

Rotary International President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21,

Rotary Opens Opportunities,

asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership,

help put service ideas into action and improve the lives of those in need.

Future Events

1 June - **VENUE KAZCARE** - Kirkham Road - Community Cooking School Demonstration - Limited numbers please advise ASAP if you would like to attend. THIS EVENT IS FULLY SUBSCRIBED. ATTENDEES HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL

22 June - First Responders

29 June - Changeover - Book your table now - Planning is well under way. A bar will be in operation with a selection of soft drink, wine and beer available. More detail to come.

Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position.

Meeting Notes - May 25th 2021

Venue: The Hermitage, 843 Old South Road, Mittagong

Journalist: Denise Coad

President Rod Aistrope welcomed Members and Guests, and introduced Shelley Boyce who is our Guest Speaker, and President of the E-Club Rotary Club of Berrima District. Shelley is accompanied by her husband Phil Boyce.

Rod said this is our 4th last Meeting before Changeover – or is the 3rd!!

Partners:

Eric Conley

Mara De Jongh

Invocation: Brian Elliott

International Toast: Robbie Allan

In 1810 Napoleon deposed Ferdinand the Seventh after winning the Peninsular War in Spain and the United Provinces of South America declared independence from the Spanish Empire led by General Jose de San Martin. At the same time General Simon Bolivar led the uprising in the north which over several years ended the colonial presence of Spain in the continent.

Argentina was one of those southern Provinces and today celebrates its Independence Day. After the Second World War, President Juan Peron raised the social condition of the people but his

government was crushed by a military coup and brutally ruled by the Junta of Generals until 1982, when immediately following their loss in the Falklands War the Junta was finished. Democracy was quickly re-established and despite periods of severe economic difficulty has prevailed ever since.

Today Argentina is a country of 45 million people with a high standard of living and a sophisticated economy. In the middle of Argentina in Santa Fe Province, about 300km north west of Beunos Aires is a small farming town called Chabas which is served by the Rotary Club of Chabas. This small Club of 5 members was Chartered in 2009 in District 4945 and is led by President Luis Moya. They sponsored the Rotaract Club of Chabas which is very active serving its rural community and its projects are supported by the Rotary Club Members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rod Aistroke:

Our Board Meeting was held last night. Our new Wood Trailer Fundraiser will be a good money earner for our Club. A mobile phone will be purchased and given to Robert De Jongh so that the Trailer can be inscribed with a telephone number.



Update: The phone number for wood is **M: 0493 147 790** - just call, pay \$200 and the wood will magically appear.

The Ray Williams Irish Wake last Monday was a good send-off for Ray. Donations can be made to the Ray Williams Memorial Scholarship instead of flowers. This supports Ray's commitment to the people of Bali.

Word Environment Day is the 4th of June. The launch will be available to Members on Zoom.

Rosemary Kelly:

A letter to the Club for us to organise a BBQ on the 19th June for the opening of the Renwick Community Centre. Passed on to Brian Ritson to co-ordinate.

Vicki Kelley:

\$1,500 has been donated by our Club to Oz Harvest. Vicki has given the good news to Jenny O'Reagan. As our Frank Kelly is no longer able to help they are looking for volunteer Drivers.

Mary Ramsay:

Tulip Times will be different this year. It is for 17 days with 2 Sessions. Tickets will be scanned instead of cash or cards. She will keep us posted.

The Ambassador this year is John Waters who is a local. The Charity of Choice is Can Assist. On September 30 there will be a 200 seat Concert organised by John Waters.

Ian Langford - Science and Engineering Challenge:

We have 52 Volunteers over the 2 days – May 31 and June 1. We have had more Volunteers this time than in the past. If you would like to change your offer please contact Ian.

President Rod:

Thank you to our Science and Engineering Sponsors. We look like a profit of \$7,000.

Next Tuesday's Meeting is a cooking class at Kazcare in Kirkham Road, Bowral. We have 22 attending so far.

Rod's wife Mim, and our Rose and Eric Conley, are in the Serendipity Choir. They are giving Concerts at Bundanoon on 19th June and Bowral Uniting Church on 20th June. Entry by donation.

Sergeant Lynton Fine Session:

Rosemary Kelly- Garage Sale on Saturday. The plants are on the footpath if anyone is passing later tonight.

Brian Ritson – has cleaned out his Garage. Anyone who was handed a Pen can pay a fine.

