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# BRUCE'S BULLETIN

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WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS  
(AMONG LOTS OF OTHER THINGS)

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## BRUCE'S COLUMN

Written by District Governor Bruce Anderson

Welcome to the first DG's Newsletter for 2021 Rotary Year with less than five months to go to round out our year with the theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities". At the time of writing (February 13) Victorians are back in lockdown because of another COVID-19 outbreak with associated inconveniences such as the cancellation of the Youth Exchange weekend at Ovens and the Diamond Valley Rotaract Changeover on Monday along with many club activities and events. In the December issue I wrote that I hoped there would be no "third" wave of infections ahead of us, but now we have it with us. We hope the authorities get on top of the latest outbreak before it puts our District Conference in Wangaratta in jeopardy. (continued on page 4)



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## Calendar of events

Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
District Conference (page 5)	Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre,	18-21 March 2021	<a href="http://www.rotary9790.org.au">www.rotary9790.org.au</a>
RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) 2021 (page 16)	Lake Nillahcootie Camp, 3937 Midland Highway, Barjarg between Benalla and Mansfield about 15 km south of Swanpool.	26-28 March 2021	Malcolm Watt, 0439 158 274 or <a href="mailto:watt.malc@gmail.com">watt.malc@gmail.com</a>
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	TBA	21-27 November 2021	<a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a>
Multi-district Interact Conference	By Zoom, -hold the date	Sunday 30 May 2021 12.30-4.40 pm	Linda Gidlund, 0418 173 279 or <a href="mailto:lleegidlund@gmail.com">lleegidlund@gmail.com</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

## February 2021 Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



## District Governor's page

Our **District Conference Committee** is pushing ahead hoping for a big, live party in Wangaratta next month but now becoming concerned that COVID-19 might foil us once again. More details on the Conference appear later in this newsletter and **we will be monitoring the COVID-19 situation carefully** and give everyone as much notice as possible if we have to cancel the conference because of safety concerns.

**Marilyn and I managed a few "road trips"** to do some live DG visits to clubs in between lockdowns as a welcome change from DG visits by Zoom. We are still hoping to visit clubs "live" for special events including the 60th Anniversary for the Rotary Club of Preston on March 3rd, the opening of the Numurkah Rotary Art Show on March 5th and the Rotary Club of Kyabram 60th Anniversary on March 27th if lockdowns do not get in the way. **Our R100 Baton has been to Cobram, Mansfield, Nathalia, and Broadmeadows twice**, with the last Broadmeadows visit being a combined meeting with Strathmore and Craigieburn.

In the last newsletter I advised receipt of **various banners and certificates from The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** for donations in the last Rotary Year. A few were delivered in person between lockdowns but if it becomes too difficult to schedule live presentations, I will mail the items.

I have been advised by TRF that we have **several members within sight of achieving Tier 1 Major Donor recognition** and some existing Tier 1 Major Donors close to achieving Tier 2 Major Donor status. With five weeks to go to District Conference there is still time to top up contributions to TRF and to be honoured at the Foundation Cocktail Reception. Apart from the recognition factor, TRF really needs more money to continue doing good in the world.

**A special thanks to all clubs and members who organised activities and events with their local communities on Australia Day**, especially those who were successful in grants from the Australia Day Council to run bigger and better events jointly with neighbouring clubs. From the Club Newsletter I see we had great visibility of Rotary within our communities – well done!

The four Victorian-based Districts have organised a **Multi-District Conference "Virtual Victoria"** to be conducted for two hours on each of **Saturday May 1st and Sunday May 2nd** and I have agreed that D9790 will participate actively. "Virtual Victoria" will be a great opportunity to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Victoria and is open to all members, free of charge, and **I urge you to "save the dates"**. Registration details will be available soon and will be circulated.

**From the archives: I have a set of cassette tapes from the District Conference in 1987 held in Wagga Wagga.**

Speakers include then DG Len Gorman, Vocational Service Chair Gordon Milne (DG 1991-92), PDG Keppel Turnour, PolioPlus Chair PDG Eric van Leeuwen, Youth Exchange Chair Neville Cann (DG 94-95), and Glen Kinross (future Rotary International President) amongst others. The Community Service session was presented by Paul Smarrelli, still an active member at Preston.

