

CONNECTIONS

Rotary



District 9465
Western Australia

Governor's Monthly Newsletter

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As this edition of Connections goes to print Suzanne and I have had the opportunity to visit 19 of our District's 47 clubs. Each club is different in so many ways, but each is the same when it comes to the friendship and hospitality shown to Suzanne and me. This something that neither of us will ever forget and both Suzanne and I wish to thank members for the opportunity to meet everyone and the time you allow us.

We have enjoyed the many varied and different meeting we have attended and the different ways in which clubs are adapting to the needs of their communities.

The projects, fund raisers and goodwill that we learn about only inspire us more to "Connect " with our members, community and the World.

During my visits I ask Clubs to provide stories of their projects and events for the Newsletter so we may share with the members of our District. I also ask if Clubs could forward a photo of new members to Rotary so we may meet them and also ask why and how they joined our great organisation.

September is Basis Education and Literacy Month.

**More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.
That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.**

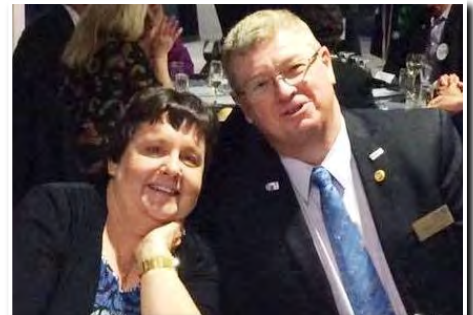
Rotary International's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

This is not just an issue for countries overseas but also for our own country.

When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one.

Mark Wilson
Rotary Club member

Please plan ahead to join us at Conference 20th to 22nd March 2020 in Rockingham. The District Conference team is hard at work to provide an informative and enjoyable Conference experience for all Members of Rotary, their families and interested members of our community. Conference sessions will be held at the Gary Holland Centre with Saturday Night Beach Party Dinner-Dance also held at the same venue. Morning teas and lunch will be at the Clipper Hotel. The Clipper Hotel will also hold our Rotary Exhibition, which will be open to the public. More information to follow.



**2020 District Conference
20th to 22nd March 2020
Rockingham
Western Australia**



MY LAST PHILIPPINE VISIT

By Tony Critchley

Showing a village home on the plateau with the mountain in the background and my two contacts. Ruel Barrios my main connection, who helped me get SBRC last project completed. Ma'am Lourdes Perez, Village Chairperson, who received some of the solar lights and Water Buffalo last month. Ma'am Lourdes Perez, village will be the beneficiaries of the water project. Mountain people are the poorest of the poor, but still very happy people.



PALM BEACH ROTARY is a Foundation member of a WORKING party in Rockingham committed to buying and operating two of these Trishaws. The effectiveness of this program of taking the elderly out on cycling excursions cannot be understood unless you give it some thought.

**PALM BEACH
ROTARY**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

GETTING
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CYCLING



As we know, most residents of Nursing Homes languish from month to year with little visitation and even rarer outings from their residence. Experiencing outings improves the morale of the older folk, especially the altziemic [sic], and is quite extraordinary. I can foresee this project being adopted by other Rotary Clubs.

Cycling without Age or CWA has a contact in Karen O'Connor at karen@cyclingwithoutage.org.au or 0417181798 you won't be disappointed.

— Laurie Smith

Mandurah Rotary Partnering for National Anti Ice Program

By Marg Pantall

Did you know the Mandurah Rotary Clubs are partnering with Australian Anti Ice Campaign (AAIC) to present the Mandurah walk against Ice?

As passionate members of our community let's get behind this! Start and finish at the Western Foreshore near Kings Carnival, Mandurah – 9am start on 15th September.

Mandurah will be the first campaign walk in Western Australia. There will be lots of other communities on the east coast involved in the national walk day.

Let's put the freeze on Ice!

AAIC aim to offer Mandurah, resources to respond to ICE and other drugs, using a Community Development approach by providing school based drug education, community awareness and education via public community forums.

Each \$10 donated sponsors one child, with parents and guardians at each school having access to a free information evening in addition to the workshops that are conducted for the students.

Together, through this Strategic Partnership, the Australian Anti Ice Campaign with the Mandurah Rotary Clubs have the capacity to implement a massive, rapid and long term education, awareness and intervention program to reduce the damage caused by this insidiously addictive and destructive drug.

