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### DG's Visit

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#### Birthdays 7/8 – 24/8

- Aug 8 Anne Randall  
 Aug 11 Beryl Brown  
 Aug 13 Arja Levonpera  
 Aug 18 Phylis McIver  
 Aug 23 Yvonne Stuhmcke  
 Anniversaries:  
 Aug 14 Helen and Mike Ryan

**Last Thursday week, 6<sup>th</sup> August,** District Governor David Roach and wife District Governor Elect Amanda Roach joined us via Zoom to present the DG's vision for the year ahead.

Prior to the meeting he met with the board to discuss the Club's Development plan.

Later at the Club meeting he congratulated the Club on adapting to the circumstances and urged us to continue to investigate opportunities. He stressed that firstly we need to look after ourselves and each other and despite the circumstances we should continue to plan ahead.

Suggestions put forward included:

- Mentoring other organisations in partnerships (*Toastmasters, PCYC come to mind*)
- Continue to promote ourselves - showing that we are still here and providing help
- Develop plan B's (*e.g. Golf Day alternative*)
- Make contact with Melbourne Clubs - AG Christine Walmsley is spearheading this plan.

**2021 Conference at Mudgee March 19 -21 2021.** DG David advised that the Conference Committee are busy working on the event. **Venues** have been booked, **meal prices** have been negotiated, **wine tasting**, has been organised, **guest speakers** sourced, **MCs** engaged an **End Polio Now walk** investigated and **several sponsors** are on board.

Mindful of the uncertainties an alternative virtual platform is also being worked on.

DG David asked us to pencil in the dates.

DGE Amanda asked us to support her "Partners" project which again this year will be Service Dogs Australia.

**Next meeting – Zoom meeting**  
**Speaker: Vere Gray - Providing Toilets to a Philippine Village**

## **Club meeting with Board Reports 13<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Report Summaries:**

#### **President.** *Liz Friend*

- *Club remains hopeful of holding Golf Day but alternative fund-raising being considered.*
- *Club Development Plan completed.*
- *Suggestion that members make a monthly contribution to keep funds coming in.*
- *DG David Roach is looking for contributions of Club history to add to an exhibition celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia.*
- *DG David has also asked we consider connecting with a Victorian Club. Perhaps a joint Zoom meeting.*
- *Club has been reminded of obligation under Child Protection Legislation.*

#### **Administration (incorporating Vocational)** *Phill Smith.*

- *At time of Board meeting, dinner meetings at the NBBC were still not possible, however the Club have now confirmed that we can hold meetings subject to restrictions that apply to their bistro. i.e. on arrival members proceed to their table where they must stay for the entire meeting. In other words no mingling before or afterwards. (I'm pretty sure we can go to the bar for drinks).*
- *Speakers have been confirmed for 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August, 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October. We also have three other speakers lined up as 'face to face' speakers. No vocational outings are contemplated at this time.*
- *Simplified risk assessment forms are being considered in conjunction with our Insurance Officer Helen Imienionek.*

#### **Membership** *Kathy Rimmer*

- *A new membership Mapping Process to start September. It will include topics such as identifying, inviting, proposing, inducting and positive mentoring.*
- *Member satisfaction survey. All members should have received email. Please respond so results can be collated and presented to Club.*
- *Logo on Club documentation being updated.*
- *Scholarship Trust document being reviewed and Clubs previous commitment to funding to be assessed.*
- *New potential Corporate Membership (name withheld for privacy reasons) and 2 new prospective members also in pipeline.*
- *Suggest a list of our sponsors be compiled and members asked to support them. Also consider promoting by acknowledging their sponsorship through our website/Facebook.*

#### **International** *Arja Levonpera*

- *Little happening on the International front for obvious reasons. We are continuing with the KIVA loans program which Chelsea Ellul has agreed to co-ordinate.*

#### **Community** *Milton Williams*

- *Yacaaba Centre have requested some assistance with electrical work. Doug Craike happy to do work. Suggest we use some of Bunnings Vouchers to pay for equipment. On an ongoing basis the centre will need maintenance and it is suggested we keep in touch and provide what we can.*

### Community (cont'd)

- Council have considerable grant funds for Community projects. Suggest perhaps Gan Gan update of signs, Upgrading of facilities at Neil Carroll Park. Any thoughts?
- Suggest bus shelter advertising project be deferred. Although considered a worthwhile, income producing investment the current circumstances do not lend themselves to asking locals to spend money on advertising.
- Milton keeps contact with Mayor Ryan Palmer and will ask if there are any projects he considers worthy of our involvement.
- Team feel strongly that local community should be #1 priority and we need to look at income opportunities to make up the lost income from Bunnings, Golf Day and the like.

