

Rotary

Club of Epping



19 July
2021

Co-presidents' Corner

Last Monday's 3-on-me presentations by Julian, Alex and Heather were just fabulous! No other word to describe them. My summary below does not do it justice.

Julian, Alex and Heather have many things in common:

- All three were born overseas and later migrated to Australia,
- All three are highly educated and well-travelled
- All three have achieved great career heights.



Julian confesses he has an insatiable appetite for learning. He has a doctorate in engineering and a master's degree in economics and is an avid reader. Born in New Zealand, he is an expert in the fields of Energy, Power and Engineering. His work saw him travel overseas but eventually chose to settle in Australia for job opportunities. He loves his sport, especially the All Blacks.



Alex was raised on a plantation in Malaysia, one of six children in a family of Indian heritage. His spiritual journey started in India where he was reading Political Studies and History. He joined Rotary the same year as he started his ministry in Indian villages 42 years ago. He worked for several years with Methodist Indigenous Church in Borneo. He was invited by Wesley Mission to come to Australia. He is a self-confessed foodie, a Bulldog supporter and loves classical music.



Heather grew up in Bombay, India one of four siblings in a family of Goan descent. She studied Economics and Maths at university and was an athlete and a member of an a cappella choir which toured Europe for six months. Her resilience was badly tested when she tragically lost her newborn twin boys after her first pregnancy. She then went to live with her husband in Tanzania in 'magical' Africa. There she worked for the World Bank. The family eventually migrated to Australia in 1991 and she started her Australian career working for CCA as a volunteer in the Meals on Wheels kitchen. She then retrained and earned a degree in Social Work, a field she continues to work in as GM of CCA.

Epping Rotary Changeover



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Just a Reminder that the Changeover for the Rotary Club of Epping is scheduled for Monday 23 August, 2021.

We will be 'Zooming' again next Monday night, 26 July. We will open up at 6.30pm for fellowship before our 'presentation commencing at 7pm.

Zoom details are:

Link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5526138035?pwd=ZVRMTnRwTEdPYndKUUFkYUVjT2J0QT09>

Meeting ID: 552 613 8035

Passcode: 866069

Lockdown Links

During these times of lockdown, life can be difficult, so we ask that you take the time to phone a fellow Club member to see how they are going. I am sure it will be beneficial for the caller and receiver alike!

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What is Coming Up

| Date | Venue | Organisation | Speaker |
|----------------|-------|------------------|---------------|
| 26th July | Zoom | Historic Tour | Trevor |
| 2nd August | Zoom | ROMAC | Harold Sharp |
| 9th August | Zoom | Madagascar Video | |
| 16th August | TBA | MITO ???? | |
| 23rd August | TBA | Changeover | |
| 30th August | TBA | Anglicare | Magnus Linder |
| 6th September | TBA | Shine for Kids | Andrew Keo |
| 13th September | TBA | Social Night ??? | |
| 20th September | TBA | Inner Wheel | Robyn Mackey |

CCA Needs Help



A CALL FOR HELP

URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

We are seeing a record number of people accessing our Emergency Relief & Food Parcels service. We urgently need donations of the following items to help the most vulnerable members of our community during this difficult time.

We would be grateful for your donations of any of the items below:

- Long Life Milk
- Personal Hygiene Items – Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razor, sanitary pads, toilet paper
- Non-perishable foods with long shelf life, such as canned goods and dried fruit
- Breakfast Cereal
- Instant Noodles Cup / Packet
- Rice / Pasta
- Vegemite / Peanut Butter / Jam
- Tea Bags / Small Jars of Coffee

Drop off location: 12 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

Drop off days/times: Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm

To arrange Click & Collect or Online-Delivery please contact 9858 3222.

We Thank You in advance for your generosity.

Alternatively, to make a monetary donation please click on the button below.

<https://ccas.org.au/donate-online/>

District Governor's Message

Tough news for all impacted by COVID. Please stay safe and follow the rules and **YES** we are all missing family and friend's. Now is the time to reach out to fellow members, say hullo and check in.

Club Changeovers

Tania and I have attended a few Changeovers personally and then by Zoom. Loved the Ryde club's spin around the screens where AG Chair, Julie Thorp exclaimed, "*I love the Rotary Club of Ryde*" and Malcolm McGregor a Rotarian's partner, upon being recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow said, "*The camaraderie of*

everyone in Rotary is fantastic". It certainly is. Let's build on that fellowship as we manage the coming weeks and engage with as many as you can; check in with your members, planning club projects, tidying admin tasks, updating websites, contacting prospective members and making the most of this enforced down time.

My recommendation is that if you're trying to reschedule to a few weeks later, you bite the bullet and **hold a Zoom Changeover** soon, which Tania and I will try to attend. Your new team will feel suitably inducted and can get on with Serving to Change Lives.

President's Meeting Saturday 24 July will now be via Zoom at 8.30am

AG's will liaise with their Club Group presidents for the best communication method to discuss Club progress prior to the 24th.

District Directory 2021-22

The Directory is printed and is sitting in DG Lindsay's car boot (where Directories hide). A limited number of Directories will be issued to each club. Once we know the updated COVID situation, a decision will be made how to best distribute copies, plus President's 2021-22 and District Team name badges.

Good News, the Directory is available on the District Website: **rotarydistrict9685.org.au**

Note you will need to be logged in to access the information. You may need to ask your Club Secretary for your **user name**. I highly recommend our website, as it has a vast range of information about Rotary programs.

This might be a good time to encourage the 45% of our membership who have not created a **MyRotary** account at **rotary.org** to do so. Just google "how to create a myrotary account" and follow the steps.

DG's Official Visit

Club visits were due to commence Monday 19 July. Each Club President has been advised of their date and most have confirmed. They are also listed in the Directory P16-21 (available on the District website)

It is DG Lindsay's intention to personally visit clubs but if this lockdown extends for weeks we will revert to Zoom. Please liaise with Lindsay if you prefer to maintain the date and meet by Zoom. Amended in person visits will likely occur in 2022

Stay safe and I'm on the end of a phone if needed.

Cheers

DG Lindsay



District 9685 Governor
2021-2022
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RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com or secretary@eppingrotary.org.au