This is achieved by staging an annual walk against ice to raise awareness and to raise funds annually to continue the AAIC High Schools program in our schools. We as community members know this is needed for our city.



Australian Anti Ice Campaign (AAIC) exposes the drug ice for what it really is, a poisonous chemical concoction that eventually, and often rapidly, destroys the physical and mental health of almost everyone who uses it.

A sausage sizzle will be available after the walk from the great volunteers at Homestead 4 Youth who bring hope, safe refuge & restoration to youth.

Following the walk speakers from the Mandurah Rotary Clubs, Mandurah Police and AAIC representatives who have lived the life of ice addiction.

The percentage of self-reporting Ice users reporting weekly or daily use has risen from 12% in 2010 to a staggering 32% in 2016. The spike in dependant use coincides with a rapid increase in the "purity" or strength of the drug over the same period. The drug Ice is sold under many different names to disguise what it really is. Dealers are lacing party pills and marijuana with ice to get young people addicted without them even knowing what they are ingesting or smoking.

Tickets available through try booking at \$10 adults, \$5 kids (at school) and \$30 per family.

Monies raised will go back into our local high schools to implement an awareness program for our youth.

Purchase tickets through this link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEISG>

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL POINT

By Veronica Lawrance

RCMP is running an event in memory of Jon Lawrance, who was a long time member of Rotary and local business man in South Perth. He was passionate about mental health and kids with cancer - not to mention long distance driving whenever he got the chance! So this event is being run to raise funds for both of those causes on his behalf. Jon passed away from cancer in August 2018.

The BulldustNBack Trial is a 4-day motoring adventure, exploring the WA Wheatbelt, attracting participants of all ages who are interested in having fun!

This novel event is all about seeing parts of WA you would never get to see. Join us and lots of other people in crazy old vehicles, knowing there is mechanical and medical support along the way - AND it's all to raise money for Kids Cancer Support Group and Mental Health. So you'll have heaps of fun and do some good at the same time!



24 - 27 October 2019

Armadale to New Norcia
Registration per vehicle: \$150
Fundraising \$2000

Register at BulldustNBack.com.au

Our members and volunteers have worked diligently over the past six months to ensure we have all bases covered, whilst at the same time providing an adventure for all to enjoy.

Our preparations include a pre-surveyed route - triple navigated by local members with experience in similar events - think Variety Car Bash, weCarpade, 4WD Challenge, (motor) Bike Run, On The Road Again for RFDS, Christmas Pageant, Perth Skyworks, Perth Ramble plus many other community and charitable events.

The team under the guidance of local Rotarian Russell Lanyon have planned the course, conducted surveys and liaised with locals to find the best tracks possible for the inaugural BNB Trial.

Setting off from Armadale on 24 October, we will visit country towns after meandering through bush and gravel trail. Lots of surprises on the way.

Each participant will be given a manual with the route to follow including distance and track signs.

Vehicles should be valued at less than \$1500 or pre date the year 2000.

Awards will be given to the wackiest car; best (or worst) dressed team; team name and methods used to raise funds. It is expected that each team will raise \$2000 through their own fund-raising ideas, but we have lots of tips and tricks on our website to help.

Vehicles can be bought from Gumtree and there are some special bargains to be had.

ROTARY CLUB OF BUSSELTON GEOGRAPHE BAY

By Ian Macauley

Sunday the 11th August was a sunny, wind free day and ideal for planting trees in Dobson Reserve Abbey. The site had been nominated by the City of Busselton and The Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay donated plants to the value of \$1000.00.



A small band of Rotarian's were joined by some local neighbours to plant out an area with 500 native ground covers, small flowering plants and Peppermint Trees. Rotarian and CoB Environmental Management Co-ordinator Greg Simpson was on hand to instruct us where the correct placement of the plants should be allowing for growth height or undercover of other shade trees already established.



The project was completed in about an hour and a half and a BBQ cooked by Ron Mildenhall was enjoyed by the workers.

By Rosinda Seara

Rotary Exchange Student

The Rotary Club of Cockburn officially welcomed Xavier Menez from Gironde in Bordeaux France to the club. Xavier presented President Ray with a banner from the Rotary Club of Gradignan en Bordelais District 1690 France.

