

CONNECTIONS



Youth Service Month is a special time in Rotary. Throughout the month of May, members of Rotary clubs, Rotaract, Interact, and those involved in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Youth Exchange celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun.

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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DG Wayne and Suzanne

When International President Mark Maloney selected this year's theme "Rotary Connects the World" it became perhaps the most prophetic theme in Rotary's history.

This year due to the Covid19 virus the world has seen changes like never before and Rotary, as part of the World Community, is no different.

We have seen our meetings cancelled in the physical sense, but most of our clubs have moved to the virtual platform and have shown that a little ingenuity can produce great results. Clubs have seen better attendances at virtual meetings; clubs have had guest speakers from across the District, across Australia and in

some cases across the world. Our club's fundraising ability has been affected and yet clubs are still looking at ways they can assist their community and communities around the world. Members, although unable to meet physically, have stayed in touch via various electronic methods to ensure everyone is OK.

Through the many challenges during the last two months we have continued to practice the high principles of Rotary and over the coming months our Governments will start the process of bringing us back to the old norm. However, I am sure that members realise that the world will never be quite the same again and one of many challenges that Rotary faces is, "How do we adjust?". Do we just go back to pre-Covid19, or do we look at the ways we have changed and select the best of both worlds. Imagine a club meeting at your club venue which has a Zoom connection to a guest speaker from Sydney, London or New York and the interaction you could have. Imagine inviting a District Officer to discuss or learn a topic and not having to have them attend in person but instead via Zoom. Clubs that meet on the same day could have joint virtual meetings from their meeting places with just a video link to each other. Our District size is one of the largest in Australia and we have previously relied on the ability of travel to get people together. This is no longer required all the time. The opportunity to connect with other clubs and members from across our District and in fact across Australia and the world could and should result in sharing and developing projects that can assist our communities and also over time develop fellowship.

The proverbial phrase "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" could become a rallying call for our District. We have made the most of what has and is happening in our society and with innovation and forward thinking we can and will build a stronger and more resilient Rotary in our District.

Thank you to everyone for your continued work and support and remember to remain safe and look after each other.

ONLINE INDUCTIONS

ROTARY CLUB OF MANDURAH



Rotary Membership – Biography for **MATTHEW COLLEY**

By Marg Pantall

MATTHEW has recently retired in late 2018 from the Australian Electoral Commission as a Senior Manager responsible for the conduct and the oversight of federal elections in the Canning District.

Since that time Matthew has worked on contract for both federal and state Electoral Commissions during their general and local government elections respectively.

Matthew is enjoying his retirement with Kylie, his wife of 37 years who is currently employed as a palliative care nurse. They have two sons and four grandchildren. The grandchildren range from the ages of 3 months to 5 years old.

One of Matthew's sons is in a chartered accounting partnership in Mandurah, and the other son is employed in a government agency in East Perth.

Historically, Matthew's father John Colley (recently deceased) was a member of the East Victoria Park Rotary Club, and he always spoke highly of the commitment and support of that club during the many years of his involvement. For this reason, and others Matthew is seeking to join the Mandurah Rotary Club in his local community, and join in its endeavors to support that same community.

By Alan Steel

KAREN STEEL was born in London UK and attended Pendergast Grammar School before joining HMRC (formerly HMCE) where she worked for 28 years. Karen held many roles in Customs including catching & prosecuting Bootleggers to being Office Manager for the Fraud Investigation Team. Photography is her passion, mostly for her own enjoyment, but have covered family gatherings and weddings since arriving in Australia four years ago. She enjoys community voluntary work and have held a Treasurer position within the Lions, and she is currently Secretary for the WAPF - WA Photographic Federation.

She also volunteers for the Wildfowl Conservation Group and mentor budding photographers. Karen's other passion is Halloween and really enjoys putting on a 'show' each year scaring everyone who dares enter her dungeon.

