

# CONNECTIONS

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Throughout the month of April, Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month, take action to support mothers and children. [Read more stories](#) about maternal and child health to gain inspiration for club and district service projects. Post your club's project on [Rotary Showcase](#), find a project to support on [Rotary Ideas](#), or join the conversation in [My Rotary's discussion groups](#)



DG Wayne and Suzanne

*D*ear Members of Rotary Clubs in our District 9465, how life can change in just 5 short weeks.

During the past few weeks I have received many emails from Club members advising that their club is using Zoom to have regular weekly or fortnightly meetings. I have also attended quite a few meetings via invitation (always happy for more) and I find all the meetings interesting and a great way to catch up with members. For me, this has resulted in a great opportunity to talk to many members that I would not normally be able to at this time of the year.

Surprisingly I have noticed that at a lot of Zoom meetings the attendance is as good, if not better, than regular club meetings and as a club becomes comfortable with the system better interaction is had. Several clubs also use a zoom meeting as an opportunity to have a theme, from different dress codes to holiday pictures as a back drop and one is looking at a wine tasting night via Zoom.

I also receive information on how clubs are continuing during this time and again have great enthusiasm for when we come out of isolation and get back to some normality.

If you are at home and are looking for something to occupy your time may I suggest that you spend a little bit of time looking at your online Rotary presence, be it updating your Club runner profile, My Rotary profile and also check out Rotary.org. It would be appreciated if Secretaries could ensure that the databases for Club runner, Rotary.org and RDU are current as this would be very productive as we look to move into the new Rotary year.

**District 9465 is not in shutdown mode.** We must keep as much as we can in motion so that we can appear out of the other end of this devastating situation in a strong working condition.

Although the situation in Western Australia is far better than the rest of the world it is important we do not become complacent and continue to follow the guidelines set out by the Government and Health Authorities.

Remember the theme this year is **Rotary (and Zoom) Connects the World.**

Stay healthy, support each other and your community.

# Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal

Greetings fellow District Governors,

I am painfully aware of the demands being placed on us for various project funding at the present time.

However, I hope that some of you and your clubs may be in a position to assist with the NZ & Australian appeals for Vanuatu.

Could you please distribute the appropriate information below to the clubs in your District.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards

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**As a result of Cyclone Harold, there has been widespread destruction in Vanuatu to property within the regions Luganville, Ambae, Pentecost and Malo Islands.**

**There is urgent need for building supplies, shelter short and long term, food and mosquito Nets,**

## **Donations to New Zealand**

Rotary District 9910  
Swift code: ASBBNZ2A.  
Project Account: 12 3109 0122080 05 Please include Name / Cyclone Harold

## **Donations to Vanuatu**

Rotary District 9910  
Swift Code: BOSPUVUX  
BSB Code: 039033  
Account: 2000663811 Please include Name / Cyclone Harold

## **Donations to Australia**

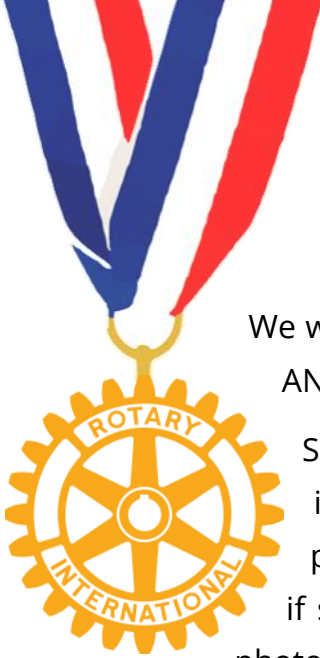


Project —Cyclone Harold Disaster Response- Vanuatu—113-2019-20

Please paste the hyperlink below into your browser this Link to take donors directly to our [secure donations page](https://donations.rawcs.com.au/113-2019-20).

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/113-2019-20>

Donations are Tax Deductible



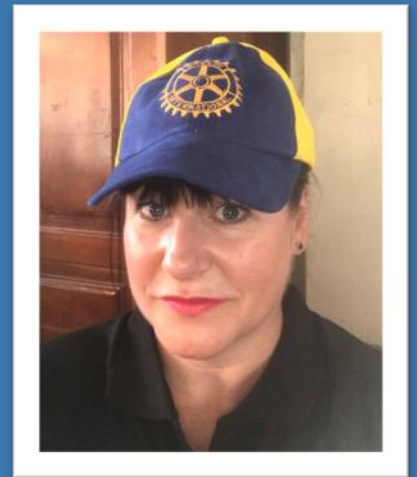
# Calling all Rotary Members in Isolation

By Sharyn McCaskey, District 9465 PR/Marketing Chair

We would LOVE to see photos of you in a SHIRT or CAP during lock-down, doing ANYTHING you like as long as your logo is visible.

