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Sir Clem Renouf, AM

**Vale Sir Clement William Bailey Renouf
AM - 19 April 1921 to 11 June 2020**

Sir Clem was born in Ingham two days before the first Rotary Club in Australia. The eldest of six children he attended primary school in Ingham and secondary school in Charters Towers. He left school (turning down two scholarships) after completing junior secondary school to allow his siblings equal opportunity. These being the Great Depression years.

Clem wanted to be a lawyer however that cost money so instead became a junior clerk in an accountant's office. Along came World War II where he enlisted in the RAAF initially as ground staff and later as air crew. Despite vision problems he qualified as a pilot and flew combat missions against the Japanese from Milne Bay, Darwin and Goodenough Island. After finishing the war as a flying instructor, he quickly completed his accountancy qualifications and soon after established his own Accountancy Practice. This he established in a tiny office above a café in Nambour. After a determined start to get established he became successful not only as an accountant but also in business in real estate, finance, commercial building and investments.

The early years in Nambour found Clem with few clients and plenty of time to spare. He joined the Returned Services League holding office as president. He also joined Legacy in which he was to serve for 29 years. When invited to be a charter member of the Rotary Club of Nambour he accepted becoming Charter Secretary



in 1949 and become Club President for 1954-55, the Golden Anniversary of Rotary.

Clem married June Day in 1951 raising two children Noel and Judy. In 1961 approx. 1200 Australians and New Zealanders travelled on the "Iberia" to the Rotary International Convention in Tokyo. On that ship Clem was exposed to seminars on Rotary as well as meeting many Rotary dignitaries in Tokyo.



Sir Clem Renouf, AM

Sir Clem's first District appointment was as conference secretary in 1963. 1965-66 was His year as District Governor of then District 260. Following this came a number of assignments including RI Membership Development Committee (1968), Director Rotary International (1970-72), Chairman RI World Community Service Committee (1972-74), Ri Finance Committee (1976-77), Director RI and President Elect (1977-78) and President Rotary International (1978-79). Clem had retired from accountancy in 1973 to manage a number of investments which enabled him to devote time elsewhere. These included Deputy Chairman of University of Queensland International House, his local church and the Sundale Garden Village (a residential and nursing home in Nambour).

From his short acceptance speech at the San Francisco Convention he stated "I am here because Rotary takes ordinary men and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible. I am here because Rotary cares for people." His theme for his year was "Reach Out".



1978-79 was a memorable year in Rotary history. It was the year in which the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H) program was launched.

When President Clem launched the 75th Anniversary Fund to provide initial funds for the 3H Program, inviting clubs to contribute \$15 per member to receive a banner they responded.



This laid the cornerstone of the funds that are now available through The Rotary Foundation today.

Always by his side was his wife and partner June sharing his Christian faith and commitment to service. A humble man, he was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1978 and was created a Knight Bachelor in 1988.

Six years as a member and Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees followed as well as many assignments for Rotary and Rotary International Presidents.

In 1993 Clem lost his life partner and the effect was enormous. Coincidentally, his neighbour and close friend Ted Coates died within weeks of June. In consoling Ted's wife Firth and Sir Clem's friendship ripened and with blessings from both families they married. Firth and her daughter live on the Gold Coast and like Noel, Judy and families we send our condolences to them all.

We celebrate Sir Clem's life and dedication to the world.

Sir Clem Renouf, AM

We celebrate Sir Clem's life and dedication to the world. We hold dear to us his legacy of Ending Polio in the World and to see that Rotary can do Great Things bigger than one club. In our District Office we hold the History display in memory of Sir Clem and also PRIP Gen Kinross.

Your clubs hold a copy of "A Selection of Speeches" By Sir Clem Renouf AM

Please remember Sir Clem, Think of his family and celebrate his life. After all this is the man that gave us our Health, Hunger and Humanity Program as we Reached out to the World, we Showed Rotary Cares for your community, for our world, for its people, and through showing that Rotary Connects the World we ensure that it will always be that Rotary Opens Opportunity.

One person's idea can achieve so much.



REACH OUT...



