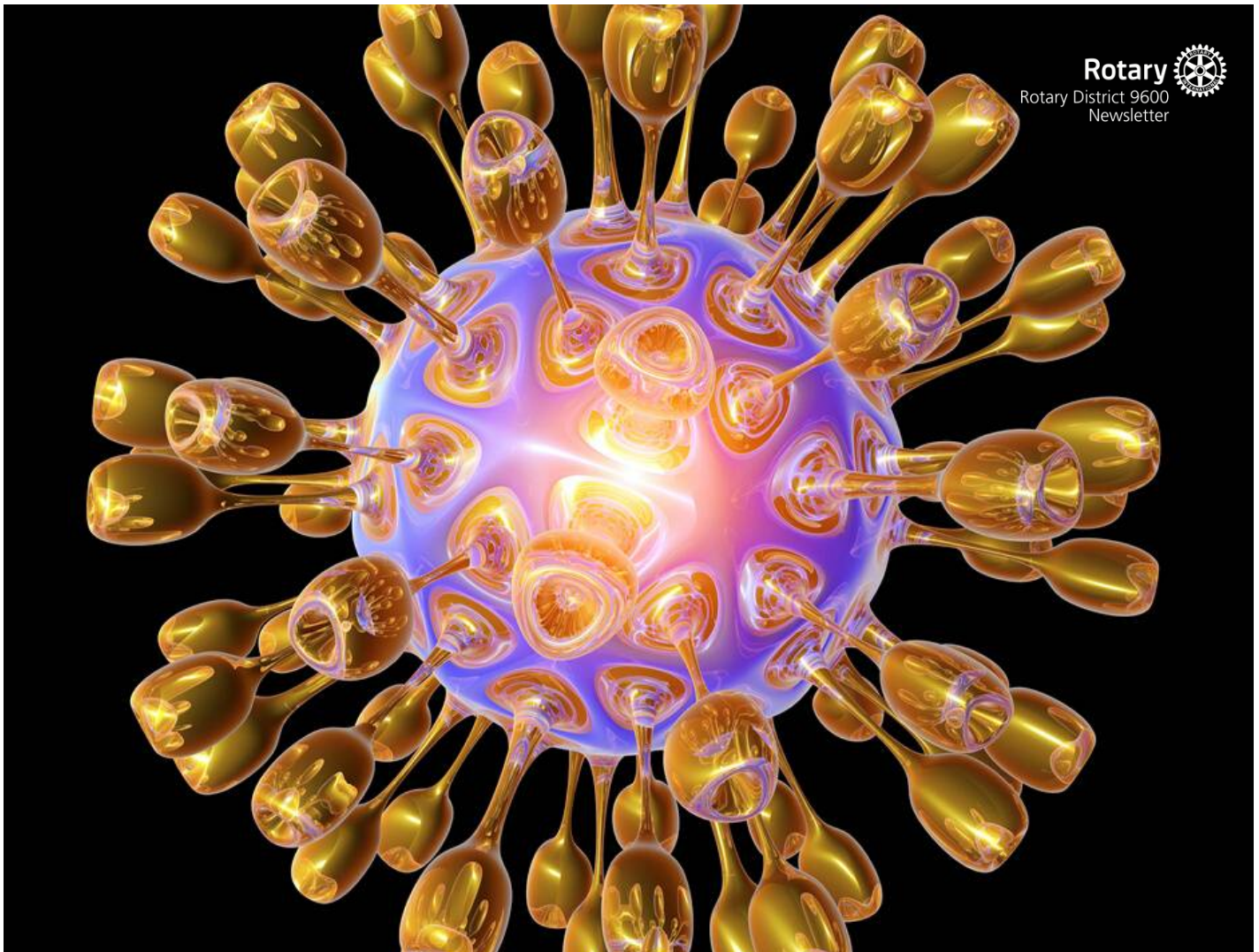


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A Pandemic

Covid-19

First of all, Thank You to all who attended the District Conference and we hope you had a great time whilst understanding more about our Five values of Rotary.

We are going through times that most of us have never seen before and therefore new measures need to be undertaken.

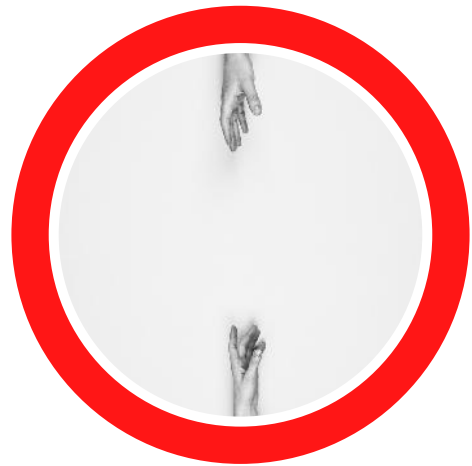
To each of our individual Clubs, you are autonomous to make your own decisions, however District is here to help if you require.