Send us a photo of you wearing your Rotary Cap or Shirt whilst you're in isolation. We're looking for anything fun, frivolous, simple or engaging, perhaps you're watching TV, reading a book, or you may still be at work and if so where do you work. Make them fun or just a nice photo of you. These photos below are from past albums to show you what we had in mind...make them inside, outside....or..... We're asking members to put on their shirts during this time and the wonderful Jodie Sparks suggested we make it a "series to be uploaded to our Facebook page"

Have fun and simply PM them to us here at [Rotary in Western Australia](#) facebook page via the message section, or text them to 0408863331. Just add your name/s and club and what you were doing. This is a way we feel we can all stay connected till this is over.







Interplast teddies give a reassuring cuddle to some of our youngest patients. With many different colour combinations these teddies bring a positive experience to the child when they are receiving life-altering treatment by the volunteer Interplast teams.

Teddies are used by our volunteer Anaesthetists to help calm and reassure a patient before surgery, reducing the need for additional drugs. Interplast sends teddies with every program to countries across the Asia-Pacific.

The teddies are made by members of Rotary Clubs across Australia & New Zealand and donated to Interplast. They then take a long journey with the medical equipment and the volunteer medical teams to find their new friends. They start their new life bringing smiles to children and families during their life-changing hospital visits.

Most recently, over 100 teddies were donated to Interplast by the Rotary Club of Napier and the Rotary Club of Maketu, in New Zealand. These teddies have already been sent to children facing surgery in Laos.

If you or your club would like the pattern for the teddies please contact Janette in the Interplast office at: [janette.etherington@interplast.org.au](mailto:janette.etherington@interplast.org.au)





Meet Patma. A little girl who lives in Mount Hagen in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Patma was born with a cleft lip and palate making it very difficult for her to feed properly. Without proper nutrition in her formative years, Patma is unable to put on weight and thrive.

Interplast Australia & New Zealand has been working in PNG since 1985. PNG has one of the largest populations in the Pacific, with over 8 million people spread out over more than 150 islands. Interplast is helping our local partners to build capacity as many local surgeons are general surgeons, and only a small number specialize in plastic & reconstructive surgery.

Whilst Patma was considered too small for surgery on this visit, the Interplast team was able to teach her mother how to feed her with a specific bottle and technique. Hesitant at the new feeding technique at first, Patma's mother was taught by volunteer nurse Hayley Benbow the correct way to feed Patma so that she will be a good candidate for surgery when the team returns.

Whilst COVID-19 is sweeping the world Interplast wishes that you, your families and your club stay safe in these trying times. Children like Patma will need Interplast's & Rotary's help more than ever once COVID-19 has disappeared from her community. Through Rotary you can have a long lasting impact on these children's lives and their communities.





# SNIPPETS



**The Rotary Australia World Community Services** Donation in Kind at Edinburgh Park South Australia loaded the last of seven truckloads of Medical equipment for the SA Health COVID-19 Hospital being setup in the old Wakefield Hospital. This in addition to 120 beds to the SA Health Collinsgrove site last week & 6 Ventilators to the Royal Adelaide Hospital earlier this week. The Donations in Kind team feel privileged to be able to help in this time of need.

MELVILLE CITY ROTARACT CLUB  
QUIZ NIGHT

**\$1283 RAISED**

FOR ROTARY'S BUSHFIRE  
RELIEF CAMPAIGN!

**THANKS TO YOU!**

Rotaract

**O**ver \$1,200 was raised at the [Quiz Night for Bushfires- Melville City Rotaract](#) last month. *This calls for a BIG thanks to all who attended - you not only supported our Rotaract club, but you supported a brilliant cause and we are so appreciative!!*

BOARDING PASS  
Rotary  
Club of Mt Lawley

**Visit a  
Rotary club  
anywhere in  
the world**

from the comfort of  
your own home

Add your club to the list of clubs meeting  
online - and you may get an interstate or  
international visitor at your next meeting!

[bit.ly/addmyonlinemeeting](https://bit.ly/addmyonlinemeeting)

An excellent initiative from the [Rotary Club of Mount Lawley](#), led by President Mel. Let's all add our club details, then use the database to connect like never before!

**CAHOOTS  
CONNECTS**  
Essential Shopping Delivery Services

In partnership with  
Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities

**1300 103 880**

[Cahoots Connects](#) assists those living with a disability, people facing other exceptional challenges and older Australians with their essential shopping. They can get their essentials delivered to their door by trained staff and volunteers.

