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# OUR DISTRICT, OUR VOICE

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## Anne's column

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNE REID

Hello Fellow Rotarians

One of RI President Shekhar Mehtar's goals was to embrace change. With the Covid lockdown, it is an opportunity to find a way to still serve our local community with new service projects. Also we all need to embrace the use of Zoom; it is an ideal time to maybe have a social function instead of running a normal meeting. This is giving us a way of staying in touch when lockdowns prevent us from having the personal contact. On one of my Zoom DG visits, the club was absolutely bubbling with laughter about the successful Trivia Night they had held a few days before.

Another area we need to be thinking about is mental health. This is particularly critical at this time and I am encouraging clubs to become involved with the program, Mental Health First Aid. This program will help all Rotarians to be able to recognise when someone needs help and the appropriate to use. I am promoting this as my 'partner's program'. Please consider working together with the club's in your cluster to run a course (There will be more on this in the October edition).

We all need to keep in mind that when we leave a club meeting, we need to feel that we have had a good time. Fun and fellowship is a critical part of retaining our members.

Regardless of circumstances, we need to keep in mind to show respect and kindness at all times.

*"Kindness improves our quality of life in the workplace as well as in the community. It brings people together. Doing good for others feels good. Showing kindness to others is just as rewarding as receiving it from someone else."*

Remember to follow the four way test in aspects of your lives.

Cheers.

Anne Reid  
District Governor 2021-22



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# Rotary Citations

Rotary International has advised that fourteen (14) clubs from D9790 achieved the Rotary Citation, the most significant award clubs can achieve, for 2020 – 2021.

The letter from RI included the following: “During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, these clubs demonstrated a commitment to achieve their goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future”.

The successful clubs, their AGs and 2020-2021 Presidents are as follows:-

Group	Club	President
1 – Judy Sharp	Eltham	Frank Lynch
2 – Emma Davis	Heidelberg Ivanhoe Moreland Pascoe Vale Preston Strathmore	Noel Sturgeon Phil Lacy David Redfearn Pat Solibakke Peter Gilbert Helen Lusher
3- Kaye Gauci	Broadmeadows Sunbury	Judy Ellis Fred Reinking
7 – Melissa Hebbard	Appin Park Wangaratta Milawa Oxley	George Dimopoulos Sarah Ford
8 – Martin Wilmshurst	Numurkah	Jennifer Roger
10 – Stephen O’Connell	Albury West Holbrook	Peter Loudon Margaret Geddes, Jenny Kane, Jen Parer

As District Governor for D9790 in 2020-2021 I offer my congratulations to all concerned,

Immediate Past District Governor Bruce Anderson





## **DISTRICT 9790 VOCATIONAL SERVICE AT WORK**

### **Mock Student Interviews - Rotary Club OF YEA**

**For over thirty years the RC of Yea has organized and conducted annual Mock Interviews with students from Yea High School - this valuable program is regarded as one of the signature events on the Vocational calendar. This year the interviews were conducted with support from the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network and local employers.**

The student cohort included ages from 14- 18, with a range of maturity levels and work readiness, but many valuable conversations took place in the interviews. In many instances the students expressed nervousness (some interviews were conducted with pairs of students to allay their nerves!) but afterwards they indicated their appreciation for the guidance and wisdom of the interviewers.

The Rotarians enjoyed meeting and conversing with the young people and helping them prepare for their future. The Rotarians extensive vocational networking also enabled some students to connect with professional mentors and consider offers of work experience following the interview sessions.

It was impressed upon the students many times that meeting and greeting with community members such as Rotarians and partners could lead to many future opportunities. In these unprecedented school years, the importance of the readiness and willingness of Rotarians and partners to listen and provide wise counsel to students should never be underestimated!

Julie Lynch  
Rotary Club of Yea



*The two Rotarians in the photo are Penny Paxman (left) and Marj Hamilton.*

**If your club has a great Vocational Service project to share, please send a summary, with one or two photos, to our Vocational Service Director, Lorraine Greenwood**  
**Email: [l.greenwood53@bigpond.com](mailto:l.greenwood53@bigpond.com)**

## **Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award**



**The Peter Toomey Memorial Community Police Officer of the Year Award goes to an outstanding Victorian or NSW Police Officer in District 9790 who has demonstrated service above self in his or her community.**

It is a way of encouraging local police officers to become more greatly involved in their local community. Do you know a police officer who has done an outstanding job in your local community? Have you ever recognised the work of this officer? If so, please put them forward for an award (see page 22 for the deadline for nominations).

