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## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

I am sitting down to write this E News on the eve of Anzac Day. A day in which we pay our respects and reflect on the service men and women who went to war to ensure our future freedom. Many people reflect on Gallipoli and the dawn service there. The name ANZAC Cove was officially recognised by the Turkish government on ANZAC day in 1985. It is interesting to note that the Turkish Leader Kamal Attaturk delivered the following words to the Australian, New Zealand and British to visit the battlefields.

Those heroes that shed their blood, and lost their lives,  
 You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country,  
 Therefore, rest in peace.

There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side, here in this country of ours.

You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears, your sons are now lying in our bosom, and are in peace.

After having lost their lives on this land they have, become our sons as well.

These words are inscribed at Burnu Cemetery (ANZAC Beach) and also on the Kemal Ataturk Memorial, Canberra.

We had Brigadier Zahoor Ahmed from the Guyra Club as our guest speaker on Wednesday night.

Zahoor gave us some background of why he is now living in Australia and some of his personal history as a One-Star General on the Pakistani military. He spoke about the great wars and how the British Indian army supported us in Gallipoli and the western front. I have never heard this before and I guess many who were present on the evening had not either. It was a poignant reminder that there were more involved in these wars than us.

As we pay tribute and reflect on our service personnel past and present let us remember all those unsung heroes that died for us.

Embracing the Logo – Together we can unite Rotary.

Many clubs of taking advantage of the district grants to support the updating of their club apparel and community signage. President Holger Knaack and RI President – Elect Shekhar Mehta are also talking about this subject. This is what they are saying.

Rotary's logos mean so much to us. They are the visual representation of our identity and values, and they instantly convey who we are. Those of us who have been with Rotary for many years have even seen the evolution of that logo. Repeated and consistent use of our logos builds global recognition of what we do. That is why we all wear our Rotary pins so proudly!

Over the next several months, we'll ask Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs to update their logos to align with our brand standards. This means using the template in the Brand Centre to create a [club logo](#) and then using it consistently, like on club websites, social media accounts, and signage, to name a few.

As a leader and brand ambassador, you lead by example when you use Rotary's logos properly in your district publications. You can also support our efforts by addressing branding during virtual club visits, challenging incoming club leaders to update their club logos, or encouraging district public image chairs and committees to contact clubs to offer hands-on assistance.

## E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at [laura.telford@rotaract.org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au) before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!

# MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

We understand that updating a logo might not seem to be a very high priority, especially during a pandemic. But look at it this way: With so many of our clubs supporting their communities during this health crisis, consistently using a unified brand signals to the public — including potential members and donors — that local clubs are supporting the community and those clubs are part of the global Rotary network. It establishes trust in our organization and our members.

Resources are available in the Brand Centre and Learning Centre, plus you can work with your regional or district public image coordinator for guidance and support.

When every club uses the same visual identity, it builds awareness of who we are and the impact that we make around the world as people of action. Thank you for joining our effort to make the Rotary brand stronger than ever.

Holger Knaack

2020-2021, President, Rotary International

Shekhar Mehta

2021-22, President, Rotary International

## Rotary Fact Sheet

Have you ever been asked by a member of the community “What is Rotary” RI has a fact sheet that explains who we are and what we do. Rotary unites people from all continents and cultures who take action to deliver real, long-term solutions to our world’s most persistent issues. Through volunteering, our 1.2 million members make lifelong friendships that transcend political and cultural boundaries and foster global understanding and respect. In addition to our 35,000 clubs, Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills. while discovering the power of Service Above Self. There are more than 20,300 Interact clubs in 159 countries. Rotaract clubs bring together young adults, starting at age 18, to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. Each year, Rotary members invest hundreds of millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours to promote health, peace and prosperity in communities across the globe. Rotary members take action by providing access to clean water and sanitation, supporting education, preventing and treating disease, saving mothers and children and growing local economies.