[Cahoots Connects](#) launches on Monday the 20th of April 2020 and is a free service for eligible members of the WA community.



# WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

24 – 30 APRIL 2020



## World Immunization Week - 24-30 April

As scientists work to find a vaccine for the new coronavirus, we can do our part to keep our communities healthy by helping Rotary spread the word about the importance of vaccinations during World Immunization Week, 24-30 April.

Immunizations save millions of lives every year and are widely recognized as one of our most successful and cost-effective health interventions. Yet outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases continue to put children's health at risk around the world.

Rotary knows firsthand that #VaccinesWork. Since 1985, we've contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children from polio. When children receive the polio vaccine, their pinkie fingers are marked with purple ink so health workers will know which children received the vaccine. Today, only two countries continue to report cases of polio caused by the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Take action in three easy ways:

- ~ Raise awareness of vaccination and polio eradication efforts by painting your nails — or pinkie — purple, or customize our new End Polio Now artwork with your signature and words of support. Post your pictures on social media using the hashtags [#EndPolio](#) and [#VaccinesWork](#).
- ~ Download Rotary's World Immunization Week Toolkit to get graphics and sample social media posts.
- ~ Donate to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund. Your contribution will be tripled, thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Download Toolkit: <http://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/18RHul6snUwEvXtjgAe4HUwphaC>

- ~ Rotary International PolioPlus Newsletter





Dear Rotary Clubs,

We hope this email finds you as well as can be with the current circumstances around COVID-19. We have two updates to share with you all.

### **NYSF Year 12 Program & COVID-19**

The current Covid-19 situation provides many uncertainties for everyone. We would like to assure you that the NYSF team is busily working on the Year 12 Program 2021 for January next year. The NYSF Office is working remotely and will continue to engage all of our providers, stakeholders and volunteers to plan the January 2021 program.

We encourage students who are interested in attending in January 2021 to continue to apply through the normal process via our website. Please encourage STEM interested students in your district to apply.

It is vital that we receive an appropriate number of applications (approximately 1000+) to be able to proceed with the usual selection process and enable Rotary to select the top 600 students. We will be monitoring the Covid-19 related restrictions and health advice throughout this process and have a series of contingency options ready to go as required.

To ensure promoting the program is as easy as possible, we have put together a Rotary toolkit full of resources (including social media posts and digital posters) to help you promote the program: <https://www.nysf.edu.au/rotary-resources/>.

We are working with Rotary District Chairs to deliver an online option for NYSF Selection and Orientation if necessary. Should we reach a point where it becomes clear that we cannot proceed in January, we intend to postpone the in-person program to a later date in 2021.

The NYSF has been providing amazing experiences to students for 37 years, and despite the events 2020 has given us, we will continue to think and act positively to ensure that our programs can be enjoyed by our future scientists for many years to come.

### **Year 12 Program 2020 Session C Refunds**

Thank you to those who have already provided their details to receive a refund for fees paid for the cancelled NYSF Year 12 Program Session C. If you have already provided your details and not yet received your refund, you can expect to receive payment this week, or receive contact from the NYSF for further information if required.

I want to thank those Rotary clubs who have been able to donate part or all of their 2020 fees. We know it is an incredibly tough time for fundraising and for Rotary clubs across the country. We appreciate any donation, however big or small, and have been heartened by your messages and support of the NYSF as a not-for-profit charity at this tough time.

If you have not yet submitted your details to obtain a refund and intend to, please do so by 30 April 2020. We have discussed this date with the Rotary District Chairs and it is agreed this is a reasonable cut-off date.

To obtain a refund, please complete the online form available [here](#). Please note that Rotary Clubs are required to upload an invoice for the amount they are claiming, and that contributions paid by students to Rotary Clubs will be refunded by the NYSF directly to students, rather than via the supporting Rotary Club.

We are committed to keeping you updated on a regular basis as we move along. If you have any queries at all, please contact us via email at [programs@nysf.edu.au](mailto:programs@nysf.edu.au).

Again, thanks for your support of the NYSF and we wish you all well in the coming months.

Kind regards,

Ken Hall  
Rotary Liaison Officer, National Youth Science Forum Board  
and  
Dr Melanie Bagg  
CEO, National Youth Science Forum



# 5 REASONS TO VISIT THE LEARNING CENTER

**Did you know you can earn virtual badges, find courses in languages like Chinese and Swedish, and take a series of leadership courses, all in Rotary's Learning Center?**

**Here are five reasons you should visit the Learning Center today:**

## **1. Courses for club officers**

Want to learn more about your role and responsibilities as a club president, secretary, treasurer, or club committee member? The Learning Center has a learning plan for your specific role. The content was recently updated based on the changes made by the 2019 Council on Legislation, so you can review the latest information.