For further information, please give Coordinator David Redfearn a call on 0448 852 747 or send an email: [dredfearn@vtown.com.au](mailto:dredfearn@vtown.com.au)

ZONE 8 ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM

# Introduction to Public Image



 26 September 2021

 12 noon - 1pm AEST

*With:*

**Sarita McLean**  
Rotary Public Image Coordinator

**[Register now](#)**

This year the Zone 8 Public Image team is offering a number of free training seminars, open to anyone with an interest in Public Image. The first session is scheduled for Sunday 26 September 2021, 12 noon - 1pm AEST.

Facilitated by Zone 8 Public Image Chair, PDG Sarita McLean, the Introduction to Public Image session will provide an overview of the Rotary brand and key resources such as the People of Action campaign and the Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines. Participants will be empowered to become Rotary brand ambassadors.

**Click here to register: <https://forms.bedrocksolutions.co.nz>**



## DISTRICT 9790 ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

### Water for Wildlife Part 2 - building a drinking station

**Hello koala lovers! In our last newsletter, you will have seen our plan to create and install Water for Wildlife drinking stations throughout District 9790, before the hot weather arrives this summer. The article included a sample water station; this article shows you our latest version, including how it was made.**



We created this drinking station using 90mm PVC pipe and a few fittings. The length of the pipe, which is the height of the drinking station, can vary depending on where you want to install it, how often you plan to replenish the water supply and the weather conditions. We recommend a minimum height of 1m.

If you need help to cut the pipe or construct your water station, consider asking other Rotarians, family members, friends or your local Men's Shed. Some hardware stores may be able to cut it for you as well.

Next month we will include suggestions for painting your water stations to either blend in to the environment or stand out and make a statement!

See below the for guidelines for placing the water stations on Crown Land in Victoria and a link to the mapping sysyem.

Any questions please email me at [l.greenwood53@bigpond.com](mailto:l.greenwood53@bigpond.com) or call 0434 867 663.

Lorraine Greenwood  
District Koala Project Coordinator



### Installing on Crown Land

*The project appears to be one that the [Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning \(DELWP\)](#) would most likely support. DELWP will need to provide consent for the usage of Crown land for each drinking station installation on a case-by-case basis.*

*For DELWP to provide consent for each of the proposed installation sites, it would need the site locations to be identified on a plan/s. These can be produced and then return via email to the LandAdmin email: [landadmin.hume@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:landadmin.hume@delwp.vic.gov.au)*

*DELWP's website has a mapping system (Mapshare Vic) available to the public for use in locating and identifying Crown land including reserves, and its current usage (tenures, leases) and reservation information. The mapping system also provides the ability to produce custom plans (in the form of a PDF) and the marking of locations and/or polygons on these plans.*

*<https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/mapsharevic/>*

*To use MapshareVic to identify Crown land:*

- Select the 'Public Land' Layer Theme
- Unselect the 'Public Land and Reserves' Layer
- Select the 'CrownParcel' Layer
- Use the layer list on the left as a legend
- You can also right click on the a parcel and choose 'Identify' to find specific information

*To draw or place a marking on the plan, Select the 'Drawing' function out of the four functions in the top left of the mapping screen.*



## Water for Wildlife Part 2 - building a drinking station

### WATER FOR WILDLIFE MAKE YOUR OWN WATER STATION

#### Materials

- 1m of 90mm PVC pipe (or length desired)
- 2x 90mm 90o elbows
- 90mm to 160mm spigot adaptor
- 100mm to 90mm reducer socket
- 2 x 60mm pieces of pipe to join elbows
- 250ml bottle of PVC cement for non-pressure pipes (Clear glue is recommended for a neat finish. A 250ml bottle can be used for multiple water stations)
- Pair of 90mm pipe saddle clips
- Vertical support with attachments (star picket or fence post)
- A clean water container for refilling (for example, a new jerry can)



#### ESTIMATED COST FOR NEW MATERIALS - \$70

The most expensive item is the spigot adaptor (approx \$25). We have chosen this because the diameter is 160mm which is more suitable and comfortable for koalas and other animals to use than 90 mm pipe. If you find alternative options that you are happy to share please let us know!

