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Official Newsletter of Rotary District 9790

Anne's column

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNE REID

I cannot believe how fast this year has passed even with all the lockdowns. I wish to set all the clubs something to think about:

How is your club performing?

The club needs to remember that the journey of being a member is to learn, enhance leadership skills, lead and mentor others so that they can grow and possibly become future leaders. Are your members going into Rotary Learning centre and doing the courses on subjects they be interested in?

Are you looking at new and innovative ways to become involved in your local community?

Membership – have you increased you membership this current year or do you have a plan in place to run an event to attract new members?

I am looking forward to experiencing a very productive and exciting new year with you all.

It is coming to the festive season and I wish everyone a very happy time and hope that you are able to make connections with loved ones during this time.

Anne Reid
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Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality Night

Monday 29th May 2023 is the Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality night. An RI Convention tradition where local Rotarians and Clubs provide delegates with a memorable evening of hospitality, local culture and international fellowship.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from individual Rotarians and Clubs to participate in either Home Hosting or Club Hosting events. This is a great opportunity to induct delegates into the culture and marvels of our wonderful city.

*I look forward to hearing from you and your great ideas on how to impress our overseas and interstate delegates! **Closing Date 22nd Jan 2022.***

**Peter Dunn - HOC Director
Host Hospitality**

HOME HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Rotarians who are registered for the Convention and live within an approximate 15 km radius of the CBD can apply to host between 4 and 8 international and interstate guests in their home for dinner. Priority for hosting will be given to Registered Convention attendees but non-attendee Rotarians are also welcome to apply.

As a Home Host you will be responsible for arranging transport for your guests to and from your home. You may want to consider involving others in your Club, or immediate family to assist in this process. It is acceptable to have guests returned to their hotels by Taxi or Uber.

Hosts will receive \$55 per guest (from the registration fee for this event) to help offset the costs of the dinner and transport.

For more information and to Register your interest in Home Hospitality Opportunities go to:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/home-hospitality>

CLUB HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

These ever-popular Convention events fill quickly and we expect that Melbourne won't be any different. Clubs or a group of Clubs are invited to design their own event and dinner which can be at the same venue or two different venues. To minimise travel time venues should be within a 20 km radius of the CBD. Guests are picked up by bus from their hotel and once onboard, an announcement about their destination is provided. ***Surprise!*** Clubs will need to host guests in multiples of 50 (one busload) and have at least 5-10 hosting Rotarians & partners for each group of 50 at the dinner venue.

Delegates registering for Host Hospitality will pay a flat charge to attend which will include their return bus trip. Clubs will receive a contribution of \$35pp towards the catering costs. Drinks will need to be purchased on a cash basis at the bar. Clubs should consider budgeting separately for any additional catering costs or entertainment. For more information and to register your interest in Club Hosting go to:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/club-hospitality>

Help koala conservation!

Numurkah Rotarian Lorraine Greenwood is making these wonderful toy koalas and donating most of the sale price to help our District initiative for koala conservation. There is an opportunity to have the koala with either an apron or cape with the Rotary Logo.

Please help by purchasing a koala from Lorraine Greenwood of Numurkah Rotary Club.

For more details, contact Lorraine on l.greenwood53@bigpond.com



Post lockdown catch up

Following two years of lockdowns a nice fellowship gathering for a long lunch was recently held in Melbourne. Those catching up were Past District Governors Rob Lloyd, Bernie Bott, Brian Peters, Geoff McIlvenna and Terry Grant along with a past District Secretary and Treasurer Gary Fitzgerald.

Another bit of good news was that Bernie Bott had been elected as a director of the Australian Rotary Health Board on 23 November 2021 which was further cause for celebration.



Appin Park's Annual Community Police Officer of the Year Award

Rotary Club Appin Park Wangaratta last night hosted our annual Community Police Officer of the year Award, our recipient this year is Assistant Sergeant Jane Richards, nominated by Assistance Senior Sergeant Paula Cutler.