ALAN STEEL. Born in Bognor Regis, England, studied at Bognor Regis Grammar School. After failing to get signed up as a professional footballer with a number of English football teams, having been on Portsmouth Football Clubs books as a junior from the ages of 10, he joined the British Army at 17. A full and varied career followed having toured the world in the Corp of Royal Engineers, and also the Royal Army Pay Corp. Skills gained during this period were accountant, painter & decorator and HGV1 driver, amongst others; left the British Army and spent six years in finance, with a number of UK financial institutions.

Married to Karen for 31 years and, 4 years ago, emigrated to Australia, to be with both their sons. Since arriving in Australia, gained work as WHS consultant with a national organisation, adding to his 20 years WHS experience. Alan Enjoys travelling, especially on cruise ships. Voluntary experience with the Lions Club of Baldvis before joining Baldvis Rotary.

ROTARY CLUB OF BALDIVIS



ROTARY CLUB OF FREMANTLE HITS THE BUTTON

By Jean Tait

We are getting rather good at this virtual meeting event. This week we have 33 log-ins and with two husband and wife members joining us, and sharing a screen it meant that 35 people actually participated. Not only our own members but visitors from NSW, SA, and Brazil.

A special welcome to DG Wayne Milnes, DGE Colin Burns, Gail McCulloch from Attadale, and we welcomed back Ruan Machado and his wife Aline. They are in need of assistance as Ruan is falling in the gap of the Government's Covid-19 assistance package. With a baby on the way if anyone has ideas for work of any kind for Ruan please let us know. Ruan's mother joined us from Brazil. She has been a Rotarian for 20 years and is hoping we can assist them. We also had a visit from our member Jinny currently in NSW and Damien Leach in SA. Damien is the District Youth Coordinator for 9520.



The meeting continued along Rotary lines, and then we moved in to unique territory. Definitely a first for Fremantle Rotary and perhaps for Rotary in District 9465, the Induction of three new members into Fremantle Rotary via Zoom. Our Club Historian assures me that this is our club's first Zoom Induction! And possibly the first time in the last 50 years we have inducted 3 new members at once.

STEPHANIE BRINDEL is a Family Chiropractor, born and bred in Perth. After finishing her Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Chiropractic at Murdoch University in 2013, she moved to the Northern Beaches of Sydney where she lived and worked for five years. Whilst in Sydney she had the privilege of being part of a number of overseas health trips to Manila, Philippines and Siliguri, India with a group of Chiropractors and other Allied Health professions providing Chiropractic and other health screenings. Since moving back to Fremantle in 2019, Steph is loving spending time with family, getting down to the beach and working with the Fremantle community.



DEB GREENWOOD, Manager of Student Administration at the University of Notre Dame. She has spent most of her career in the University sector having also held positions at Curtin University, UWA, and London School of Economics. She also worked for the UNHCR in Hong Kong helping to resettle 80,000 Vietnamese refugees. After returning to Perth and having two daughters, whilst they were young she completed a Diploma of Fine Art from the Claremont School of Art and this has become a much loved hobby with a number of paintings having sold at various exhibitions and the Royal Show. Deb has recently moved to East Fremantle from Swan View. Volunteering has included being a Brownie Leader and a District Commissioner of the Guides and a member of the Mundaring Bush Fire Brigade ICV Unit.

JAMES TADROS, a convert from North of the River and was previously a member of Hillary's Rotary Club. He has been a Lawyer for four years graduating from Murdoch and ANU and has moved to Fremantle since joining Frichot Lawyers in Fremantle where he is working in Litigation. He is enjoying living here and we welcome him to Fremantle Rotary Club. His background is Greek and Egyptian and he himself was born in Australia.

They all had to pin on their own badges, but we did give a rousing round of virtual applause and welcomed them warmly to Rotary International and Fremantle Rotary Club.



INTERPLAST TEDDIES

by Janette Etherington, Rotarian Engagement Co-ordinator | Interplast Australia & New Zealand

Interplast Australia & New Zealand is a charity started by a Rotarian in 1983, which provides free plastic and reconstructive surgeries in 17 developing nations across the Asia-Pacific.

Teams of volunteer Anaesthetists, Surgeons, Nurses and Allied Health professionals from Australia & New Zealand give their time to provide surgery to people in real need. Interplast also provides extensive training and mentoring programs in our partner countries, in order to build local capacity and expertise. This means that the next generation of patients can be helped by local health professionals, and won't have to wait – sometimes for years – for a visit from an Interplast team.