## **2. Professional development courses**

Do you need help Leading Change in your club? There's a course for that. Other recently added courses include Essentials to Understanding Conflict and a course on setting up a mentoring program for new members. You can take these courses at your convenience.

## **3. Report access for districts**

Find out which courses your district members are taking in the Learning Center by requesting access to usage reports. The following officers can receive weekly reports by email:

- District governors-elect
- District trainers (current and incoming)
- District Rotary Foundation committee chairs
- District membership chairs

If you're serving in one of these roles and want to receive the reports, complete the Access to Learning Center Reports course in the Learning Center. You can find the course on the My Dashboard page or by searching for it on [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn).

## **4. Leaderboards**

On the My Dashboard page, leaderboards show the number of points learners have earned by taking courses and participating in the Learning Center. A global leaderboard shows the top 10 learners worldwide. Districts can also request district-specific leaderboards so you can see who the top 10 learners are in your district.

## **5. Online grant management seminars**

Districts can now opt to replace or supplement in-person Grant Management Seminars with online courses, which include nine topics that conclude with a quiz. Districts can also use Learning Center reports to track progress and qualification of clubs.

It's easy to get started. Go to [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn), sign in to My Rotary, and start taking courses. For tips on using the Learning Center, take the Getting Started with the Learning Center course.

**Questions or suggestions? Contact the Learning and Development staff at [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org).**

# Making Use of Resources

*It is now easier than ever to strengthen Rotary's image in your community with the materials and resources available in the Brand Centre and the Learning Centre on Rotary.org.*

Here are five reasons you should use the Brand Centre:

1. You can create your own club and district logos featuring Rotary's Masterbrand signature and see your edits in real time
2. You can develop professional-looking PowerPoint presentations, press releases and newsletters that incorporate Rotary's visual identity. Templates can be customised as much—or as little—as you want.
3. You can find guidelines for using Rotary's logos and creating People of Action Campaign advertisement, and answers to frequently asked questions about Rotary's visual identity. For example did you know that free fonts are available along with the commercially licensed options?
4. You can upload and store the materials and logos you create for future use by creating a basket. Use the Quick Share function to email your basket and share your new materials with members.
5. You can download broadcast-quality public service announcements, videos and images to help tell Rotary's story. You can achieve first-class results without hiring a designer or purchasing expensive software.

## Promoting Rotary's public image

How can clubs help expand their community's awareness of Rotary's work and impact? Two new public image courses in the Learning Centre will help new members learn about Rotary's public image strategy, and provide fresh ideas for any member about building new connections.

The courses are:

**The Rotary Brand** – Provides a foundation for defining our brand and why it matters for Rotary

**Building Rotary's Public Image** – Teaches the importance of public image and offers strategies you can use to increase your community's understanding of Rotary

Encourage your clubs to discuss public image strategies from these courses at upcoming events to support their membership goals.

*Visit the Learning Centre at [rotary.org](https://rotary.org)*

*Anyone with a My Rotary account can take a free course in the Learning Centre.*



## Contact us:

This newsletter is produced bi-monthly by the Zone 8 Public Image team.

Please distribute to your friends/colleagues who may be interested in receiving a copy.

**Contributions are welcome** (approx. 300 words) plus photos. Please forward to: [gina.growden@bigpond.com](mailto:gina.growden@bigpond.com)

Mob: 0412 128 106



## Life Lessons

“Someday we will look back on this moment and it will forever remind us to never take the little things for granted. It will remind us to hug with all our hearts, to pause to appreciate holding someone’s hand and to live in the moments that we are surrounded by others.”

~Laura Jones



## Club Charter Anniversaries

### APRIL

- 11 Mandurah Districts
- 12 Attadale
- 15 Collie
- 15 Mount Barker
- 22 Kwinana
- 26 Hannans-Kalgoorlie

### MAY

- 17 South Perth Burswood
- 20 Gosnells
- 29 Albany Port



# MAY IS YOUTH

# SERVICE



Photo credit: Viktorija Trimbel, District 1462 (Lithuania) Youth Exchange Chair, and Governor nominee for 2020-2021

# MONTH

## CONNECTIONS

Governor's Monthly Newsletter

Wayne Milnes, District Governor  
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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](#)

**W**ith in-person weekly meetings, events and activities cancelled, I don't expect clubs will have anything to report in the coming months. However, we need to push on with our monthly newsletter for continuity and to keep Rotary, and the communities we serve, in our hearts and minds.

In this regard, please don't hesitate to share your "feel good" stories as we continue to face the ongoing challenges. Stay safe, everyone.

— Giovanna