

# Rotary Club of Epping



## 9 August 2021

### President's Corner

Thank you to Olga Scaramuzzi for organising Monday night's presentation on the current plight of Madagascar - Famine. We welcomed to the meeting Olga's friend, Gosia (Malgorzata) Klein, who joined us from Poland and the President of the Rotary Club of Toliara, Dr Paubert Mahatante, who connected with us from Madagascar. Gosia commenced the presentation with her experiences as a teacher living and working in Madagascar for a year and from subsequent visits. Her story of a young 17 year old student who didn't seem to be her usual self, due to not having eaten for 4 days, was so sad. Gosia has certainly developed a warm, positive relationship with the people of Madagascar and has established her own Foundation. Madagascar is a country of young people where the average age is 19 years. It is the second poorest country in the world. They have no electricity, the roads are poor, and whilst they have good resources in the country, their government is deficient. Added to these, are the bandits, the dahalos, a criminal network which steals cattle from the people and attacks their villages. Dr Paubert, a university lecturer, explained that the greatest issue for the Malagasy people causing the famine is crop failure, due to lack of water.. He outlined plans that focus on water storage and solar furnaces, and is hoping that Epping Rotary can work with the Tolaria Rotary Club to help in some way. Over the weeks ahead, we will be discussing what we are able to do.

If anyone would like copies of the PowerPoint or video shown at the meeting, please contact Olga or Narelle.



### Madagascar



- Population: about 26 m / 55% women / 70% children and youth
- Fourth largest island in the world
- GDP per 13.84 billions US\$, per capita 458.81 US\$
- Equivalent to 4% of the world's average
- Life expectancy: 66
- Child Mortality: 36.5 per 1000 ( Australia 3.7 per 1000)
- Biodiversity hotspot



### Rotary Club Toliara (RCT)



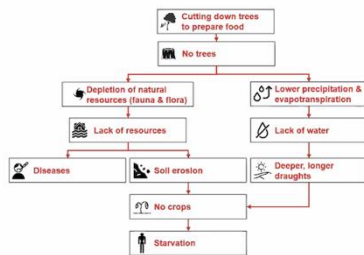
**Ensemble, luttons pour éradiquer le KERE**

"Together we will fight to eradicate hunger"

- Founded in 1959 (2<sup>nd</sup> oldest in Madagascar)
- 18 members
- Collaboration with other existing clubs (Lions and Scroptimist)

## Andranohinaly's needs

1. Humanitarian
  - **food aid** to prevent loss in human life
2. Developmental
  - **water** for farming
  - **sustainable energy source** for cooking
  - **forest** for water preservation



## Cooperating with RCs from Australia

1. Reforestation
2. Solar furnaces
3. A Village Well

Needs short term: food aid

## Trivia Night

Don't forget the Trivia Night this Friday 13 August at 7pm. Ian Bittner will be our Trivia Master. There are prizes to be won and lots of fun to be had! Please join us. The link is our usual Zoom meeting link.

## Next week

Toni Catton from the MITO Foundation will be our guest speaker on Zoom. Mitochondrial disease (**mito**) is a debilitating and potentially fatal disease that reduces the ability of the **mitochondria** to produce energy. Some of our members have been involved in supporting this organisation through 'The Bloody Long Walk' – a 35km challenge. We look forward to Toni's presentation.

## Link to Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 552 613 8035

Passcode: 866069

## Epping Rotary Changeover



The Changeover will take place on Monday 23 August, 6.30pm – 8pm on Zoom and we are pleased to be inducting Ying during this special occasion. We encourage everyone to dress up, at least the top half! Please have a wine/champagne glass filled with whatever you want ready for the toasts.

## Narelle

## Lockdown Corner

Warning against cutting your own hair!



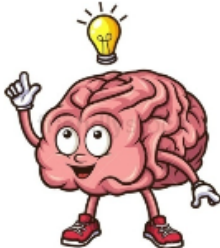

### What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
13 August	Zoom	Friday Trivia	Ian Bittner "Trivia Master"
16th August	Zoom	MITO	Toni Catton
23rd August	Zoom	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

## Epping Rotary Trivia – an event not to be missed

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**DATE:** Friday 13 August, 7.00pm

**VENUE:** ZOOM, by our **Trivia Master Ian Bittner**  
Meeting id **552 613 8035**  
Password **866069**



**Great Prizes to be won, why not join in and test your knowledge ?**

## Blue Mountains Weekend Postponed until October 23

Due to Covid and the lockdown, Toulia, Narelle, Trevor and I have decided to postpone our weekend away in the BM until October 23,24.

All previous bookings have been transferred to this new weekend automatically which means no one needs to contact the Red Leaf about accommodation.

In fact I've tentatively booked another two rooms if anyone would like to join the 27 currently booked for this special Epping Rotary weekend.

**Bruce**

## District Governor's Monthly Newsletter

Several members have contacted me and asked what is Rotary doing about a COVID



response?

My reply is “*keep caring and listening, stay connected virtually to family, friends and your Club community*”

It is imperative that everybody follows NSW Health and Government directives to restrict all movement and contact as per their guidelines to stay safe. Tania and I are double AZ jabbed and hunkered down.

Yes, we miss visiting Rotary clubs, friends and family.

We are **changing our habits** to mitigate the pandemic.

Through the past year, Rotarians have supported, recognised and rewarded, frontline workers who have been involved in marshalling for Covid tests, assisted post vaccinations by providing cups of tea during the...

...15 minutes wait time following the first jab, made a vital difference by supplying PPE, delivered care packages and sent goodies or gift packs to hospitals etc. to express community gratitude.

I ask Rotarians for *patience* until **our support role** will again become a safe, constructive way to support first responders.

Right now, many people across our district are hurting.

People have lost their jobs, livelihood, businesses and in some cases family and friends.

Some clubs have advised they are encouraging members to contribute a ‘*miss a meal*’ cost, so the club can donate through local aid agencies, community support centres or churches for food or voucher distribution where most needed.

Rotary International has tapped into decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, Rotary members worldwide are helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and vaccination, combatting misinformation, supporting fair and equal access to vaccines, and curbing the spread of the virus by donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-responds-covid-19>


**August – Membership Month**

**AUGUST DESIGNATION IS**



**MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

*"The things that are worthwhile take time, and it is not the I's of the world but the We's who achieve them."*  
 Past RI President H.J. Brunner 1952-53

**Rotary** 

**TAKE ACTION:** Join Rotary, Get Involved

I encourage all of us to see that the future of our own Rotary Clubs' rests on our ability to actively respond to the changing world around us. We need to ensure that all our clubs continue to find ways to ATTRACT, ENGAGE and RETAIN our Rotarians.  
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**1. How do we ATTRACT new members?**

Ensure our 'Public Face' is on social media and our public activities are portraying an active, inclusive and energetic club that welcomes and supports new people with ideas.

**2. How do we ENGAGE our current members?**

Rotary research shows most new members leave within the first 3 years because the atmosphere is unwelcoming, stale or inactive. How many have not been engaged in Club activities and the experience has not met their expectations?

**3. How do we RETAIN our current members?**

By achieving engagement to the retention point where a Rotarian becomes an advocate for Rotary, their club and undertakes a commitment to Rotary.

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Stay safe

*Lindsay*

**DG Lindsay May**

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