Sourced from "Seventy Five Years of Service" by H P Henningham

Farewell

with a heavy heart

With less than one week to the first Virtual Rotary International Convention and less than two weeks to the first Virtual Rotary District 9600 Changeover, the Rotary year is quickly coming to an end. 2019-2020 has been a pivotal year of change in Rotary. Visits by current Chair of The Rotary Foundation and the incoming Chair to our District. A physical visit by Rotary International President to the Oceania Conference in Christchurch with subsequent visits to Australia and now to followed by a virtual visit to the Rotary Club of Paddington. We have all had to learn how to adapt and adapt our clubs and Rotarians have done. For Laura and I the year will have many memories-not just because we got to share our wedding with you but because of the way you opened your hearts to us and proved that Rotary is a big Family that cares.

The District showed compassion and sorrow as we lost a stalwart of Peace Fellows and then rallied as a family to give support and to provide a living memory as the Janet Lawrence Peace Award will forever live on. In the last few days we have again witnessed grief as our own CLEM has gone to a higher authority where he can look over a world where we will End Polio in recognition of his efforts to Do Good In The World. Our prayers and thoughts go to his family.

From these events we recognize that Any Individual can make a difference and everyday you as Rotarians do just that. I congratulate and thank you for that.

Now is the time to take this membership growth we have seen this year, stay strong and committed to Rotary and retain and build our membership for the future of our world. Our communities need Rotary Leadership now.

Recognizing that our clubs are too small but provide a greater commitment and support to our communities than many of the much larger clubs do elsewhere in the world it has been wonderful to see the collaboration of our clubs within their clusters and beyond as they work together to bring a greater result for no increase in effort. When clubs double their size before we move to District 9620 because they have engaged in their communities then so much more will be achieved as well.



• *Sir Clem Renouf* •
• 1921-2020 •



As the Rotary year comes to a close we need to look at our Club's finances, a difficult subject when fundraising has been reduced. Changes to Global Grants means we are looking for pledges of funds to achieve more now with these projects. Those pledges will not be called upon for one to several months after 30 June. Have we contributed \$US 100 (currently \$Aust 151) per member to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund for future District and Global Grants? Have we contributed \$Aust 1500 to End Polio Now. Can we contribute something or can we do more? Can we do something personal and get a tax deduction? Your call.



I look back on the year with so many memories. The wonderful work that our clubs and Rotarians are doing is vast and diverse. Homes for the disadvantaged, meals to those in hospital, equipment for school children, support for our elderly and clean water to those without. We never got to plant our thousands of trees however we planted some and cleaned our gardens, taught our children re sustainable food gardens and cleaned our communities. Reflect on what you have achieved this year and plan for a new future in your clubs and communities. The District and Rotary is in good hands when I reflect on the work that all are doing.

The greatest experience of their lives is coming to an end for our Youth Exchange Students and we thank them for giving us that chance to connect. Whilst there is no Youth Exchange for the next twelve months we look forward to a time when we host and send many more with a new structure of management. Congratulations to Ossama and his team on looking after our YEP family.

I opened the year with the following paragraph:

We have Made a Difference, we have been Inspiring, now is the time for us and Rotary to Connect the World. That is not that we should Connect with the World – because connecting with is only a part of it. We need to Connect the World. Whether you are a Flat Earth believer, a believer of Aliens or something else we need to look at the World around us and be the glue that Connects the World though Rotary.

To look back on the year where so much good in the world has been achieved I want to thank the District Board for their absolute support during the year, The District Leadership Team have been fantastic with the Coordinators and Chairs, their committees and the Assistant Governors doing so much to ensure that you the Rotarians in our Clubs received the support you required. Thank you .



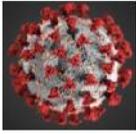
To the Rotarian Friends throughout the world and to the staff at Parramatta and Evanston also thank you. To my Conference team including the Rotary Club of New Farm and the Rotaractors of Brisbane River City thank you for making the District Conference happen. It was a shame that Covid interrupted and only a limited number got to hear our Great Speakers, including our President's Rep Greg Yank, see our entertainment or experience the fellowship of our Wonderful Rotary Friendship Exchange Team. For those that did I am sure you will agree that any one part made the week worthwhile.

My thanks go to all of you, the Clubs and Rotarians of our District, your families and your friends for making Laura and I a part of your family, our Rotary family. Finally my absolute thanks to my family and especially my Laura. You have had a crash course in Rotary, Australia and in organizing a wedding in the middle of a District Governor year. Thank you my beautiful wife.