#### NOTES:

- Most items shown above were purchased new and pre-cut (except for joiners).
- Purchasing pipe at longer lengths and cutting to suit can significantly reduce the cost per water station.
- Re-purposing existing pipe and fittings can also help save costs (but make sure they are clean!).
- Using 100mm pipe removes the need for the reducer socket.
- If you use elbow joints with male and female fittings, the 60 mm joiners won't be needed

#### METHOD A INSTALLED ON A STAR PICKET



#### METHOD B INSTALLED ON AN EXISTING FENCE POST



*Remember to place a stick in the water so that small mammals, birds, reptiles and insects are able to escape if they fall into the water*

Please remember that this project is a work in progress. We are sharing what we are learning with you as the project evolves so we would appreciate any feedback and suggestions. Photos of water stations that you create and install would be fabulous!!!!



## Biogas in Nepal - a clean energy project for environmental, social and economic wellbeing

### Biogas and fossil fuel replacement

Biogas originates from bacteria in the process of the bio-degradation of organic material under anaerobic (without air) conditions. Biogas plant technology basically requires the manure of domestic animals (oxen, cows, buffaloes, goats etc.) and human waste/excreta as the primary feeding material/source for the biogas system to work. It can be used for cooking with the residual slurry being used as fertilizer. Simply put; dung goes IN and gas comes OUT. A win - win situation.

Bio-gas is a clean energy fuel which can replace LPG gas.

Around 86% of the energy used in the world comes from fossil fuels which are non-renewable hence it is essential to adopt renewable sources of energy in day to day life to reduce them. Many countries are adopting renewable sources of energy to replace them.

### Biogas systems

Well-functioning biogas systems can yield a whole range of benefits for their users, society and the environment in general:

- Production of energy (heat, light, electricity);
- Transformation of organic waste into high quality fertilizer;
- Improvement of hygienic conditions through the reduction of pathogens, worm eggs and flies;
- Reduction of workload, mainly for women, in firewood collection and cooking. This time could be used for children's education, vegetable gardening etc.
- Environmental advantages through the protection of soil, water, air and woody vegetation;
- Biogas can be used in the school kitchen and the organic fertilizer can be used for gardening creating a more hygienic environment.

- Microeconomic benefits through energy and fertilizer substitution, additional income sources and increasing yields of animal husbandry and agriculture;
- Macroeconomic benefits through decentralised energy generation, import substitution and environmental protection;
- Fostering kitchen gardening by using compost manure produce by biogas system.



Biogas plant in Kailali District of Nepal.

### Biogas in Nepal

Nepal is a developing country where most of the energy comes from fossil fuels. When the country faces energy shortages alternative sources of energy are a must and biogas can be the best option to replace one of the fossil fuels, LPG gas. Although Nepal is characterised by a very low per capita energy consumption, because of a lack of other commercial sources of energy, the country relies heavily on traditional fuel sources especially firewood. To solve the energy problem in rural areas, the country has initiated production and distribution of several renewable energy technologies. Among these, biogas has been proved to be viable and has emerged as a promising technology being one of the most successful in producing a clean, sustainable, environmentally friendly and cost effective source of energy with multiple benefits local and global. Improved health, increased crop productivity and savings in labour time especially for women are some of them. It also provides an economic benefit to the country through reduced deforestation and carbon trading. In addition, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the technology helps mitigate global warming and climate change

*The Rotary Club of Wodonga Central is proudly coordinating a biogas project in Nepal along with the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel near Kathmandu with fantastic support from other District 9790 clubs including the Rotary Clubs of Corowa, Sunbury, Shepparton and Mooroolbarna. Clubs outside our district which are supporting this project are the Rotary Club of Kavre Valley, Nepal; Rotary Club of Hervey Bay Sunrise and Rotary District 3292.*

*Past President Matt Flaherty visited those clubs because of the International Service "Shark Tank" seminar that International Service Chair Kerry Kirk did such a great job of running. Matt said that it is the first time that they have gone outside Wodonga Central club to ask for funding.*





## Biogas in Nepal - a clean energy project for environmental, social and economic wellbeing

### Project background

The project will be implemented in the Kamaiya and Tharu Community of Banke and Bardia District. The Rotary Club of Dhulikhel has been working closely with Tharu and Kamaiya Community of Western Region of Nepal. Rotary has mobilised many resources to improve the socioeconomic, education, health and environment situation of the Tharu community. The Rotary Club of Dhulikhel has mostly been working with the Tharu and Kamaiya Communities which experience poverty to help in building schools plus facilitating an improvement in their economic conditions.

Following the abolition of bonded labour, the government provided many people with some land to live on their own however, despite this, their conditions have not improved. They live a harsh life without even the fulfillment of basic requirements which is why the project has been targeted to those communities that have less access to the other energy sources.

