

Bulletin 09 – 3rd Sept. 2020

Guest speaker via Zoom was PDG Brian Coffey



Brian Coffey, ex Police Officer, District Governor 2018/19 and 2 term President at the Rotary Club of East-Maitland. Brian has been involved in many Rotary admin levels such as RAWCS, DIK, ROMAC, Youth Exchange and Rotary Young Driver Awareness.

His presentation focused mainly on RAWCS (Rotary Austr. World Com. Service) the Austr. Arm of RI that assists RCs with the development and management of community service project. It started initially as an only o/s project but is now local & international. It allows clubs to plan & organize with volunteer teams, that travel to these locations and manage and work on much needed humanitarian aid projects, especially for health and education.

This volunteer work can be most rewarding as it can be combined with holiday travel in these countries. Travel Insurance covers several additional days for this.

RAWCS is a registered charity and any donation is tax deductible with a 2.5% + GST processing fee for admin. etc.

Currently there are 388 projects in 15 countries.

RABS (RA Benevolent Soc.) also a registered charity was established to assist RCs and Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities. The Dick Smith foundation matches funds 1:1 Last year they supported locals with 188 compassionate grants for various projects (see on page2)

Meeting participants with Guest speaker PDG Brian Coffey



Audience face to face meeting at the NBBC watching Zoom on giant screen



Brian, with Chelsea, Arja and Jim on-line via Zoom

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Birthdays this week:

4th Sept. N. Fitzsimons

12th Sept. Geoff Diemar

Anniversaries:

none

Heads & Tails:

Ella Clarke

Raffle:

Peter Page

Member Duties 10th Sept.

Door:

Kathy Rimmer/D. Clark

Meet/Greet:

D.Craike

Grace:

D.Whatham

Intro Guest speaker:

n/a

Thank Guest Speaker:

n/a

Bulletin:

Phill Smith

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

D. & H. Greiter

Dinner Menu next meeting: Roast of the Day

Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239

RAWCS stories

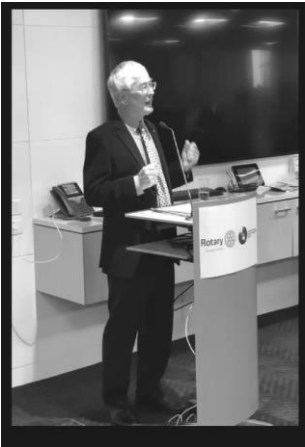


RABS projects:

The boy in the left is William, he was disfigured from being bashed by his father and required major dental work and ENT operations by Kelvin Kong. He is the current Pres. at RC Cardiff.

The girl in the middle picture, a young aspiring dancer, got a tick bite and contracted Lyme’s disease and needed treatment in Germany and Russia for massive blood transfusions as it was not recognized in Australia.

The girl to the left is a nurse, she lost a limb in a train accident in UK was eventually fitted with a comfortable prosthesis and is working back in Aust.



Quote from Dick Smith:

“I believe giving is an obligation, you get the most wonderful satisfaction helping others”



Phil from RC Wallsend in PNG with newborn named after him.

RC Salamander Bay Wendy Stein’s Hospital ship in PNG She is happy to take paying passengers to keep the boat going



Baby Joshua was sponsored by our club for a lung clearing device. Funds raised by our community were matched 1:1 by the Dick Smith Foundation



Donations in Kind HEERA – Health & Education Equipment Repurposing Activity

- In the last 19 years, DIK has:
- shipped 578 containers of equipment and supplies containing goods worth \$58 million to
 - 32 countries, to improve
 - education,
 - medical aid and
 - maternal care.

DIK also support disadvantaged areas of the Australian community

DIK (Donations in Kind) is renamed HEERA Health & Education Equipment Repurposing Activity



The Burrumbuttock Hay Run was a Rotary project although Rotary never gets a mention. The Ch9 “Fighting for Our Farmers” raised \$10M. RC Merriwa organized a fundraiser for drought affected farmers.