Assistant Sergeant Richards' application was supported by Divisional Commander Joy Arbothnot of the Wangaratta Police Department.

We feel very privileged to connect with Victoria Police, Wangaratta Police Department.

Kind regards,

Richard Lovett AG 7
Rotary Club Appin Park Wangaratta



Sergeant Paula Cutler and Assistant Sergeant Jane Richards with Club President Beverly Maher and award coordinator Rotarian Richard Lovett.



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 17 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

Climate Change - We did not make it up



Goyder's Line Historical Marker, Annadale, South Australia about 100 km north east of Adelaide

Farmers are still keen to produce food and fibre for the local and overseas market provided they can make a profit. The risks have always been there, but two aspects that are vital for increased production to meet worldwide demand are good healthy soil and ability to adjust to climatic changes.

Goyder's Line is a boundary line across Southern South Australia corresponding to a rainfall boundary (originally 10 inches per year) considered to indicate the edge of the area suitable for agriculture. To the north of this Goyder's Line, the rainfall is not reliable enough year by year for cropping and may only be okay for grazing.

George Goyder born in Liverpool in 1926 at the age of 22 came to Australia. By 1861 he as a surveyor was appointed the SA Surveyor General. In 1865 during an extended drought farmers were seeking government support. Goyder then determined to draw a line of demarcation where rainfall is adequate and where drought prevails.

If this line was to be revised now it would be drawn a considerable distance further south, a victim of climate change.

Climate Change has been considered by scientists for well over 150 years. An American woman Eunice Foote, an amateur scientist in 1856 demonstrated using sunlight that carbon dioxide could absorb heat. She went on to theorise that changing the proportion of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would change its temperature.

John Tyndall was an Irish scientist who in 1859 showed that gases including carbon dioxide and water vapour can absorb heat. His heat source was not the Sun, but radiation from a copper cube containing boiling water. In our terms this was infrared radiation, just like that emanating from the Earth's surface. He concluded that any change in the amount of water vapour or carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could change the climate. This work set a foundation for our understanding of climate change and meteorology.

We should support our Governments to ensure that good fertile lands are not lost to farming at any cost and that lines are drawn for each state through the agricultural areas to delineate the zones where agriculture can still be financially viable with reliable rainfall or supply of irrigation.

PDG Phil Clancy

How to SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT our 7th Area of Focus

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Little Library in Wodonga



The Rotary Club of Belvoir - Wodonga has taken the love of reading to the streets.

More than a dozen little libraries have started popping up across the city after a collaboration with Wodonga Men's Shed and Wodonga Senior Secondary College.

"Picking up a good book, reading and sharing is one way to start a conversation and make that connection with those living in your area."

Read more, and check out the Little Library locations on the Wodonga City Council Web site:
<https://bit.ly/3q0rVC8>

(Text and images taken from the Wodonga City Council Facebook post and comments beneath)



Jan and George Bedson made this project a reality. While this has been a project of partnerships between Rotary, Men's Shed, Senior Secondary and Wodonga Council, Jan and George are the glue that bought everyone together and made the concept a reality. George is shown below launching the little library



Youth News



The dates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference 2021-22:

Sunday, 3 April 2022 to Saturday, 9 April 2022

If you haven't already started now is the time! Go out and find future RYLArrians!

The Expression of Interest (EOI) on the RYLA website is open and ready to go! Have your future RYLArrians lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI). Make sure you give them your name, contact phone number and the correct sponsoring club name.

Contact the team on Email: info@ryla9790.org.au
Website: <https://ryla9790.org.au/>

Kerry Jones Secretary M 0414 861 557 & Linda Gidlund, Chair, M 0418 173 279



Youth Programs Contacts

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

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) – Contact Malcolm Watt, M 0439 158 274, Email: watt.malc@gmail.com

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If you would like further information please contact **Linda Gidlund** on **0418 173 279** or llegidlund@gmail.com





Youth News

Beginning the Journey



At the end of November, 15 excited students gathered at Charnwood Outdoor Education Centre to begin their Youth Exchange journey.