Welcome Xavier and *Bienvenue à Australie*. We know you are going to have a fantastic time and enjoy this beautiful country and the interaction with friendly Australians.



Donation to the Salvation Army

A substantial amount was donated to the Salvation Army. Kwinana Salvation Army officers, Darryl and Kaylene Robinson came to say Thank you for the big donation the Rotary Club of Cockburn gave to help those in need. They informed us and provided a slide show of the two fantastic years they spent in Papua New Guinea working as officers for the Salvation Army. Members were enthralled with Darryl's talk. What a fascinating people and country. So many cultural differences and such poverty. Survival is the way of life and education is key to making changes to their lives. The Salvation Army provides support for schools and opportunities to improve life. Average age for Papua New Guineans is 25. Kids everywhere. Thank you for sharing your story and introducing us to a different culture and way of life.



Rotarians travelling and visiting other countries

Rotarian Kurk presented President Ray with a flag from the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset Maui, Hawaii, USA.

If you're interested in what you see, like and share our Facebook page. Come along to our meetings and learn more about the good work Rotarians do in the community.

We are a breakfast club meeting, Thursdays, 7 for 7.30am. Enjoy a scrumptious, healthy breakfast and the meeting concludes at 8.30am



ROTARACTORS and ROTARIANS come together to plot a way forward for clubs in WA



Spurred by declining membership of Rotaract clubs in both districts, the WA Rotaract-Rotary Forum was put forward by the past and current District Rotaract Representatives as an opportunity to determine the priorities for helping to support and grow Rotaract in WA.

And so, on a sunny Saturday afternoon, 40 Rotaractors and Rotarians from two districts came together at a community hall in Perth, Western Australia, to make pizza and brainstorm around a number of key issues.

After two hours of messy and thought-provoking activities, stomachs filled with freshly-baked pizzas, we had dozens of sheets of butchers' paper covered in ideas.



Now, they are being transcribed into a digital format, to be shared with the District boards and the Rotaractors to think about how they want to see these issues approached. Rotarians will have an opportunity to help strengthen these ideas before the Rotaract WA Committee puts forward a plan for the year ahead in September!

by EeshwarRajagopalan
Rotaract WA Representative



Thank You

RPTLE Water Project 2019

After 18 months of planning and seeking club support, Project Coordinator Max Bird led a team of enthusiastic Rotarians into the Timor-Leste wilderness to complete much needed water project to two remote villages in Gari-uai.



Want to know more ?

feel free to contact anyone of the team members below to have them come to your club and explain the challenges, successes and the joy knowing we have brought clean fresh water to their lives.

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Paul Wettin	Albany Port Rotary	paulwettin@optusnet.com.au	0407 990 347
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Melissa Harmer	Guest of Kwinana Rotary	mj_kh@bigpond.com	0417 186 858

DISTRICT 9465 EVENT

END POLIO MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Sunday 22 September 2019

THE INSPIRATIONAL TRUE STORY OF JOCKEY MICHELLE PAYNE



3.30pm – SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

Reading Cinemas Belmont

\$20 per ticket

Limited tickets available -

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/539122>

*All proceeds
support*



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Coming up in September

Basic Education and Literacy Month



MENTORING STUDENTS

Rotary club pairs students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.

[READ MORE](#)



TEACHER TRAINING

We share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.



ADULT LITERACY

Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.

Image credit: www.rotary.org

AREAS OF FOCUS CHANGES

There have been some changes recently to Rotary's Areas of Focus. We've kept the existing six areas but adjusted three names (marked with asterisks) to better reflect the types of projects that Rotary members are carrying out. The areas of focus are now:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention*
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene*
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development*

Some of the goals of the areas have changed, and we've included activities that relate to the environment for most areas. The Areas of Focus Policy Statements now show the new environment-related policies with a leaf icon.



Source: RISPPPO Regional Bulletin, August 2019

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To submit an article, please email Newsletter Editor [Giovanna McKay](#) short stories and photos (no more than three) of new members and/or club projects undertaken.

For upcoming events, please email eDigest Editor [Bob Phipps](#)

CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Esperance Bay
3 August

Victoria Park
5 August

Byford & Districts
5 August