



Rotary International District 9650

## E News - Sunday 26 April 2020

Rotary International President

Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

Although different to prior years I am sure that we all shared some time yesterday reflecting and giving thanks to all our service men and women both past and present that have built our Nation to the Nation that it is and that we enjoy today.

We also give thanks to all of the Doctors, Nurses and related Health workers and all of our emergency service workers that are continuing to fight our new war called COVID-19.



### THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

Included in this week's E News is information received this week on Cyclone Harold, Malaria Awareness Day, Rotary Down Under and End Polio Now.

I am painfully aware of the demands being placed on us for various project funding at the present time.

However, I hope that some of you and your clubs may be in a position to assist with the NZ & Australian appeals for Vanuatu.

Many thanks for your consideration.

#### Donations can be made as follows:

Project: Cyclone Harold Disaster Response- Vanuatu— 113-2019-20

Please paste the hyperlink below into your browser this Link to take donors directly to the RAWCS secure donations page.

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/113-2019-20>

The Project Description is as follows:

*Emergency Assistance - As a result of Cyclone Harold, there has been widespread destruction in Vanuatu to property within the regions Luganville, Ambae, Pentecost and Malo Islands. There is urgent need for building supplies, shelter short and long term, food and mosquito Nets.*

### Donations are Tax Deductible

Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund (Managed by RAWCS) has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) registration and has been listed as a Charitable Fund so we can accept tax deductible donations from individuals or organisations.

During the week there has been a lot of discussion around zoom meetings and this week's E-News has some information to assist Rotarians utilising Zoom meetings including a website link to a listing of meeting times and links for Clubs meeting on-line.

Also during the week Rotarians received an invitation to an online meeting with Rotary International (RI) President Mark Maloney and General Secretary John Hewko.

The details are:

**When: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**9 am AEST (Sydney)**

Link to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/9672051193?pwd=R2JTWlFYSSt6SVd4T2JzSUdFN3dSZz09>

**Meeting ID: 967 205 1193**

**Password: 181791**

Next Saturday the District Management Committee (DMC) will be holding its final meeting for the Rotary year and one of the topics for discussion will be District dues. The Finance Committee is very aware of the issues surrounding dues, especially at a time when Clubs are not functioning normally. The DMC will be looking at how Clubs can be supported especially when income is down and costs have risen – the change in the Magazine price and the increase in the RI dues as a result of the exchange rate being two of the issues.

Another topic for discussion at the DMC meeting will be changeovers and I note that some Clubs have already planned for Zoom changeovers. Others have decided to have the positions changeover with a celebration to be held at a later date. There will be more information next week.

Applications for District Bushfire and Drought grants have closed and successful Clubs will be notified during the week. In addition, a list will be published in next week's E News.

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



In Australia, Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) observe Malaria Awareness Day on 30 April each year. This is in conjunction with World Malaria Day on 25 April, to raise awareness of the global burden of malaria.

Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that puts half the world at risk and kills a child every two minutes.

In 2018, these investments saved almost 600,000 lives and prevented nearly 100 million malaria cases compared to 2000 levels.

Globally, in 2018, an estimated 1,109 deaths occurred daily as a result of malaria infections. Of 1,109 deaths, an estimated 67% were children under five years.

The global theme for World Malaria Day, 'Zero Malaria Starts with Me', emphasizes everyone's power and responsibility – no matter where they live – to ensure no one dies from a mosquito bite.

The following message has been distributed this weekend to Rotarians and you are encouraged to check out the RAWCS RAM Australia website here:

<http://ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day/>

There are plenty of resources on this website to help you celebrate Malaria Awareness Day, including:

- Donation links
- Key messages
- Social media graphics
- how covid-19 is affecting malaria elimination

RAM Australia are also running a social media campaign, and all you have to do is:

1. Write 'zero' on a poster
2. Take a photo of yourself holding up the poster
3. Send the photo to the RAM PR and Media Coordinator – [netania@monashrotaract.org.au](mailto:netania@monashrotaract.org.au)

RAM Australia will repost your photos and together we will build an online movement. And spread the word, and find explainers and posters on the RAM Australia website.



## RAM MALARIA AWARENESS DAY 2020

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

1

### WRITE ZERO ON A POSTER

BIG AND BOLD!

