



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Sunday 5 April 2020

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THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY **Disaster Grants – Round Two**

Last week I advised that Round Two of the District Disaster Grants would open this weekend.

The application form has been sent to Presidents and Secretaries with this issue of E News. The Disaster Relief Committee have decided that \$30,000 of the bushfire money will be distributed to some of the projects already operating and I have been in touch with these groups.



The bushfire grants can be used for a number of projects including purchasing of materials to replace destroyed outbuildings not covered by insurance, erecting shelter over temporary accommodation and the supply of small water tanks for temporary accommodation.

Remember, the closing date is Sunday 26 April and Clubs and Clusters who received funds in Round One, must acquit the grant, or submit a progress report, before submitting an application in Round Two.

Youth Exchange
The Australian District Governors have been in constant touch re Australian students overseas and foreign students in Australia.

The DGs believe that the safest place for both inbounders and outbounders is, as a general rule, where they are currently located provided they follow the protocols set down.

However, there are a few students who have returned home at the request of their parents and, to the best of my knowledge, this has been achieved.



I received the following message this afternoon from Ken and Di Hall – host parents for “Fabian Krohner, our exchange student from Germany who has been

repatriated to Germany and is now back home with his parents. He enjoyed his time in Australia and was sad to cut his exchange short but is now happy to be home. What an exchange this group has experienced!! Drought....bushfires....floods....and now coronavirus!! Their experiences will certainly remain in their memories for a long time to come. They have experienced a full range of emotions including the loss of some major highlights such as the safari, ending their exchange abruptly without the opportunity to say goodbye to their friends and fellow exchange students and without the usual goodbye formalities at club and school level. It was all too sudden for any of that. Good luck Fabian from the E Club and District 9650.”

Changeovers



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The announcement from Police Commissioner Mick Fuller that the lockdown provisions are scheduled to be in place until the end of June certainly means that Clubs will now need to consider what format their Changeover will take, who to invite and whether or not there will be the usual formalities.

Assistant Governors will be collating this information to assist with the allocation of DG representatives as required.

Zoom

Elsewhere in E News there is more information on the success of Zoom meetings and there are many Rotarians who are able to assist Clubs successfully set up Zoom meetings. Clubs and Clusters who are looking at purchasing Zoom should go to:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards/offers?#/offers/featured>

to receive a 20% discount – cost now around \$17per month. Note: you need to be logged into “My Rotary” within www.rotary.org to access this webpage.



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PLAY ZOOM BINGO

Have fun on Zoom Play Zoom Bingo.
If you get BINGO, shout out "BINGO"



Someone says "You're muted"	Someone has forgotten to mute	Someone else Appears in the Background	Someone gets on the meeting with two devices	Laughter
Wearing Rotary Apparel	Someone has an alcoholic drink	Someone has no Video	Someone has no Audio	Someone shares a Screen
Two people talk at once	Toilet Paper Joke		The meeting is being recorded	Zoom Chat Feature used
Can see the Rotary Wheel	There is a Zoom Virtual Background	More than six people on the call	Not showing real name on their video	Apologies for arriving late
Says "Can you hear me?"	Zooming from outside the house	Not looking at the camera when speaking	Bright light behind, they are hard to see	Says "I can't see everyone"
Someone says Select "Gallery View"	Someone has a poor internet connection	Apologies for having to leave the meeting early	Can only see part of face	Someone is eating

The Following Appeal has been made this week by the Chair of the Rotary Foundation, Past RI President Gary C.K. Huang

We know that disasters can devastate a community, leaving people in urgent need of medical care, housing, and other necessities. Unlike most natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic is having a global impact that affects all of us.

Rotarians like you are people of action even in a time of crisis, and Rotary is uniquely prepared to help communities around the world. Clubs and districts can apply for Rotary disaster response grants to support COVID-19 relief efforts.

