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THIS WEEK

Fellows, Rotary International has developed the following plan to help us focus on several key issues

ROTARY'S ACTION PLAN - WHAT CLUBS CAN DO

Rotary's Action Plan builds on our past successes and sets our future direction to ensure that we continue to grow, unite people, and make a lasting impact. We encourage all members to review the Action Plan, think about your own club and district goals, and find meaningful ways to align those goals with our plan. Have open and ongoing discussions in your club and throughout your district about the new priorities and objectives, then use those talks to shape your own strategies. For each of the four priorities that will direct our work, we've listed ways you can put that goal into practice. Think about how you can bring Rotary's Action Plan to life.

To view the Action Plan go to rotary.org and 'Learning and Reference' in My Rotary

Fellows, sadly the following notice appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald this week.

Raymond Joseph JENNINGS

16.05.1926 - 18.04.2020

Loving husband of Beryl (deceased). Much loved father of Susan and Glenn. Father-in-law of Brian. Loved grandfather of Claire, Christopher and Bronwyn. Loved great grandfather of Jessica, Jack and Benjamin.

Privately Cremated.

ALBERT & MEYER

Ray was a long time member of our club. He joined on 13th November, 1969 and resigned on 9th January, 2003- a total of 34 years as a Rotarian.

He was a very active and dedicated Rotarian. He was particularly involved in Club Service—now known as Club Administration. He was secretary for 2 years and President in 1975-76 which coincided with the commencement of the Pride of Workmanship program. This was one of his favourite programs and he chaired the organising committee on several occasions.

Another of his favourite projects was the Annual Rotary Fair. He chaired that organizing committee on several occasions.

Ray's wife Beryl passed away on 28th December, 2015. They had moved to the ARV Village at Castle Hill from their family home in Ep-ping some years before.



The President's Ponderings for Wednesday 22nd April, 2020

Hello,

You are invited to the Rotary Weekly Meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday 22nd April) at 7.00 pm.

The link details are <https://zoom.us/j/9886604775>

The meeting ID: 988 660 4775

Regards

Jim Fraser

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Fellows, I was particularly interested in this report as I visited Venezuela way back in 1983 and am appalled at this report. DLF

EXODUS

A city that boomed in the 1980s as the oil capital of eastern Venezuela, Maturín is now crippled by the country's collapse — an economic meltdown that, for the people living there, is worse than the Great Depression. According to a survey released in 2018, 9 out of 10 Venezuelans did not earn enough to buy food, and more than 17 million had fallen into extreme poverty. The BBC reported that desperate parents have been giving away their children rather than watch them starve.

Those conditions are fuelling the biggest migration in the history of Latin America as more than 4 million people flee Venezuela. Economists say the country's collapse is the worst outside of war in at least 45 years, while the Brookings Institution predicts that Venezuela's refugee crisis will become "the largest and most underfunded in modern history." From a distance, those facts and statistics can be mind-numbing, obscuring the individuals caught up in this social and economic catastrophe. But the stark reality comes into focus in the stories of the people who have fled.

The number of Venezuelans taken in by surrounding countries -

1.45 million	Colombia
860,000	Peru
351,000	United States
330,000	Ecuador
324,000	Spain
212,000	Brazil
94,500	Panama
53,000	Italy
46,000	Mexico



The origins of the crisis

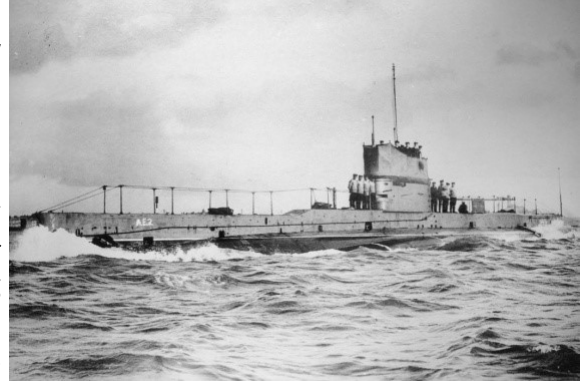
Venezuela's economic collapse intensified in 2014 when global oil prices fell sharply, prompting rapid economic decline in a country already dealing with political turmoil. At the time, Venezuela relied on its vast oil reserves for 96 percent of its export income and about half of the government's budget. To cover its expenses, the government started printing money, leading to hyperinflation.

In 2018, Nicolás Maduro's re-election as president was widely criticized as fraudulent, prompting increased international sanctions that have further unraveled the economy and sparked a political standoff. More than 50 countries do not recognize Maduro as Venezuela's President.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

25th April

This date will be known to all Australians, ancient and modern, as the day in 1915 when B and D Companies of the 10th Battalion were landed before dawn to the north and south of Ari Burnu, now Anzac Cove. However the Navy was at Gallipoli first. Churchill's proposal to reduce pressure on the Western Front by striking Constantinople, the heart of the Ottoman Empire, was initiated by naval forces from Britain and France from January 1915. It was also intended to reduce Turkish pressure on Russian forces in the Caucasus. Attempts to breach the forts and minefields of the Hellespont with battleships failed dismally. An amphibious landing of troops was seen to be the only option and thus the Gallipoli campaign was planned. Although the battleships had failed, submarines continued to attempt to get through, submerged below the mines. The limited capability of submarines and strong currents continued to defeat the submariners. The Australian submarine, HMAS AE2, had sailed with the second Anzac convoy from Albany and reached Mudros by March 1915. She joined the British attempts on the Dardanelles but damaged a hydroplane and grounded before success just after midnight of 24th April. She was the first submarine through to the Sea of Marmara. General Hamilton, in command of the Anzac landings aboard HMS *Queen Elizabeth*, could see the strongly opposed landings were not progressing well. Henry Stoker, skipper of AE 2, signalled his success to Hamilton, who was thus encouraged to continue the landings. Stoker eventually had to scuttle his submarine and his crew of 35 all went into captivity.