Anyone looking for some nostalgic entertainment is welcome to borrow the cassettes. The resolution session might give some insights into the issues of the day!

**Stay safe! DG Bruce February 13, 2021**



## District Governor visits post 2020 lockdown

DG Bruce visited Cobram on 25 November, the first road trip after lockdown. He then did DG visits to Mansfield and Craigieburn in early December followed by the Broadmeadows "changeover" on 15 December. The Broady photo has Charlie Grech with the baton. Sadly Charlie's funeral was on Friday 12 February. Broady did a Zoom changeover in the middle of the year but wanted a live changeover after the lockdown. Bruce flew back from Tassie (at his own expense) for the Broady gig and is really glad that he did and that he also got the photo of Charlie!



Images (clockwise from the top): Cobam Rotary Club, Craigieburn Rotary Club, Mansfield Rotary Club and the Broadmeadows "changeover" with the late Charlie Grech holding the baton. Images courtesy of Bruce Anderson

## REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!!

NOTE: the COVID-19 situation is being closely monitored and the conference will not occur if the current COVID outbreak is not under control.

COVID-19 CAPACITY OF VENUE 374  
SEATS SOLD (at 12th February) 273

### SEATS STILL AVAILABLE 101

- Once these 123 seats are sold there are no more.
- A Club Runner advice will be sent when all seats are sold.
- We will run a Wait List after this for 20 only to be allocated if any cancellations occur.
- There are no One Day tickets & no onsite registrations.
- Book via the District website link or direct on Try Booking.

*If you have already booked you can go back onto the booking site and book your optional events. Capacity limits may apply so book now.*

### STOP PRESS – SPORTS NIGHT DINNER

Our Guest Speaker is Commonwealth Games Gold medallist, Tokyo bound 20 km race walker Jemima Montag.

Book now on the website/Try Booking



## Important Message from RI President Holger Knaack regarding the International Convention

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Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends,

By now we have sadly grown accustomed to hearing of the need to shift major public events to being held virtually rather than face to face. Unfortunately, the Rotary Board of Directors was compelled to again make the difficult decision to celebrate this year's International Convention as a virtual event. While this may not be an unexpected decision, it is still a deeply disappointing one – for us and for our friends in Taiwan who have been planning an exceptional event. I want to thank the Host Committee for the admirable job they did building support for what surely would have been one of Rotary's finest events.

We had hoped that a combination of vaccine uptake and public health measures would have brought the COVID-19 pandemic under control. We all know that in many parts of the world the pandemic is still raging and we must maintain our vigilance and patience before resuming major public gatherings. Taiwan has done an admirable job managing the pandemic – and local Rotarians were still eager to host and celebrate with us. Under the guidance of the World Health Organization and the local public health organization in Taiwan, it became clear that an event of this scale would be impossible to host safely.

While we are disappointed that we could not have a traditional convention, we are excited about the virtual event being planned for all Rotarians worldwide. Last year's convention attracted significant viewership during its weeklong program. This year, we will channel all we have learned about staging the very best in virtual events into a program that promises to open new opportunities for you to be entertained, enlightened and energized. We will share more details about the 2021 Virtual Convention soon.

#### Convention, pre-convention, and ticket refunds

We will automatically cancel and refund all existing registrations. This includes purchases made for the Rotaract and Youth Exchange and the Intercountry Committees pre-convention events, and ticketed meal events. We kindly ask that you do not contact RI Registration to inquire about your registration, ticket, or housing cancellations as we work diligently to inform all attendees and process cancellations and refunds. For those who had already canceled prior to today, you will also receive a refund of the \$50 processing fee.

#### Host Organization Committee (HOC) ticketed event registrations

The HOC event ticket fees will be refunded by the Taipei HOC. For more information, please visit [rotarytaipei2021.org](http://rotarytaipei2021.org).

