



President's Message



As part of recognising November as Foundation month, an update on the state of PolioPlus activities is worth consideration. With just 14 confirmed cases so far in 2017, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralysed hundreds of thousand children each year. Without full funding and political commitment to eradication, the disease could return to countries that are now polio-free and put children everywhere at risk.

Rotary is giving \$49.5 million in grants to support immunisation and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Some of the funds will support efforts to end polio in the three countries where polio remains endemic:

- Afghanistan \$9.32 million
- Pakistan \$8.94 million
- Nigeria \$7.71 million

Further funding of \$15.78 million will support efforts to keep six vulnerable countries polio-free:

- Chad \$2.37 million
- The Democratic Republic of Congo \$4.5 million
- Guinea \$961,000
- Somalia \$1.62 million
- South Sudan \$3.77 million
- Sudan \$2.56 million

An additional \$7.74 million will go toward surveillance activities in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean region.

In a show of solidarity and to raise awareness and funds for eradication, Rotary Clubs around the globe hosted nearly 1,600 events for World Polio Day. Our Club can be proud that it was part of this with the recent movie night where \$1000 was raised in support of the End Polio Now programme - well done the Rotary Club of Woy Woy - remember every dollar counts towards the eradication of this insidious disease.

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Russell

[Russell Grove](#) | [President 2017-18](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do ...

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL

and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Our Members Recognised by State Government



Pictured: Liesl Tesch with Maggie Payne, Vic Brown, John Greenway, John Steinbeck and President Russell Grove

Five members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy were recognised by the State Government when they attended an awards event at Parliament House in Sydney for volunteers who took part in Graffiti Removal Days. The club, with the assistance from the public, removed or painted over more than 100 square metres of graffiti in the Peninsula area. This is the fifth year that the club has been involved and our club is dedicated to removing graffiti made by vandals in the area.

MISSION

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

A message from Jayne

Team Mote have just returned from our cruise - and what an experience. We thought our members would like to know that we met an American who was confined to a wheelchair due to POLIO years ago. Unfortunately, this conversation took place in the lift and we didn't get to exchange details. He was totally unaware that Rotary, in conjunction with the Gates Foundation, had almost eradicated Polio throughout the world. He expressed his gratitude for all that Rotary had done. He said he would not want anybody to suffer as he has.

Still on the subject of Rotary, we spent a fair amount of time with a couple from Lancashire. Peter (our friend) joined the Rotary Club of Ashton-in-Makerfield with Haydock in 2002 and only stayed a few years. The same old story, members who didn't do anything except meet over dinner and definitely didn't want any women members. However, they expected the wives of all their members to join Inner Wheel almost as if it was mandatory.



In the foyer of Guest Services I came across this notice. I took the time to ask "Did they encourage Rotary Meetings - both Silverseas and Cunard offer this and I have attended both". None of the Staff including the Officer in charge of guest relations had heard of Rotary!

Jayne.

(for Peter and Jayne)

Our Speaker Last Week – Clarence Ormsby, Veteran Suicide Prevention



Alan Ford, President Russell Grove and Clarence Ormsby

Our speaker last week was introduced by Russell as a New Zealander who was now a dedicated Aussie.

Clarence Ormsby spoke passionately about a subject close to his heart. Clarence is a Vietnam Veteran who had experienced friends that had suicided after their military service because of a number of factors including the stress of being in a combat zone. His major concern was that such ex-soldiers were not getting the recognition for their service because of their subsequent suicide. He cited an example from World War One, where a soldier returned from the front and suicided with his wife so that they could be together in death rather than with him separately perishing on a remote battlefield. That soldier was ridiculed for his actions by his superiors. Clarence maintained that no one has the right to ridicule someone else for suiciding as a result of his trauma. He said that not everyone has the mental strength to deal with the stresses of combat.