Interplast today has Rotarians like you, and Rotary Clubs and Districts like yours, across Zone 8 supporting its' vital work in many ways. Donations help to deliver surgical and training programs, but just as importantly, Interplast needs to reassure and comfort patients facing intimidating visits to a hospital – for most of them for the first time in their lives.

Many of Interplast's patients are young children suffering from congenital defects, severe burns or tumours, so Interplast volunteers take with them dozens of Interplast Teddies to give to the children, to help to ease their anxiety pre and post-surgery.

Rotarian [Giovanna McKay](#) from the [Rotary Club of Attadale](#) has generously been knitting Interplast Teddies over the past several months – a great “iso” activity! These are just some of her incredible bears.

Everyone at Interplast would like to thank Giovanna for her gorgeous Teddies. They will bring much joy to our littlest patients.

If you would like to knit an Interplast Teddy or two, the pattern is on the Interplast website: www.interplast.org.au



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INCOMING OFFICER AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It is never too early to update incoming officer information and club membership.

Before we produce the July 2020 invoice, please make sure the membership data in Rotary's database is current. Any updates must be made by 1 July. Invoices cannot be adjusted for membership changes made after that date.

To check your membership:

1. Sign in to your [My Rotary](#) account and choose Manage, then Club Administration, and Club & Member Data.
2. Review your membership data and make any necessary updates by 1 July.

If you report membership changes using an RI-approved data integration software provider, please do so well ahead of 1 July. Once done, please verify the membership data in Rotary's database.

If you are unable to report membership online, print and complete the [Member Data Form](#), scan and email to data@rotary.org.

You can find more information, including FAQs and handy "how to" guides on the Club Administration page. Please direct specific questions about membership to data@rotary.org.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021

Please assist us in generating your club invoices accurately. Please ensure that current club officers update the following by 1 July 2020:

- 1) designated *incoming* club officers
- 2) valid email addresses of incoming club officers
- 3) club membership updates
- 4) magazine subscriptions

Please be guided by the [FAQs](#) posted on MyRotary. Membership Dues for the incoming Rotary year are as follows:

	FOR AUSTRALIAN CLUBS ONLY	
	Dues** US\$	Total with GST US\$
July-December 2020	34.50	37.95
Council on Legislation levy (RY2020-2021)*	1.00	1.10
January-June 2021	34.50	37.95
Total for the year	70.00	77.00

*Council on legislation levy is billed together with the July 2020 Club Invoice

**Dues applicable to all clubs. GST applies only to clubs in Australia

Please convert the above USD fees to AUD, NZD and Philippine Peso using the RI exchange rate at the time of payment.

Note: Starting 1 July 2019, the monthly [RI Exchange rates](#) will be available on first day of the month Central Standard Time.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Increasing opportunities for people with disabilities to gain meaningful employment.

— ROTARY —
EMPLOYMENT
PROJECT


inclusion
solutions

Rotary
of Western Australia 

If you are interested in making a difference in your community, join our FREE online Webinar about the Rotary Employment Project!

The employment outcomes for people with disability in Australia are exceedingly poor, as many independent measures demonstrate. This perpetually poor performance has a severe impact on people with disability and the lives they are able to live, with high rates of poverty being just one example. Their high rates of unemployment and low workforce participation create significant social and economic costs for Australia as a whole.

Join us at this webinar to find out more about how you and your club can become involved in this innovative project, the first of its kind in WA. The project focuses on finding opportunities within the community that connect an individual to employment, based on their interests and skill sets. Inclusion Solutions and Rotary Clubs around WA identify local businesses that can offer valued roles to individuals in a mutually beneficial relationship between employee and employer.

Through this project, we are employing a genuine strength-based approach to address a long-standing and pivotal issue for people living with a disability – that of meaningful employment.

Every Rotary member who registers for the webinar goes in the draw to WIN \$100 for their Rotary Club! The \$100 will be donated to your club's fundraising account to go towards any of their current projects. If you are not a Rotary member, simply nominate the club you want to support to give them an extra chance in the draw.