We have already offered the use of our two ZOOM licenses (unlimited time and up to 100 participants) to all Clubs and committees. Some Clubs are meeting via Whatsapp and others via Microsoft Office 365 "Teams". Outdoor meetings and blogs are other options.

PDG Eric Wood has offered to help anyone with Teams if needed. ZOOM is also available for free for smaller groups.

This is the year of Rotary Connects the World and we must now stay more connected than ever before to look after our Rotary family.

Set up a buddy-system in your Club with at least 2 members checking on another throughout your entire membership. Organise 'Coffee Chats' be they in person or via FaceTime, Skype or similar.



Stay connected via Facebook with everyone sharing a post, a photo, and a comment of something from the week that has been each and every week. If not Facebook then via E-mail.

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Now is the time to ask the question: Why do we meet?

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Keep inspired about Rotary:

- listen to member stories
- watch conference speakers
- Go into my rotary.org and view the stories and projects
- We have a Rotary library at the District Office
- Get involved in Rotary Fellowships
- Get involved in Rotary Action Groups
- Wash your hands thoroughly
- Refrain from touching your face

Projects

Suggestions

- Blood Donations
- Social Distancing
- Social Campaigns
- International Days
- Days 4 Girls
- Prepare some Emergency Packs
- Rotary Action Groups
- Partner with Local Council
- Work on Your Own Club
 - rotary.org
 - Strategic Plan

- Remote Project Management

Mentoring

Rotaractors

Interactors

Potential Rotarians

- Rotary Learning Centre
- Name Your Own

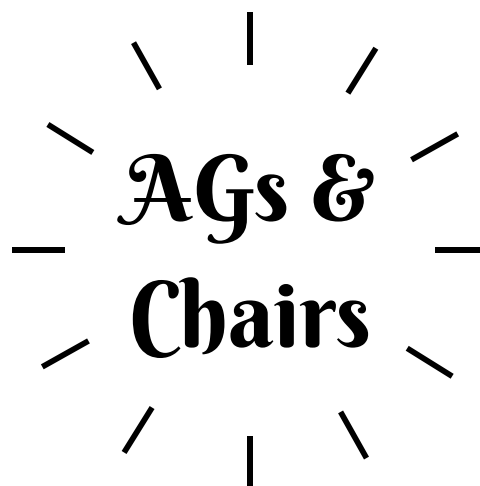


Thank You

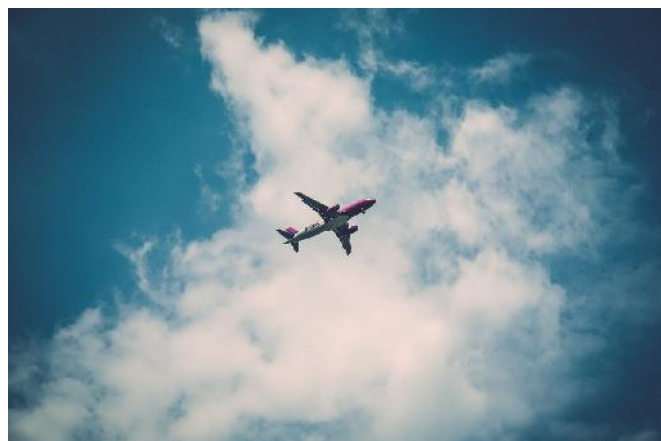
to those who have helped with logistics

I want to thank Ossama and his team in Youth Exchange for keeping in touch with all Inbound and Outbound students, their families and their host families. All students and families are requesting to stay as is rather than place the student at risk in travel.

Thank you to Wendy Protheroe, Neil Black, Mary Grant and Wendy Scholz for looking after the welfare of our PNG members and ensuring their safe trip home.



Can you please contact your Clubs and committees and send me a comprehensive list of who is meeting and by how so that we can keep the whole district informed.



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Safety brings First Aid
to the uninjured.
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Events Update

Cancelled & Postponed

- Rotary International Convention -> Cancelled
- Spring into Alice Conference -> Cancelled
- Peace Fellow Symposium -> Cancelled
- District Tree Planting -> Postponed
- PETS -> Alternative Methods
- NYSF 2021 -> Applications Open
- District Training Assembly -> T.B.A.



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Globalisation &
interlocking fragility.
”

News Updates

Rotary Down Under Magazine

After no increase in subscription price 2007 there will be a price rise on 1 July 2020 from \$40 to \$44 for the printed magazine however the electronic copy will be only \$34pa per person. Update your subscription choices now.



Donate

to the Rotary Foundation

As always, you can ask members to donate to The Rotary Foundation (hint: use the array of Rotary assets including videos to promote; all available on My Rotary). Other considerations include initiating "friendly competitions" with other clubs to see which can raise the most money for a particular focus area or fund to earn "bragging rights" (or maybe the "losing" club has to provide the manual labor for the winning club's future project). Get creative and use this opportunity to bolster promotion of opportunities for Rotarians to give.