Along with the promotion of clean energy, the project is expected to bring changes in the livelihood of people

through the economic development. Economic activities such as kitchen gardening, fisheries, banana farming are on the horizon and in the short and midterm training will be able to uplift their economic status. The slurry from the biogas can be used as a fertilizer to produce vegetables and the surplus can be sold in the local market which will help to improve their health and way of living.



Biogas plant in Kushadevi and Sukkhad Village of Kavre District of Nepal.



Biogas plant in Chaurbesi Village of Kavre District of Nepal.



**The project will support the following goals in support of Rotary's Environment Area of Focus:**

- Increasing access to renewable energy and energy efficiency measures to create more sustainable and economically resilient communities.
- Empowering communities to develop environmental and natural resource conservation skills for economic gain.
- Strengthening communities' economic resilience and adaptive capacity in response to environmental and climate-related hazards and natural disasters.





## Planting the Diamond Creek Trail with Eltham Rotary



### ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

#### AUGUST 2021 UPDATE

##### Persistence Wins Out Again !

After many Covid stops and starts, Eltham Rotary and a number of Community Groups were successful in planting 300 indigenous plants, along the Diamond Creek Trail at Wattle Glen. The feedback has been great and very enthusiastic, as we progress our drive to regain tree canopy and enhance habitat links.

This planting was significant in many ways. Each of our community groups sent along 1 or 2 representatives, to share in the process of planting. It was very much a matter of mutual help and inclusiveness. Represented were Diamond Creek Men's Shed, Eltham Men's Shed, St Vincent's Refugee Group, Montmorency Eltham RSL, Southern Cross Community Church, Eltham Lions Club, Australian Native Plant Society, Greensborough Hockey Club, and members of Eltham Rotary along with other community members. Some of our other groups were unable to attend because of the short notice, as we had to move quickly when this Covid window appeared.



We are on target with all of our educational and vegetation programs and we are already planning for next year. Community Groups who would like to be part of our 2022 program should contact us. They will be warmly welcomed and valued.

Our support keeps coming. We are working with the Nillumbik Shire and the Officers who are providing us with amazing support and encouragement. We are working with Melbourne Water who are very supportive and want to assist us. Hopefully Major Road Projects Victoria, our main provider who has made this current program possible, will be there for us again in the coming year. A new donor is Fair Dinkum Fertilizers who are now donating their products for all of our plantings.

Our newest group is a team of 30 Joey Scouts who are looking to pass their environment badge in planting trees. This was planned for Edendale next weekend, however the current Covid rules mean that we will have to delay it.

We are already making a difference, and we thank all of the enthusiastic community members who continue to help and encourage us as we move forward.

Alan G Field OAM





## Cleaning up in Sunbury

**Last Rotary year, the Sunbury Rotary Club started an environmental project, and one of our youngest members, Jamieson Kirk, took on the role of Environmental Director for our club.**

Each month (COVID-19 permitting), we get out and about cleaning up and collecting rubbish, particularly plastics, to keep it out of our local waterways. In our first effort, we even picked up a kids bike that had been thrown into a creek.

It is a fantastic opportunity for us to get seen in the community (we each wear our rotary shirt and our high viz 'Rotarian at work' vest over the top).

At our last clean-up, we stopped and talked to a few locals. One of them has since come along to one of our meetings to check us out, and we hope to convert him and his partner into members, or at least into part of our Rotary Community Corps.

More details contact: PE Jamieson Kirk Rotary Club of Sunbury 0431 192 966



**How to SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT our 7th Area of Focus**

**Join ESRAG!**

**[Click here](https://www.esraganzpi.org/) or type in: https://www.esraganzpi.org/**



# ROTARY & INTERPLAST A GOOD NEWS STORY

**During the COVID-19 pandemic, Interplast and its volunteers across Australia & New Zealand continue to provide life-changing care to patients. Interplast is providing virtual training and remote mentoring to surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals in 24 developing nations.**

With the support of Interplast and Rotary, doctors like Bhutanese Sonam Jamtsho continue to receive necessary training and mentorship, which enables him to continue changing the lives of Bhutanese patients in desperate need.

Motivated by a desire to make an impact, Dr Sonam credits his mentor, Australian plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr Tim Proudman for pursuing a path as a surgeon.

