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## **Board Members for Rotary year 2021-2022**

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#### Acknowledgement of Country.

The Rotary Club of North Sydney acknowledges the Cammeraygal people on whose land we meet each week and continues to foster friendship and service to the community. We pay our respect to past and present elders and emerging.

### President's Message:

Dear Rotarians,

For our last zoom meeting it was interesting listening to **DPG Susan Wakefield** discuss the needs and support that many young women of the world need. The programs are so needed to help so many young girls in need. Those working in this field need much support. The program GIRLS INITIATIVE is widely sponsored by many Rotary Clubs.

Which brings me to the subject of volunteering. Recent research (SMH) shows a decline in charity work and formal volunteering, exacerbated by Covid-19. But Rotary seems to be alive still with promotions of Polio Plus and many other Rotary Health programs. But I feel clubs are finding volunteers fewer than ever. There is much more to do and I feel we here in our club need a bit of a shake up to find some enthusiasm for ideas to support our community. So please offer your thoughts at this week's meeting. There is no guest speaker this week as there is much I would like to discuss with everyone and a chance to socialise after a lengthy lockdown.

Thank you to those who donated to Rotary Health Hat Day. The club will be donating \$1000 to Rotary Health on your behalf.

I will be attending the President's Cluster meeting this Wednesday evening where many local ideas are discussed and we hear about the district news.

The club has purchased a bar fridge and I am asking for donations of good quality wine to fill it! Jiji, Lily L and Sam will be organising a raffle and will sell tickets at the next **Crows Nest Markets** leading to their **International** lunch next year.

www.facebook.com/rotarynorthsydney/



"For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks".



### Presidents Message continued.....

Talking about the markets. It was so good to see them start again last weekend and to see Jenny and Ross organising and socialising with the stall holders. I feel we need a **NORTH SYDNEY ROTARY TABLE** with the banner on display at each market. This would advertise our club and provide an information type booth for interested persons. I will raise this at this week's meeting and I would like to organise a rotation of members to man the table at a 2 hour stint. That way all members can be involved. Lily Clarke has kindly donated a folding table that we can use. So look forward to your name on a roster!!

**CHRISTMAS CAKES**. Lily C and I are discussing the locations where we can deliver a cake/cakes to say thank you to all the health workers in our area. If you know of a surgery, pharmacy or other place that has shown excellent care during Covid please let us know. I believe this is a small show of thanks to those who have been on the front line of our health care and of course it shows that Rotary cares!

There won't be a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October as we do not meet on the last Thursday of the month. A board meeting will be held after the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The **AGM** will be held in December and details from Denis will be circulated soon. At the AGM a **President Elect** should be nominated. Please consider this position as it is important for future planning.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone face to face this week at North's and remember to have your vaccination credential ready to show at the door.

Take care

Toni Field OAM

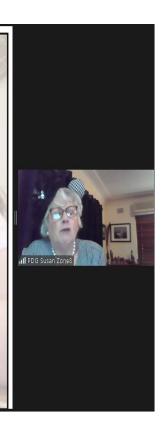


## Presentation via Zoom by DPG Susan Wakefield OAM

# WHAT CAN **ROTARY DO?**

Rotary clubs and districts can create projects that enhances quality of life for girls and improves girls' chances of enjoying safe, healthy, and productive lives. They can also modify existing projects to include components that focus on empowering girls.

- What challenges do girls face in our community?
- How can our club work with communities to find solutions to these challenges?
- What cultural norms in our area might keep girls from attending school?
- Which local organisations can we work with on projects that empower girls?
- How can we raise awareness of the need to empower girls within our communities and among our partners?
- · Does our club empower women to take leadership roles?







## Resources

#### **Empowering Girls ambassadors**

- Advocate for girls' empowerment.
- Act as a resource for clubs and districts.
- Collect and distribute success stories.

#### Opportunities

- Visit the <u>RI president's page</u> to find ways to participate. Attend a <u>presidential conference</u>.
- Learn more about Rotary's comprehensive approach to youth protection.

- Rotary Action Groups
   Find contact information on the RI president's page.
- Connect with action groups that can help.

The Cadre of Technical Advisers

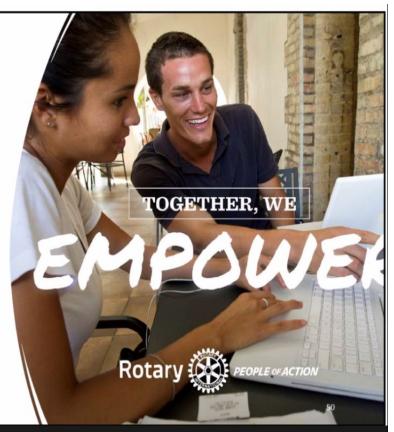
Find an adviser who can help with initiatives to empower girls by writing to cadre@rotary.org.

- Find ideas for projects or ways to work with other clubs to empower girls.
- Add your service activity or project to the Empowering Girls Campaign at Empowering Girls 2021 or EG2021.

Work with our partner, the Global Partnership for Education, on projects that increase girls' access to education.







## **Tribute to Doug Malcom (Rotary Club of Dee Why)**

Recently, I lost a loyal and reliable friend. He was member of RC Dee Why and had always been a friend of our club, attending as many of our fundraisers as he could. Many of you knew him.

He was passionate about everything he did, but especially doing his bit in the fight to end modern-day slavery. For an entire year, he volunteered one day a week for The Freedom Project, a global anti-slavery organisation based in Australia, to learn everything he could about this scourge on society, and indeed humanity.

He dreamt up and put into motion his epic fundraising project, Paint4Freedom, a national art competition aimed at educating the public and raising funds for existing anti-slavery organisations. He poured every ounce of available energy, time and finance into it. His hope was for it to become a national conversation. I am sure his secret dream was for Rotary to make anti-slavery its next global project. He always "dreamt big"!

Doug left too soon- unfortunately these things do take time and momentum was just beginning to build. He will never fully realise the impact he had and will have on the fight against slavery... we're talking about it now, after all!

He was one of the most resilient people I know; always willing to stand up for what he believed in; never complained, or lost hope. His faith was unwavering.

He was a generous and caring friend to my whole family too. I shall miss him.

Jiji

If you knew Doug, or if slavery hits a nerve for you, I ask and thank you, on his behalf, to make a donation to any of these organisations, which he intended to be beneficiaries of Paint4Freedom funds.

The Freedom Project
Stop the Traffik
Destiny Rescue

All of them take donations on their website.

# **Upcoming Events for your Diary**

Date	Speaker	Subject
21st October	Social Get together	Meeting back at Norths
4th November	TBA	Meeting at Norths
11th November	Board Meeting	Meeting at Norths
18th November	TBA	Meeting at Norths





Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries	
6th October	Samantha Lee		Nil	
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Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
	Meetings back at Norths

**Visitors & Apologies for 7th October 2021** 

**Apologies:** Via Zoom:

Elaine Newman **Guests:** 

Susan Wakefield OAM

**Members Present:** 

**Leave of Absence:** Toni Field OAM

**Denis Booth** 

Lily Clarke

Philip Brook

Tony d'Arbon

David Field

Jiji Lee

Lily Lee

Samantha Lee

Peter Lulic

Ken Pratt

Geoff Pritchard OAM

Jenny Thomas OAM

Mal Sharpe

John Taylor

Ross Waugh

# Upcoming Event for your diary

Next Board Meeting ... 11th November



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