



Rotary International District 9650

## E News - Sunday 12 April 2020

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Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

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Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia



I wish you a Happy Easter and no doubt like all of us it has been a unique Easter experience for all. It is so important to stay connected with your family and friends and also your Rotary Club members at this time. My prediction is that a lot of things that we have taken to always be the same will never be the same after COVID-19.

It will deliver transformational change in many aspects of our day to day lives and there will be a rapid transition to technology and on-line in many aspects of our day to day lives.

As we encounter the current and position for the post isolation please stay connected and check-in on those members that you no do not do social media or technology very well.

In this regard I refer you to the great articles that have been contributed by PDG Brian Beesley our PR Director and Dr Ray Hodgson who has shared a very grave picture of COVID-19 and its impact on our neighbouring developing countries.

*Happy Easter from District Secretary Patti and I (Your E-News Editor Neville)*



### THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY Meetings and Projects

From reading Club Bulletins during the week it is obvious that Clubs are endeavouring to meet on a regular basis using different formats and some projects are continuing.

Clubs who are meeting via Zoom, please ensure that the other Clubs in the Cluster are included. This also applies to any electronic social gatherings. Those Clubs who are struggling to establish electronic meetings, why not join the District E Club at one of their regular meetings?

Contact President PDG John Barwick, [johnbarwick3@bigpond.com](mailto:johnbarwick3@bigpond.com) or PDG Ken Hall, [hallkr@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hallkr@bigpond.net.au) for more information.

Club Bulletins have contained many good protocols for Zoom meetings but this from the Lower Midcoast Club caught my attention:

*I will forward a Zoom link via email. Just click, turn on video & you are in the meeting (Please have clothes on).* Please share your Zoom meeting success stories with the District by submitting a brief article to E News.

Whilst some projects are on hold, others are still happening. Please let the District know how you are continuing with projects by also submitting a brief article to E News.

### Cyclone Harold Devastation

Rotarians will be aware of the devastation caused by Cyclone Harold to several Pacific Island countries including Vanuatu where many Rotary Clubs have worked in the past.

District International Director, PDG Ian Jackson has been in contact with PDG Greg Moran, who works with Shelterbox, and they will advise Clubs of the specific needs in the affected areas and how Clubs can support the recovery in the short and long terms.

I will be recommending to the District Finance Committee that we allocate some funds towards the short term recovery.



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Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to Neville Parsons: [neville.parsons1@outlook.com](mailto:neville.parsons1@outlook.com)

## News from DG Phil Hafey continued

### TAFE Courses available

Our local Member for Port Macquarie and Laurieton Rotarian, Leslie Williams, has advised of fee free courses available through TAFE NSW.

At first glance, this may not apply to Rotarians and Clubs however this is not the case.

The courses cover areas such as Administration Skills for Team Leaders, Introduction to Accounting, Team Leader Skill Set, Executive Skills, Complex Word Processing and Spreadsheets, eMarketing for Small Business (remember that Rotary is a Small Business) and there are over 20 Courses on offer.



For more information go to:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-short-courses>

### **DG PHIL HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INVITATION FROM HIS DG CLASSMATE DG ADRIAN FROGGATT**

District 9820 are delighted to be hosting a Live Webinar next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00PM AEST with the **Federal Minister for Health, The Hon Greg Hunt MP.**

It is my pleasure to extend the invitation to Rotarians throughout Australia. I would appreciate your sharing this invitation with your members on our behalf.



Please register in advance for this webinar:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DLgIy3viSPuLEDtSqWihzw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DLgIy3viSPuLEDtSqWihzw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you would like to ask the Minister a question during the Q&A session, you please forward your questions to [secretary@rotary9820.org.au](mailto:secretary@rotary9820.org.au) prior to the close of business Monday 13th April AEST

### **Webinar Speakers**

**Adrian Froggatt** District Governor for Rotary District 9820 2019-2020. Rotary Club of Berwick

### **The Hon Greg Hunt MP**

Rotarian, Federal Member for Flinders, Federal Minister for Health. The Federal Minister for Health is responsible for national health and wellbeing and medical research.

The Hon Greg Hunt MP has served as Minister for Health since 2017 and has represented the Electorate of Flinders since 2001.



