

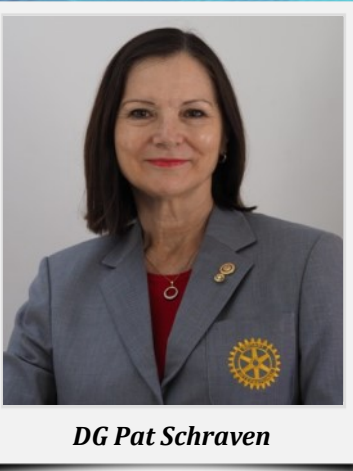
# DG Newsletter

February is

**PEACEBUILDING &  
CONFLICT PREVENTION  
MONTH**



# From the DG



**DG Pat Schraven**

## Bushfire Relief

First and foremost, in our thoughts this past month are the communities within

our State that have been impacted by bushfires. The fires burned across our wheatbelt, Southwest and Greater Southern regions. Bridgetown and Denmark bearing the brunt of damage from the fires with homes and building lost and injuries reported. Our thoughts remain with these communities, and we continue to reassure them that we are prepared to work alongside them as they rebuild structures and their lives.

## COVID

Thank you to those Clubs that have shared their Club's COVID protocols with me. It is important for our Members and our Community that we adapt to changes in restrictions and follow the WA Health regulations. Full virtual or hybrid Club meetings may be the way to go for the foreseeable future.

Please ensure you look after yourselves, families, and fellow Rotarians. If we know of Rotary members isolating, let's find out how we can support them – dropping off supplies, a phone call or anything that we can do to ease the isolation.

Clubs are reviewing their projects and events to see what is possible, what needs to change and what needs to be postponed or cancelled. One of my favourite questions to ask at these times is "How might we.....?" Amongst all the various restriction and regulations...what is possible?

## District Conference

We are going virtual. We are mindful that this has had impact on those businesses in the Rockingham

area, we thank them for their understanding and encourage you to support them wherever possible. We continue to honour Rockingham through our promotions and throughout the conference.

The Conference will be held on Saturday 26 March 2022 via a virtual platform. We still have our great line up of speakers. The cost is \$35 per person and **registrations will open soon.**

A virtual conference enables us to open registrations to people outside of our District and to non-Rotarians too. So, you may want to offer to register a potential member or a valued associate of your Club to attend the conference as a way of saying thank you or showcasing more of what Rotary is about.

The Rotary Club of Esperance Bay and Esperance are in talks about getting members who register for the conference to watch it together with a few light refreshments.

## Wear Your Rotary Shirt – 23 February 2022

To celebrate the day that Paul Harris founded Rotary it has become a tradition in our District to wear your Rotary shirt on 23 February. Past Assistant Governor David Porter is a great advocate for this fun tradition and is encouraging as many Rotarians and friends as we can to pledge to wear their shirt.



Thanks to social media the pledges have grown beyond our District, beyond our State and beyond our Nation. DG Gerardo Lorenzen from District 4240 in Puerto Rico and DG Debra Williams from District 6890 (Florida) are just few of many Rotary Districts who are keen for their Districts to do the same. ❖

# Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

During February, we're celebrating our commitment to build peace.

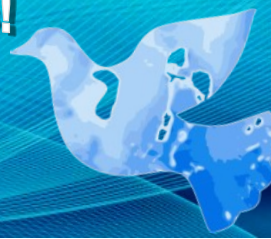
Rotarians around the world train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Rotary creates environments of peace. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved. Rotary creates environments where peace can happen. As Rotarians, we should ask ourselves how we can make the world more peaceful.

Here are 18 ideas for you to consider at your club, at work and at home:

- Breathe in Suffering, Breathe Out Compassion
- Write articles for a newspaper/newsletters
- Post on social media promoting peace
- Invite a peace speaker to your event, workplace, and/or community
- Visit museums and cultural centres in your city
- Listen with the intent to understand
- Be helpful to others when you can (help your neighbour with their groceries, walk their dog, clean up their yard)
- Meditate and invite others to meditate
- Learn another language
- Reduce your carbon foot-print (walk or bike, car pool, recycle, eat more fruits and vegetables)
- Volunteer at a homeless shelter
- Write to your politician/representative
- Take interest in your city, attend council meetings
- Make a personal commitment to nonviolence
- Organize a community project (clean up, plant a garden)
- Attend a meditation or conflict resolution training – available in the Rotary Learning Centre
- Read books about peace
- Say "I am sorry"

**Let's all join together to Serve to Change Lives!**





## SHELTERBAG FACT SHEET AND PROJECT BRIEF

By Ross Johnston

There were an estimated 116,427 homeless people in Australia in the 2016 census. It is further estimated that at least 8,200 of those are sleeping rough in cars or on the street. In Busselton there are a reported 230 rough sleepers.

