


# CONNECTIONS

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**DG Wayne and Suzanne**

**T**o my Rotary colleagues, partners and friends, February started with the sad news of my mother's passing. Suzanne and I would like to thank everyone for your condolences and well wishes and also allowing us the time to be spent with family and friends.

As we move towards March our focus and attention turns to our Rotary District 9465 Conference.

With only a few days left to register, booking numbers are very disappointing.

The Conference is our premier annual event for members and families of our Rotary District to meet for fellowship, an opportunity to discover Rotary from around our District, Australia and the world with some of the great projects we do and, of course, listen to inspirational world-class speakers about their story

Much has been sent already about the Conference and I request members and family interested in attending to book as soon as possible with the closure date of 29th February 2020.

Please follow the link to learn Everything including speakers, projects and agenda are in the description in this link <https://www.facebook.com/events/286463445583304>

To book tickets use the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/562113>

Tickets are all inclusive of the event and dinner. Cost is \$295

## **MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH**

**Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.**

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

### **HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

Refer to the following link for current stories: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>

# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

Tickets for the District Conference 20th to 22nd March 2020 in Rockingham are now on sale.

The Trybooking link is  
<https://www.trybooking.com/562113>

Tickets are all inclusive of event and dinner and cost \$295

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.



20 March 2020 - 22 March 2020

ROCKINGHAM WA



## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Friday 20th March 2020

- Registrations Open
- Welcome Sundowner
- Opening Ceremony
- Introduction by Master of Ceremony
- Welcome to Country
- Opening by Governor/Premier/Mayor
- Introduction of International Representative
- Closure by MC and details of next day
- Drinks in the foyer with nibbles

### Saturday 21st March 2020

- Registrations Open
- Session One
- Morning Tea
- Session Two
- Lunch
- Local Projects x 3, Free Time, Tours or sight seeing
- Pre-Dinner Drinks
- Beach Party Dinner

### Sunday 22nd March 2020

- Registrations Open
- Session Three
- Morning Tea
- Session Four and Closing
- Lunch provided on site or takeaway

Click [here](#) for Speakers



As we celebrate Rotary's 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we look to its humble beginnings when Paul Harris formed The Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905 so "professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships."

Fast forward to today, while much has changed in the global landscape, the vision comes full circle with Rotary reemphasising the need for diversity in its membership.

Diversity provides different perspectives through which we can accomplish our goals as an organisation. The RI Board of Directors recently passed the following diversity, equity and inclusion statement:

*As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.*

*Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders.*

This poses a challenge in that there needs to be an openness to listen and the humility to acknowledge that we may not have all the answers – that there may be better solutions. Diversity is not just in reference to the obvious – age, ethnicity, race, colour, etc. It also refers to perspectives. People of the same age, ethnicity, etc still have differences as well, that serve as obstacles to get a group of people from achieving a common goal. Openness of mind is essential, and *purposefully* focusing on the greater good notwithstanding any personal impact is a constant challenge when conflicts arise.

Coincidentally February is *Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month* so it is *à propos* to be talking about bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. While Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention is the area of focus that gets the fewest grant applications, this cause is indirectly addressed by the 5 other causes that Rotary is focused on. Peace, after all, is not just the absence of conflict. As RI Strategic Partner [Institute of Economics and Peace](#) asserts: "Positive Peace describes the attitudes, structures and institutions that underpin and sustain peaceful societies". By providing basic necessities: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Basic Education and Literacy, Maternal and Child Health, Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Community Economic Development, Rotary is enabling communities to attain a higher level of peace.

Best Regards,

*Grace*

Grace Ramirez

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Manager, International Office and Financial Services





# ROTARACT and ROTARY Club News/ Announcements



The **ROTARY CLUB OF ATTADALE** warmly welcomed new member Joyce Smith, second from left, with daughters Jacqui and Mel, and son Scott

**PINJARRA** Rotarians, Peta and John Tuckey, hosted a fund-raising evening at their home on Thursday 30th of January. The event was held instead of the Rotary Club of Pinjarra's regular meeting to support the Club's fundraising effort to benefit the Rotary Australia Bushfire Relief Appeals.



