



President Ian's Report

Last Monday we heard an excellent presentation from John Steuart on setting up a pharmaceuticals manufacturing business in Mongolia. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Mongolia was left with very limited infrastructure and almost no local manufacturing. By 2005 the entire country had only one solitary dialysis unit for kidney disease patients.

John established an IV solution manufacturing plant, first using French technology and later using Korean equipment to expand the plant and introduce the manufacture of plastic vials with injectable drugs. Two huge warehouses now hold several months reserves of IV fluids and injectables for hospitals all across Mongolia. There are also over 50 dialysis machines in Mongolia today. All of these measures have seen the average age of Mongolians steadily rise during the time that John has been working in Mongolia.



Question: If you were starting a business in a country where the average monthly income was \$550 Au, what would you pay your staff?

Would you pay them 5 times the average salary, roughly \$33,000 per year or 10 times the average salary at \$66,000 per year.

If you can answer that question, you will understand why all of the local motor vehicle manufacturers left Australia in the 1990's.

From President Ian's playlist: follow these links for an insight into Mongolian musical culture. You may need to copy and paste.

(1) [The HU - Wolf Totem \(Official Music Video\) - YouTube](#)

(1) [Клип Арюна Нимаева "Эрбэд соохор", бурятская народная песня, аранжировка Нар-Оюу Наранбаатар. - YouTube](#)

Vale Joane Clune

Joan passed away last Tuesday, September 5, peacefully and without pain at her home. Joan was married to Paul who was a Rotarian from 1984 until May 2021 and President in 1987/88. They had 7 children, one of whom has passed away.

Joan was a huge supporter of Paul and Epping Rotary. She was a great helper on many Rotary projects including Golden Oldies Cruises and Polio Plus Fundraisers.

I found Joan inspirational in the way that she played tennis until aged 86 and was the glue that kept her large family united.

I was fortunate enough to get to know Joan very well after Paul passed as I'd see her most Thursdays on my way to MOW. She was "Saint like".

Her funeral is next Monday 11 September at 11.15 am at Palm Chapel, Macquarie Park.

RIP Joan.

Bruce



Next Monday

No Meeting at the Guide Hall on Monday.

Instead, Guest: Jolanta Juskiewicz - a Polish/Australian actress will entertain us

Our guest, Yola is an award-winning Polish actress and friend of Olga's. Full name Jolanta Juskiewicz, a graduate of Polish stage and film acting school, Yola will entertain us for 50 minutes with a routine usually reserved for events like Fringe Festivals. Please come for a truly unique event!

About Jolanta Juskiewicz, creator of an independent formerly Australian Kropka Theatre, talented actress, a graduate of Polish stage and film acting school, can have a look on line under : Jolanta Juskiewicz-Lenartowicz actress.

Last Monday - John Steuart - Mongolian I/V

John Steuart, TAS Old Boy from 1965, gave an inspirational and outstanding presentation to The Epping Rotary

Club members and visitors on September 4, last Monday.

John had a professional career for around 30 years working primarily overseas. In particular he worked for DHL, the leading global logistics company which specialises in international shipping, courier services and transportation.

John was able to utilise these skills when asked in 2002 to help establish an intravenous solution (I/V) industry in Mongolia. Previously the I/V industry in Mongolia had an unreliable supply from overseas, primarily Russia, and questionable quality and standards. John became Chair in 2003 and 20 years later his company has become an industry of world best standard status.

It has made a huge contribution to improving living standards in Mongolia and longer life expectancy.

As well, in recent years, some of the “profits” have resulted in new medical clinics and schoolrooms.

Other TAS Old Boys, George Souris, Pete Williams, Paddy Flower and myself attended as well as John's partner Jackie and daughter Jessica, and EBHS teacher, Ron Bradford. Geoff Saville, Olga and her friend also attended this special night.

An amazing presentation and what a contribution John and his team have made in Mongolia.

Thank you John.

Bruce Jacob.



Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
11 September	Guest Jolanta Juskiewicz - a Polish/Australian actress will entertain us	Epping Club
18 September	Guest Fay Kitto from Carlingford Rotary Club – “Sustainable Cambodia”	Epping Club
25 September	Members update on the Guide Hall: Lease Signing, Insurance, Bookings, Furniture	Epping Club
2 October	NO Meeting – Holiday	
18 October	Primary School Debates with Betty	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
22 October	Clean-Up after the Granny Smith Festival, (Alister)	Eastwood
24 October	Ride the train to end Polio	Epping Station
6 November	Rotary Foundation Recognition Event	Epping Club
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

North Epping Community Gardens – Growing Strong





District Governor's Newsletter

I have had the pleasure during July and August of visiting 26 Clubs. Each club has its own unique features and feel. Clubs have inducted several new members during this time. Welcome to Rotary. May your experiences match your expectations! I am genuinely proud of everything that members do, and the lives you touch, while serving your local communities and those overseas. The scope and creativity in some projects is awe-inspiring and I am glad to see sustainable examples of collaboration between clubs, consistent with one of my goals for 2023-24. I trust you are all having fun and enjoying your Rotary experience.

I have been informed that our District is in line for 36 District Grants. By now you may know if your application has been approved and in anticipation of successful completion of your projects, I wish you well. Congratulations.

I am very proud to advise that our District worked very quickly to immediately forward US\$1000 to provide a 'cup of fresh water' to the people of Maui through the Rotary Club of Maui. Thanks to the District's Disaster Response Team we have also successfully set up a RAWCS Project to assist the Maui Wildfire victims. Thanks to IPDG Mina Howard AG Paul Rogers, Rtn Pam Hudson and P Sue O'Neill RAWCS for their swift action to make this happen. See appeal details below. Donate now. Districts around the Zone have been asked to support and promote this project. I am asking that clubs and members give generously to create hope in this situation since clubs in Hawaii supported us during our fires and floods. The following message was sent from Maui RC Treasurer, Brian Motto on receipt of the funds for fresh water:

Thank you.

Given the scale of the wildfire disaster, recovery will take a very long time, and undoubtedly require a great deal of resources, energy, and work.

Right now, most efforts are being focused on immediate needs and issues: extinguishing the embers that continue to burn in some hard-to-reach areas; addressing the critical needs of the displaced (food, water, housing, health care, social and financial assistance, etc.); and searching for, and identifying, when possible, the missing and the dead.

One grace that has arisen from this sad and tragic event has been the kindness and generosity shown by people from all over the world, including, of course, our wonderful, thoughtful, and kind friends and fellow Rotarians in Australia. You inspire us with your quick action and expressions of sympathy and encouragement. We are truly fortunate to have friends such as you.

Domestic and Family Violence Campaign – Your support, current and anticipated, warms my heart. Across the Zone, Rotarians are gearing up to deliver projects, to walk against domestic violence, to learn about and to raise awareness of this blight on our society. Domestic violence does not discriminate. It pervades every part of our community. I need your help to support this venture in our District. Please step up now to do what you can in your club and across the District. More information is included below from DFV Committee Chair Janelle Craig and her team about what is in store.

Regionalisation is ramping up. With Regional Council nominations for positions closed, elections are due soon. See the update in this newsletter from our Regionalisation Pilot Representative PDG Kalma McLellan for details.

Zone 8 Virtual Conference

The Zone 8 Virtual Conference is now open for bookings. Scheduled for both Sat 28 and Sun 29 October from 1pm-3.30pm each day for \$25. Book now at this link - <https://rotaryoceania.zone/2023-zone-8-conference-institute>.

I have been fortunate to attend several exciting events in the last month which include:

- **RIWA (Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards)** – for non-Rotarians. The announcement of finalists

was made at Parliament House late July and I am delighted to say that our District had five finalists announced, namely Urban over 30: Janelle Dodd Ryde and Robyn Hutchison Northern Beaches, Health over 30: Patrina McClean Wahroonga, and Young under 30: Shivani Patel Hornsby and Elissa Simmonds Penrith. I was overjoyed to hear NSW Minister for Women, Jodie Harrison, speak so glowingly about the work of Rotary as she made the announcements. The winners will be named and acknowledged at a gala luncheon in Sydney Sunday 10 September. Good luck to all the finalists and thank you for being inspirational!

- **RESCA (Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards)** at Bankstown Sport Club honoring those brave men and women who work either in a paid capacity or volunteering to keep us safe across a myriad of circumstances from sea and surf, to fires and floods, as well as rescues and medical support. My hat goes off to all involved in a wonderful celebration. Congratulations to all nominees, finalists and winners.
- **The NSW POOTYA (Police Officer of the Year Awards)** are on the horizon too. A special Rotary event will be held to acknowledge NSW Police Force's finest on 3 November at the Hyatt Regency.

Christine Owen

District Governor 2023-2024

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