## Ending polio

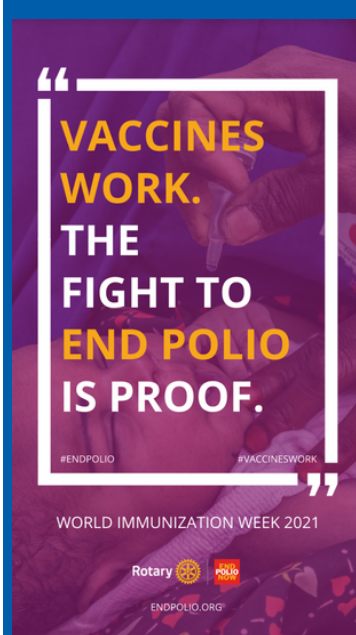
For more than 30 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to end polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, with less than 200 cases of wild polio reported in 2019 compared with 350,000 a year in the late 1980s. Our members have contributed \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary remains committed to ending polio, and will raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## History

For 115 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

## World Immunisation Week 24 – 30 April 2021

Join with Rotary as we raise awareness of our work to End Polio and show that Vaccines Work. In today’s interconnected world, an outbreak anywhere is a threat everywhere. Vaccination is one of the best tools we must improve people’s health and well-being. Even as COVID-19 vaccination efforts take place, vaccinations for other preventable diseases, such as polio and measles, need to continue to protect vulnerable children. According to the World Health Organization, immunizations save up to 3 million lives per year. Thanks to the work of Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, more than 19 million people who would otherwise have been paralysed by polio can walk today. Join with Rotary in reminding everyone that our progress in the fight to end polio is proof that vaccines work



# ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA

Check out this video from RAM representative Ashleigh Hickman. This is an update in research at the University of Queensland UQ it will be of interest to Rotarians.

[.2021 03 14 Ten News Malaria Segment \(Library of Proteins\).](#)



# RI CONVENTION UPDATE

Registration for the 2021 Rotary Virtual Convention and Preconventions is now open. You can go to the convention website to access registration. Once you click on the REGISTER or REGISTER NOW button, you will be directed to the official registration site, Cvent, where you can complete the registration process and learn more about registration and program details.

The special registration rate of \$49 is available till 7 May 2021. After that, the registration fee is \$65.

- The 2021 Virtual Convention will open innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary, near and far.
- Together, we'll inspire action, strengthen our commitments, work on our challenges, and celebrate our successes.
- Join us virtually to explore how our digital network makes our global relationships more powerful.

Register now – cheapest RI Convention you will ever attend!

Maurie Stack  
2021 Rotary International  
Convention Promotion Team

# DEBBIE'S MUSINGS CONT.

## May is – Youth Service Month

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. The programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education, and learn the value of service. That gives me a nice intro to our District 9650 RYLA to be held in May. This year is the 50th Anniversary and yes at the last count I think DGE David Mayne, PDG Rob Anderson, Louise Matthews and John Carroll, were very close to getting 50 young future leaders enrolled. How brilliant is that. This district is leading the way with a structured RYLA program that delivers on the needs of our young people today. If you didn't get someone to sponsor this year, please think about it early for next. This is an Internationally acclaimed program.

## The Benefits

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to Build communication and problem-solving skills Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your University or Education facility or community, Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers and peer mentors, Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action Have fun and form lasting connections and friendships.

## Manning Riverstage

I received some very good news this week from Maurie Stack. He sent a cutting from the Manning Times newspaper that said not only was the Riverstage going to be repaired but they have received a grant of \$90,000 from the State and Federal governments Bushfire and Community Recovery and Resilience Fund for future concerts on the Riverstage. Well done Rotary Club of Taree on Manning. Photo attached.

## CLUB OFFICERS 2021-2022

Can you please ensure that you report your incoming officers on the My Rotary website. If you don't do this, they will not be able to access information pertinent to their role for the coming year.

PLEASE DO IT NOW

## Upcoming District Assemblies

Please respond to District Secretary Patti Parsons and let her know you are attending in good time.? It is important to know well in advance to ensure the venue is adequate and we comply with COVID restrictions. Also, we need to know how many to feed! (very important)

Sunday 16th May 2021 Crossing Theatre Narrabri

Sunday 30th May 2021 Charles Sturt University, Ellis Parade Lake Innes Port Macquarie

## Commemorating a Centenary of Rotary in Australia

It's official. The book to mark the centenary of Rotary in Australia - 'HUMANITY IN ACTION: Celebrating 100 years of Rotary clubs in Australia and island neighbours' - is now complete.