He brought with him a plaque (pictured above) which reads:

Respected and Remembered

To all Military and Civilian citizens who served their country and became traumatised by their life experience we salute you. We serve to prevent suicide, preventing widowhood and children growing up without a father or mother is in the Hands of the Nation.

Frank O'Neill, Australian Vietnam Veteran

Clarence Pita Ormsby JP
 Founder and World Patron
 Suicide Memorial Day, 23 June 2018

Qld Patrons
 Pam and Rod Elkington
 Standown Park

Unveiled 23rd June 2018 by Mrs Leonie Westerland

As a singer he offered to put on a show as a fund raiser for the club. He was loudly acclaimed by the club for his presentation.

Uganda Update

Sue O'Neill sends the following message:

"The trip is going really well. We had a shopping day yesterday with a couple of ladies from Pure Joy. The money is going a long way. Although the range of fabrics in Jinja is limited compared to Kampala the ladies still managed to find some nice pieces. They have made a range of items I will bring home. Today was a full day getting out to School for Life and visiting both school sites. Tomorrow we will head to Buwampa and see how the classrooms in the new school building are progressing."

Right: Pure Joy ladies Brenda and Susan with Okello (our in-country manager) picking fabrics, cottons and accessories to make some more products



Left: Brenda and Susan in a tiny little fabric shop that was crammed full of lots of sewing related merchandise. Very little room available for customers.

Back at Pure Joy workshop sharing the purchases with the other ladies.

[Thank you Sue for all your dedicated activities in Uganda and supporting the club in its International efforts.]



CALENDAR

**Tue 28 Barefoot Bowls and BBQ (White socks?)
John Greenway to coach.**

NOVEMBER

Mon 27 Board Meeting

DECEMBER

Fri 1 HIV Awareness Day, Edgewater Plaza
Tue 5 Chris Masters, Journalist
Wed 6 Ettalong Bowling Club, Volunteers Lunch, noon
Tue 12 AGM
Fri 15 Club Christmas, Brisbane Water Cruise
Tue 19 TBC
Mon 25 Happy Christmas
Tue 26 Boxing Day, No meeting

JANUARY 2018

Tue 2 NO MEETING
Tue 9 Club New Year Gathering, Prawn and Oyster
Night, Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club,
Tue 16 TBC
Tue 23 TBC
Tue 30 "A better understanding of dementia",
Bobby Redman



Opera Update

Tickets are now on sale.
Adults \$70, Seniors \$67, 10 or more \$63 each.
Currently about 80 tickets sold.
Sponsor's packs available from John. He will coordinate
who will approach which sponsor.
Now patrons will have a neon green wrist band ticket.
Once they are on they will be destroyed to get them off.

Christmas Trees Update

We will be selling fresh bushy pine trees over 2 weekends
in December at the Woy Woy Railway Station Commuter
Car Park. Eftpos available.
Sat 9 and Sun 10 December - from 7am
Sat 16 and Sun 17 December - from 7am
Funds raised support the Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren Program and many other local and
international projects.
Volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated. Please
see Sue or Don to add your name to the roster

Anzac Day

The candles for that event have now arrived thanks to an
early order that has obtained a favourable price.
We thank Don and Sue for their continuing support for this
event.

Christmas Function

The cruise will be \$30 a head and all are invited to bring
along their spouses, friends and family to this event. From
Woy Woy Wharf and back. Cost may be reduced if
numbers permit. So, bring along a crowd.

SERGEANTS

Nov 28 Sue Tee | Dec 5 Peter Mote

JOIN US

We meet on Tuesday 6.00 for 6.30pm at Everglades
Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy.

MEMBERSHIP

Enquiries to Peter Mote | M: 0400 001 205

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS - Advise Sue Tee of non-attendance
VISITORS - If you would like to attend a meeting, please
contact Sue Tee by 10am Monday

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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of
service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to
encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an
opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and
professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful
occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's
occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each
Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international
understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world
fellowship of business and professional persons united in the
ideal of service.

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