"I had the opportunity and honour to work with Tim since 2015. One of the reasons I was so interested in plastic and reconstructive surgery is because of the work that I have seen the Interplast team do and how much change he has brought to the Bhutanese population," Dr Sonam explains.

While Covid-19 has limited Dr Proudman from travelling to Bhutan and Dr Sonam's scope for clinical training, it has nonetheless provided an opportunity for collaboration and learning. Enabled by his relationship with Dr Proudman - Interplast's country coordinator for Bhutan - the junior and his mentor have met online more than 60 times since March 2020.

"He has been very instrumental despite the pandemic causing obstruction to my training, I have been receiving the training from his side continuously. He has done more than he has been required to," Dr Sonam says.



Motivated by altruism and a passion to see reconstructive surgery skills "spread where they are needed", Dr Proudman spends hours late at night with Dr Sonam, assisting him to hone his knowledge.

Mindful of the time and experience necessary to complete a plastic and reconstructive surgery training program, Dr Proudman is currently working to enable Dr Sonam to travel to Australia to continue training under his capable guidance and further their shared dream of providing life-changing surgery to those who need it most.



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## **“Rotary in Action”**

### **EVER THOUGHT ABOUT COMBINING ROTARY AND RADIO? Recruiting for District 9790, 9800 and 9810 aspiring radio presenters**

Community radio station 96.5 Inner FM that broadcasts from its studios in the Warringal Shopping Centre, Heidelberg, is inviting several Rotarians to be trained as radio presenters.

After this training, the Presenter will be rostered to host a one hour program of Rotary news, announcements, music and information in the listening area of Rotary 9790, 9800 and 9810.

The radio program “Rotary in Action” is the world’s longest running hour long weekly radio program totally dedicated to broadcasting Rotary news and information. It is broadcast every Tuesday between 3 pm and 4 pm and has done so since 1995.

Presenters alternate every six weeks with detailed training, coaching and support being provided. Several Rotarians from these districts are already involved with the station.

This latest invitation presents our members with a great opportunity to do something exciting and different while adding to an individual’s skill set – as well as giving back to their community.

Why not add to your Rotary journey by joining our team of Rotary presenters?

For more information, contact  
Leigh Wallace OAM  
Rotary Club of Heidelberg  
Mobile: 0400 570 024



# Youth News



The Expression of Interest (EOI) on the RYLA website is open. Look for an email announcing the opening The Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference from Sunday, 21 November to Saturday, 27 November 2021. Start looking for young people to attend.

Fee for 2021 - EOI application fee of \$80 paid by the applicant. Late fee is \$100.00. Clubs pay \$1,300.00 if all Logistics are completed by 11:59 pm on 31 October 2021. After 31 October \$1,400.00.

Contact the team on Email [info@ryla9790.org.au](mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au)  
Website: <https://ryla9790.org.au/> Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557



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

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## Youth News

# ROTARY YOUTH VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

**Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come into contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.**

**We hope you are all familiar with this statement relating to ALL the wonderful youth programs offered by Rotary International.**

To this extent, our District has undertaken a review, and implemented changes, to enable this to happen in a more straight-forward and streamlined process. This is called the Youth Volunteer Management Program, more about this program later in this article.

Our District website has the following information and gives a good background as to why we needed to review our current approach.

An effective district youth protection policy includes

- A policy statement that includes Rotary's Statement of Conduct for Working With Youth
- Procedures for ensuring that clubs comply with district and Rotary International requirements
- Criteria and procedures for screening and selecting volunteers
- Procedures for training volunteers who work with youth
- Procedures for providing participants with a support network and resources
- A system to manage program documentation and maintain confidential records
- Guidelines for reporting and investigating suspected abuse or harassment, allegations, and confirmed incidents
- A disciplinary policy for addressing individuals who exhibit inappropriate behavior
- Procedures for managing crises, including a communication plan

- Policies on how to safely store electronic data and the personal information of volunteers and participants
- Practices for managing the risks associated with participants' travel, including supervision and monitoring expectations.

Each Rotary district is responsible for ensuring that all clubs comply with Rotary policies and local laws. Noncompliance can have serious consequences, including the termination of an individual's membership or a club's charter or the suspension of the entire district's program activities.

Don't rely on a criminal background check alone. It should be one of your many tools that can tell you whether a volunteer is suitable for a position working with young people. Dangerous people, and even repeat abusers, may not have criminal backgrounds if they have never been caught or have never been prosecuted.