#### Hotel rooms

If you have secured accommodations within Rotary's official housing block, no action will be required on your end. Maritz, Rotary's official housing partner, will contact you with the details of your cancellation.

If you have secured a group room block and made a full or partial payment, you will receive a follow-up communication and instructions on receiving a refund.

I want to thank all Rotarians and Rotaractors around the world for your understanding and your continued willingness to learn and adapt. We are becoming a stronger, more nimble organization because of this, and our Virtual Convention will be a reflection of this new Rotary.

Please be safe and take care of each other.

Kindest regards,

Holger Knaack  
President, Rotary International, 2020-21

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## Australia Day community brunch and Merri Creek walk

**On Tuesday 26th January 2021 the Rotary Clubs of Coburg, Ivanhoe, Moreland and Pascoe Vale combined to organise an Australia Day Community Event at Jones Park, East Brunswick. Ivon Lofts tells us how well it went despite the wet weather**

The Australia Day Council provided funding of \$20,000.00 for this free community event which had to be spent within the local community, using local businesses and entertainers with any unspent money had to be returned to the Australia Day Council.

Unfortunately the weather was not conducive to holding an outdoor event it being a drizzly morning. The number of attendees was lower than anticipated because of the weather but the eighty odd who attended were most enthusiastic despite this .

The event was held in a COVID safe way with social distancing being observed and hand sanitiser was available. In order to record the number attending bookings were made on line at Trybooking, although the event was free. Approximately eighty people attended the event

Representatives from the participating clubs started arriving at Jones Park from about 7.30am to setup for the Merri Creek and Community Brunch, which was scheduled to commence at 9.30am.

On arrival the attendees received a complimentary recyclable hand made bag that contained a keep coffee cup for the free coffee, a reusable drink bottle and information on Rotary projects. The emphasis being on Rotary's new area of focus...Support for the Environment.

Whilst drinking the complimentary coffee you could also enjoy an egg and bacon roll prepared by the Pascoe Vale team. For those who preferred something sweeter there was a selection of muffins or delicious fruit.



## Australia Day community brunch and Merri Creek walk



Whilst enjoying brunch you could listen to musical entertainment played by local performers Anna and Cam Struth and Peny Bohan.

A member of the Russian Orthodox Church, which is opposite Jones Park, gave a guided tour of the Church. It was most interesting to hear of the history of the Church and to view its interior.

At approximately 9.45am the Merri Creek Walk commenced lead by David Redfearn (Moreland) who has had a long association with the Friends of Merri Creek and the Merri Creek Management Committee and other bodies involved with the restoration of the creek and the environs. David also presented a brief history of the First Nations people who lived and hunted along the banks of the creek.

At the conclusion of the walk each person was presented with a native plant to plant in his or her garden.

The organising committee are particularly proud to have sourced all products and services from local suppliers; Banner Lady, Boomerang Bags Leopold and Queenscliff Community groups, Bread Wise Ivanhoe, Brunswick IGA, Cammaroto Poultry Coburg, Coburg Printworks, Derby's Bakehouse Pascoe Vale, Food Works East Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe Cakes Ivanhoe, Johnson and Rielly Mitre 10 Niddrie, Melbourne Sound Systems, Mounts Pharmacy Ivanhoe, Peppertree place native plants, Ritchies IGA Pentridge, Russian Orthodox Cathedral and The Fruit Shop Ivanhoe Plaza.

A special thank you to AG Emma Davis who lead the project with support from representatives from each of the participating clubs.

Those who attended had an enjoyable morning and all came away knowing a little more about the history of the Merri Creek and its environs.

**Ivon Lofts, Coburg Rotary Club**

## Australia Day Festival in Southern Mitchell

The National Australia Day Committee grant helped two clubs in Cluster 4 provide very successful events despite the weather trying to dampen things. The Rotary Clubs of Alexandra and Southern Mitchell benefited from the NADC initiative and were able to invite the Rotarians and the public to hear about Rotary's 100th year in Australia and New Zealand.