These grants can be used to provide supplies and medical care and to support rebuilding efforts.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees recently approved placing \$1 million in our Disaster Response Fund to make these grants immediately available for applications related to COVID-19. To make sure these grants can remain available, we're asking for personal contributions to the Disaster Response Fund.

Your contribution will support grants that help Rotarians care for and protect people in their local communities and around the world.

Make a gift to the Disaster Response Fund now.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>

Thank you for your dedication and service on behalf of Rotary.

Sincerely, Gary C.K. Huang Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2019-20

Rotary International advises Rotary Shop closed from 1 April



Several months ago, we announced that Rotary Shop would close in April 2020.

As members increasingly turn to Rotary's electronic channels for information, we've seen a substantial decrease in use of Rotary Shop and more interest in downloadable files. If you want to order or download from Rotary Shop, 31 March will be the last day to do so. Digital versions of our most popular publications will be available on Rotary websites, including [My Rotary](#) and Rotary's [Learning Center](#). Some publications will also be offered as print-ready files that you can send to a local printer, if you'd like to.

Rotary-branded merchandise can be purchased directly from approved, [licensed vendors](#).

We hope this updated way to make Rotary materials more accessible better supports your outreach and engagement efforts. If you have any questions, write to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

DG Phil has provided this Zoom Bingo for a bit of lite entertainment at this time of difficulty.
Thanks to District 9570 for this Bingo.



The following advice has been provided by our D9650 MUNA Committee Chairman Diana Gammon.

It is with regret that we confirm that this year's Model United Nations Assembly is cancelled.

Various opportunities for 2021 are under discussion.

The National Finals that were to be held in August have also been cancelled.

However, the National MUNA Committee is considering debates or a large single Assembly in Canberra later in the year if there is sufficient interest.

We have expressed our preliminary interest.

I will keep you informed as we work our way through this difficult year.



DGE DEBBIE LOVEDAY- USING ZOOM

This year has been a year of crisis. Drought, bushfires, floods and now Covid19. These disasters have been of biblical proportions. Rotary has been at the centre of support through its tried and trusted avenues of Community Service.

The Rotary International Vision Statement – “ **together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves** “ is now more relevant than ever.”

Many Rotarians have lost connection with friends and family and their Rotary Clubs on a face to face basis. Rotarians are in isolation and wondering how their friends and family around the globe are coping or fellow Rotarians from previous clubs are doing in these difficult times? This week I have been a zoom junkie. My holiday at home has taken on new meaning. Apart from the business meetings I have been able to drop into other clubs meetings via zoom, from the comfort of my own home. I could have a glass of wine and not have to drive home in the dark.

Thursday evening I had a zoom meeting with my counterparts in Australia and New Zealand.

After that I was invited to attend the District EClub zoom meeting. They were saying farewell to YEP student Fabian who was on a flight back to Germany on Friday afternoon. Thanks to PDG Ken Hall for inviting me and PDG John Barwick our host, for making me welcome.



Above: Screen shot of zoom participants.

Friday evening I joined my counterpart DGE Craig Horrocks and 39 others on a zoom meeting from District 9920 in New Zealand. There were Rotarians and Rotaractors represented from many countries, NZ, Australia, USA, Tonga, Suva, Guatemala, Germany, Arizona, France Fiji, to name a few.

They were exchanging information from all over the world about what was happening in their countries in respect of the COVID19 and getting information about RED, (Rotarians Experiencing Difficulty) a fundraiser to help Rotarians by way of financial, emotional and physical support.

Two of the guest speakers gave personal accounts of difficulties they had experienced during this time and how their connections with Rotary had saved the day.

One young lady went to NZ to help move her mother from her home to a rest home as she was suffering from advanced Dementia. Her 4 day visit turned into a nightmare when she found herself without a flight to get home and no one seemed to care. A Rotarian offered her accommodation until the situation could be resolved. 4

days turned into 4 and half weeks including 2 lots of isolation. *Rotary Connects the World.* These online meetings cost nothing, BYO drinks and nibbles, optional.