### **CONTRIBUTION FROM PDG BRIAN BEESLEY—**

D9650 Public Relations Director

### **ROTARY ISOLATION IS GIVING ME A HEADACHE!**

1. No-one told me that to be a member of Rotary meant that I had to be a technology buff.
2. Bit like no-one told me that to be a Member of Rotary meant I had to sit down every week in a structured meeting.
3. Then ... why wasn't I told that Rotary was a bit exclusive?
4. Oh ... and while I'm at it ... No-one told me that joining Rotary was going to cost me the price of a meal and driving time every week at a set time.

This isolation time has placed me in a very dangerous situation ... I'm forced to think about my future.

Will I survive ... will I be left with a job ... will I lose my money ... will the world as I knew it return to "normal"?

I hate isolation ... it makes me think.

Thinking hurts. ... it takes energy ... then I eat more ... then I have to exercise more ... Darn I hate isolation.

Thinking about "Normal" is easy. Since there is no "normal" we won't return to it. After all, how can you return to something that does not exist!

Thinking about money and work gives me a headache so I might put that in the "Too hard basket" for the minute.

That then leaves me with Rotary. Why would I want to come back to Rotary when there are all the other more pressing things of life to concentrate on?

Well I guess its because I chose to join Rotary. And, I guess if your reading this ... you did too!

That means if we chose to join, we wanted to. That means we must have enjoyed it ... stands to reason that we would not have joined to not enjoy it!

I hate isolation ... it gives me a headache!

Look back on my first 4 paragraphs. This Isolation business has just kicked out 2 of them and made them redundant to Rotary as I see it.

But 2 remain.

Rotary was originally exclusive.

Yep our mate and founder Paul invited people to join.

So, if being exclusive means you have to be invited then



### Rotary Isolation is giving me a headache! (Cont)

Rotary remains exclusive. (I might add this is a bit like life in general ... we invite people to be part of our lives ... even part of our businesses by the way we advertise.) BUT .... We have entered the danger zone now. Our isolation is forcing some of our Rotary mates out of the loop making it difficult for them to remain in contact. It comes back to the first point I make.

No-one told me that to be a member of Rotary meant that I had to be a technology buff.

Some Rotarians are enjoying "meeting" electronically whilst others are not being included into the meeting. It's a bit like closing the door at a regular meeting and drafting some in and some out.

If you are one of the people who enjoy a bit of technology ... just for technology sake GREAT ... you are in your element. (It is a bit like someone who enjoys a car because of the pleasure of owning it ... rather than a simple means of getting from A to B.)

If you use technology for what it can do for you, you too are in your "happy place".

But what of our mates who don't want to use technology or who are not set up for it; or simply have not been shown how to use it. (A bit like having a Widget in the draw and not knowing how to use it.)

I would like you to look about your Members and consider giving them a call to see if they would like help in using technology to keep them in touch with the Rotary that they enjoyed.



It might be as simple as calling those Members and saying "hello" ... this after all is why most of us joined Rotary ... to enjoy the friendship of others.

Yes, our meeting technique may have changed, but our friendship can remain.

I hate Isolation ... I miss my mates!

I hate Isolation ... it makes me think!

I love Isolation ... I'm excited to think of the possibilities of the future!

*Brian Beesley (Gloucester Rotary and District 9650 Public Relations)*

Brian is happy to help you if you would like to use Zoom as an electronic tool to have a Regular meeting or Board meeting.

The District has a Paid version of Zoom that is already being utilised by many of our Clubs and Rotarians.

PDG Rob Anderson or myself can allocate you a time slot and can even help you during the meeting to make sure it runs efficiently.

Rob is contactable on [bear9650@bigpond.com](mailto:bear9650@bigpond.com) and Brian on [brianbees@gmail.com](mailto:brianbees@gmail.com) (0419634275)

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### INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF GLOUCESTER Gloucester Rotary are holding a special Zoom meeting this Tuesday at 8:30pm.

Our guest speaker will be Andrew Webb who is the son of one of our Members Denver and (Cathy) Webb.

His brief profile is below:

**Andrew is based in Singapore and works for the International Financial rating agency S&P.**

If you are interested to learn of an integral part the Financial Group Standard and Poor's plays in our Australian Economy and also of someone with first hand knowledge of life in Singapore during the Virus we face ... you are welcome to join. Andrew was also a Rotary Exchange Student ... no doubt he will comment on this time in his life.

Please note ... Our meeting from 8.30 pm until 9 will be just a chance for Members and guests to have a general chat and to log in. You are welcome to join us then ...