One area where this District (and probably most other Districts) have not been proactive is the following:  
Volunteer Training

A strong youth protection policy can fail if volunteers are not properly trained. Training is essential not just because it teaches volunteers how they can help keep young people safe but also because it conveys and cultivates a commitment to protecting youth.

All volunteers should learn about these topics:

- How sexual offenders behave and how they manipulate others
- How to recognize abuse and harassment
- How to behave in ways that keep participants from feeling uncomfortable
- How volunteers can protect themselves from false allegations by following guidelines for appropriate behavior
- How to recognize grooming behavior and respond to it
  - How to report alleged or suspected abuse or harassment, or behavior that causes concern, to district leaders and RI



## Youth News

# ROTARY YOUTH VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Please remember: volunteers are not only Rotarians, but non-Rotarians involved directly in the management or supervision of a certified Rotary Youth program. The new program this District has adopted and adapted is now up and running. The District's executive has been very diligent in participating and gaining their certification to participate in Youth programs.

This program takes away one responsibility from club secretaries to perform this task. The individuals concerned do their own paperwork using links sent to them from the program.

It is a 3-stage procedure:

1. Complete your own Volunteer Information and Declaration For (MANDATORY)
2. Send a copy of your current and valid Working with Children Card /details
3. Complete 2 training modules on Youth Protection and Volunteer Training

This program ticks all the boxes for the requirements of not only RI, but insurance and local legislative requirements.

For those of you who may have some anti-US sentiments, then you may be a bit disgruntled. The program has been developed in the US, and has been Aussified as much as is possible at this stage. The main thing is: the principles are the same, and the program meets the requirements of those bodies mentioned above.

Quite a few clubs are now up and running with the program, and we hope many others will follow suit. If you have further queries/concerns/questions, please contact either Linda Gidlund or myself. We, too, are volunteers, and we are doing this not only in the best interests of the youth and vulnerable people who participate in our programs, but also for those who volunteer to help make these programs so successful.

Yours in Rotary  
Bruce McIntyre, Coordinator, Youth Volunteer Management





## Youth News

### Rotary Youth Exchange Meeting - Appin Park

**President Bev welcomed fourteen members to the meeting, which was held at the Wangaratta Club, plus guests Bill Gerritsen, Helen Twitt, and visiting Rotarians from District 9790 Youth Exchange Committee, Diane Murphy (Secretary), Bruce McIntyre (Youth Volunteer Management Co-ordinator), and ROTEX member Tegan Murphy.**

At 7.00pm President Bev welcomed District 9790 Youth Chair Linda Gidlund, via Zoom to control the meeting from her home in Melbourne. Others to join the meeting via Zoom were Meredith Miegel (District 9790 Youth Exchange Committee Chair), and past outbound exchange students sponsored by The Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta, Teresa Petersen (Denmark), and Wendy Dinning (Melbourne) and Coral representing one of the Group 7 Cluster Clubs.

Meredith (also a past outbound exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta) spoke from her home in Corowa NSW, and then presented a most interesting slide presentation of what Rotary Youth Exchange is all about in the current COVID-19 environment, and what opportunities exist for Rotary Clubs to be involved in Rotary Youth Exchange going forward.

Tegan Murphy a 2019 outbound student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Benalla then told of her experiences in Germany and afterwards in Denmark. Her blazer adorned with various badges, trinkets, and memorabilia of her time away attracted great interest from those gathered.

The formal part of the evening was concluded by Bruce McIntyre bringing us up to speed as what is required by Clubs considering Youth Exchange including having up to date Working with Children Checks, District 9790 accreditation which requires some training and that Youth Counsellors do not necessarily need to be Rotarians to be accepted.

The meeting concluded with Teresa Petersen and Wendy Dinning relating their time as exchange students. Teresa spoke as an inbound student hosted by our Club with her host parents present in the room and Wendy as an outbound student to Japan.



Teresa Petersen - Inbound  
from Denmark to Appin Park  
RC 1994-1995

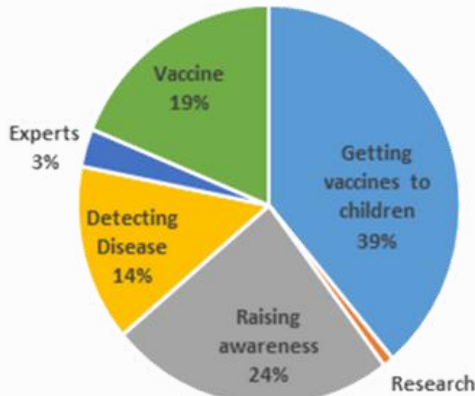


Wendy Dinning - Outbound  
from Appin Park RC 1991-  
1992

## **COME ON! LET'S DO IT!**

### **LET'S KICK POLIO INTO OBLIVION**

We are SO close! We achieved more than the \$50 million last year and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matched it with their \$100 million. Here's how the money is spent. (Diagram from "How Rotary Makes a Difference" – TRF update January 2021)