### AG Cluster 4, Elizabeth McCormick

Southern Mitchell held the Australia Day Festival at Broadford on behalf of the Shire and with generous support from the Bendigo Bank and with The Broadford Lions Breakfast to start the day. After heavy sunrise rain it cleared up and we started on time. Huge local publicity meant a constant stream of families and by the end at 3pm over 1,100 people had passed the Marshalls' check point. Normally only a quarter of that number attend.

Families enjoyed free childrens' rides and activities. Local food vendors ran out of food, sporting and community clubs received many new membership requests, local businesses sold their products and most of all we were able to talk to our community about Rotary.

Our Facebook page has been well liked. A full page article in the local paper also explained how our Club and Rotary all over Australia supports those in need with various projects. The R100 event was broadcast via a large donated screen.

It is hard to put into words the vibrant positive atmosphere everyone felt. You could hear people saying how good it is to be out again in our community. Rotary was very proud to be the organising heavy lifters and we are working hard to retain this interest and show Rotary to our community.



## Australia Day breakfast and luncheon in Alexandra

Despite the dark rainy morning Rotarians and Alexandra Events people arrived early at Rotary Park to set up breakfast, fencing, check in tables, music and flags. Lions and Rotary had purchased the breakfast food and hoped someone would come to eat it. At 8 am Alexandra locals and others arrived and we finished with a good crowd of about 100. In between showers Rotarian MC Bruce Hyatt welcomed everyone and introduced Cr Damien Gallagher, Council Representative Stu Coller and Liberal Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish.

The flag was raised and the Alexandra Brass Band played. A Citizen of the Year award was presented to Elise Anderson. The children's races were hurriedly run at the end.



We were happy to retire to the Alexandra RSL hall where our luncheon celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia was held. Rotarians and partners, 28 in all, enjoyed the livestreamed ceremony. We also invited two members of other service clubs. Members were very interested in the speech by Holger Knaack, other presentations and the musical entertainment. It was a great occasion of fellowship and celebration. Much has been achieved in the last 100 years and our services are still very much needed here and overseas.

The inspiration we received will enthuse us for the next 12 months.



## Local Police Awards in Deniliquin

There are things to note here.

Firstly, a local club running its own police award to recognise a local officer who has made a great contribution to his/her local community. Many clubs already do this and it is pleasing to see that Deniliquin has now jumped on board.

Congratulations to Senior Constable Joice and to Deniliquin Rotary Club!

Secondly, Deniliquin Rotary effectively using its local newspaper, in this case the Pastoral Times, to tell the community a story about Rotary's great work in the local community.

Many clubs across the district already do this and it can be one of many great ways to build your club's profile in the local community especially in rural and regional areas. The next page features another good local Rotary story in the Shepparton News

Pastoral Times, Deniliquin, NSW, 5 February 2021



■ Det Insp Jy Brown, Peter and Sam Joice, Rotary District 9790 assistant governor and Deniliquin Rotarian Martin Wilmshurst and Det Supt Paul Smith.

# Rotary honours police

Senior Constable Peter Joice is the first Deniliquin Police officer to receive Rotary's Peter Tansley Memorial Award.

The award pays tribute to Mr Tansley, who was a long standing Victorian Police officer and a Briton.

This is the first year the award has been extended to acknowledge members of the NSW Police Force.

Deniliquin Rotarian Ian McAloney said Sgt Const Joice was chosen for the award as Deniliquin's Police Officer of the Year because of his "exceptional contributions" to Deniliquin.

Sgt Const Joice joined the force in 1989 and his first posting was to general duties at the Deniliquin Police Station.

It was while working here he met his wife Sam, which has led him to spend his entire career at Deniliquin.

During the year Sgt Const Joice has worked in the Murray District All Theft Squad and Criminal Investigations Unit, which included a specific assignment for Strike Force Endeavour, investigating the triple murders of Steven and Barbara Brooks and Barbara's 13 year-old son, Steve Willoughby.