- ABS Statistics indicate that there has been a 12% increase in the past 5 years (to the 2016 Census) of homelessness
- 60% are below the age of 35years
- 28% are over 55 years (and this is increasing)
- 15% are people born overseas

Rotary club of Busselton Geographe Bay are embarking on an ambitious project to import shelterbags to help rough sleeping in their community. We will be doing this through our own funds commitment and applying for grants. In addition, we invite your club to be part of the project.

*We would like to import Shelterbags to WA and invite your club to enquire and contribute as well.*

Shelterbags are a very lightweight swag type of easily portable bed that is made in South African. Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) partner with an organisation called The ARK City of Refuge who provides training, accommodation and support for homeless people in South Africa . ARK have trained seamstresses to make the bags. They are affordable, suited to our climate and are lightweight, waterproof and provide some warmth, shelter and dignity for those sleeping rough. This project is already underway in Terrigal and coordinated by the Terrigal Rotary Club. See their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/terrighalrotarians/>



The cost of bringing a container of shelterbags (750 @\$75 per bag) will be approximately \$56,000.00 including shipping and importation costs. We can provide some funds toward this, but we are unable to do it alone.

The distribution of the shelterbags will be determined by those contributing.

Storage can be undertaken by our club.

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# winners are grinners!

An Applecross Rotary Fun Day by AG Kenn Williams

Applecross  
Rotary



What a wonderful setting for last Sunday's Applecross Rotary 'Olympics', down there in the Central Park Canning Vale setting of Max and Sue Cunnington's front yard, resplendent with all those elms!



No corellas in sight, but a lonely black duck did wander over for a sticky beak, and really was the only 'crowd' in attendance beyond the participants.

Max and Sue had set up the playing field, cafeteria and bar zones, and it was truly a world class playing field.

Four highly skilled games were played with teams of 4, each of two 'gals' and two 'boys', under the skilled coaching and watchful eye of Max, with Sue overseeing Max!

Under Olympic style rules.. ie: no cheating, games of Ladder Golf, Jenga, Disc Bowls and Fiska were rotated amongst the teams.

AND THE WINNERS WERE: the boys, courageously lead by John Kelly, totally and absolutely thrashed 'the girls' 8 to 3!! Sad but true, with valuable trophies of choc bars for all!!

Some criticisms were levelled at poor OIC Max by the losers, but I note that Sue escaped despite her having the ultimate control ( over Max!)

Winners are grinners, as can be seen by the photo of the triumphant 'boys'.

HOWEVER, there was even more ignominy in store for the 'girls' who were then thrashed 25-21 in the BATTLE OF THE SEXES, themed on a pre-selected topic, with a team member drawing a 'secret' object from that topic, and the team ( 'boys' or 'girls') having to identify the object drawn on a whiteboard.

As the sun set into the west, and the light declined, certainly it was a wonder that the 'boys' team won, given the pre primary drawing skills of Ray Philp that were called to be identified by the 'boys'!! Despite this, yes, the cream rose to the top yet again!

A wonderful afternoon of fun for all, and thank you to Max and Sue for putting it all together and overseeing.

Definitely scope to run this one again, and i gather from Max, that the plans are already formulating in that busy brain box of his!





## SOUTH PACIFIC & PHILIPPINES OFFICE

Greetings from Sydney. We hope you have all been well.

Your Club invoice for January to June 2022 is now available on MyRotary. As officers, you can access your invoices under Manage/Club Administration/Club Finances/Club Invoice. You will also have received an automatically generated email notification regarding this club invoice. We have received a high volume of payments from clubs already and appreciate club officers' prompt action.

There are some changes we need to highlight.

From this semester, Club Dues will already be invoiced in local currency based on the RI July/January exchange rates. So for this semester, the January 2022 exchange rate was used to arrive at your invoice amounts. Subsequent changes in the RI Exchange Rate from February to June will **not** change this amount. This will now be fixed for the semester. This is a huge win particularly because February rates are unfavourable relative to January for the Australian and New Zealand dollar. (It could have gone the other way!)

