australasia to celebrate their 100th anniversary as part of Rotary International, with a special Starward Single Barrel release.

Starward Single Barrels are the truest expression of our whisky style. Highlighting our premium Australian red wine barrels, the nuances of oak and of course, the maturation that is truly unique to Melbourne. These barrels are a special, one off display of these characteristics and all that makes Starward.

We worked closely with the Rotary Club of Strathmore (D9790) to find the best barrels to mark the Centenary. Three single hogshead barrels were chosen to perfectly celebrate the momentous occasion, each to be released separately over the coming months.

The first barrel release is special, as it amongst the last remaining barrels produced at our first distillery in Essendon. Released this December 2020 exclusively to Rotary Australia, this single malt whisky was fresh filled and matured in a red wine barrel from the Barossa Valley and finished in a charred American hogshead. Unique to Starward as this barrel was matured for a total of four and a half years in barrel, whereas most of our barrels are bottled at three and a half years.

### TASTING NOTES

- COLOUR** Jarrah with a cherry red hue.
- AROMA** Tropical fruit with pineapple, mango and toffee.
- FLAVOUR** Fruity with soft bread and caramel, balanced by the charred oak.
- FINISH** Long soft finish with delicate tannins from the barrel.

### ABOUT STARWARD

Just like our hometown, Melbourne Australia, our Starward whiskies are versatile and a little different. We craft from local ingredients and mature in barrels from the famed Australian wine industry to make the epitome of a distinctly Australian spirit. Awarded and lauded the world over. We champion a new way of thinking, crafting and experiencing. Of course, we're still whisky but it is whisky done different.

Limited to 400 bottles from this barrel, is one to collect and enjoy. Priced at \$175 per bottle, including postage and handling via the Starward webstore. To place your orders go to [starward.com.au/rotary100](http://starward.com.au/rotary100)



## CALENDAR

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**JUNE 2021**

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Service above self

- ✓ Golf Day supporting Mental Health
- ✓ Ride to Conference supporting Indigenous Scholarships (ARH)
- ✓ Ruth Konig Walk
- ✓ Rotary Showcase
- ✓ Koala preservation
- ✓ Environmental Projects
- ✓ High Profile Guest Speakers
- ✓ Celebratory Dinner on Saturday



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