In 2018, Sgt Const Joice joined the Crime Management Unit, where he doubled in investigator and local management, and currently works within the Crime Prevention Unit and serves as licensing officer and crime prevention officer.

Sgt Const Joice said it is rare for a police officer to spend their entire career at one station.

"With Senior Constable Ross Currie and

Sergeant Jon Choise now retired, I believe I am the longest serving police officer at the Deniliquin station, and all my service has been here in Deniliquin," he said.

"My longevity is because it is a good community — it's big enough that you have what you need, and small enough that it's not like the cities, I really think this place is which we live is a best kept secret.

"Part of the reason I am still here is because I married a local woman, but also I think 'why would you want to leave'."

"We have a community that respects the police and each other."

Sgt Const Joice thanked Deniliquin Rotary for noticing and recognising the commitment in his work.

"Rotary, like many organisations here, look to make this a better place to live, and that's exactly what our role as police officers is too.

"Groups like this are testament to why we have such a good community."

Sgt Const Joice received his award at Monday's Rotary meeting.

It was presented by Edward River Council Mayor Norm Brennan.

Murray River Police District Commander Det Supt Paul Smith and Deniliquin officer in charge Det Insp Jy Brown were also special guests at the presentation.

Sgt Const Joice now goes on to contest the Rotary District 9790 Police Officer of the Year Award.

## A haircut for a great cause

At the peak of the pandemic lockdowns William Neave, the youngest member of the Rotary Club of Tatura, decided, after five years of growing a luxuriant crop of hair to do something positive for himself and the community by raising funds for kids with cancer and alopecia and by donating his crop for making real wigs for patients undergoing medical treatments that cause hair loss.

The Rotary Club enthusiastically adopted Will's project after a very disappointing year of event cancellations and postponements. In December 2020 more than twenty members and guests supported Will at a dinner in the Middle Pub, followed by a public hair chopping event in the beer garden. Removing hair for wigs is not a simple process and strict guidelines had to be followed to plait the hair into neat braided strands before being chopped. Will ascended the stage and the big chop was assisted by several attendants. These included his mother Cheree and grandmother Carol, who are fellow Tatura Rotarians and expert hair braiders. After the braided strands were tied off three stylish young men from the SkySalon in Vaughan Street, Shepparton, flew into action and carefully removed the strands and created a new, very stylish Will.

Although he was proud of his long hair, Will said this event marks an end to a dark period of anxiety and depression in his life and he intends to move on to much better times.

The Rotary club of Tatura is right behind Will in this great initiative. A web page has been set up to receive donations. At last count William's Great Hair Chop event has raised almost \$1500. You can add to this by donating through the following Web page address. <https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/williamneave/hair-with-heart>.

**Bill Purcell**  
Publicity officer  
Rotary Club of Tatura

**Good-Will with a haircut for great cause**  
*Shepparton News 22 December 2020*

By Maddy Fogarty

Tatura's William Neave cut and donated his hair to charity, to make wigs for kids suffering from cancer, alopecia and other illnesses, at the Tatura Hotel on Wednesday evening.

Will's locks, which he had been growing since 2015, along with the \$1165 he raised in a fortnight, will be donated to NSW organisation Variety — Hair with Heart.

The chop also marked the start of a new chapter in Will's life, celebrating his recovery from severe anxiety and depression.

"This is the last thing connecting me to when I was in that really bad stage of my life," he said.

"I'm hopefully about to start a new job, I'm about to get my licence and I'm losing weight, this is sort of the last thing that connects me to that old chapter.

"I've never felt like I had the best looks, but I've always had better hair than even some of the girls.

"So, I thought why not give someone else the happiness it brought me for all those years."

Shepparton's Sky Salon Hairdressers cut Will's hair in front of his proud mother and grandmother, Cheree and Carol Neave, and the Tatura Rotary Club, who donated about \$200 on the night.

With the salon providing its service free of charge, Cheree and Carol presented the staff with a box of shortbread as a thank you.