The NDIS does NOT support Polio survivors. The 2021-2022 Federal Budget includes \$400,000 over the next three years to enable improved support for the polio community across Australia, with a particular emphasis on preventive/self-management strategies, and a focus on regional areas.

POLIO Services Victoria held a regional clinic at Hastings Hub in April to the delight of Mornington Peninsula and surrounding groups. The team including GPs, physiotherapists, and an orthotist, provided each person attending with a full assessment, discussion with a GP, strength tests, videoing gait with orthotic and exercise advice. Mornington Peninsula support group members were able to share experiences afterwards, most grateful to have polio- savvy practitioners listen to their needs.

Remember when we used to travel to find venues for Polio Day? This was 2013 with Polio Network Victoria treasurer Maxine Keystone and chair Bev Watson on the pier at Geelong where we held a bumper event. Bev Watson contracted Polio just 2 months before the vaccine came to Australia in 1956.

**A chilling fact:**

We need to do this because the World Health Organisation predicts that if we don't End Polio, it will be back within 10 years affecting over 200,000 people EACH YEAR and, once again, children will be dying and many more will be paralysed.

It was Rotary that began the global fight against Polio back in 1979. Rotary got governments and other organisations on board with this common purpose and it'll be Rotary that rids the world of this debilitating, and sometimes fatal, disease – with your help.

Here's what you and your club can do:

Set up a branch of the 'Clem Renouf END POLIO NOW club' within your club for just \$10 per member (annually) and deposit your funds directly into the Sir Clem Renouf Centenary Year Appeal.

- \$100 per member annually will get you into the Rotary Centurion Club – donation can be split between Foundation and Polio.
- \$1,000 will get you a Paul Harris Fellowship – again donation can be split.
- US\$1,000 annually will join you into the Paul Harris Society.
- US\$1,500 per club is the requested annual contribution towards End Polio.
- Organise a screening of this year's End Polio movie (contact Rob Byrne for details: [Robert.Byrne@rotary.org](mailto:Robert.Byrne@rotary.org))
- Hold a fun fundraising event.

**IF EVERY CLUB DID ONE OF THE ABOVE, OUR TARGET WOULD BE REACHED, THE PROJECT WOULD BE ACHIEVED AND WE COULD MOVE ON TO ACHIEVING OUR NEXT GLOBAL GOAL.**

Which of the above will your club choose? Or do you have an even better idea?







**END  
POLIO  
NOW**



[www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)



# TRIVIA NIGHT



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FRI 24 SEP

7.00pm  
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## **ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHT Inc WATER SLIDE REPLACEMENT**

The Rotary Club of Bright Inc has been lucky enough to find funding to replace the existing water slide here in Bright.

*The water slide has been operating since 1987 when the then Rotary Club of Bright built the small (45 meter ) water slide on the banks of the Ovens River in Bright. It was built as a fund raiser for the club which uses the money to benefit the local community in various ways. In the preceding years we have contributed nearly 1 million dollars back into the local community.*

The slide is run completely by volunteers and every dollar raised is returned to the community.



As a result of the hard work done by the club, and receiving the funding to replace the original slide, this original slide is now available for purchase and use by another club. The original slide has been dismantled and sent to the new slide manufacturer ( Fibreglass Victoria ) to enable them to copy the slide shape and contours etc and produce the new slide.

The original slide could be repaired and used by another club to raise funds for their local community. Any interested Rotary Clubs should contact **Fibreglass Victoria** directly and discuss the proposal.