Going forward the future will be different for us all as Zoom as and other life events have changed our lives forever. Covid 19 has shown us how Rotary Connects The World and our clubs and members have shown an enormous resolve in doing so. We now must take the opportunity as new ideas emerge, new leaders take their positions and show how we can take that passion in our communities to prove that we can double our membership as we show that Rotary Opens Opportunities for everyone to work together and be involved.



Rotary Zone 26/27 COVID-19 Considerations before resuming in-person meetings



As COVID-19 infections begin to level and government shelter-in-place and similar orders expire, Rotary Districts and Clubs are confronted with the complexities of determining how and when to resume in-person gatherings.

We must base our decisions on the health and safety of our members, while maintaining compliance with government and health regulations. COVID-19 will be part of our Rotary planning until a proper prevention or vaccine is readily available.

Challenges - Our Rotary organization is a compilation of autonomous clubs with cultural, social, and community-based values that preclude a “one size fits all” approach for club decisions about resuming in-person meetings.

This document is developed to help our Rotary clubs and leadership with considerations and resources for the discussions and decisions they undertake at this difficult time.

The primary goal of this document is to help Rotarians consider the safety and health of our members.



Additional Resources

Rotary looks for guidance from reputable organizations focused on health and safety. It's important to keep up to date on the latest

information from trusted sources, such as these, and incorporate their resources, tools, guidelines into your club leadership discussions regarding in-person meetings:

Global Resources:

- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
<https://www.who.int>
- **Center for Disease Control (CDC)**
<https://www.cdc.gov/>
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**
<https://www.fda.gov/home>.
- **Rotary International**
<https://www.rotary.org>
- **Health Canada**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health>

Local Resources: Your local and state governments and health departments are authorities best placed to advise about what people in your area should be doing to protect

themselves. Review these resources so you are sure your club is in compliance for any in-person Rotary gathering.



Action Steps

- **Survey Your Members**
- **Develop a Decision Tree**
- **Write & Communicate a Plan**

I. Survey Your Members - *This is a time of evolution where we could make changes to our club format and focus.*

- *How are our current virtual gatherings working?*
- *Would it work to continue virtual meetings for a time?*
- *What club business would require in-person gathering?*
- *How can we best serve our communities going forward?*

If the survey supports *not resuming* in-person meetings at this time, leadership may still develop recommendations for the proper time to move forward.

Leadership Discussion following the survey-



- *Have we reviewed all relevant resources for health & safety information?*
- *What restrictions apply to or are applied by our regular venue?*
- *Will food & beverage change due to health & safety concerns?*
- *What health & safety protocols should be instituted (e.g., temperature taking, hand sanitizer, masks, social distancing, no handshakes, hugs or other touching, alerting leadership & membership when a member becomes ill, refraining from singing, passing items including for Happy Dollars, liability waivers, etc.)*
- *How will protocols be communicated? (e.g., emails, phone calls, greeters, etc.)*
- *How can we make sure our protocols are inclusive of all members? (e.g. making all meetings voluntary, providing online & in-person meetings simultaneously, offering both 'in-person' or virtual meetings & clarifying the distinction in communications, etc.)*

Rotary Zone 26/27 COVID-19 Considerations before resuming in-person meetings

- Will we ask members to report to leadership if they become ill or someone becomes ill in their contact circle? Will it be club policy to notify meeting attendees in such cases?

II. Develop a Decision Tree

As leadership considers these questions, they can develop club specific recommendations tailored for their membership and specific local government requirements.



1. **Carefully review the reasons for, and risks associated with in-person meetings.**
 - If virtual meetings are working for all concerned, it may not be necessary to resume in-person meetings at this time.
2. **Establish ground rules for in-person meetings based on state and local guidelines, the questions and links provided in this document.**
 - Proceed when leadership is in agreement about suggested procedures.
 - Proceed when leadership has decided how to be inclusive of members who are not in agreement with suggested procedures.

3. **Seek a venue that will allow appropriate physical distancing, exposure time and ventilation.**

This may mean that your traditional venue is not appropriate. Consider outside venues.