President Vince reminded the group that this event, while it would be full of fun, frivolity, good humour, and great fellowship, is being held to raise funds which will be donated to the Rotary Australia Bushfire Relief Appeals. Individual donations may be made through the following link: <https://rawcs.org.au/disasters/>



ALL PROCEEDS TO ROTARY'S  
BUSHFIRE RELIEF CAMPAIGN

## MELVILLE ROTARACT QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY FROM 6:30PM  
AMHERST ST SOUTH PERTH

Licensed venue, no BYO  
Tickets \$15 at: [Trybooking.com/bidyo](https://trybooking.com/bidyo)  
\$10 gourmet pizza  
Prizes to be won!  
Tables 8 people



Rotaract 

Perth won the bid to host the 2021 Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference. We are in the early stages of planning the conference (with a team from around Australia) and would like to incorporate aspects of indigenous culture throughout the event and in the logo.

May I ask, do you have any indigenous group contacts or know anyone in the Rotary WA network who might? Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Samantha Fewster  
Vice Chair 2019-20  
Rotaract Australia MDIO

## CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY

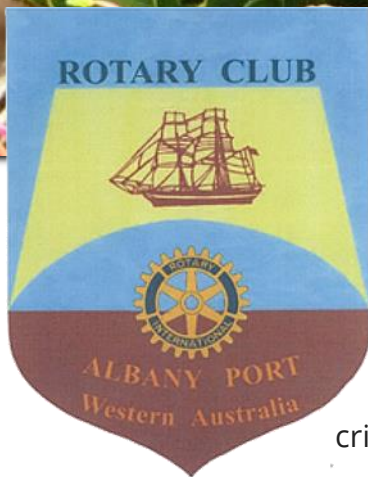
17 Margaret River  
25 Manjimup  
26 Ascot  
29 E-WA

### MARCH

09 Kenwick  
10 Pinjarra  
11 Mill Point



# APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED WESTERN GROUND PARROT



**T**he **ROTARY CLUB OF ALBANY PORT** would like to make a timely appeal to all Rotary Clubs in Western Australia on behalf of a voiceless victim of the of a bushfire which devastated areas around the Cape Arid National Park.

The fire has also impacted (again) on the habitat of the vary rare and critically endangered bird - The Western Ground Parrot.

All information and photos provided by Paul Wettin who is a member of our club and Chair of the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot who are trying to stop the demise of this unusual, shy and very beautiful bird.

Albany Port support this project regularly and particularly now in time of crisis **but there is so much more that other clubs can do to support the preservation of these birds** and on going research into any other surviving populations as yet undiscovered.

We bring your attention to the District Governor's newsletter which contained an article on The Rotary Foundations response to disaster, particularly these sections:

The Rotary Foundation response to disaster... while not in the best position to be a first responder...

- **we are however exceedingly well positioned to play a very strong part in the rebuilding phase after disasters occur in our communities.**

and there are three main aspects of this response, the third one being:

(from the Rotary Foundation article in January edition of Connections)

- **Environmental projects** (an are the Trustees added last year) to address issues such as habitat loss and wildlife impacts,



The following is an extract from a recently published appeal by the Friends of the Western Parrot:

More information can be obtained with enquiries to:

[wgparrot@gmail.com](mailto:wgparrot@gmail.com)

## The critically endangered Western Ground Parrot is a bush fire victim too, so please help\*

Another major wildfire at Christmas 2019 occurred in Cape Arid National Park and the adjacent Nuytsland Nature Reserve- the 3rd major fire in this area in 4 years. This resulted in the loss of another 6,000 ha of core, known western ground parrot habitat, with the **total parrot habitat loss from the 3 fires being nearly 90%**. Only 14,500 ha of intact core parrot habitat remains in Cape Arid. Prior to the 2015 fire in Cape Arid it was estimated that less than 150 parrots



existed in the Park and the Nuytsland Nature Reserve. **This makes the parrot one of the rarest birds in the world and WA's rarest bird.**

In response to the Christmas fire, the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot launched a fund raising campaign to provide 10 acoustic recording units (ARUs) and their installation for urgent parrot survey work.