The District Youth Exchange Committee have interviewed and selected students for a six-month exchange, scheduled to begin once the Rotary International Suspension of Youth Exchange ends at the beginning of July, 2022. This will be a one off opportunity for those students who will have missed the regular departure time of January, 2022. Our program will resume normal programming for our 12-month long term exchanges in January 2023.

Our committee and D9790 Rotex group are excited to have the program running again but the best part was seeing the excited students and parents in attendance at the first orientation weekend. The students and parents are briefed on what to expect of their exchange experience and how to prepare for exchange. The students also participated in some fun team building exercises with our Rotex group.

Outbound 2022 students have returned home to complete their application forms, begin their language studies and practice their culinary skills! They will attend their second orientation weekend in March where they will present a PowerPoint in the language of their host country and show us photos of their two course Aussie meal. Students will be hosted by the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Italy and Switzerland.

Your Rotary Club can help these wonderful young people by sponsoring their journey. If they have approached your Club to sponsor them, please give them the opportunity to speak to you regarding their desire to become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Our committee members are ready to support the students as they seek sponsor clubs from our District and we are also there to support the Clubs in their support of the students.



Outbound Students for July 2022



Ruby and Abbey studying their language online from the Czech School in Melbourne twice a week.



How great does this Aussie themed Pavlova look?



Rotaract & the District Rotaract Representative (DRR) – Contact Elliot Silcock, 9790 District Rotaract Representative for information and support.

The District Rotaract Representatives (DRR) provides support and guidance to existing clubs and throughout the chartering of Rotaract clubs. Contact - M: 0483 041 905
E: dr.9790@rotaract.org.au



ROTARY DISTRICT 9790

YOUTH VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT



Congratulations to those of you who have already graduated the YVM accreditation program; well done!

This program is still open for business, even during the festive season.

So, while you are making your Christmas wishes and New Year's Resolutions, why not consider enrolling in this course to meet the requirements of all our Youth programs.

All I need is your go-ahead (via email or phone) and watch this space.

In the meantime, I wish you all the best for the Festive Season and here's to a "more normal" 2022, with plenty of face-to-face fellowship.

Yours in Rotary

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion



We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, colour, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Moreland Rotarians create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong. Assistant Governor Emma Davis and the wonderful Moreland Rotary Members continue to make a strong commitment to Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Moreland Rotary are proud to join with the other four remaining Victorian Districts in line with Rotary's value of integrity; committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organisation, and to continuing to learn and do better.

We share our statement of support to have open conversation, set a meaningful public example and address key issues that reflect our community.

As we have started to share ideas, opinions and stories about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in Rotary, I have heard so many of our leaders say to me: "We're a really decent club/district. We don't have any bad people. So, we don't have a problem. Right?" I've also heard things like "why is Rotary doing something so political" and "there are no gay people in my community."

These comments come from a space of ignorance, and I always consider them a teaching moment. For us to survive as an organisation, we need to be welcoming of everyone no matter how they look or identify. But while diversity, equity and inclusion have climbed the Rotary agenda over the past decade, many Rotary members in Australia that are not white, older, cisgender and straight continue to face discrimination and discomfort in some clubs. When it comes to true inclusion, everyday interactions with peers and leaders matter as much as organisational policies or formal processes.

Here are a number of ways to make your club and Rotary as a whole more inclusive for people that 'look' a little different than the majority of your members:

Start having conversations

In order to understand the challenges that exist for people that "look" different, leaders at all level (club, district, zone, and International) should stay connected to what it means to be someone in that group. This means: Asking a local group to speak at your club
Downloading and discussing some of the educational resources developed by the Rotary International membership team and other groups like the Rotary LGBT+ Fellowship at your club assemblies
Contacting a group like the Rotary LGBT+ Fellowship to make a presentation at a club meeting.