### Youth Lesley Freeman

- School equipment received from Parramatta Public School delivered to schools at Shoal and Anna Bay as well as Out of School Hours Care at Tomaree Community College.
- Roadwhyz is unlikely to take place this year as school excursions are frowned upon at present. The possibility of holding separate events at each school is being investigated, but even this is no certainty.

### In General

- Interact – President Liz, Helen and Lesley to approach local schools to initiate discussion about Interact. Lesley has spoken to Tim Smith (PCYC) who expressed some interest.
- Club history – there is considerable documentation at the Rotary shed much of which appears irrelevant. It is suggested a group go through same to remove irrelevant items.
- Minutes – three have been complaints by some that they are not being kept up-to-date with Board decisions. To address this it was agreed that “draft” minutes would be posted in the “Members Area” of Clubrunner. These should appear within a couple of days of the Board meeting.
- Constitution and Bylaws must be reviewed and adopted at the club’s AGM on 10 December 2020.



### First Female Rotary International President?

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International’s president for 2022-23, a ground-breaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization’s 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

**Club Survey.** If you haven’t already completed the Club Satisfaction Survey please do so as soon as possible so that results can be analysed, reported to members, and acted on. You would have received an email from Membership Director Kathy Rimmer with a link to the survey. If you can’t find it, here it is the link again:

<https://forms.gle/XBDoQ7mkwgc5WvJb9>

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### Binoculars

Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> August David Clarke and Milton Williams.

Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> August Doug and Jenny Craike.

Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> August Liz friend and Katrina Ridley.

Reminder to test and clean binoculars and report any problems.



Terry Fitzsimons is still in Hunter Valley Private Hospital, Shortland. His recovery is progressing very slowly but as always he is in good spirit. Still able to have only one visitor per day (Noaline). Hoping to go to Regis at Corlette for respite with a view to moving in permanently.

Ian Rolfe is due for surgery to pin vertebrae in his neck following his recent accident where he broke his neck. This should prevent further damage.

Bill Michel is recuperating at home after becoming ill on a break at Northaven.

### Upcoming meetings:

20<sup>th</sup> August Vere Gray – Providing toilets for a Philippine village

***From 27<sup>th</sup> August we will be moving back to the Bowling Club for Dinner meetings. Restrictions will apply with regards to movement around the Club and the room. These will be confirmed at a later date but basically, we would need to observe rules as applied to the bistro - that on arrival members take a seat and remain seated for the duration of the meeting. Trips to the bar are permitted. Further details will be advised prior to the evening.***

27<sup>th</sup> August Susanne Callaghan - National Parks and Wildlife Ranger – Rehabilitating Broughton Island incl Gould's petrel and pest eradication.

3<sup>rd</sup> September PDG Brian Coffey – RAWCS (Rotary Australia Community Service) Incl RABS (Rotary Australia Benevolent Society)

10<sup>th</sup> September Club meeting – Board Reports following Board meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September.

17<sup>th</sup> September TBA

24<sup>th</sup> September TBA

3<sup>rd</sup> October Dr Ana Pickering – working with the people of Nepal.

10<sup>th</sup> October Club meeting following Board meeting pf 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Covid has dramatically affected our ability to raise money and it has been suggested that members might consider making a donation to boost funds. An amount of \$30 per month has been suggested – based on the approx amount the Club collects at dinner meetings per attendee per month. Donations will be split 50/50 between Club and Service Funds. (When you think about it you would normally spend that or more each meeting). This is purely voluntary.

Make donation to BSB 637000 A/C721538125 and make sure you show your name and a description of payment e.g. Donation

### Your Covid rights.. (A community service)

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If you or a loved one has been refused entry to a private business for not wearing a mask and you would like to explore legal options to protect your constitutional rights, our law firm is happy to explain just how **\*#!\*\*\*** stupid you are.

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