- a. **If meeting inside:** For your club or the venue;
 - Will surfaces be sanitized before and after the meeting?
 - Will food and beverages be part of the meeting? Buffets and shared food/beverage can increase the risk of disease spread.
- b. **If meeting outside:**
 - Can members bring their own camp chairs, food and/or beverages? That procedure may lessen disease spread.
- c. **Whether meeting inside or outside:**

- Will the space fit all members with physical distancing? For large clubs, members may have to meet in smaller groups until local guidelines change, or members feel safe.
- How will leadership address the fact that handshakes, hugs, kisses, singing, passing items will increase the chances of disease spread?
- Is there a way for members to use meeting software (such as Zoom or Facebook Live) to attend or view later as an option during in-person meetings?

When venue/s and questions above are decided:

4. **Ask your members to be proactive:**
 - a. Stay home if they are ill or have been around someone who is ill.
 - b. Take their temperature before coming to an in-person meeting, and if elevated, stay home.
 - c. Use whatever personal protective equipment they feel will make them more comfortable if attending an in-person meeting. This might include face masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer.
 - d. Notify club leadership if they become ill, or anyone in their circle of contacts becomes ill. Club leadership should notify members in this instance so others can monitor their own health, obtain testing, etc.

III. Write & Communicate a Plan

It's vital that leadership develop a formal written plan for in-person meetings that is provided for all members and prospective members, addresses their concerns, incorporates their input so they fully support the action plan.



- Include suggested procedures and inclusive measures so that members know the board has a plan.
- Make sure members understand that all in-person meetings are completely voluntary.
- Consider any liability issues or concerns.
- Establish follow-up discussions to adjust your plan based upon new information and feedback.



Remember - It is important during this difficult time that we take care of our Rotary Club members and effectively serve our communities. *We are confident with the ingenuity of Rotarians, together we can do this!*

Rotary Zone 26/27 COVID-19 Considerations before resuming in-person meetings



Helping the Homeless

In response to a call to arms from DG Darryl and Rotarian Rutian Mi (Hamilton Club) for District 9600 clubs to collect toiletries for the homeless during this unprecedented period of COVID-19, Brookfield Rotary's newest member Sarah Hansen took up the challenge and in fact went the extra yard. Sarah made immediate contact with 3rd Space CEO, Mark Neave (the charitable organisation calling for the items), to better understand the needs and see what more could be done. Having a clear picture of the pressing needs which extended beyond toiletries to other items such as warm clothes and non-perishable foods, Sarah set to work as Rotarians do.

In conjunction with other local support groups in the Kenmore/ Brookfield area, Sarah created a flyer that was widely distributed both electronically and physically. Having broadcast the need, Sarah then realised we needed a location where people could bring and leave donated items, remembering that social distancing and hygiene compliance standards needed to be maintained.

Sarah contacted the Church of Christ in Kenmore, and they thankfully made a repository and location available on their premises, whereby people could leave the items required and they could be sorted/packed up and taken to 3rd Space for distribution to those more in need right now.



Sarah and Brookfield Rotary's President Elect Brian Bower have now made two visits to 3rd Space and delivered the donated materials (as you can see from the photos included). The story doesn't end there though, not with Rotarian Sarah determined to ensure we keep this line of supply going as long as we can.



GRANTS

Dear primary contacts for global grant applications in draft, authorizations required, and submitted status:

An important change is being implemented to global grant funding.

The global grant program has been very successful and has grown at an incredible pace since its launch in 2013. This growth, however, means that we expect the demand for global grants to dramatically exceed the capacity of the World Fund.

Because of this, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have decided that World Fund resources will be used to match only District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions. This match will remain at 100 percent. The match on cash contributions to grants will be eliminated, effective 1 July 2020.

Here's how applications currently in progress will be impacted by this decision:

Status	Action
Draft	Applications in draft status on 1 July will not receive a World Fund cash match.
Authorizations Required	Applications in authorizations required status on 1 July will receive a World Fund cash match.
Submitted	Applications in submitted status on 1 July will receive a World Fund cash match.

There will be no changes for approved applications.

In addition, due to the incredible efforts of Rotarians to address the COVID-19 pandemic, we've fully expended this year's global grant budget. When the pandemic hit, global grant submissions rose 33% as Rotarians moved into action. It has truly been inspiring. Please know that despite this pause in approvals, we'll continue reviewing applications so that we're ready when we resume grant approvals on 1 July.

If you have questions, write to your [regional grants officer](#).



