

## CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

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TO NOTIFY MEETING

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**before Noon on**

**Monday**



## THIS WEEK

### 100 Years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand

Rotary in our region is fast approaching its 100-year anniversary. To celebrate this milestone our four founding clubs: Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland and Wellington – all begun in 1921 – have joined forces to develop a major commemorative centenary project.

The project will take the form of a major public health initiative across nine Pacific Island countries to introduce three new vaccines preventing deadly rotavirus, pneumococcal and cervical cancer. The countries involved are the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. An estimated 100,000 children and adolescent girls will be reached.



UNICEF has come on board as a partner, providing their experience and expertise. Budgets are still being finalized but Rotary will probably be committing at least USD 2.4 million (AUD 3.2 million) towards the project over 3-4 years as well as being involved in its implementation.

Involvement in the project will be open to Rotarians across the Pacific. "After all this is the centenary of Rotary in Australasia, not just the four founding clubs," said committee member James Allen.

#### Things to ponder?

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Why is it that at class reunions, you feel younger than everyone else looks?

There are no new sins....the old ones just get more publicity.

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

### The President's Invitation for Wednesday 20th May, 2020

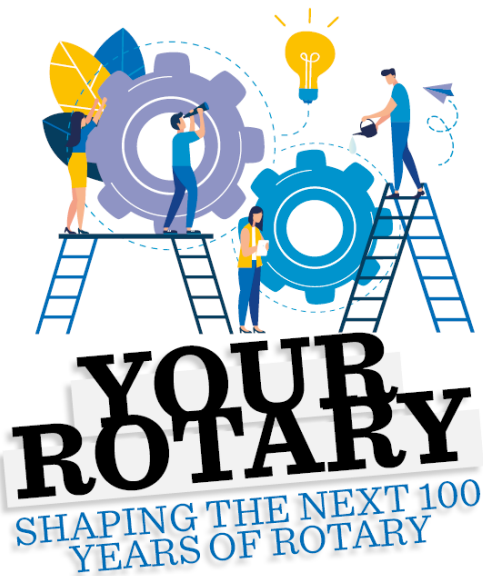
**You are invited to the Rotary Weekly Meeting tomorrow night  
(Wednesday 20th May) at 7.00 pm.**

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

**The meeting ID: 988 660 4775**

Regards

Jim Fraser



Fellows, each of you should have received this email which invites all Rotarians to respond to a series of 3 questions. The aim of the survey is to get an understanding of what Rotarians in Australasia would like to see changed to make Rotary better for the future in this region.

If you have not received this email, let me know and I will forward you a copy.

David Firth

## **We want your help to shape the next 100 years of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific**

It is a very exciting time to be a Rotarian in our part of the world. With the celebration of 100 years of Rotary and the Melbourne International Convention in 2023 we have a once in a generation opportunity to showcase our impact as people of action.

Whilst we celebrate our longevity and success as a service organisation, we need to also ensure we are well placed to be relevant, compelling and impactful into the next 100 years.

Rotary is great in many ways, and we must keep doing the things that make us who we are – our values, our vision, our passion for helping others.

However we cannot ignore the data:

- For many years we have seen a year on year decline in membership across our region, and a rising age profile – 24% drop in membership in the last 10 years, the average age in our clubs is over 60. Of the 50% of ages reported in My Rotary, 37.3% are over 60.
- We lose the majority of members who leave within their first 3 years of joining, so we are not engaging them well or not meeting expectations. In many cases we are not reflecting the make up of our communities and we have some difficulty attracting younger members. We hear that cost and time are barriers to joining.
- Many clubs struggle to get members to take on leadership roles, often because these are seen as too onerous.
- Global and local research has shown that the Rotary brand is highly respected but not very visible. We do not have a single Rotary voice in our region that not only identifies us but also enables others to easily connect.
- We have few national partners or sponsors.

# D-CAF: DEMENTIA CAFE

The D-Caf program was included this year under District 9685 Community Service *Dementia Awareness & Support* chaired by Bobby Redman.

D-Caf was an initiative of the Rotary Club of St Ives and a pilot program, with the support of KNC, commenced in the latter part of 2018 at the PCYC in Waitara. Each week they provide a place where carers and their loved one who is suffering memory loss, can relax and socialise and discover ways to live well with Dementia.

Following the success of the pilot program initially run by Tim England and Fiona Jenkins, and with continuing funding from the Rotary Club of St Ives, the Waitara D-Caf continued through 2019. Mid year Fiona Jenkins was appointed D-Caf Coordinator to continue with the Waitara D-Caf and to encourage other Rotary clubs to establish their own D-Caf. Several new D-Cafs have been established with more to follow; congratulations to the hosting Rotary clubs and to their community based partners.