Another win here is that no maths will be involved with conversion. The amounts as shown on your invoices will be what is due in your respective currencies.

Please note that clubs in Kiribati, Nauru, Norfolk Island, Solomon Island are billed in Australian Dollar but all other Pacific Island clubs are billed in US Dollars. Please refer to the Payment methods on the invoice for remittance instructions.

If you require assistance, please contact Sally Furto at [Sally.Furto@rotary.org](mailto:Sally.Furto@rotary.org).

Best Regards,

*Grace*

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# Trustee chair's Message

John F. Germ  
Trustee Chair 2021-22

I always look forward to February, the month of Rotary's anniversary, as a time to remember our history. What began as a small gathering in a Chicago office in 1905 soon transformed into a global movement — one that you and I are a part of today.

February is also Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, when we celebrate a core Rotary concept: the pursuit of global peace and understanding.

Through our global and district grants, The Rotary Foundation is a force for peace — as are all of you who use those funds for projects. A grant that promotes literacy can lead to greater understanding and economic security in that community and beyond. This lays the foundation for peace. When communities aren't fighting over scarce water resources, because they have a working pump system, they can instead pursue education. Promoting peace is interwoven in all that Rotary does.

The work of actively building peace and understanding has been a hallmark of Rotary since its earliest days. But with the creation in 1999 of the Rotary Peace Centers we began a bold new chapter in this story. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the inaugural class of peace fellows; the innovative program continues to merge a strong, academic understanding of the roots of conflict with practical tactics for solving real-world problems.

Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rotary Peace Centers were able to adapt, ensuring minimal disruptions to the program. Now, students at our seven centers are resuming their normal activities. This includes young peacebuilders at our newest center at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, who are preparing to apply their new knowledge and skills in a region that's in need of peaceful solutions.

The peace center program keeps growing. Our search committee is researching potential locations in the Middle East or North Africa to establish our eighth center, with plans for its launch as soon as 2024. This is a significant step for Rotary's efforts in global peace education, as we lay the groundwork for the next generation of fellows to pursue peacebuilding in that region. And we aren't stopping there: Our goal is to open a Rotary Peace Center in Latin America by 2030.

In the last 117 years, Rotary has grown to become a global force for good — promoting peace and understanding in all of our endeavors. The staying power of Rotary, the Foundation, and our decades-long commitment to peace are things that are worth celebrating, supporting, and sustaining for the generations that will follow us. ❖









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# Memoriam

From DG Pat:

“We would have included an In Memory section (a call to higher service) in the District Conference, but that is now not possible so the DG Newsletter is an option to honour those that have passed in the past eight months.”

Club secretaries and / or AGs are requested to assist collate information and email the [Editor](#) a tribute of no more than 300 words and ONE photo





**R**OTARY CLUB OF ALBANY PORT announces the passing of one of our foundation members (1979) and Honorary member Len Smith.

Len died on a Friday night (5 November 2021) after a long illness which prevented him continuing his active membership of our club as he wished.

Len was born in Denmark, WA, about 83 years ago. Len was always a hard worker and his first job was as a storeman at the Denmark Co-op.

He married his Maisie and they began a very successful business partnership in Auto Motels, moving to open the Corrigin motel even before it was completed. They worked in Bunbury also before returning to the Great Southern and opening the Auto motel in Albany - some may

recall the huge concrete whale fountain out the front.

Len was a stalwart member of this club and well known Albany citizen who always worked for the benefit of his community including very generously providing free accommodation for some business and other influential people.

He has, variously, held the positions of President of the Albany Chamber of Commerce (now ACCI), President of the Albany Port Authority, Co-Founder of Great Southern Group Training, now ATC Worksmart and one of the Founding shareholders of the Weekender newspaper. Lately he was Patron of the Albany Eisteddfod. And much more.

When the Rotary Club of Albany Port was founded in 1979 Len was one of 25 Founding members and celebrated its 40th anniversary as one of 5 remaining Foundation Members in 2019. See photo.

He was President of the club in 1980-1981 and again in 2001-2002. In his time with the club, he earned a Paul Harris fellow and sapphire pin.

