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DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNE REID

New Wild Polio Victims

The latest victims are two infants – a male and female aged 25 and 10 months respectively – from Emamsaheb in Kunduz province.

Now ten months into the calendar year, this is still a contained result for the Global Polio Eradication campaign. Whilst disappointing, senior leaders are still positive about achieving zero cases of WPV1 and the circulating polio virus cVDPV by the end of 2023.

The program in Afghanistan is now working with the Ministry of Public Health to launch a detailed investigation and implement additional measures to strengthen surveillance.

The good news is that Emamsaheb district was covered by house to house vaccination teams during the nationwide polio vaccination campaign last week. These cases were not unexpected as Kunduz province has been inaccessible for house to house vaccination since 2019. The World Health Organisation has long anticipated the significant and growing immunity gaps in areas inaccessible to the program to be a real risk. (continued on page 3)



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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

In the wake of World Polio Month, we now turn our focus to TRF Month and the challenge of invigorating interest in 'our charity'!

Take pride in our Foundation and the inspirational motto 'Doing Good in the World'. Promote the fame of our Foundation in your Rotary clubs and neighbourhoods. In an age when honesty and trust is so important, tell people The Rotary Foundation is consistently ranked as one of the best managed charities in the world by the independent 'watchdog', Charity Navigator'.

Remember, like PolioPlus, donations to the TRF World Fund are tax deductible.

ON TO CONVENTION - Houston, Texas - June 2022

I previously had not promoted this convention as I was concerned about the effects of the pandemic.

However, PDG Peter Gilbert has agreed to promote the conference and liaise with anyone who is going to attend. Contact Peter - petergilbert@netspace.net.au

KOALA CONSERVATION

Lorraine Greenwood from Numurkah Club has volunteered to make koalas and donate the funds to our Koala Conservation project.

I have been trying to work out how we could take orders etc and have decided it would be best if you deal with Lorraine directly - L.greenwood53@bigpond.com

I have sent some information out to clubs re Council on Legislation and Regionalisation Pilot. Please read carefully and have discussions at club level.

Club Visits

At time of sending this I have completed 40 club visits. They each have been very interesting and individual.

Keep on having fun, Anne Reid





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>

Stories for Change project and how you can help- Peace Fellow Dr Michael Chew



Why?

Every three seconds, the world loses enough forest to cover a football pitch and over the last century we have destroyed half of our wetlands. Almost 50% our coral reefs have already been lost. Our natural environment ultimately underpins every other human development goal. Today's youth are both least responsible for this environmental destruction, and who have most at stake in inheriting a planet inching closer to irreversible ecological tipping points. Globally, every day, countless thousands of youth are working invisibly for grassroots environmental change. Yet most are volunteers with few resources, disconnected from each other and the global communities that would value and support their initiatives. The current global pandemic travel restrictions have meant many youth are unable to otherwise conduct international volunteer work, and are looking for opportunities to engage meaningfully with their peers to create positive environmental change. Spaces for connecting and collaborating around youth environmental change are desperately needed to support and amplify their vital change work.

What and how?

Stories for Change is pilot 8 week peer-to-peer global online environmental youth leadership program. Through weekly workshops youth participants (age 18-35) will learn from each other's diverse experiences and are supported by facilitators, mentors and micro grants (TBC) to expand their own local environmental projects/campaigns, while deepening their awareness of global interconnectedness and support opportunities. A website and dynamic social media will host their inspiring environmental change stories, and connect them with broader global communities of supporters.

When and where?

Current pilot - 8 weeks, 2hr online workshops Nov 6th - late Dec 2021, with informal mentoring and small group meetings running in parallel. Target youth from Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, and Oceania (timezones UTC 0 - UTC +12).

Full program - Early 2022, depending on success of pilot, funding and volunteer capacity, expand to global scale.