Set a meaningful public example

Small gestures like putting a rainbow or Aboriginal flags, or the LGBT+ Fellowship's rainbow heart at the bottom of your website, acknowledgment of country at the start of a meeting or using Rotary's statement on diversity, equity and inclusion to make a bold statement that we are accepting of everyone.

Support projects that address key issues for LGBTQ+ communities

As people of action, we do amazing work to improve communities and the world. When you are considering your next project why not target an issue like:

- HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, and sexual health
- addressing mental health issues and homelessness in LGBTQ+ communities and people with a disability
- preventing violence towards LGBTQ+ people, women and families
- access to healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Diversity, equity and inclusion is complex, and Rotary is making some great steps forward. We have started to address gender, generational and cultural diversity. There are still many other aspects for us to discuss including LGBT+, disability, indigenous people and others, and then also how these identities can intersect (for example, how someone can be both LGBTQ+ and disabled). I'm excited about our progress and encourage people to reach out to the Rotary LGBT+ Fellowship, leaders and district membership committees to continue the discussion.

We thank Grant Godino (he/him), charter President of Gateway Rotaract, member of Rotary Club of Traralgon and President of the Rotary LGBT+ Fellowship for sharing this content and providing Moreland Rotary the opportunity to support this activation. Grant identifies as a gay cisgender male and lives with his partner Lee (he/him) (Moreland Rotarian) in the Gippsland region of Victoria.

Emma Davis
President, Rotary Club of Moreland and AG Group 2



midsumma festival

23 JAN - 13 FEB 2022

To show the community Rotary's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion all members of the Rotary family (LGBT+ identifying and allies/others) are invited to participate in Midsumma - Melbourne's LGBT+ pride celebration!



Midsumma Carnival
Alexandra Gardens,
23 January 2022

We will need a roster of members to staff a stall at the carnival, addressing membership queries and providing information about Rotary projects.



Pride March
Fitzroy Street St Kilda,
6 February 2022

We will welcome any members, family and friends who wish to march in Pride the opportunity to register and march with us.

To join Rotary Districts 9780, 9800, 9810, 9820 and Moreland Rotary at Midsumma contact:
emma.jane.davis.30@gmail.com

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**LGBT+
Fellowship**

Looking for a fund raising opportunity?
Would you be interested if it was no risk and the organising has been done?
Then maybe the Rotary Club of Mooroopna's Community raffle is for you!



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Drawn: 5.00pm on Friday April 22, 2022 at the Mooropna Gold Club.
Results online at www.rotarymooropna.com.au & published Shepp News 11/4/22
BEUNDA BROWN Secretary Permit No. 10495/21 VICKI SCOTT President

Tickets also available online
www.rotarymooropna.com.au
Lighthouse Group Pty Ltd (ABN 83 161 197 806) conduct the online sales for reward, on behalf of the Rotary Club.

We are inviting other clubs to come on board and share the opportunity to raise funds for their projects.

The raffle will be run from November 1st, 2021 to April 22nd, 2022.

First prize is a Hyundai Venue Active valued at \$27,400 and second prize a \$1000 Coles Supermarket Voucher.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

For the club that sells the ticket, they will receive 60% of the selling price.

All the organising of prizes, permits and ticket printing has been done so there is no risk to the club if they come onboard.

We will supply you with tickets and also supply posters with the clubs name on them.

The ticket also states "The organisation you purchased this ticket from receives the major share of the ticket price. This helps their community"

If you would like to come on board or you need more information please contact Richard Speedy 0490 792 601 or rspeedy@iinet.net.au to obtain more information

If you think your club might like to participate and generate risk free funds, then Contact Richard Speedy on 0490792601 or rspeedy@iinet.net.au to obtain more details.