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Rotary 2019-20 DGs across Australia Indigenous Volunteer Program, Indigenous Health and Skills Project (through Purple House)



Concept

It is considered that Rotary can do a lot more to assist Australia's Indigenous People by undertaking a coordinated approach of assistance rather than individuals or individual clubs acting by themselves on any one project. Several discussions/meetings have been held with Rotary and Sarah Brown, the CEO of Purple House based in Alice Springs, who has been working in Indigenous communities for many years. Purple House provides dialysis in 14 remote communities in the NT, WA and SA.

As a result of those discussions it is considered that the best program of assistance which can be offered is for Rotarians and Rotary volunteers to provide services that increase the skills and knowledge within the Indigenous communities while at the same time providing some improved facilities in outback indigenous communities. Training and mentoring in areas such as nursing, hygiene awareness (eliminate trachoma), carpentry, plumbing and general building maintenance are proposed to be offered in a hands-on way; Rotarians without these qualifications who wish to contribute their time are encouraged to provide an Expression of Interest.

The program is proposed to be managed through the Purple House Volunteer Coordinator Program, based in Alice Springs, but providing assistance in remote indigenous community areas.

The main target for volunteers will be from Rotary clubs and the caravan wandering Rotary Grey Nomads. The volunteering program will be part of an initial broader Rotary Foundation Global Grant project providing additional dialysis machines and related equipment in the communities.

The Global Grant application is presently being submitted.

2019-20 DGs across Australia have agreed to combine their efforts to introduce this program of medical and skills assistance for Indigenous People. It is intended that the program once started will be ongoing, sustainable and have scope for diversity.

Volunteers

DG Michael Cooke (Tasmania) already has a number of Tasmanian Rotarians who have expressed interest in being a part of the hands-on activities. Expressions of interest from all Australian Districts is now being sought.



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When the list of volunteers has been compiled and the various work projects and times of visits have been determined all members of volunteer groups will need to 'log in' with Sarah Brown of Purple House prior to organising inductions, etc. to ensure good management of the services to be provided, and the materials required. Prior to beginning assistance all volunteers will need induction regarding the activities and cultural issues of the indigenous populations. This will be done in Darwin; Alice Springs; or Coober Pedy.



Rotary 2019-20 DGs across Australia Indigenous Volunteer Program

Accommodation for volunteers will be by caravan (for those having them) with other accommodation to be organised.

The Rotary volunteer approach is actively being sought by the Purple House CEO Sarah Brown as she sees this project as one that can make a real difference to improving the health, comfort and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians and can be ongoing for decades.

Projected

It is proposed that Rotarians and friends of Rotary will nominate themselves now or in the coming years to be volunteers to travel to Darwin; Alice Springs; or Coober Pedy and undergo an induction program

before going out to a nominated location, under instructions, to assist with Sarah's programs.

There is no specific start date set for this program. The commencement of the program will be after the opening of borders, closed due to the COVID-19 epidemic and will depend on the number of applicants and their expertise.

We ask that the applicants send an email to
DG Michael Cooke
michael.cooke8@gmail.com

to express their interest in joining this program, providing the following details:

Rotary District and State/Territory

Volunteer Name

Contact Phone Number

Email Address

Skill/Trade (if any)

Dates Available (initially during the next 12 months)

Your Transport Type

WWVP Card

We thank you for your interest and await your reply. It is noted that the COVID-19 epidemic will hinder the commencement date of this program, awaiting the Northern Territory Government allowing access to the remote Indigenous communities, thus it will be some months before there will be a volunteer group proceeding.

District Governor (Rotary District)

Environmental Expo at Moreton Kids Festival

The Concept:

The idea of Redcliffe Sunrise Rotary hosting an environmental program / expo has been in the planning since June 2019. Various venues and programming elements have been looked. In order to maximise event exposure it was decided that Redcliffe Sunrise Rotary should join forces with Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism (MBRIT), the official destination management company for the Moreton Bay Region.