• Donations are still open. To donate, visit [hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/williamneave](https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/williamneave)

Hair to help: Will Neave donated his hair to charity on Wednesday evening to make wigs for children with cancer, alopecia and other illnesses that cause them to lose hair. Inset: Will with his proud mother Cheree (left) and grandmother Carol (right)

## Youth Exchange Reflection

### Thoughts of a Past Exchange Student. Kênia Vieira Schmitt is feeling blessed.

This is a photo of one of the best years of my life, one that saw many of my bucket list items crossed off, and many new items added in. I am so very thankful to Rotary, and especially to the Rotary Club of Wodonga West, Lyn and Howard Butterworth, Clive, Garry, Brian and to so many other great people I met along the way. You gave me the opportunity of coming to this beautiful country, which I now call home. You helped shape my world views, set my life goals and allowed me to aspire to be a part of the change I believe the world needs, which ultimately led me back to Australia.



Anyone who has children should really consider learning more about Rotary's Youth Exchange Program - it is life changing and a great opportunity for personal and professional growth. It allows teenagers to see the world through different eyes, to learn to embrace differences and learn from them and be appreciative of different cultures.

National Reconciliation Week is coming to an end tomorrow and I thought this was an opportunity to reflect on it. This trip - Rock to Reef Safari - gave me the opportunity to observe the stark contrast between the Outback and the East Coast (in several levels: service delivery, support services, living standards, employment opportunities, access to resources, and so many others). This week many experts and activists spoke about creating a more equitable future that saw more opportunities created for indigenous people, and that includes addressing those social-economic disparities.

That day I also realised the importance of creating platforms/spaces that allowed for dialogue and knowledge exchange between different cultures. We were told that earlier in that year Uluru had been close for climbers, which made some people very disappointed. Reflecting on it, I wish we had had the opportunity to hear from the rangers and/or the elders about their connection with Uluru before we were sent on our way to walk around it. If instead of focusing on what people should not do, there were opportunities to learn about cultural values, there would have been a greater chance of turning each one of us into a multiplier of those ideas, instead of creating a divide between cultures, it was an opportunity to build bridges. I'll take that lesson with me, along of many others from that wonderful year.



# 10 REASONS TO PUT YOUR HAND UP FOR ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE



## 1. THE PROGRAM

Gold Standard program fully supported – no other program can compare!

## 2. THE VALUE

Over \$30,000 in scholarship funding including one year's education with full board and allowance with minimal contribution of less than \$10,000.

## 3. THE FAMILIES

Two to Four families all selected and checked by Rotary.

## 4. THE NETWORK

No other program can provide a network of exchange students from all over the world like Rotary Youth Exchange. From the moment you are accepted you have past and present students with you every step of the way.

## 5. THE BLAZER

The ultimate in exchange wear!!

## 6. THE MEMORIES

Your exchange does not finish when you return home. You can join ROTEX and continue to contribute to your community and grow leadership skills.

## 7. THE SUPPORT

RYPEN, RYLA, ROTEX, Mentor, Counsellor, Outbound Co-ordinator – we provide it all.

## 8. THE EXPERIENCE

No other program offers the opportunity for a group tour of their region – be it Europe, the Amazon or Lapland. A memorable tour with around 30-40 other Rotary exchange students.

## 9. THE LEGACY

It is not a year in a lifetime – it is a lifetime in a year.

## 10. THE PREPARATION

Two orientation weekends to prepare both students and parents for exchange, plus a return weekend to prepare for school and life beyond exchange.

Brazil ✦ Canada ✦ Czech Republic/Slovakia ✦ Denmark ✦ France  
Finland ✦ Hungary ✦ Japan ✦ Germany ✦ Italy ✦ Netherlands  
Norway ✦ Poland ✦ Spain ✦ Switzerland ✦ Taiwan and more

For more information contact Bruce McIntyre [bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com](mailto:bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com)

## Interact

### The Interact Multi-District Conference is being held on Sunday, 30 May 2021.

The comprehensive program aims at skill development and making meaningful connections.