Funding

Seed funds to amplify impact of youth environmental projects
Funds to pay for web hosting, promotion of youth stories, honorariums for non-Rotarian mentors



PROGRAM GOALS

1. Connect and create empowering and scalable communities for youth active in grassroots environmental projects spanning across cultural, geographic, and economic divides.
2. Connect grassroots youth-led environmental projects with new supporters across cultural, geographic, and economic divides.
3. Amplify grassroots youth-led environmental projects' local and global impact.
4. Gather and disseminate knowledge about global youth environmental and ecological peace-building activities.

Dr Michael Chew, Rotary Peace Fellow



If you would like to know more, get involved or offer funding support, please contact Michael on: 0468 477 874 or entropygravity@gmail.com



Walking for Mental Health

Moreland Rotary are proud people of action making a difference in our community. We are thankful for our collaboration and community partnerships in projects that serve to change lives.

On Sunday 10 October, World Mental Health day, Moreland Rotary celebrated our inaugural Lift the Lid Walk for mental health. Due to current COVID restrictions we pivoted our planning, and our members, community and sponsors all came on board. We are really thankful to our Platinum sponsor Merri Health, Silver sponsor Coburg Football Club and Piranha and Bronze sponsor Inner North Community Foundation.

People registered for the Australian Rotary Health participation and their fees are funding essential Mental Health research and support under the Lift the Lid campaign.

Our reach was really amazing, with a huge Metro following, out to Torquay, over to Morwell and up to Beechworth. The suburbs with the biggest following were Eltham, Coburg, Essendon and Brunswick and then Sunbury. Our oldest participant was 95 year old Kevin McKernan (pictured bottom left) who lives at Edith Bendall Lodge in Pascoe Vale. Kevin did laps in the nursing home, made a generous donation and raised awareness amongst residents, staff and visitors. We really thank fellow clubs in the District, Ivanhoe, Preston, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Strathmore, Pascoe Vale and Sunbury for their great support too.

We also ran targeted video messaging to our registrants over five days in the week leading up to the event. Monday featured an introduction to Australian Rotary Health and Lift the Lid; Wednesday was about Moreland Rotary and why we targeted Mental Health; Friday featured our Community Stakeholders and Sponsor messages; Saturday had a feature on Mental Health First Aid and support options and Sunday culminated with a greeting from President Emma David and the challenge to get up and get out, to walk and talk and thank you. A busy and successful campaign prepared by youth alumni and young Rotarian Nathan Stuart.

The hybrid model ensured we still completed our walk activity, and shared informative content to a wide audience. The videos which were sent over five of the seven days leading up had a positive open rate and views on the videos and shares well beyond our Rotary family. We also coordinated a photo competition on the day with some creative images being shared.

The Moreland activation generated revenue of \$13,630 with a further \$1,311 from three separate club walk donations. We congratulate the \$15K raised in the effort to Mental Health across our District.

From our Moreland Members, thanks to all involved. We look forward to our yearly event, with the next World Mental Health Day, Sunday 9 October 2022.

Emma Davis
President
Rotary Club of Moreland



Our Platinum Sponsor:



Merri Health
Healthcare that moves with you



Walking for Mental Health



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

We need better Habits by way of Habitats

We need better Habits by way of Habitats

Maintaining habitat is often talked about and it would have to be the fundamental factor in retaining and protecting our native birds, mammals and other lifeforms. It is so often that particular species are indicators that the habitat is in balance and serving the requirements of other less familiar species.

The Kilmore Brolgas

For over ten years a group of interested bird watchers in our Kilmore area have observed a pair of Brolgas in a particular area of farmland at particular times of the year yet, in all that time they failed to build a nest or hatch a young. This was until this year when rainfall was above average and dams were able to sustain flooded areas over several months which created extensive reed and aquatic life.



Brolgas near Kilmore

Farming practice has changed the habitats of many species with the introduction of tall grasses with high biomass which then prevents easy access of animals and their ability to forage. Much attention is given to Forests, Creeks and Rivers yet little has been given to open grasslands.