2

### TAKE A PHOTO OF YOURSELF

Hold up the poster and take a photo on your phone - by yourself, or with your club

3

### SEND THE PHOTO

Send your photo to the RAM PR and Media Coordinator - [netania@monashrotaract.org.au](mailto:netania@monashrotaract.org.au)

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### OR POST IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Or, post it on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and/or LinkedIn tagging @RAM or #ZeroMalariaStartsWithMe

*RAM Australia will repost your photos and together we will build an online movement*



## CELEBRATE WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, is here. Join with Rotary as we raise awareness of the importance of vaccinations and our work to #EndPolio.

Each year, Rotary and our partners vaccinate more than 400 million children against polio. When children receive the polio vaccine, their pinkie fingers are marked with purple ink so health workers will know which children are protected.

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**VACCINES WORK.  
THE FIGHT TO  
END POLIO  
IS PROOF.**

#ENDPOLIO

#VACCINESWORK

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WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK 2020



ENDPOLIO.ORG

## LISTING OF ON-LINE ROTARY CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD:

This highlights the on-line Rotary Clubs and the Streaming Link to join their specific e-meetings.

Thank you to Jack Wilson the current Secretary and incoming President for the Hastings Rotaract Club.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hK4by\\_4D040qLuWVlbrsnAsv3GDt7gpwZ1dbgcWuUU/edit#gid=1172159044](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hK4by_4D040qLuWVlbrsnAsv3GDt7gpwZ1dbgcWuUU/edit#gid=1172159044)

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## ADVICE OF PRICING CHANGE FOR ROTARY DOWN UNDER MAGAZINE.

At the beginning of April a letter was posted to all Rotary Clubs advising of the changes to subscription pricing effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Rotary Down Under (RDU) have sent the following request to each District Governor:

*Due to delivery delays as a result of Covid-19, we have attached the correspondence and ask if you would please share with your clubs electronically, so the pricing can be taken into account when clubs set their annual budgets.*

As a result, attached below is an extract from the Advice as issued to all Clubs from RDU:

### Change to subscription rates Effective 1 July 2020

Dear Secretary:

From 1 July 2020 there will be changes to the magazine subscription prices. The last time there was an increase was in 2012 and since then many components involved with the creation and delivery of the magazine have increased in cost such as design, printing and postage.

#### **New rates:**

Hard copy magazine currently \$40 per year will increase to \$44 (\$22 per half year)

Digital copy magazine currently \$40 per year will decrease to \$34 (\$17 per half year)

Clubs will be invoiced in June and December for the number of subscribers in our database and we request that whatever the chosen delivery method for each subscriber is at the time of invoicing, remains in place for that 6-monthly period.

Please take the time to discuss these options with your members, to allow time for all changes to be made by 1st June 2020 before invoicing is processed.

Detailed instructions on how to update your club's database are attached.  
If you need assistance, please contact us at:

[subscriptions@rotarydownunder.com.au](mailto:subscriptions@rotarydownunder.com.au) or call +61 2 9633 4888

Kind regards,



Gay Kiddle  
General Manager

The key message is that from 1 July 2020 the new rates for the Rotary Down Under Magazine which is currently \$40pa are as follows:

- Hard copy Magazine—\$44pa paid \$22 per half year
- Digital copy Magazine - \$34pa paid \$17 per half year

Also distributed separately with this week's E-News to all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries is the Detailed Instructions from RDU as to how to update your Club's Database with RDU.

This will have 2 key elements to address:

- 1) The current and correct membership listing for your Club; and
- 2) The identification of members to receive a hard copy magazine (noting pricing from 1 July 2020 at \$44pa and those that elect to receive a soft copy RDU magazine at \$34pa.

For information call Rotary Down Under on 02-9633 4888

## EXTRACT FROM END POLIO NOW NEWSLETTER

### Polio eradication staff support COVID-19 response

Using the infrastructure developed to detect poliovirus and carry out vaccination campaigns, the polio eradication program is helping protect people from COVID-19, especially in countries where polio is endemic or people are especially vulnerable.

From Pakistan to Nigeria, the program is drawing on years of experience fighting outbreaks to support governments as they respond to the new virus.



### Rotary's statement on COVID-19 and its impact on polio eradication efforts

The COVID-19 emergency will interfere with some aspects of polio eradication efforts. As a result, it's all the more vital for Rotarians to remain committed to fighting polio.

The COVID-19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their preparedness and response.

We can be proud that in the ever-connected world of global health, the polio infrastructure that Rotarians have helped build is already being used to address — and stop the spread of — the new coronavirus, in addition to serving countless other health needs.

In Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, where polio personnel and assets have a significant presence, workers from all GPEI partners are engaged in surveillance, health worker training, contact tracing, and more.