Five hundred and twelve pages of historical text, stories of Rotary achievements through the various eras, dozens of pages of club, district and personal data - along with an amazing gallery of dated and modern images went to the printer during the first week in March.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF 'HUMANITY IN ACTION' FROM – \$25 plus postage -

PDG Harry Durey – Phone: 0407 005 910; email: hdurey@bigpond.com

District Changeover – Saturday 26th June 2021 Panthers Port Macquarie 6 for 6.30pm.

We will be sending out invitations to our changeover and would love it if we could get as many of you supporting as possible. This will be a fun evening where we can wine and dine and enjoy some fabulous after dinner entertainment from Matt Zarb from the Taree on Manning Club. We heard a little from him on the Sunday morning at Conference and I am certain people will be very happy to listen to more. Let us get behind this event, celebrate the last year and welcome DGE David Mayne and Heather to theirs. The 26th of June will be a special night for all.

Remember,

***Opportunities are like sunrises – If you wait too long you miss them!***



# THE Santos SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Where Science meets fun!

For students in Year 9 and 10

This is a Rotary sponsored Science program 'held over 3 or 4 days to engage students in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.'

The programs are held during the school holidays and in every state at many universities. You can elect your program as you apply.

Check out the website [www.scienceexperience.con.au](http://www.scienceexperience.con.au)

**Testimonial from NYSF 2021: Lachlan Eshman** was sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Coonabarabran**. He said:



"NYSF; one of the most educational, interesting, and exceptionally diverse programs I will ever experience. So many presenters with so much expertise and ever more students with a thirst for knowledge. I came for engineering and physics and left with a desire to pursue careers I didn't even know existed two hours prior. I laughed, I was gobsmacked, I was amazed, and I went scrambling for my notepad several times to write about all this amazing stuff I was hearing because it blew my mind several times over.

NYSF was an amazing experience which I recommend to any with a passion for learning."

**Applications for NYSF 2022** available online from 1 April 2021.

Planning has already begun to offer another brilliant Science program for current Year 11 students in January 2022.

It's time to find the students in your community who will benefit!

It would be fabulous if every club found ONE student – fabulous for Rotary and Rotaract but

more importantly, fabulous for the students! [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

Happy to speak to any club who would like more information. [dihall605@gmail.com](mailto:dihall605@gmail.com) 0411704654



## RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Lake Keepit ... here we come!!**



Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre  
(Between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

**46 Participants**

The most enrolments we have had for many years.

Thank you to all the sponsoring Clubs & employers.

**The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.**



LET'S END MALARIA

# SAVE THE DATE

THE ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
IS BACK FOR 2021!

**SATURDAY 13 & SUNDAY 14  
NOVEMBER**  
**MERCURE HOTEL, CANBERRA**

Contact: [rampr@rawcs.org.au](mailto:rampr@rawcs.org.au)

## Rotary Districts of NSW



Emergency  
Services  
Community  
Awards

### WHAT IS THE DOROTHY HENNESSY OAM EMERGENCY SERVICES YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP?

In 2018 the Rotary Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards saw the creation of the NSW Dorothy Hennessy OAM Emergency Services Youth Scholarship. This scholarship was an initiative by the former Minister of Emergency Services, The Hon Troy Grant MP. The Scholarship is open to volunteers between the age of 18 and 25. The winner receives support for training, obtain educational materials/equipment, or opportunities to further their career goals.

"This scholarship celebrates our young volunteers and honours the outstanding contribution of an individual in providing support to their community. A Rotary NSW panel will determine the most deserving candidate." Mr Grant said.

Nominations are encouraged from each of the following Emergency Service Agencies: NSW SES, NSW RFS, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association and Surf Life Saving NSW to recognise these young outstanding volunteers for consideration of the scholarship.

### HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN AWARD?

Fellow ESA members, Rotarians and the general public are encouraged to submit nominations via the Awards website. [www.RotaryESCawards.org.au](http://www.RotaryESCawards.org.au)

### KEY DATES:

Nominations Open: 30 March 2021

Nominations Close: 9 May 2021

Finalists Announced: 16 June 2021

Awards Dinner: 14 August 2021 (Subject to government advice)