The northern parts of our Rotary District have a high percentage of open grasslands. These almost treeless, flat lands have had much of their native vegetation replaced with grain crops and irrigated pastures. It has been suggested that "In all regions of south-eastern Australia where temperate lowland grasslands and grassy woodlands occurred, less than 1% remains covered in native vegetation" (Plains Wandering, Vic National Parks Assoc & Trust for Nature)

The Plains Wanderer

A species of bird that has become Endangered as a consequence in our District, is the Plains-wanderer, *Pedionomus torquatus*. The Plains-wanderer is a small quail-like bird standing about 12-15 cm tall and weighing 40 to 95 grams. Both sexes have straw-yellow legs and bills, and their plumage is mainly fawn with fine black rosettes.



Plains Wanderer

Much research has been undertaken into the Plains-wanderer and this has been supported by farmers who have maintained native grassland that have afforded protective habitat. A lot has now been written about the diversity of species that make up these low grasslands, but more could now be done to ensure this small, almost flightless bird is one day moved off the endangered list.

An opportunity for Rotarians?

Maybe this situation provides an opportunity for interested Rotarians in our Clubs to join forces in support of the researchers and farming communities in the Riverina by undertaking an environmental project to increase the grasslands habitat necessary. With Rotarian and DGE David McPherson from Deniliquin about to lead our District 9790 in July 2022 we could support him with a significant project in his area.

For more information on this rare and shy bird take a little time to view via YouTube: ["The Eco Show-S01E02 – The Plains Wanderer"](#) and [Plains-wanderer chicks YouTube – Zoos Victoria](#)

How to SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT our 7th Area of Focus

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Sustaining the Environment
Philip Clancy

Organising a hospital bed in Sunbury

On 31 August an e-mail was sent from a retired Rotarian to the Sunbury Rotary club. The e-mail was as follows:

"A friend of the family who is 56 years of age contracted Covid-19 in late 2020 requiring hospitalisation and a stint in ICU. As there is a history of kidney problems on the mother's side of the family, one of the longer lasting effects of COVID was that Andy's kidney function completely failed.

Up until approximately three weeks ago the he had been going to hospital every second day for his Dialysis treatment which lasted up to five hours - not including travelling time. He has since had a dialysis machine installed at home, which he is connected to from nine pm until six am daily. The problem is, is that he finds that the machine operates more efficiently when he is standing up rather than laying down, as a result he is not getting the maximum efficiency from the machine or rest. It would be greatly appreciated if the Rotary Club of Sunbury could locate a retired hospital bed that could assist with quality of life."

Over the next couple of days Rotarians sprang to life; there were multiple calls, e-mails to and from, how, where, when, who can organise this. After many calls we discovered DIK in Footscray had one available that we could use. They were amazing and organised opening the warehouse so we could go there, ensuring we had a forklift and driver to lift it onto the trailer so we could bring it back to Sunbury. Rotarians arranged the pick up and then a team met at Andy's house to deliver and unload.

It was an amazing effort to have this in his house on Tuesday 6th September (only 7 days after his request). Andy was thrilled that we had organised this in such a short period of time.

Janelle Walters
President
Sunbury Rotary Club



Andy (second from right) in front of the trailer with his hospital bed



Youth News



Update!!! The Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference is being rescheduled.

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

Sunday, 3 April 2022 to Saturday, 9 April 2022.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) on the RYLA website is open and will remain open. The RYLA Team is contacting those future RYLarians that have lodged an Expression of Interest (EOI) and their sponsoring clubs.

This is the only change so go out and find future RYLarians! The RYLA Team is determined to provide the RYLA Conference in this Rotary year and will keep you informed.

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

International University Student Rotary Home
Hosting – Philip Clancy, M 0428 834 162, Email: philip.clancy1@gmail.com

Interact – Linda Gidlund, M 0418 173 279, Email: llegidlund@gmail.com

District Rotaract Committee – Elliot Silcock, M 0483 041 905, Email dr.9790@rotaract.org.au

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618, Email: nigelligins@bigpond.com

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) – Meredith Miegel, M 0417 246 546, Email: miegelpm@bigpond.com

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

Rotex – Contact Rotex by email: rotex9790@gmail.com

Rotary Builds a Play Ground – David Earle, Email: davide124@gmail.com

Ian Murphy Memorial Debate – Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618, Email: nigelligins@bigpond.com

Youth Volunteer Management - Contact Bruce McIntyre, M 0427 623 142, Email bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com

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



Youth News

Interactors post mental health tips at their school

The Aitken College Interactors are posting Mental Health tips on the school's social media platform and through student bulletins.