<https://www.mbrit.com.au/about>

MBRIT have proposed for the environmental expo to be held at the annual Moreton Kids Festival on Sunday 18 October 2020 at Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine from 8am to 4pm. Moreton Kids Festival is a ticketed event, targeted predominately for families with younger children in the 4-12 yrs bracket. There are five interactive zones to explore; Active Kids, Creative Kids, Green Kids, Fun Kids and Innovative Kids. Redcliffe Sunrise Rotary will be hosting the Environmental Expo within Green Kids zone with the themes based around SEA, LAND (incl. water), and AIR. Attendance in previous years has been around 10,000. To find out more about Moreton Kids Festival <https://www.moretonkidsfestival.com.au>



It is intended that children and as well as adults are stimulated by many opportunities to interact with various hands on displays and activities. These hands-on and interactive stalls will have fun and engaging educational activities and plenty of giveaways. An interactive stage will feature educational presentations by knowledgeable speakers. The stage will be programmed predominately for adults, with an element of education for children.

How can Rotary clubs participate? The members of Redcliffe Sunrise Rotary believe that this Expo presents a perfect opportunity for Rotary, Rotoract, Interact and Earlyact clubs to showcase their projects and programs that fit with the Environmental Sustainability concept. Can you identify environmentally sustainable projects/activities within your Rotary sphere? Do you want to promote it? Consider how you could promote that to the larger but still local community. (see next page)



Environmental Expo at Moreton Kids Festival

Join us and let's showcase Rotary! For further information and a possible zoom presentation please contact:

Environmental Expo Contact Details

Colin Scobie
Ph 0418 540 891
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Hugh Thompson
Ph 0409 629 551
Email: hughthompson@optusnet.com.au

Interested in booking a stall?

Interested in being involved in the Rotary Enviro Expo at Moreton Kids Fest?

Please follow the bellow steps to register your interest.

Applications close on the 14 August 2020.

1. Go to:
<https://www.mbritstallholders.com.au/stallholders/login>
2. Log In or Create An Account
3. Select 'New Application'
4. Select 'Apply Online' under 'Moreton Kids Fest 2020'

**Make sure that you select the correct event, MBRIT have a huge calendar of events!*

5. Once 'Apply Online' changes to 'selected', scroll down and read the information, requirements and assessment information.



6. Select a stall type.

**Please ensure that you select the correct option for the sized site that you require.*

***If you are an information stall, select one of the market options*

****Unless you are a food or beverage stall, all stalls operating inside the enviro expo will have their site fees waved.*

7. Fill in your contact details

8. Specify the exact dimensions (in metres) you require to operate from.

9. Specify what you will be operating from.

Please note your total size includes your towbar It is the responsibility of the stall holder to provide all of their own infrastructure including marquee, tables, chairs etc. All marquees must be pegged or weighted down.*

10. Fill in all items that you will be selling, giving away and/or collecting donations in exchange for and their price. If you are not selling/giving away any products put N/A in these fields.

11. Fill in your power requirements including items using electricity, their wattage and how many outlets you require.

**A fee of \$33.00 will be charged to stalls requiring electricity. This will not be waved for those operating within the eco expo.*

***It is the responsibility of the stall holder to provide extension leads (20m minimum), cable covers and power boards. All leads must be tagged and tested prior to the event.*



Environmental Expo at Moreton Kids Festival

12. Under other information, list a description of your stall and any other important information that should be noted.

13. Thoroughly read through the following. Although it is a little lengthy, it is important that you read and understand all information to ensure that there are no hiccups or misunderstandings pertaining to the event:

- o Operating Hours
- o Stall Presentation
- o Restricted Items
- o Security
- o Terms and Conditions
- o Select Submit Application

*Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee a site at this event. MBRIT and Rotary will review the applicants based on a number of criteria. A confirmation email will be sent if successful.

Disclaimer Whist we (Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism and The Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise) are aware that the COVID-19 situation is ever-evolving, we are trying to move forward as best we can. We are hopeful that Moreton Kids Festival and The Rotary Club or Redcliffe Sunrise's Environmental Expo will be able to run in its current format- however, please be aware that this is subject to the status of the virus in QLD and we will be guided by Government advice and regulations. We thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility at this time.



Rotary Down Under Supplies

Rotary Down Under Supplies are currently being held by the Rotary Club of Cooroy and you can order from them.

If clubs wish to order can they please contact me on Ph 0407 194 120 or email carol@cooroyrotary.org.au

I need to send the leftover stock back to RDU around about 25 June so that it can be counted in their stocktake for June 30 so we have a couple of days left to sell.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Carol Johnston
President Elect/Youth Director
Rotary Club of Cooroy



Requests for Funding 2 Global Grants for Water Projects

I am writing to talk to you about our current pipeline of water projects in Papua New Guinea. You may be familiar with the Supurunda Water Supply Project GG1863593 (completed 2018 with the official opening in February 2019). Based on the methodology of this very successful project, Ian Cameron (Rotary Club of Mitchelton and recently appointed Cadre - Water & Sanitation, Oceania) and I have been working with Goroka Rotary Club to develop the current project (the Sausi Water Supply Project) and the Global Grant application is substantially completed and we are now seeking funding pledges for the project.