The
Rotary
Foundation



Next Steps

Establish your Why

- Stay where you are
- Or plan for future
- Ongoing visions
- Revision of process
- Connect with Clubs
- Nominate Digital Champions
- Be People of Action



Seize the Opportunity

to Innovate and Improve

There are things we can do to ensure our communication, meetings, actions and decisions continue.

- Now is great time to enhance your electronic communications such as club bulletins, websites and social media such as Facebook.
- Connect into the social media pages other community groups and organisations in your community. This is a great way to stay connected and even broaden your reach.
- Connect with your communities by helping our less fortunate neighbours cope with the effects of isolation and fear, or by supporting our health authorities to address this situation.
- Assist health authorities communicate best practices or provide needed equipment or support into your communities.



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Men and women make history and not the other way around. In periods of crisis where there is no leadership, society leads to chaos.

Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.

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Murray Bladwell

in Memoriam

Murray Bladwell was a true Rotarian who embodied and always practiced service above self. He genuinely loved people and in the twilight of his illustrious Rotary career he devoted a lot of his time to supporting one of the District's most successful Interact Clubs at Brisbane Boys' College.

He was a distinguished President of Mt Coot-tha RC where he led by example, a trait he adhered to to the end by taking responsibility for fund raisers at

~~Burnings~~ delicious sausage sizzle, and any occasion which involved barbecues such as providing lunch once a month for many years for the workforce at Volgren buses.

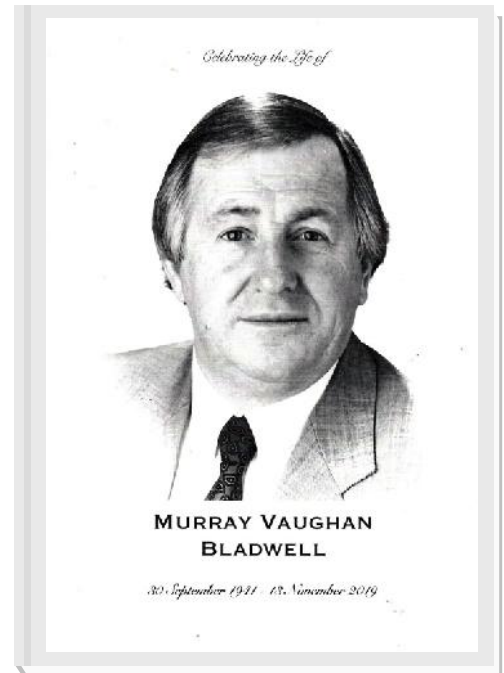
He also was a very effective marketer and was the driving force behind the raffle of two Clubman sports cars, with tickets costing \$50.00 each, to raise funds for neo-natal care at the Mater Hospital, raising about \$60,000.00 for urgently required medical equipment.

However, he was not perfect, he had an almost endless supply of Dad jokes and some of the worst puns going around, which he liberally shared with the Club!

Murray was not only a great mentor to younger Rotarians and Interact leaders, he was a Rotarian whose counsel was valued by every member of the Toowong RC.

As a result of many years teaching in PNG he never forgot his Island roots and through the support of DIK he equipped a number of schools in PNG with library books and prescribed school texts.

Vale Murray, we shall remember you with respect and affection for a lifetime of outstanding service to Rotary, and the Mt. Coot-tha and Toowong RC's.



Rotaract Message

by Kim - Rotaract District Representative



A key theme of the Rotary International Assembly this year was the opportunity for greater and more energetic collaboration between Rotary and Rotaract and we are excited to have already begun taking up this opportunity within our district.

Did you know that many committees within our district are coordinated or have key Rotaract participants? And not just youth programs! Riley Thornton, Róisín O'Neill and Julia Shields from the Brisbane Rivercity Rotaract Club were on the organising committee for the District Conference this year. On the Rotary Youth Leadership Award committee are Rotaractors Jane Hillyard, Gareth Seeto, Brenton Cuthbert, Sheyaan Manricks, Bill Scriven and Kim Elston. The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment committee involved Rotaractors Corey Lehmann and Jane Hillyard, and numerous Rotaractors were involved in the organisation of the recent Interact Conference including Jill Schomberg from Rivercity and past Rotaract CBD member Mamata Dhital. Rotaractors bring a variety of skills, new ideas and enthusiasm to all areas of Rotary and are an important partner to Rotary! Thank you for all that you have brought to the district in 2019/20!

If you or your club would like any information on what Rotaract is or how you might begin exploring starting a club or sending young people you know to meet a club, please get in contact with me on 9600@rotaract.org.au or 0488232151.



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will keep us together while being apart



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