Aitken College
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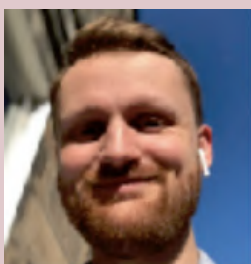
~~Interact Club: Mental Health Tip #1~~
 The Interact Club have committed to creating weekly Mental Health Tips for Term 4 to support our school community and provide well-being strategies for students.
 This week's tip is to open a window; fresh air is a great way to boost levels of serotonin – a monoamine neurotransmitter, or 'happy hormone', associated with calming the brain and body – which will ultimately make you feel better.

MENTAL HEALTH TIP #1



Open a window.

New District Rotaract Representative



Please welcome Elliot Silcock, 9790 District Rotaract Representative & 9800 District Rotaract Representative!

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



Youth News

ROTARY YOUTH PROTECTION STRENGTHENING OUR VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROCESS

Underpinning all our Rotary youth programs are the Rotary International Policies. These are there to guide us and help us make our programs as successful as they are.

All our District youth programs participants (Rotarians or non-Rotarians) are now required to undertake a more rigorous screening process – not to make life difficult, but to make the process streamlined and centrally based (not club based).

At the District level, the new Youth Volunteer Management Program facilitates the strengthening of our screening process, as stated in RI policies.

In a nutshell, the process encompasses the following aspects:

- Screening and Selection
- Training
- Monitoring and Supervision
- Internal Feedback systems
- Consumer participation
- Responding
- Administrative Practices



When all these features are added up and run efficiently, the outcome for our highly regarded youth programs is A SAFE ENVIRONMENT for everybody – participants and volunteers, Rotarians and non-Rotarians.

It is vital to remember that Rotary International has a zero tolerance for abuse in any form. District 9790 is leading the way in Australasia by facilitating this process in a formalised and efficient manner, and we strongly encourage all Rotarians and non-Rotarians involved in our wonderful youth programs to undertake this simple process.

Bruce McIntyre, Coordinator, D9790 Youth Volunteer Management

M: 0427623142

E: bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com

References: Rotary's Youth Protection Guide, Rotary Code of Policies, Rotary Youth Exchange Handbook, Preventing and Addressing Harassment, Protecting Youth Program Participants and Rotary District 9790 Website



Youth News

Rotary Youth Exchange - Become a Host Family



You do not need to be a Rotarian or have a sibling participating in the program to be considered as a suitable host family.

There is no typical family structure required. An acceptable family might have small children, older children or no children living at home. All that is expected is that a caring and friendly family and home atmosphere is provided.

Exchange students are between the ages of 15 years and 18 years and will be attending a secondary school in the area of the host club. Host families voluntarily open their homes to these students for periods of approximately three to four months. This time provides an opportunity for everyone to develop a lifetime of friendships, to learn a different culture and to gain many other rewarding experiences.

**Share their hopes, dreams
and ambitions**

Hostfamily

noun; A 'normal' family which opens its doors to experience a new culture and gives students a second home.

Be a part of their growth and development

By hosting an exchange student from another part of the world, you promote friendship, understanding, and cooperation. This allows us to better understand our differences and appreciate our similarities.

You can bring the world to your family and community – and experience all the excitement that comes along with it. You'll try new foods, learn new words, see new places, and create lifelong relationships with people you otherwise might never have crossed paths with.

When hosting an exchange student, everyday occurrences that you may take for granted suddenly take on a new life. By learning to relate to those who may have had an upbringing that varies greatly from your own, your ability to connect, communicate, and collaborate with others is greatly enhanced.