The program outline is:

- Planning projects, the how and why of these including visioning behind the project and time lines needed for projects to be undertaken,
- Presentations by students of their projects undertaken,
- Public speaking workshop,
- Guest speaker,
- And presentations by students.

The Interact Multi-District Conference Committee meeting is meeting monthly. **Contact Linda Gidlund, Rotary Diamond Creek, [llegidlund@gmail.com](mailto:llegidlund@gmail.com)**



The Interact Club of Alexandria members in Egypt are truly people of action. Watch their video: <https://bit.ly/3jJ0vgd> (Image: rotary.org).

## Rotaract

For Diamond Valley Rotaract, we are pleased to have recently inducted three new members, bringing us to six active members, and an additional three inactive members, including friends of Rotaract.

We had our first in person social in January and are resuming in person meetings with an option for Zoom attendance given the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Our aim for the remainder of the Rotaract year is to focus on smaller, hands on projects while we continue to grow membership numbers.

We are grateful for the support we have received from our sponsor Rotary Clubs and Rotarians over the past year while we've been navigating lockdown, especially their attendance at our online meetings. **If any Rotarians from the district are interested in attending a meeting, please contact us via [diamondvalley@rotaract.org.au](mailto:diamondvalley@rotaract.org.au)**

At a district level, it is pleasing that there is interest in other clubs starting, and we hope to support these to increase the profile of Rotaract in District 9790.

We are particularly proud of the fact that we have been able to make a video to promote Rotaract, in particular our club. It is a great showcase of our club and our achievements and hope this will help us to continue to grow as a club.

Here is the link to the video:

[https://1drv.ms/u/s!Auk0Y-k1WpKdqHW60mz0DyiT\\_2j3?e=fQZRsn](https://1drv.ms/u/s!Auk0Y-k1WpKdqHW60mz0DyiT_2j3?e=fQZRsn)

**Rigan Tytherleigh and Rachael Peck, Co-presidents, Diamond Valley Rotaract & District 9790 Rotaract Representatives**

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District 9790



RYPEN

APPLY NOW FOR 2021



## Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

A weekend that focuses on developing the skills and ideas of young people such as communication, problem solving, conflict resolution, teamwork, initiative and leadership fundamentals. The program is designed for students in years 9 and 10 that have the opportunity to be tomorrow's leaders but who may just need that little extra confidence or an opportunity to hone their personal skills. If this sounds like someone you know please contact the RYPEN Chair Malcolm Watt.  
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An exciting conclusion of last year was presenting the \$9025 partner project cheque to Headspace Albury-Wodonga. This money was raised through the generous contributions of clubs through the 2019-2020 Rotary year with PDG Brain Peters. With the partners project being run through Rotex, we believed that our district and our communities would all benefit from the help and assistance that Headspace offers to young adults that struggle or associate with mental health issues.

Our donation has specifically been allocated to two headspace mental health projects. Firstly, a new up-and-coming project- The Headspace Van/Bus. This new Initiative would be a 'clinic on wheels' which will go to schools, workplaces and community events to promote, educate and support the community through mental health challenges. The vehicle would have all the relative brochures and information, as well as a qualified mental health worker. This would service the Albury and Wodonga area, and potentially the greater districts in the future. The other half of the money is to go towards community mental health first aid training. This has the power to have a continuous impact the community as more and more people become aware of the early warning signs associated with mental health.

We would like to take this time to say thank you to all the clubs that supported us through the partners project, and to Katina at Headspace Albury- Wodonga for making this process as easy as possible.

If anyone has any questions regarding this partners project or for Rotex in general, feel free to **email: [Rotex9790@gmail.com](mailto:Rotex9790@gmail.com)**.

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## Calendar

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

### February 2021

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

7-11 February – International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

### March 2021

Water and Sanitation Month

8-14 March – World Rotaract Week

31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

### April 2021

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

### May 2021

Youth Service Month

### June 2021

Rotary Fellowships Month

11-12 June – Rotaract Preconvention, Taipei, Taiwan

11-12 June – Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention, Taipei, Taiwan

12-16 June – Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

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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.

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