Don Graham – sought advise from our Resident Vet – Les Vickerman – to solve the problem of a barking Dog. It turned out the Dog was now a Hush Puppy.

Rod Aistrope – on Compo for his injury doing BlazeAid.

Jim Gasson – for not parking properly. Jim said, "The other driver came in the wrong way".

Don Graham – his Sister is very happy with her firewood.

Guest Speaker – Shelley Boyce OAM – Chair of Southern Highlands Foundation.

(Members were also informed that Shelley was a Rotary Exchange Student from Canada. She was sponsored by Phil Boyce's Father who was a Member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.)

A very passionate talk by Shelley about The Foundation, which has been running for 20 years.

Shelley put on all Tables the Evaluation and Annual Report 2020.

Here is the link:

<https://shfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Annual-Report-Nov-2020-Approved.pdf>

The Foundation has committed \$50,000 over the next 4 years in support of Children - Disadvantaged and Disengaged Young People.

The Foundation is mentoring 15 children between Year 8 and Year 9 at two Public Schools in The Highlands – Bowral Public School and Moss Vale Public School.

The Foundation is looking for Mentors to mentor on:

Vision

Skills

Opportunity

Help

Future

One in ten Children on average suffer from Depression and Anxiety.

Three in five suffer from Bullying.

The outcome from the Foundation's Mentoring is:

98% Enjoyed

92% Communication Skills

93% Reconsider future

93% Helped

92% Better at School

95% Set a Goal

96% Achieved

86% More connected

84% Continue Schooling

The Mentors are pleased to be involved, and get as much out of the Program as the Children. There is hope for the future as the Children:

Ask for help

Set Goals

Commit to Education

Plan to complete Year 12

Develop Communication Skills

Establish Relationships

The Foundation is calling for Mentors next Year – 2 hours a week.

Shelley then spoke passionately about her 20 years with The Foundation. Members who had any questions to see Shelley after the Meeting.

Rosemary Kelly thanked Shelley for her commitment to the Foundation and visit to our Club. She was presented with a bottle of Wine.

President Rod Closed the Meeting.

May Birthdays:

Rod Aistrope 3rd

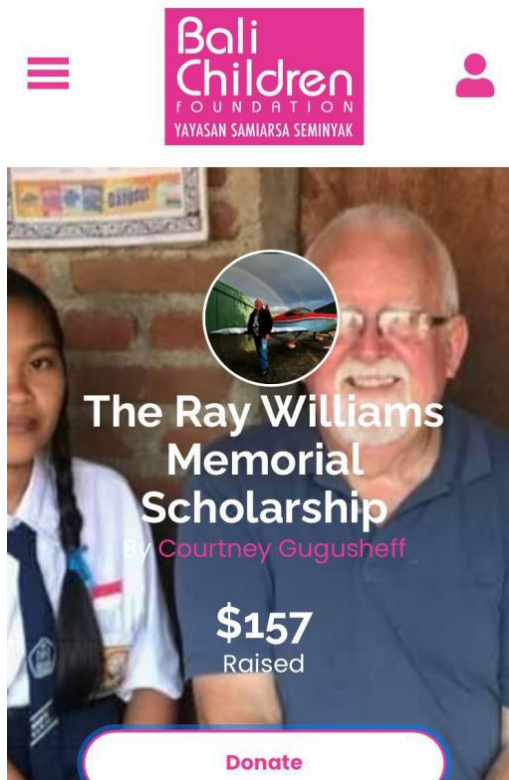
Jo Chalmers 16th

Jim Gasson 22nd

Will Eddowes 26th

Brian Pattinson 31st

In lieu of flowers please consider making a
Donation to Bali Children Foundation



The banner features the Bali Children Foundation logo at the top center, which includes a pink square with the text "Bali Children FOUNDATION YAYASAN SAMIARSA SEMINYAK". To the left is a pink hamburger menu icon, and to the right is a pink person icon. The main image shows an older man with glasses and a blue shirt, identified as Ray Williams, standing next to a young girl in a school uniform. A circular inset image shows a person walking on a path. The text "The Ray Williams Memorial Scholarship" is prominently displayed in white, with "By Courtney Gugusheff" in pink below it. The amount "\$157 Raised" is shown in white, and a pink "Donate" button is at the bottom.

<https://fundraise.balichildrenfoundation.org/fundraisers/courtneygugusheff/the-ray-williams-memorial-scholarship>

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