One of the most valuable lessons learned when you host an exchange student is that we have far more in common than we realise.

The greatest by-product of cultural exchange is the web of lifelong friends that spans the globe. Students regularly keep in touch with their host families years after their program ends and it's not uncommon for host families to travel to their student's home country to visit, experience their culture firsthand, and meet their families. By welcoming a student into your home, you open the door to an exciting new world of relationships and experiences. We believe that the leaders of tomorrow are the children of today and that we can all play a part in raising them to be strong, curious, and kind individuals.

For more information contact Host Family Coordinator Rotarian Jaeger Bedson (JB) - 0428 460 684. To register your family's interest please fill out the Host Family application form



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www.endpolio.org

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!



Rotary COMMUNITY RAFFLE
Conducted by: THE ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA Inc.
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THANK YOU! The organisation you purchased this ticket from receives the major share of the ticket price. This helps their community.

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qx.V3 1.6L Petrol, MPI 6-speed Auto, Bluetooth connectivity
Sponsored by: THOMPSON MOTOR GROUP Shepparton MRP: \$27,490 inc. on road
2nd PRIZE: Coles Supermarket Voucher
Valued \$1,000

Ticket \$5 or 5 for \$20

Consent of Victorian: Commission for Gambling & Liquor Regulation given for sale of 40,000 tickets at \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00 in Victoria from 01/11/2021 to 22/04/2022
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.





Eltham Art Show OnLine Gallery

www.elthamartshow.org.au

The Eltham Art Show OnLine Gallery presents a comprehensive collection of Art exclusively from the Nillumbik Shire and Friends (*)

Works from established and noted artists are on display for your enjoyment and purchase.



Ona Henderson
Field of Dreams



EvHales - Venice



Kate Hudson
Acorn Banksia & Leucadendron

- A gift is a great way to communicate with unspoken words.
- You can use this opportunity to show your genuine interest in the person and say how much you care about them.
- Special occasions require special gifts. Consider what the receiver tends to buy and what defines them.
- Either the receiver is into classic pieces or trendy ones. Likewise, look out for their go-to colour pallet and prints.
- Perhaps they have just moved into a new office or home.
- Remember, gifting is all about happiness.
- Put some thought into it and be generous to yourself and someone special in your life

(*) Friends are Artists who have had an association with the Nillumbik Shire having attended a course or residency with a local art group or institution. Eg. Dunmoochin, Baldessin Press or Montsalvat



is proud to present:

Kel Carr Oration 2022

Friday, 11th February, 2022
6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

The Rosanna Golf Club
54 Cleveland Avenue, Lower Plenty

\$65 per head
includes Dinner



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Finding Your Inner Gold

An Australian Paralympic Gold Medallist in Cycling, Motivational Speaker and Author, Carol Cooke AM inspires us to believe that nothing is impossible if we dare to face our fears and believe in ourselves.



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Australian Paralympian

"Don't tell Carol Cooke what she can't do"



**Hi. My name is Ebony Watson
And I want to make a difference.**



"I live with complex mental health issues and each morning I wake up feeling lucky that I have great support and the treatments I need. I know that others are not so lucky.

I am going to ride my exercise bike for a minimum of an hour every day in October to try and raise money. This money will fund research into mental health areas so more people get the help they need.

**I would love your support.
We can stand together and we will know we have made an effort to help people ease their pain and maybe save lives.**

**I am a proud member of the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
Thank you**



Each October, Australian Rotary Health has a "Lift the Lid on Mental Illness" fundraising campaign.

Money raised through "Lift the Lid" provides mental health research grants for new and emerging fields in mental health.

Now more than ever, we appreciate the need for this sort of research

Please support Ebony raise as much money as possible to help her give back.

Make your donation to:

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/support-us/campaigns/lift-the-lid/>

Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
Donation to: Lift the Lid
Comments: Ebony's Challenge



Donations over \$2 are Tex Deductible

A Festive Offer from Kelpie !!