During his 40 years as a member Len participated in many projects including providing some of the capital when a house was built at Middleton Beach to raise funds for the club.

Len was a good friend of many and will be greatly missed. For a life well spent, Rest In Peace.



**R**OTARY CLUB OF ATTADALE announces the passing of PDG Jim Trotter who has been ill for some time. He passed away peacefully in his sleep in hospital in the morning of 24 December 2021.

Those of us who knew Jim from his membership in Attadale and Bunbury, and as 9460 District Governor, will remember him for his great contribution to Rotary and the Community.

Jim was the original quiet achiever and his knowledge of Rotary was incredible. Jim retired from Attadale Rotary Club some years ago, but always kept a strong interest in all things Rotary. He was a good friend, a loved and respected member of Attadale Rotary and mentor to many of us and he will be missed. His life was a true example of 'Service Above Self'.



# WA ROTARY RELIEF

A special edition of the actual events  
(in some detail)

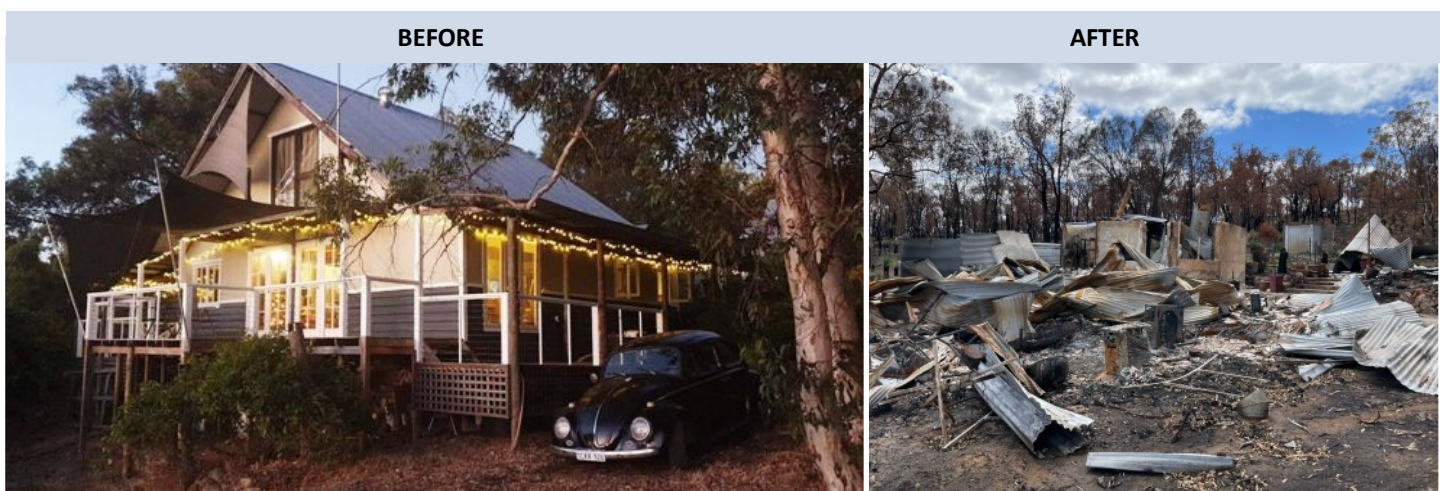
Photo story by Peter Durrant  
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## WA Rotary Relief Update - 20 February 2022

Rotarians and Rotary Fiends

You have a [WA Rotary Relief](#) organisation in place, in perpetuity, borne out of the Woorloo/Gidgegannup bushfire disaster and formalised for all future disaster relief work, heatwaves, bushfires, droughts, floods, severe storms and tropical cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and landslides.



Rotarians in WA have a deep compassionate history of supporting those in adversity. In adversity we see the best of the community - they start by doing what's necessary; then they do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.



## Expenditure

Historically, significant funds have crossed the Nullarbor West to East and again East to West. Funds have come from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Australia World Community Service ([RAWCS](#)), Philanthropists, the [Rotary Foundation](#) Disaster Funding and Community groups and concerned and caring individuals.