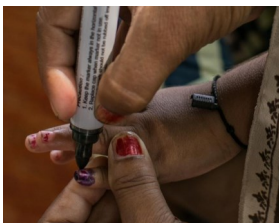
In 13 countries, polio volunteers have been deployed to address COVID-19 preparations and response. While addressing the new challenges of today, the most important thing that Rotary members can do to continue the fight to end polio is to sustain our commitment.

We are aiming to reach our fundraising goal of \$50 million this year so we can work to safely reach all children with the polio vaccine.

In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be temporarily diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

### JOIN ROTARY FOR WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

As scientists work to find a vaccine for the novel coronavirus, we can do our part to keep our communities healthy by encouraging everyone to immunize their children.



The global health community needs Rotary's help to spread the word about the importance of vaccinations during **World Immunization Week, 24-30 April.**

Download Rotary's World Immunization Week Toolkit and use #VaccinesWork and #EndPolio hashtags on your social media posts to raise awareness

The Tool Kit is available at this address:

<https://www.endpolio.org/>





**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)

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### Contribution from Rotary Club of Tamworth COVID-19 IS NO MATCH FOR PRESIDENT STEVE AND A GOOD JIGSAW PUZZLE

A couple of weeks ago Rotary Club of Tamworth member Bruce McCorkell stated that it was a real shame that we had a book shed full of jigsaw puzzles when he was hearing these were very popular during the period that people were self-isolating.

Unfortunately the book shed is closed due to the COVID-19 virus.

President Steve Beaton was recently listening to local Radio 88.9FM and DJ Ray McCoy was talking about families getting jigsaw puzzles out of the cupboard for something to do during these tough times of isolation.

That started Steve thinking on how he could get our jigsaw puzzles stored in our book shed out into the community.

He contacted the radio station, and they subsequently interviewed him on Sunday 12 April and again on Monday 13 April and they came up with a plan that Radio 88.9FM would advertise that the Rotary Club of Tamworth had jigsaw puzzles and were giving them away to the public and would even deliver them free of charge to help out in these difficult times.

Steve has had many phone calls and has been busy delivering the jigsaw puzzles around Tamworth.



It has been a great collaboration between the Rotary Club of Tamworth and 88.9FM and they are going to continue to promote this very generous community connection and service being undertaken by the Club.

*Congratulations President Steve and the Rotary Club of Tamworth. Also did you notice the Rotary branding on the car door?*

*A great initiative of Rotary connecting the community.*

### Tips to ensure you achieve effective and efficient audio visual meetings

1. *Test the technology and the connection beforehand.* Have a trial run to make sure the software, audio and video all functions before you have your first important meeting.
2. *Ensure that you have the relevant software required.* Make sure you have any relevant software installed and that you're running the most recent version. It's also a good idea to reboot; that ensures your machine has maximum stability and won't suddenly decide to try and install patches during your call.
3. *Dress for the occasion and be aware that you are on display and to look as professional as you normally do.* Remember you may have to stand and leave the meeting in an emergency... so bottom half attire is recommended!!!
4. *Look at the Camera . . .* Avoid checking out your own video and adjusting your hair etc. Look at the camera, when you do this you are looking at the person talking which makes for a more connected meeting.
5. *Stay on track!* Always have an Agenda and note that audio visual meetings should always be scheduled for less time than a normal face to face meeting.
6. *Ensure that there is a meeting Chairperson* who manages the meeting process including the pre-distributed Agenda.
7. *Always have a pre-agreed Meeting time limit.*
8. *If a formal type meeting have your Club Secretary if present or appoint an Acting Secretary to record outcomes, deadlines and accountabilities.*
9. *Wear headphones with attached microphone if possible* to ensure no feedback or background noise.
10. *Make sure the background is appropriate and stationary.* This will avoid embarrassment and ensure that there is no distractions behind you while on video.
11. *Think about body language.* On a video call, how you look and how you react is just as important as what you say. Pay attention to your body language.
12. *Focus on one person speaking at a time.* If need be the Chairperson should ask attendees to "raise their hand" should they wish to speak. Also note that you can ask that people use the chat to raise any questions.
13. *Mute your mic until you want to speak then unmute.* It doesn't slow the meeting it speeds it up and cuts out a lot of background noise.
14. *Your silence means yes!* When running a meeting and wanting agreement it will be easier and faster to take silence as an agreement and giving people the opportunity to 'speak up' if they have a comment or issue with a decision.