### **Fibreglass Victoria Contact Details**

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*For indicative pricing please contact Rotarian Rob Moore 0419637480.*

*For any details relating to the history , use and condition of the existing slide please free free to contact Bright Rotarians; Rob Moore 0419637480 or Patrick O'Shea 0428540835*

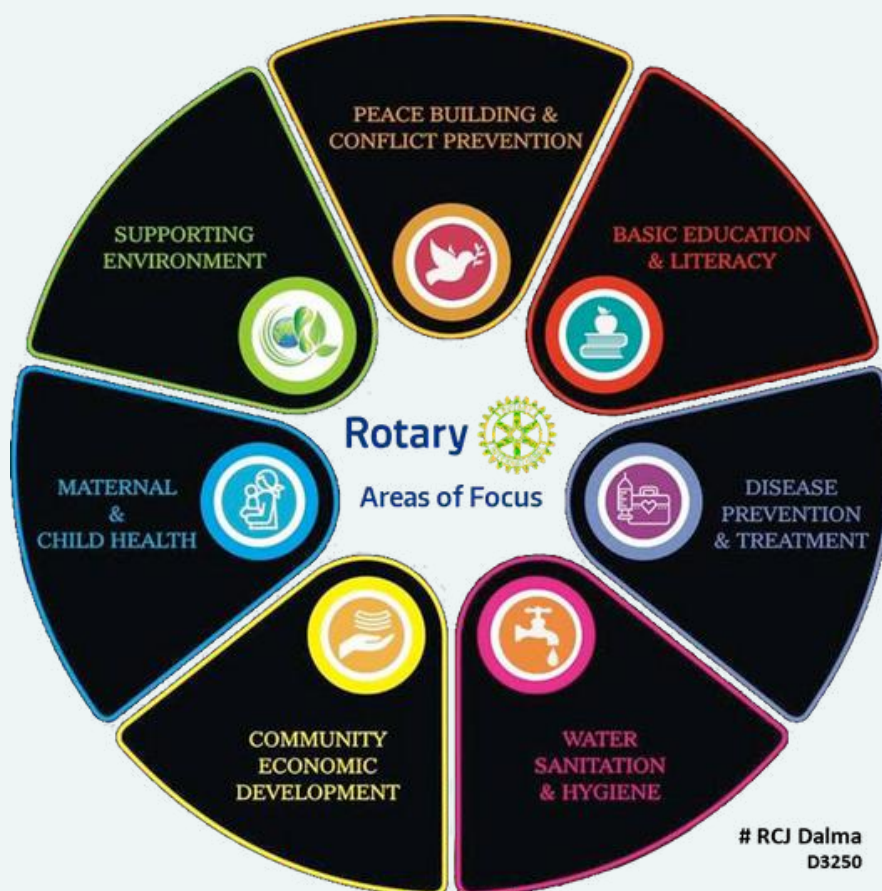


Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference	TBA	Sunday, 21 November to Saturday, 27 November 2021	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, E: info@ryla9790.org.au (page 12 for more details)
Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)	TBA	Friday, 25 – Sunday, 27 March 2022	Malcolm Watt, M 0439 158 274, E watt.malc@gmail.com

## Deadlines

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)	Expressions of Interest are open. This will be offered on a first in basis, as there will be limited openings.	Clubs pay \$1,300.00 if all logistics are completed by 11:59 pm on 31 October 2021. After 31 October \$1,400.00. (see page 14)	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, E: info@ryla9790.org.au
Peter Toomey Community Police Officer of the Year	Award(s) will be presented at the 2022 District Conference	Nominations due by Friday 14 January 2022	David Redfearn Coordinator M 0448852747 E dredfearn@vtown.com.au

## September 2021 is Basic Education and Literacy Month



### September 2021

Basic Education and Literacy Month

### October 2021

Community Economic Development Month

4-5 October – Presidential Conference – Gyeongju, Korea

4-10 October – Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October – World Polio Day

### November 2021

Rotary Foundation Month

1-7 November – World Interact Week

5-7 November – Presidential Conference – Venice, Italy

26-27 November – Presidential Conference – Manila, Philippines

### December 2021

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the 2022 Rotary Convention

### January 2022

Vocational Service Month

16-20 January – International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

### February 2022

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

4-6 February – Presidential Conference – Hyderabad, India

12-13 February – Presidential Conference – Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

### March 2022

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

4-5 March – Presidential Conference – Maputo, Mozambique

14-18 March – World Rotaract Week

31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

### April 2022

Maternal and Child Health Month

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

### May 2022

Youth Service Month

### June 2022

Rotary Fellowships Month

3-4 June – Presidential Conference, Houston, Texas, USA

4-8 June – Rotary International Convention, Houston, Texas, USA

30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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**18 – 20 March**



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- ✓ Ride to Conference supporting Indigenous Scholarships (ARH)
- ✓ Ruth Konig Walk
- ✓ Rotary Showcase
- ✓ Koala preservation
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- ✓ Celebratory Dinner on Saturday



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