WA Rotary Relief is managed professionally within your State of WA and audited financially – progress thus far is as follows:

WA Rotary Relief Reconciliation	Income	Expenditure	
CREDIT Fire (Wooroloo)	\$540,527		
CREDIT Fire 2 (SW Fires)	\$67,900		
CREDIT Cyclone (Seroja)	\$31,957		
Containers (Wooroloo)		\$209,805	47%
Fencing (Wooroloo)		\$161,719	36%
Tool Library (Wooroloo)		\$67,507	15%
Men's Shed (Wooroloo)		\$6,274	1%
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Fire		\$95,221	
Fire 2		\$67,900	
Cyclone		\$31,957	
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The remainder for Wooroloo is earmarked for building a fencing trailer for the Gidgegannup Men's Shed to continue supporting the Community, additional tools identified by Community use of the Tool Library and the myriad of consumables and fencing material still needed.

The focus of Rotary support for Seroja affected families is Mental Health support or possibly back-up Generators. This is led by the President of the Geraldton Rotary Club, a well-known community leader (support is driven from the local expertise). This is about collaborating with all agencies and contributing in the most meaningful and comprehensive manner. This is taking time to bring all the agencies together in a meaningful way – our patience is required here to spend well over such a vast area, so we are hastening slowly.

The SW Fire fund is growing

## Income

Your WA Rotary Relief organisation has two income streams:

1. RAWCS established the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society ([RABS](#)) to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities and to gain tax deductibility for donations made to their registered project. RABS is a public benevolent institution (PBI) with full Australian Taxation Office certification. See <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/45-2021-22>, and;
2. There is a District WA Relief Project Account - BSB/Account number 036-310, 477044. This is for Rotary Clubs, and Philanthropist Foundations, who do not need Tax Deductibility (which attracts compliance costs) to donate directly to those in need where every cent goes to the cause.



## Operations

Community responses before, during and after a disaster are a valuable resource in disaster and emergency management. Rotary is not, and never will be, a 1st responder nor 2nd or a 3rd - Rotary is nimble and able to catch any type of assistance that didn't fall into more formal categories.

The aim of the WA Rotary Relief team is to provide long term support to local residents, farmers and communities directly impacted by the disaster.

The beauty of our organisation is that Rotary Clubs all over our State, Australia and Internationally can quickly join and co-ordinate whatever assistance is needed as a cohesive group. We collaborate with National, State and Local Governments

Every situation demands unique and locally driven responses – the Wooroloo response provided the following:

### Containers (\$200K)

Forty-Seven (47) containers were acquired and distributed to needy clients in the fire zone. 40 of these were 20' containers and 7 were 40' containers.

Containers, in cargo-ready condition, have been exceedingly difficult to access over this period and a small number of Economy Containers were also purchased to fill the demand. All containers delivered were lockable and waterproof. Many messages of thanks were received from recipients.



*A stark reminder of something simple helping so much*

### Tool Library

The first Tool Library was put in place on Tilden Drive with the second at the Wooroloo Liquor & General Store these are 14km apart, one at the Gidgegannup end and one at the Wooroloo end of the Fire Scar, to enable those affected to have access to tools over the longer term assisting in the rebuild process.



*Rotarians providing tools but also solace*



*A practical application of support*

The Tool Library, we contend, is more than the provision of tooling for work – they are managed by Rotarians, sympathetic and empathetic to those using the facility and part of the healing process with a warm cuppa tea and caring support chat whenever the Tool library is open for business.



## Fencing

The Fencing operation commenced with support for BlazeAid – that organisation is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods.

Rotary's BlazeAid support commenced as they were setting up at the State Equestrian Centre where the WIFI Pro Bono network was installed and support such as cooking dinners, providing office equipment, and fencing supplies to affected people.



*Everyone needs a secure fence*

BlazeAid is just one of the many organisations set up to deal with this aspect, providing some materials and plenty of volunteers. While they do magnificent work and as with all large relief organisations, their criteria can sometimes exclude worthy recipients, making a return to normalcy harder. Rotary was able to 'fill the gaps' in this and assist smaller residents who had missed out on any fencing and desperately need it to keep stock fenced in.

BlazeAid have subsequently moved on and the triaging of the needy is continuing with the City of Swan, The Shire of Mundaring, and the Department of Communities and Rotary is still in place to help. Now creating a fencing support capability in the Community with the Men's Shed.

## Summary

Your WA Rotary Relief organisation is in place and 'doing'. Operations are driven by local 'on the ground' expertise with formal District support and administrative expertise.