This webinar will be roughly 45 minutes and will answer all of your questions about the Rotary Employment Project and how you can get involved to make a difference to the lives of people with disabilities, their families and the community around them.

Please register to join us to find out more about this exciting project—
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotary-club-of-mount-lawley-understanding-the-rotary-employment-project-tickets-105496191950>

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NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD: THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020



Mark your calendars for 20-26 June for an exciting opportunity to gather online with the family of Rotary for our first virtual convention – for free!

Together, we'll still experience the spirit of Rotary, be inspired by innovation, celebrate our resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19. Join us to experience Rotary in action during our Flag Ceremony, witness the power of connection during our general sessions, learn new ways to engage with Rotary during our breakout sessions, find inspiration from our global speakers, and much more.

We have never needed Rotary — and we have never needed each other — more than we do now. We hope to see you online, because Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World.

Signup for this free event will be available at the end of May.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Saturday, 20 June

General Session 1: Together, We Connect

- 08:00-09:15 in Chicago, USA (UTC-5)
- 14:00-15:15 in Lagos, Nigeria, and London, England (UTC+1)
- 21:00-22:15 in Taipei, Taiwan (UTC+8)

[Check the time in my city](#)

Sunday, 21 June

General Session 2: Together, We Learn

- 08:00-09:15 in Chicago, USA (UTC-5)
- 14:00-15:15 in Lagos, Nigeria, and London, England (UTC+1)
- 21:00-22:15 in Taipei, Taiwan (UTC+8)

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Monday – Friday, 22- 26 June

Featured Breakout Sessions (details coming soon)

Each day, one breakout session will be offered at each of the following times*:

- 8:00 – 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

[Convert Chicago time to the date and time for your area](#)

Club Charter Anniversaries

MAY

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

JUNE

- 02 Applecross
- 10 Rockingham
- 12 Esperance
- 18 Cockburn
- 21 Booragoon
- 23 Willeton
- 24 Palm Beach
- 27 Mandurah
- 30 Canning

**JUNE IS
ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH!**

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS
AROUND THE WORLD
THROUGH A FELLOWSHIP!**



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

[View a complete list](#) of all fellowships to find what interests you!

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

As of 1 July 2005, the Rotary Fellowships program belongs to a new parent entity known as Global Networking Groups. The new entity includes groups of individual Rotarians organized to focus on shared topics of interest on an international basis. Effective 1 July 2006, all existing and future fellowship groups with a service-oriented focus will be reclassified under a new category called Rotarian Action Groups, while existing and future fellowship groups focusing on fellowship of a recreational or vocational nature will remain under the designation of Rotary Fellowships.

During this period of transition, both Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups will be represented on the Rotary Fellowships pages of the RI Web site. Pending the development of a separate Rotarian Action Groups Web page, both pages will be linked through a common portal for Global Networking Groups. Please check back periodically for further updates.

Global Networking Groups currently comprise more than 90 independent Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. Join the growing number of Rotarians who are sharing their favorite activities and professional interests through organized recreational and vocational groups in Rotary Fellowships, or explore new opportunities for international partnership in service in Rotarian Action Groups. Whether you are interested in bird watching, motorcycling, volunteer dentistry, or the fight against AIDS, Rotary Global Networking Groups are fantastic resources for all Rotarians to develop new friendships and to advance opportunities for service. (Rotary International information). *Source: [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#)*

ROCKINGHAM BMX CLUB are hosting a State round competition on Sunday 21st June and also the BMX State Championships from Thursday 8th October to Saturday 10th October and are looking for a community group to assist with parking. We are expecting over 400 riders and their families at the event in June and 700 riders and their families at the States in October.

Parking for the event is at the back of the club (open area owned by the Council) and we need assistance directing people to the area as well as providing some organisation to the parking. People start arriving around 6am and then most people have arrived by 10am. We request a \$2 donation - all of which will go to your Club.

We appreciate your support over the past few years so would like to provide this opportunity for us to work together and give back to your Club and the community.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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