The D-Caf program will continue in 2020 and beyond, and Ian Cameron (Rotary Club of Wahroonga) will take on the D-Caf Coordinator role. Please forward all future enquiries to Ian.

For convenience, a mobile phone number **0455 322 097** has been allocated for D-Caf, and for other enquiries in relation to *Dementia Awareness & Support*.

## QUESTION:

**IS THIS A PROGRAM THAT OUR CLUB COULD TAKE ON IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?  
SURELY THERE IS A NEED FOR THIS SORT OF PROGRAM IN PENNANT HILLS?  
ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IN SETTING IT UP WOULD CERTAINLY BE AVAILABLE.**

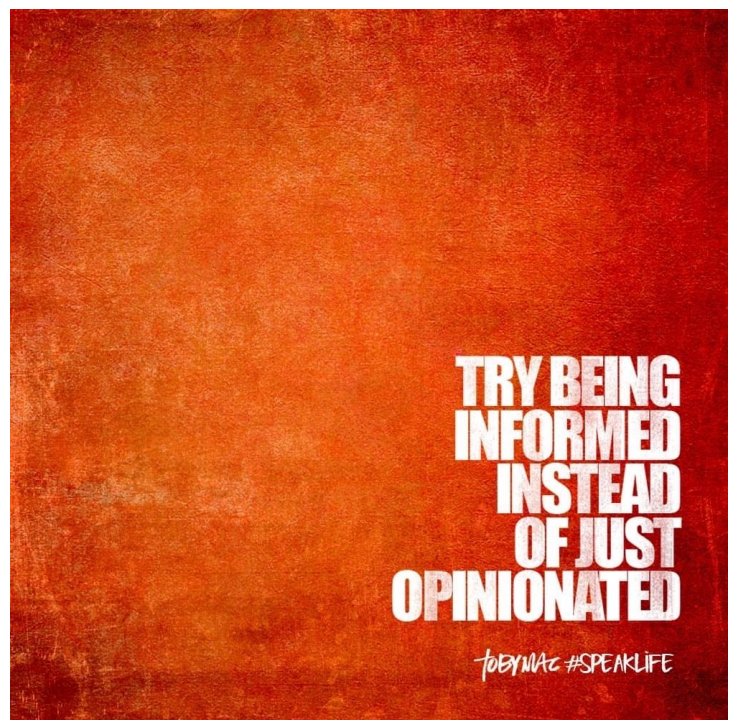
"The best way to find yourself is to  
lose yourself in the service of others

- Mahatma Gandhi



**TRY BEING  
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OF JUST  
OPINIONATED**

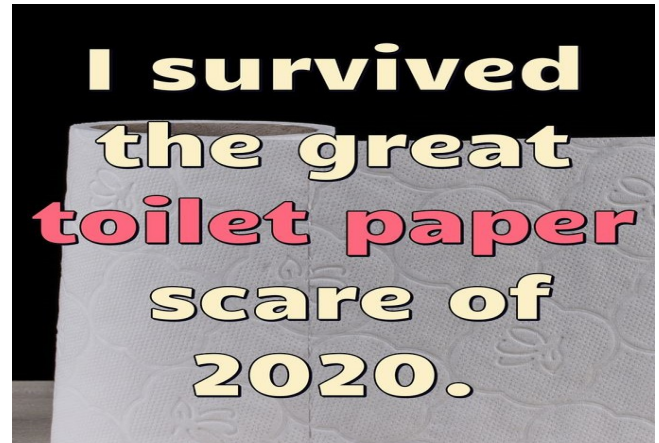
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## OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
May 24th 24th	<u>DISTRICT 9685 ASSEMBLY</u> International Vocational	COMMENCING AT 9.00 am 12.00 pm	For Phil Stanton David Firth	Registration: <a href="http://assembly.district9685.org.au">assembly.district9685.org.au</a>
July 1st	CLUB CHANGEOVER	TBA	TBA	TBA

There is a prize for whoever can name all of these fellows in Bob Cornish's board.



### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Pat Parker - May 5th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Pankhurst - May 29th

### ATTENDANCE

Last week's Zoom meeting attendance.

Present were Jim Fraser, John Ellis, Pat Parker, Theo Glockemann, Adrian Bell, Phil Stanton, Kaye Carter, Ian Chappel, Jack Reid, Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, David Firth and a Rotarian Guest, PP Robert Rutishauser, a past member and president of our club.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**The only person to get everything done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe.**

*Anonymous*