Above: Screen shot of zoom participants.

This week I have stayed connected and informed. I have enjoyed the fellowship of new and old friends, without leaving my home. In these difficult times it is good to know that we can embrace technology whatever our age and ability. We can still enjoy our Rotary breakfasts, lunches and evening meetings.

Remember, Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present. There is nothing like the present to connect and say hello. See you online!

Some FAQ's

Do I need to install Zoom to join a meeting?

You do not have to have a Zoom account to attend a Zoom meeting or interview. You will be prompted to download the software, once you have clicked on the link that you have been provided. You may also wish to create an account, but that is not required to participate in a Zoom meeting.

What do I need to use zoom?

To use Zoom you will need: a video camera, either built into your device or a separate webcam (most modern computers, smartphones and tablets have this built in) ... the Zoom client installed on your machine. (Zoom has clients for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android.)

Do I need a microphone for zoom?

Prerequisites: For computer audio, you must have a working microphone, such as the built-in microphone, a USB microphone or an inline microphone on a headset or headphones. 1. After joining or starting a meeting, click "Join Audio by Computer" to connect your computer's speaker and microphone to the Zoom Meeting.

Can I use zoom on my laptop?

Zoom unifies cloud video conferencing, (an alternative to on-premise platforms) simple online meetings, and group messaging into one easy-to-use platform. Our solution offers the best video, audio, and wireless screen-sharing experience across multiple platforms. Follow this article to learn about the basic features of the Zoom client on Windows and Mac.

Can you use zoom on your phone?

You can join a Zoom meeting via teleconferencing/audio conferencing (using a traditional phone). This is useful when: you do not have a microphone or speaker on your PC/Mac. You will receive an invite with a phone number to call to join the meeting instead of an email link.

How does it work?

The host will email you a link, this is an invitation to join their meeting. Click on the link and your computer will install zoom and prompt you to join the meeting with audio.

Connecting with others is just a click away.

NYSF UPDATE – DISTRICT NYSF CHAIR DI HALL

Every club will receive detailed information from NYSF in the next week. Basically it will outline that:

1. Applications are already open online @ www.nysf.edu.au
2. Planning for the Year 12 program in January 2021 is progressing even if under somewhat difficult situation with the small team all working remotely.
3. Plans are well underway to facilitate the refunds for the January 2020 programs as explained in previous correspondence. If one of your Club's candidates was unfortunately affected, please correspond with them to find out how they are progressing and what their current situation is. As District Chair I have been in touch with all our NYSFers recently.
4. Plans are also underway to provide online webinars for these students in the near future. Expert workshops and webinars will assist them with year 12 studies.
5. Should it become clear that January 2021 cannot proceed as normal, the organising committee intends to postpone the in-person program to a later date. Alternate arrangements are already being investigated.

The District Chairs are meeting regularly to keep well informed and discuss the implications of the Coronavirus on the NYSF program. Should you have any questions please contact Di Hall at dihall605@gmail.com.

Interviews are still progressing as planned until advice from the Health Department and the Government forces us the change these plans. The district committee is well aware that this may happen.

We need to move on with a positive attitude for the sake of our young people who are experiencing a complete change of lifestyle for the first time. We need to look after their mental health as they move through year 11 and year 12 working in difficult and new circumstances. Help them fill in an application for NYSF @ www.nysf.edu.au



BUT.....we have secured a new date and it will be at Lake Keepit Sport & Rec for RYLA 2020.

Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd August

Keep those applications coming, so when this Covid-19 pandemic is over we can have the best Camp ever !!

Application & brochure on District website:

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla

All enquiries to go to:

Louise Matthews E: lmjew@bigpond.com

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COVID-19 symptoms: Fever, Cough, Sore throat, Shortness of breath

Practise good hygiene: Washing hands

Practise social distancing: 1.5 metres

Stay home if you can: House icon

COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COLD	FLU
	Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Cough	Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing	No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.
For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) visit health.gov.au

Australian Government