(<https://www.givenow.com.au/crowdraiser/public/findingandprotectingthelastwildwesterngroundparrots>).

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\*The Rotary Club of Albany Port supports the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot and this cause with a \$500 donation and as part of the Rotary Foundation's Response Disaster for the bush fires and *habitat loss and wildlife impacts*.



# REQUEST FROM DISTRICT 9455

## ROTARY FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

### A JOINT PROJECT OF THE ROTARY CLUBS OF WANNEROO and HORNSBY

Help Rotarians to save lives by donating your unwanted foreign coins and notes to enable us to support Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) and other International Projects.

#### MALARIA

Malaria is a killer disease - the world's worst. More than a million people, mostly children, die of malaria each year and many more are left ill and disabled.

Rotary clubs throughout the world and especially in Australia have been involved in a program entitled *Rotarians Against Malaria* designed to help in the fight against malaria. Rotary clubs in Australia raise funds, distribute bed nets, arrange education programs and assist in diagnosis and treatment. Some of the money raised goes towards research into prevention, an enormous task. Most of the work of Australian Rotary clubs and the national committee in this project is carried out in the Solomon Islands, East Timor, Papua New Guinea and elsewhere in the South West Pacific.

#### THE COIN PROJECT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HORNSBY

One project to raise money for our anti-malaria campaign involves the collection and repatriation of unwanted foreign coins and notes. Travellers returning to Australia from overseas countries bring with them leftover coins and notes of small denominations from the countries they have visited. This money is usually too low in value to be changed back into Australian Currency so the travellers donate it to the Rotary charity collection. It has no value in Australia. Foreign coins cannot be converted within Australia.

The Rotary Club of Hornsby in New South Wales, assisted by Rotary Clubs in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Northern Territory, Queensland and the ACT, collects the unwanted coins

and notes from Exchange Booths, Bendigo Bank branches and some other sources in cities throughout Australia. The coins and notes are then sorted and returned (by Rotarians, families and friends who happen to be travelling overseas) to their country of origin where they are converted

into Australian dollars or larger denomination local currency notes. Coins and notes for more remote or less visited countries are sent through a Rotary agent.

#### OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The proceeds from this process are used for two charity purposes. Much of the money collected is given to the Rotarians Against Malaria program. The remainder of the money is used for a range of other

charitable international projects of Rotary, in particular for health, education and welfare of people, especially children, in poor areas of the world. Over \$300,000 (Australian) has been raised by the coin collection program over the last eight years.

More information Contact Ian Bradshaw 0434545970



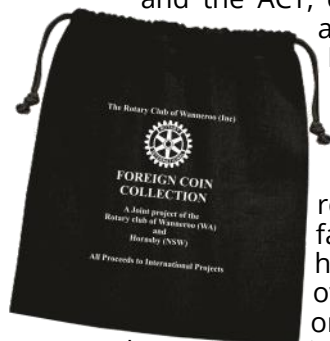
Please donate your unwanted foreign coins and notes to our project

Australian coins and notes are collected and sorted by the Rotary Club of Hornsby

ROTARY CLUBS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ARE REQUESTED TO COLLECT COINS AND EITHER BRING THEM TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE OR, FOR COLLECTION OF FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES, CONTACT

**IAN BRADSHAW**

ROTARY CLUB OF WANNEROO **0434545970**



## March 2020

- 9-15 — World Rotaract Week
- 28 — Presidential conference, Rotary Day at UNESCO, Paris, France
- 31 — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

### CONNECTIONS

Governor's Monthly Newsletter

Wayne Milnes, District Governor  
District 9465 Western Australia



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](#)