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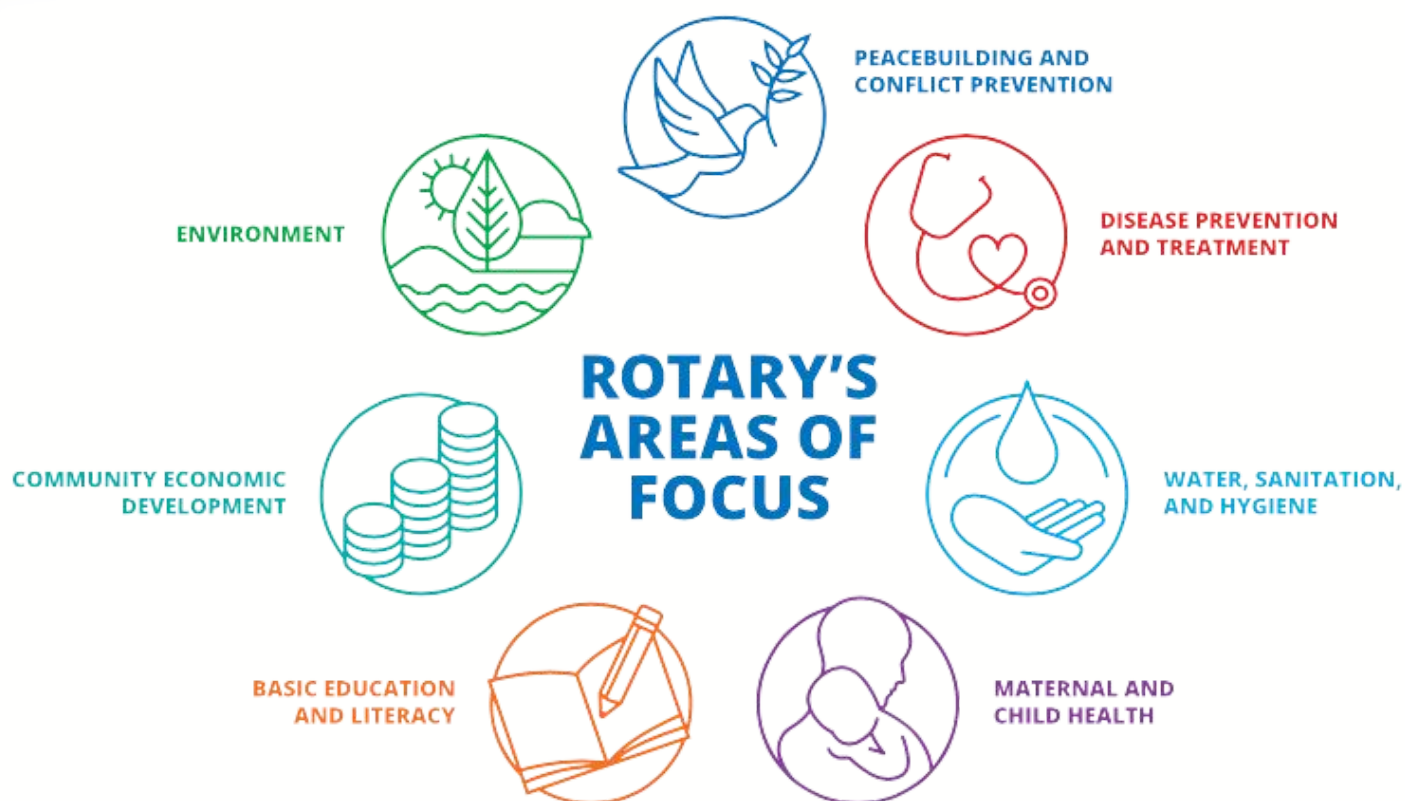
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Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference	TBA	Sunday, 3 April 2022 to Saturday, 9 April 2022	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, E: info@ryla9790.org.au (page 8 for more details)
Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (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 and will remain open. Offers will be on a first in basis, as there will be limited openings.		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

November 2021 is Rotary Foundation Month



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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Conference 2022
Marysville
18 – 20 March



Embracing Change

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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Murrindindi Guide

Season's greetings!



District Governor Anne and the District team wish everyone a Happy and Refreshing Holiday Season and hope 2022 proves to be an enjoyable and prosperous year for all members and their friends and families.

