

26 July 2021

President's Corner

The extension of the lockdown by four weeks and the rising number of infections certainly made this week mentally hard on everyone. For me, it gives me great comfort to know that I am part of this amazing group of people who care and always there to offer friendship and support. I know members have been walking in pairs and calling each other for support. I encourage you all to reach out and keep in touch.

Last Monday

A big than you to Trevor who stepped in at the last hour when our scheduled speaker had to cancel. Trevor took us on a virtual walk from Central Station, via Chippindale, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Woolloomooloo. We learnt many interesting facts such as why Prince Alfred Park was so named, why there is a bullet hole on a wall of Central Station and how the Sydney mobster scene was run by two women, Tilly Devine and Kate Lee!

We also learnt the first men's public toilet was built in Taylor's square and the first women's public toilet was build a full 35 years later!

It was a walk that we had planned to do and unfortunately had to cancel and postpone a number of times. Well, the virtual tour with historical stories and anecdotes has certainly increased our determination to go on that walk as soon as we can!

Next Monday

Be sure to join us next Monday for a very interesting talk by Harold Sharp about ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children). ROMAC provides surgical treatment for children in Australia and New Zealand from developing countries from our Pacific Region in the form of Life Giving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

Epping Rotary Changeover



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

Please join us

We will be 'Zooming' again next Monday night, 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/i/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 |
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| 26th July | Zoom | Historic Tour | Trevor |
| 2nd August | Zoom | ROMAC | Harold Sharp |
| | | Madagascar | |
| 9th August | Zoom | Video | Mrs Margaret Klein |
| 16th August | TBA | MITO | Toni Catton |
| 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 |
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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/

Rotary International President - Shekhar Mehta

Monthly Message

I wish each of you and your families a great Rotary New Year! Together, let us make it the lives, by making it a year to *grow more and do more*. Let this be a year of changemakers with our membership.

That is precisely why the Each One, Bring One initiative is so important. During this year, I upon of new ways in which Rotary can expand its reach into your community and therefore to

member introduces one person to Rotary, our membership can increase to 1.3 million by July 2022. Sijust do it!

Imagine the change we, as Rotary members, can make when there are so many more of us! More pecare for others, more people to *Serve to Change Lives*.

Think of the impact we can have through *grow more, do more.* More members will enable us to embark on bigger and bolder service projects. And each of us can also continue to serve in our own personal ways, responding to needs in our communities.

The beauty of Rotary is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can incorporate into all of our service initiatives is *empowering girls*. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better health care, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every Rotary project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future. The biggest gift we are given Is the power to touch a life,

To change, to make a difference
In the circle of life.
If we can reach out
With our hand, heart, and soul,
The magic will start to happen
As the wheel begins to roll.
Let's turn the wheel together
So all humanity thrives,
We have the power and the magic
To Serve to Change Lives.

These are challenging times, and I complement each of your efforts in grappling with COVID-19. No challenge is too big for Rotarians. The bigger the challenge, the more passionate the Rotarian. Look at what we can do when we take on a colossal challenge such as eradicating polio. Look at the millions of lives we improve by strengthening access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Look at what we do every year to promote peace in places where it seems unimaginable. Our basic education and literacy programs have nation-building impact.

This year, let us challenge ourselves to do more such projects and programs that have national reach and impact. This year, let us *Serve to Change Lives*.



Shekhar Mehta RI President 2021-22

RIM ARTICLES

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