Central West NSW raised \$100k for Bushfire Disaster Relief. A Rotary Club in Hungary contributed to RAWCS. District 9550 contributed to the NQld Flood Relief Appeal

From the Boardroom

Milton reports that Doug Craike has fitted extra power points in the [Yacaaba](#) Centre's office and the spray painting of the lattice in the breakout area, they installed earlier, is planned for the next few weeks.

They noticed a quantity food stuff being stored at the center, they are member of the local food bank that distributes food to the needy, supported by Churches and local community.

The Uniting Church donated a large freezer for frozen meals, also provided by the church.

He also received an email from Bunnings advising that they like to donate antiseptic wipes buckets.

When he went to pick them up was surprised that it was a complete pallet size quantity.

He distributed them amongst local service clubs such as Men's Shed, RFS, Yaccaba Ctr. Pistol Club etc.

Don reports that the damaged/missing direction Hawaii sign on Gan-Gan lookout has been received and installed.

The yearly Science Discovery event is cancelled due to Covid-19.

The Graduation event for Yr12 students is held as a private function only, but would still appreciate the \$100 cheque our club donates as a Rotary Citizenship award each year.

Kathy R. still requires 6 more responses to the Membership survey, result to be discussed next meeting.

For Broughton Is. Vocational visit on 20th Sept. let Phill S. know if you are participating. (see details below)

Welfare:

Chris B. is back in Marter hospital, send him text messages of encouragement & well wishes.

Ian R. is recovering well after his operation.



Meal for this evening was all time favorite:
"Fish & Chips" Tempura battered FlatHead

Broughton Is. Excursion

- Sunday 20th Sept. Dep.: 10:15am Return: 5:00pm
- Departing from Nelson Bay Marina Moonshadow dock
- Cost is \$80.- p/p incl. Lunch & Guided walk
- Numbers limit of 40 for Members & Friends
- Contact Phill for details on 0407 291 542

**Do not miss out on this vocational visit to
Broughton Is.**

**Call Phill 0407 291 542
Pay direct by EFT|POS**

Rotary Conference Alice Springs 19th – 20th Sept.





Register [HERE](#)

The Virtual Rotary Conference in Alice Springs is a golden opportunity to take part in a conference without leaving your lounge room armchair and hear from high quality speakers. Use the link above to register, it is f.o.c.






See speaker lineup for Saturday and Sunday.
Watch listen to one or all.



DAY 1 Saturday 19 Sept. 11.30am-1.00pm

-  **11.30am-11.45am**
HOLGER KNAACK
Rotary International President 2020-2021
Welcome address
-  **11.45am-12noon**
IAN RISELEY
Past RI President and TRF Trustee
The Rotary Foundation – the charity of choice for Rotarians
-  **12.00noon-12.15pm**
STUART HEAL
Past RI Director
Winds of Change
-  **12.15pm-12.45pm**
ROTARY SHOWCASE
New Zealand
New Zealand Coordinators
-  **12.45pm-1.00pm**
SARAH BROWN
CEO, The Purple House
Continuing story of the Purple House

DAY 2 Sunday 20 Sept. 11.30am-1.00pm

-  **11.30am-11.45am**
JENNIFER JONES
Past RI Vice President and TRF Trustee
A Modern Rotary
-  **11.45am-12noon**
BARRY RASSIN
Past RI President and TRF Trustee
The Rotary Foundation, doing good in the world
-  **12.00noon-12.30pm**
ROTARY SHOWCASE
Australia
Australian Coordinators
-  **12.30pm-12.45pm**
MIKE MCGOVERN
New Zealand
Chair End Polio Now, Past RI Vice President and Past TRF Trustee
-  **12.45pm-1.00pm**
DR JESSIE HARMAN
RI Director Elect
Member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast in Ballarat, a past Governor of District 9780 and immediate past Chair of the Rotary International Membership Committee

View speaker details [HERE](#)