The Sausi Water Supply Project will again be a spring fed gravity system serving over 3,000 people.



Requests for Funding 2 Global Grants for Water Projects



Sausi is located on the Ramu Highway , in the Ramu Valley between Lae and Madang.

You may be aware that Rotary International has changed the Global Grant funding model from 1 July 2020, so that cash contributions from Clubs no longer qualify for the 50% top-up from the Global Fund.

In order to maximise the available funds for the Sausi WS Project we are seeking your support with funding pledges prior to 28 June 2020, with the pledges only to be honoured after the project is approved by Rotary International, likely in July or August 2020.

We have secured US\$10,000 DDF from 9600 District and we currently have a US\$40,000 shortfall in pledges. We also have a similar-sized project at Benga near Mt Hagen and are seeking pledges for that one too prior to the 1 July deadline. It is intended that these projects be delivered with the Goroka RC as Host Club, and Toowong RC as the International Club. Clubs who make pledges have their name

listed on the advertising Rotary welcome board that stands at the entrance to the villages (see the example in the Supurunda Project powerpoint).

We can send you a copy of the draft Sausi GG application and a powerpoint presentation on the Sausi potential project.

Due to the short time available, Ian Cameron (+61 434 079 035) and I will not be able to make a Zoom presentation to all our potential funders, but we are available to provide additional information as required. Hoping you can join with 9600 District, Goroka RC , Toowong RC & Mitchelton RC in pledging funding to this very worthwhile Water and Sanitation project.

Would love to hear from you in the near future.

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Handwashing Behaviour Change For Communities that don't have any plumbing, water or taps.

Congratulations to Spatap on winning second place in the WASRAG video competition!

It's very difficult to wash your hands regularly with soap and running fresh water if you don't have a tap.

Rotary Australian World Community Service (RAWCS) Project 110 of 2017-18 Hand Hygiene for Health (HHFH) & 'SPATAP Portable Tap' tackles this problem in the Pacific.

The Coronavirus COVID-19 has impacted across both the developed and underdeveloped nations across the globe. A key aspect in the fight against the virus has been the worldwide acceptance of the need to regularly wash our hands so as to reduce the potential spread of the disease.

Whilst this is an easy task for people with access to many taps and plumbing systems within their homes and businesses, it does not address the harsh reality that there are many communities both within Australia and overseas that do not have the luxury of adequate taps and systems to enable people to undertake hand hygiene for health.

The United Nations have indicated that some 2.4 Billion people, including 900 million children, have either no taps at all or very limited access to taps.



In 2012, Stuart Mason, a member of the Rotary Club of Noosa Heads, stumbled across an idea when he picked up a bottle of warm water from the boot of his car to wash his hands and half of the bottle of water ended up on the ground. After many trials and errors, Stuart developed a system called SPATAP Portable Tap that can enable handwashing and personal hygiene with limited water supplies and yet very portable and simple to use.

A Silicone fitting that transforms any bottle or container made of plastic, glass or metal into a flow controllable tap that can dispense water in 3 different ways depending on the user's needs.

Since this time the pocket-sized invention has won first prize two international awards on a humanitarian basis, including our Federal Governments Australian Aid Humanitarian Supplies Challenge in 2017.

Handwashing Behaviour Change For Communities that don't have any plumbing, water or taps.

The SPATAP has since morphed into a fully operational project that was presenting the project at The Rotary International Convention held in Hamburg was Stuart Mason and George and Mary Grant Project coordinators. Great interest was shown by Rotarians from many countries as well as Rotary International President Barry Rassin when he visited the Booth.

The inventor, Stuart Mason, is a very proud Rotarian has travelled the world to address Rotary Clubs about Hand Hygiene for Health which is a handwashing behaviour change programme. Stuart says, "Quite simply, you can't wash your hands if you haven't got a tap."

