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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Toula's Corner

We had a great evening last Monday, with our local federal member since 2010, John Alexander, who was our special guest for the evening. Thank you, Bruce for doing an excellent job at interviewing JA and for moderating the event so successfully.

JA was forthright candid and sometimes passionate in his responses. We truly appreciate his time particularly as Monday was the first day of the Australian Open! He was also keen to hear our pleas for financial assistance for some of the projects we are undertaking.



What's coming up



Rotary Club of Epping		
Monday Night Program 2020-2021		
Date	Venue	Speaker
Monday, 15 February 2021	Hotel, Epping	Trevor Fulton, Streetwork 0458 801 416
Monday, 22 February 2021	Hotel, Epping	Rosen Kiat, Cardiologist
Monday, 1 March 2021	Hotel, Epping	AGM Club Night
Sunday, 7 March 2021		CLEANUP AUSTRALIA DAY

Next Monday

we look forward to hearing from a local resident, Trevor Fulton who is a StreetWork volunteer. Moderated by John Fenessy, Trevor will tell us about his work in the Advocacy arm of the organisation.

StreetWork is a non-denominational, for-purpose, community organisation working with 'at risk' young people affected by crime, mental health issues, violence, destructive relationships, social isolation, homelessness, those disengaged from school or with poor employment opportunities and those impacted by alcohol and substance abuse, to turn their lives around. The organisation supports vulnerable young people and helps them turn their lives around. For more information, please visit <https://www.streetwork.org.au/>

Join us at the pub 6:00 for 6:30 start

Wine Sales

After last week's Rim, 25% of our remaining wines have been ordered and delivered, leaving 15 dozen. Some varieties are getting very low, so if you'd like some please contact me ASAP.

Feel free to come to my place at 60 Dryden Avenue, Carlingford to collect or contact me and I can arrange delivery on a Thursday walk, Monday meeting, driving near your place etc.
\$140 per dozen, \$75 for 6 bottles and \$40 for 3 bottles.

Cheers
Bruce

Member News

Bob Nash.

Bob has just had some skin cancers removed and it appears successful, Bob will be having a hip replacement; his second.

I guess after 52 years in Rotary one can expect a few problems.
Best wishes Bob; you are very special to us.

Narelle Barker.

Narelle has been visiting her elderly Mum in Adelaide. She's a great daughter and has chalked up 5,500 km driving to her Mum's aged care facility, taking her out etc.

Narelle hopes to return at the end of February before returning to Adelaide end March.

Bruce

Community Service – North Epping Public School

The Community Garden team had the first meeting at Epping North Primary with the principal and grounds man to look at the site and plan the next stage of development.

It is a very exciting project that will include Rotarians, teachers, parents and students from the school and senior citizens from the suburb.

I will give you updates as the project develops.

Peter Garrard





Clean-Up Australia Day



Epping Rotary is back in business for Clean-Up Australia Day on Sunday March 7th.

We have registered our usual site on Terrys Creek and nominated a fairly relaxed two hours of Clean-Up from 9.30 am until 11.30 when we will stop for refreshments and storytelling.

Ian Bittner and Robert Tosswill will be the organisers this year. Please put this activity on your

Calendars. Further information will be provided at our Monday night meetings.



DG David's Editorial for February

Hello fellow Rotarians and friends!

I would like to tell you the story of **Neil Van Dine** who moved to Haiti 31 years ago with plans to start a school. He thought he would stay for 12 to 18 months. He is still there today and not only did he start that school but also has been involved in reforestation work, taught farmers about erosion control, started a seed bank, distributed solar ovens, and provided wells to communities in need of water. He now runs, with the help of Rotary, a non-profit, Haiti Outreach program, called **HANWASH** to provide clean water to households in the poorest country in the world, Haiti.

Why, you ask, am I telling you about Neil? Well, his dedication to humanitarian service made him a perfect candidate for Rotary, but time commitments of membership got in the way for many, many years.

"My work takes me all over the country, so I couldn't make meetings each week," he explained. But he had always networked with Rotarians and Rotary clubs, and as a presenter at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in 2017, he attended the World Water Summit organised by **(WASH)** Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group, where he heard about the **WASH E-Club** and because freshwater distribution was his passion, Neil decided to join on the spot. The WASH membership spans from New Zealand, Australia, to Mexico the USA and Canada to Europe, Africa, and numerous other countries all over the world. There are thousands of people out there, in exactly the same situation as Neil Van Dine not being able to commit, or not wanting to commit to regular club meetings. Some have the same passion for service in being able to supply fresh drinkable water to everyone and others have their own passionate projects. The WASH E-Club or any of the other of the non-traditional Rotary clubs are a great fit for those young or old professionals, because they have no meals, the dues are less expensive, members can log on from anywhere in the world, and the time commitment are manageable.

There are many Rotary Action Groups like, Literacy, Malaria, Endangered Species Health Education and Wellness just to name a few and most have a E Clubs attached, so if you are interested or know someone with a passion, look them up: actiongroups@rotary.org

Neil's story is not an unusual one. We all know people out there who are doing, or want to do, great community service work, but for one reason or another do not want to join our Rotary Clubs. Do not let them just slip away as Rotary, and the world needs people just like them.

(Here's a thought), why not look at starting or recommending them to a club style that suits them, not only now, but in the future. We owe it to them to introduce them to Rotary, not only for what they can offer us, but

what Rotary can offer them, and their passion, no matter what it might be. Many Rotarians have joined Rotary, because of a project they were passionate about, and their local Rotary club took it on as one of their projects. Almost every project we do or have done in the past, whether it is local, in Australia, or international, has been suggested by one or two people wanting to make a difference in the world.

I have asked many of our new Rotary members the reason why they joined, and some of the following responses came to light:

- **Have found they have more time.**
- **Wanted to give back to the community.**
- **Recently retired or cut back on their work.**
- **Wanted to feel more connected with the community.**
- **Have been a Friend of Rotary and wanted to convert to membership.**
- **Have found that COVID has highlighted the need for connection and community.**
- **Various combinations of these factors.**

It is likely that other members of the community have similar thoughts and circumstances but may not be sufficiently aware of Rotary and the full extent of its work. Interestingly, none of the new members mentioned that he or she had joined because of a particular global issue, such as eliminating Polio, or malaria, disaster relief, improving lives in lesser-developed communities or for refugees; or local challenges, such as reducing homelessness, suicide, or family violence.

How should we go about identifying prospective members and familiarise them with what Rotary does for mankind?

One way we could do this is for experienced Rotarians to seek out opportunities to present to community groups such as:

- Local Government Councils
- Welfare agencies
- School communities (especially Parents and Friends Associations)
- Sporting Clubs
- Traders' Associations
- Church groups
- Hospitals

We could also provide Rotary literature (Rotary Down Under magazine) to these organisations and place them in the waiting rooms of doctors, dentists, and other professional services!

Let's all get cracking! And as I have always said, all we have to do is, "**Ask. Ask. Ask**". Perhaps for existing members we should also add "Nurture. Nurture. Nurture."

All Rotarians should contribute to these efforts...the great work of Rotary depends on it! And when we do get members, give them a club that suits them not suits you.

District 9685 Governor
2020-2021
David Clark

New Rotary theme

"Serve to Change Lives" - the Rotary International theme for 2021-22



The Rotary International President for 2021-22, Shekar Mehta, from India, has announced his theme for that year, "Serve to Change Lives", in an inspirational speech. He is encouraging us all to give prominence to the Empowerment of Girls and to focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

See his inspirational presentation on

<https://www.rotary.org/en/shekhar-mehta-says-serving-others-changes-lives-including-our-own>

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