As the Gallipoli campaign faltered, rather than have the troops face the forthcoming winter, plans were developed to evacuate. Crucial to the evacuation was the RAN Bridging Train, a company formed of 300 naval reservists in 1915 to assist the Army ashore. They landed at Suvla Bay in August 1915 and built piers, handled stores, maintained water supplies and conducted salvage work. The evacuation of Anzac troops was completed in five days, having commenced on 15 December. The RAN Bridging Train, maintaining and guarding the piers, were the last out. Thus the Navy was first in and last out

Of all those men and women of the First AIF - their sacrifice paved the way for our tomorrow.

29th April

This date will be known to the adorers of Theo's trivia nights. It was the day that HM Bark *Endeavour* anchored in what we now know as Botany Bay. Lieutenant James Cook, captain of *Endeavour*, had proved that New Zealand was not a promontory of the fabled Terra Australis Incognita, the southern land mass supposed to balance the known lands of the northern hemisphere. Long before 1770, the Dutch, trading between the Netherlands and Java, had charted what they named New Holland from the western coast of Cape York to the Great Australian Bight. Abel Tasman had charted the south east corner of Van Diemen's Land. Van Diemen was Tasman's boss in Batavia – always remember the boss and you might get a promotion. Cook stroked his chin and thought those lazy Dutchmen didn't finish the job. He set his course from Cape Farewell of the South Island towards Van Diemen's Land on 31st March 1770. Strong winds drove the *Endeavour* north of his course and Lieutenant Hicks cried "Land Ho!" off the now Gippsland coast at sunrise on 19th April. Cook named the coast Point Hicks and altered course to follow the coast north. Food for the galley stove and drinking water were a continuing worry in those slow days at sea and Cook was always seeking possible landings to top up. Unfavourable winds ruled out Jervis Bay and a strong surf off Wattamolla put them off. On 29th April *Endeavour* anchored and the boats were lowered to get a party ashore. The crowd of Aborigines on the beach dispersed, leaving two men who Cook recorded "seemed resolved to oppose our landing." Musket fire was necessary to enable their landing, with Midshipman Isaac Smith, Mrs. Cook's cousin, reputed to be the first ashore. Cook named the bay Stingray Harbour following good catches for a yummy dinner. After, Joseph Banks and his party collected hundreds of plant specimens quite unknown to Europeans, and Cook renamed the bay, Botany Bay. After a week, *Endeavour* weighed anchor and sailed north and that's another story.

Resident Historian John Ellis

OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
May 3rd	<u>DISTRICT 9685 ASSEMBLY</u> Treasurer	COMMENCING AT 9.00 am	For Terry Pankhurst, David Firth	Registration: assembly.district9685.org.au
3rd	Membership	12.00 pm	Ian Chappel	

A famous photo of Ray Jennings, the Vice President in 1993, wearing a special gift garland presented by a group of visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Ambasamudram from Southern India. They visited following the RI Convention in Melbourne, which is where I was as President with several other members. Where is this garland now? Editor



ANOTHER BIOGRAPHY - PP PAM HUDSON

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Pam Hudson was welcomed back from her overseas trip to tell us something of her background. She briefly spoke about her earlier life living in Woollahra and then at Granville with husband Peter with whom she commenced a printing business there, Peter Hudson Printer Pty Ltd. She had experience in printing having worked at McCarron Bird & Co. where she worked alongside a Charles Roche, better known to us as Chuck Roche! She and Peter developed a very successful business, concentrating on niche markets and products.

In 2003, having been diagnosed with cancer, Pam decided on retirement and they sold the business. She was very involved in Rotary at this time as president - for a 2nd time - of the North Rocks club. She had joined the club as a charter member in 1994 and was its second president in 1995/96. She was involved in a range of projects with the club in the community and in the international sphere. She was also involved in district international projects. In 2005 she travelled to Mongolia, China and Siberia, assessing projects in each country. In 2008 she went back to Mongolia and Siberia, and again in 2011. She spoke of projects in both countries - the Lotus Centre in Mongolia caring for orphans there; and a project with the Rotary Club of Irkutsk in Siberia involving an exchange with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. But meanwhile, she had been swept up in the Theo & Georgia East Timor whirlwind in 2009. Note that these latter visits were after she had resigned from North Rocks club in 2008.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ian Huckel - April 5th
Peter Hudson - April 8th
Dorothy Green - April 19th
Pam Hudson - April 21st
Leon Edema - April 24th

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9th
Pat & Sandra Parker - April 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

George Green - April 3rd
Bill Woodman - April 6th

SOMETHING TO LIGHTEN UP YOUR 'COVID' DAY

Still haven't decided where to go for my next holiday - the **LIVING ROOM** or the **BEDROOM**.
Home schooling going well - 2 students suspended for fighting and a teacher fired for drinking on the job.
I'm so excited - it's time to take the garbage bins out the front. What should I wear?