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Eltham**



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- 1 X 2015 PEDERSEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON (GOLD)

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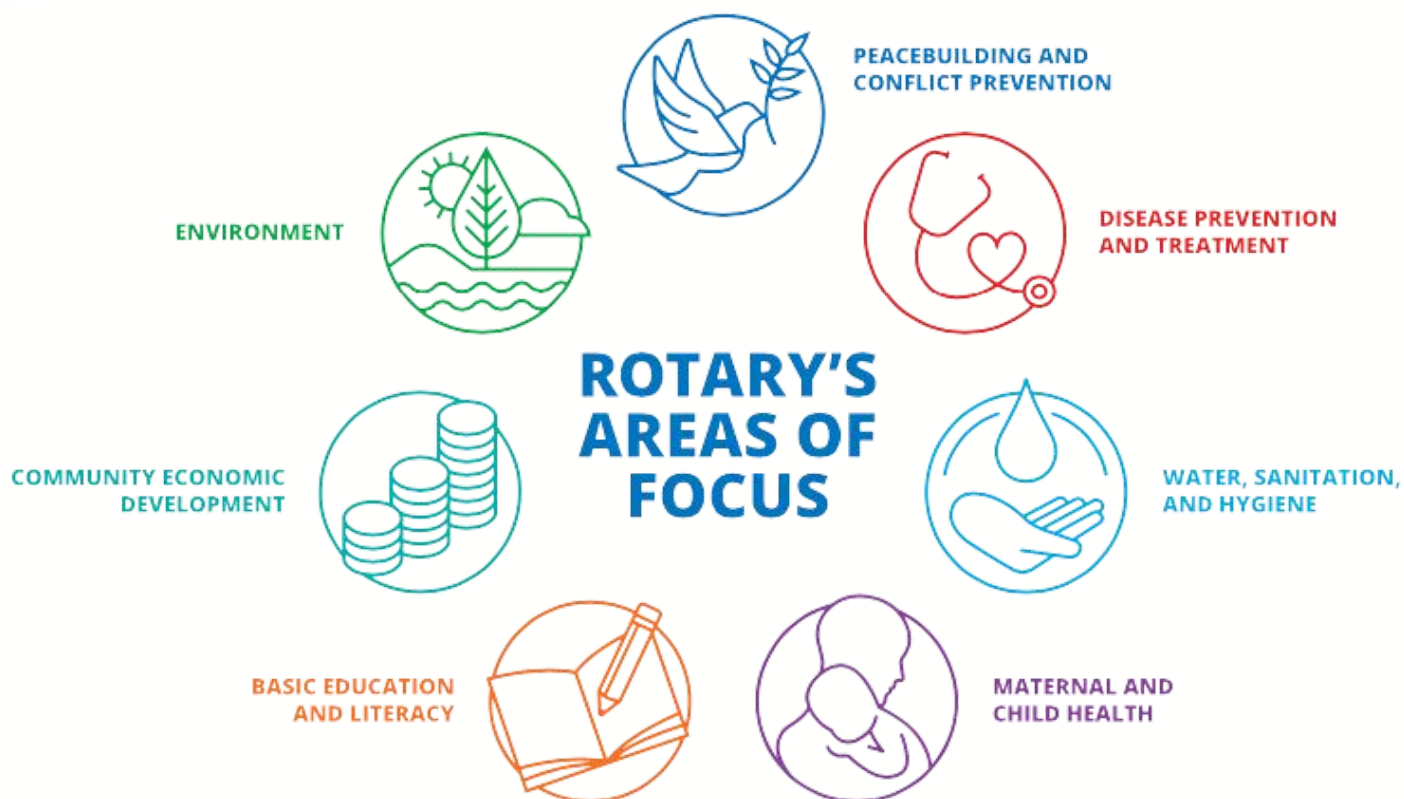
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Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference	TBA	Sunday, 3 April 2022 to Saturday, 9 April 2022	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, E: info@ryla9790.org.au (page 8 for more details)
Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (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



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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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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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