Andrew will join in around 9pm depending on his workload and time difference. So, if you would like to join in later please do so.

#### Log in Details are as follows:

Rotary District9650 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Gloucester Weekly Meeting

Time: Apr 14, 2020 08:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/3087276174?](https://zoom.us/j/3087276174?pwd=MmtNcmRYRDJDY29NMityMDM4MU9NUT09)

[pwd=MmtNcmRYRDJDY29NMityMDM4MU9NUT09](https://zoom.us/j/3087276174?pwd=MmtNcmRYRDJDY29NMityMDM4MU9NUT09)

Meeting ID: 308 727 6174

Password: 9650

Andrew is based in Singapore where he is responsible for Index Governance for the Asia Pacific region. The objectives of the role are to ensure S&P Dow Jones maintains high standards of integrity, independence, quality & regulatory alignment through risk management controls, governance & operational oversight.

Andrew also chairs all the internal & external index committees for the region including the S&P/ASX Committee along with those in New Zealand, Japan, Korea, HK, Taiwan, India & Sri Lanka. S&P DJI's Index Committees serve as the index governance body and oversee the design, maintenance, and publication of S&P Dow Jones' indices.

Prior to his current responsibilities, Andrew was based in Beijing where he built & led the Asia Pac operations team for 12+ years. Beijing serves as the operation hub for analytics, management, production & distribution of index products for the region.

Andrew first joined S&P Indices in 2000, based in Sydney, where he was part of the small analytical team which moved across from the ASX as part of that index business acquisition.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A PRIVILEGE

*This Article has been provided by Dr Ray Hodgson the International Director Rotary Club of Port Macquarie*

While we all grumble at the inconvenience of self-isolation and social distancing, take a moment to appreciate that we live in an affluent country that allows us to isolate. Spare a thought for the multitudes in developing countries who are about to be hit with a tsunami of COVID infection. Try social distancing when your home is a two-room shack you share with multiple people.

Try practising basic hygiene when you have no access to running water and you can't afford hand sanitiser. Annoyed you can't buy toilet paper? Try living in Dharavi, Mumbai, where there is one toilet for every 1,400 people. Short on pasta or tinned tomatoes? Try living in rural India or Nepal where there's no possibility of stockpiling food.

Frightened or frustrated about our shortage of ICU ventilators? Picture yourself in a defenceless country where, even prior to this pandemic, health resources are already overwhelmed and the prospect of upscaled hospital care is fantasy.



Right now in Australia, we appear to be flattening the curve with our public health and hospital-based interventions. But in developing countries, these measures will be largely ineffective or infeasible.

It's highly likely that COVID 19 is about to rip through the developing nations in Africa, South Asia and Latin America. The developing world is already falling apart economically from the collapse of commodity prices, tourism and international funding.

COVID 19 has only just reached these parts of the world, but as this infection escalates, there will be unimaginable damage to health, human rights and, in the most severe cases, basic food security and nutrition. The Federal Government of our country has acted appropriately with unprecedented funding and cash flow programs to assist Australian citizens and businesses. But we must look beyond our borders. An estimated 55%

of the global population has no access to social protection.

Communities in fragile developing nations desperately need the help of wealthy countries like ours. There must be swift action from Australia and the rest of the G20 forum to devote emergency spending to these countries to prevent economic and social devastation.

Unfortunately, the two global superpowers, the US and China, have squabbled over the cause and origin of the global spread, and this has hampered the international response.

Instead of brooding over the constraint and confinement in our lives right now, we need to spend some of our time in social isolation being socially ACTIVE.

We - all of us - need to push, protest, campaign, rally our political leaders to step up our international support, urgently.

Without this, without a massive boost to international aid, we risk a reversal of the solid gains we've made over the last twenty years, and an entire generation lost – in rights, in opportunities and in human dignity.

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla)

All enquiries to go to:

Louise Matthews E: [lmjew@bigpond.com](mailto:lmjew@bigpond.com)



**Clean your hands thoroughly**

for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.



**Cover your nose and mouth**

when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow. Put the tissues in the bin.



**Avoid close contact**

with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.

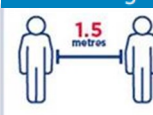


**COVID-19 symptoms**



**Practise good hygiene**

[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)



**Practise social distancing**



**Stay home if you can**