In future operations, and indeed the SW Fire situation, locals will be recruited and supported across our State to support local residents, farmers and communities directly impacted by the disaster. ❖



# The Rotary Tour of the Blackwood

The annual Rotary Tour of the Blackwood will be held again on Saturday, 12th March 2022 with three courses running through the picturesque hills of Bridgetown, Greenbushes, Balingup and Nannup.

Described as one of the toughest rides in WA, the Full Tour is a challenging 134km road ride with several Category 4 climbs while the shortest course the 'Not so Cosy' lives up to its title. With just over two months before the ride it is time to get your registration done and be a part of this magical ride.

Funds raised from the ride go to Blackwood Youth Action, a local Charity, to provide mental health services to young people across the Warren Blackwood region.

Start your own fundraising page and work with your team, or as an individual, to raise funds for rural youth. [Fundraising Page](#)

**The ride is capped at 600 participants and we're well on the way to achieve this quota.**

**Registrations are now open for this exciting, challenging ride through the beautiful Blackwood River countryside.**

**Check out the [Rotary Tour of the Blackwood](#) website or find us on [Facebook](#) to register.**

**Rotary**  
Club of Bridgetown



**Supporting Youth Mental Health**

**BYA**  
Blackwood Youth Action Inc.

  
**Wesfarmers**

 **TALISON  
LITHIUM**

ZONE 8 ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM

# People of Action



 27 March 2022

 12 noon - 1pm AEDST  
2pm - 3pm NZT

*With:*

**Roslyn Teirney**  
Assistant Rotary Public Image  
Coordinator

[Register now](#)

## Public Image Training

Fellow members are encouraged to book in for this event using the 'Register now' link.

If Rotarians book even if they cannot come online on the advertised day they will be able to receive a recording which will be a resource for any project leader or brand ambassador in Rotary.

Participants can ask questions about any other aspects of the training topic - Public Image People of Action campaign.

— R.Teirney

# SNIPPETS



shared by June Wade

There are many ways to support Community Service in the Rotary Avenues of Service. The Rotary Club of South Perth-Burswood have Pledged a Picket.

The Pledge a Picket campaign offers cricket lovers a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of the WACA Ground's legacy and its exciting future. **See your name etched into the picket fence that surrounds the iconic Ground.**

For more information go to <https://www.wacricquet.com.au/>

## SEWING FOR TONGA

Rotarians are joining forces to send much needed items to Tonga following the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami. In particular, kids clothing is needed.

A couple of industrious Rotarians from District 9640 are sewing simple dresses (adjustable for growing girls) and shorts that can either be worn under the dresses as the girl grows, or as school shorts for both boys and girls.

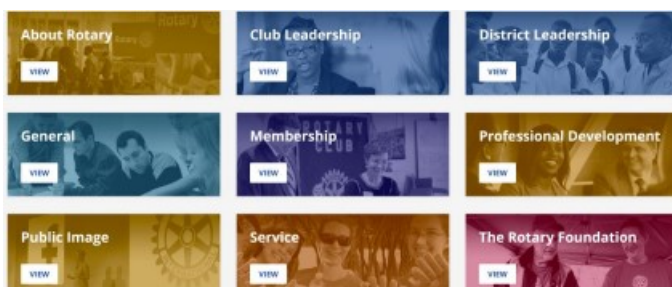
If you are interested in helping them sew these items, please email [sew4rotary@gmail.com](mailto:sew4rotary@gmail.com) and they can give you more info and provide the patterns - which are simple to construct.



There is also a need for school items such as pens, pencils, exercise/colouring books, pencil sharpeners, coloured pencils, etc.

## THE ROTARY LEARNING CENTRE

Learn what you want, when you want, with the Rotary Learning Centre. Online classes range from 5 minutes to an hour, or you can take a course with multiple lessons over 2-3 hours. You will need to login to your My Rotary account as these classes are just for Rotarians.



Here are a few of the offerings under Professional Development:

- Becoming an Effective Facilitator
- Conducting Online Training
- Uncovering Unconscious Bias
- Inspirational Speech

Go to [Rotary.org](https://learn.rotary.org/members/pages/36/course-catalogs) and sign-in to your My Rotary account and take advantage of the amazing learning opportunities! <https://learn.rotary.org/members/pages/36/course-catalogs>

# Rotary

District 9465



# 2022 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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26 March 2022

\$35 registration.

Details on how to register will be released very soon



# March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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