The SPATAP can be installed by a child of 5 years or older in just 10 seconds as a personal, portable tap that not only saves water but saves lives. All that is needed is a source of water.

Young children can carry 1.5 litres of water that SPATAP will dispense 60 handwashes with soap. When used in a school learning environment, in conjunction with Hand Hygiene for Health handwashing and education system it creates and sustains handwashing behaviour change in a few hours using a regimented roster system for bottle filling and SPATAP maintenance.

Rotary clubs are invited to share this project in whatever way they can and be



part of the worldwide celebration of handwashing which is celebrated on October 15th every year.

Stuart says, "This is about addressing a real worldwide problem and as a humanitarian, I intend to help these communities to the best of my ability.

Some schools in the Pacific either have no taps at all or 1 tap to 1500+ students, it's impossible to create a handwashing habit under such conditions, our project changes this dynamic in a matter of hours. We start the project at 9 am and by midday, the whole school has washed their hands and we have changed the ratios to 1 tap to 20 students.

The beauty of the system is that this is all managed and maintained by the students and teachers, this is a really empowering process."

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Hand Hygiene For Health handwashing project has already proved its worth in many underdeveloped schools in the South Pacific, but the need is great and there are many more schools that need our help, there are many requests from communities in the Pacific to access this simple technology, especially now within the current COVID-19 crisis.

Within Australia, the system has huge opportunities to address diseases like trachoma & diarrhoea in remote communities where access to taps and water is very limited.

Rotary Clubs across Australia have the chance to assist the growing number of requests from communities overseas and within Australia for access to HHHF & SPATAP to enable handwashing to be part of the normal way of life for people in those communities.

Clubs can also donate funds via the RAWCS website to enable the increasing number of orders being received by visiting the Hand Hygiene For Health Website:

www.handhygieneforhealth.org/donate



Clubs can also get involved with Global Handwashing Day OCT 15th 2020
<https://globalhandwashing.org/global-handwashing-day/>

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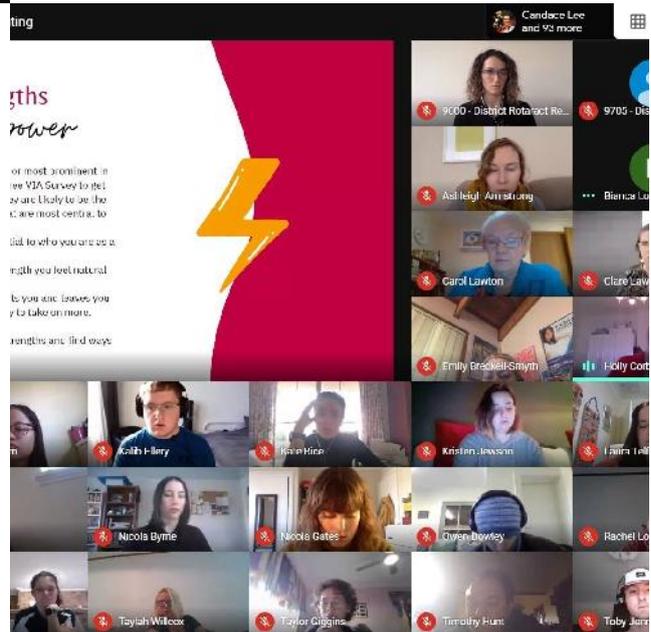


As the year wraps up, the Rotaractors of District 9600 prepare for the year ahead! On the 14th of June, Rotaractors from across Australia joined online to learn about all things Rotaract and Rotary, to prepare their boards for the year ahead.

The training session was an alternative to the usual district training sessions run by DRRs, and was organised by DRRs across Australia to service Rotaractors during the pandemic. 240 Rotaractors registered for the day long training which turned out to be a roaring success.

With the change over of Rotary boards, the Rotaract clubs have begun to have their elections as well. Congratulations to all Presidents and board members already elected for the incoming year and for those elections that are yet to occur due to COVID restrictions.

Congratulations to Brenton Cuthbert who was elected as the incoming District Rotaract Representative for District 9600 - we look forward to a year of your fantastic leadership!



It has been amazing to support and represent Rotaractors in this district and across Australia and I thank the Rotarians of this district for supporting not only myself but all the Rotaract clubs throughout the year.

Yours in Rotaract,

Kim Elston
Outgoing Rotaract District Representative
Incoming Rotaract Chair

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