

DG NEWSLETTER

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is**

**BASIC
EDUCATION
AND
LITERACY
MONTH**



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District 9465



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Editor's Notes:

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

- * The District Directory has been updated and uploaded on the District website under Resources tab. As it is an electronic document, we will be updating it as required. When advising us of an email address change, please ensure that you have recorded it on **ClubRunner as your Primary contact.** **Privacy Policy:** The District Directory is for the information of members of Rotary in Rotary International District 9465 and its contents are solely for the use of Rotarians for the business of the District and District Clubs. The contents must not be used for any other purpose.
- * Other information, such as insurance certificates of currency and events, can be accessed via the "Resources" tab.

DG NEWSLETTER

- * We will be aiming to send the Newsletter out third week of each month.
- * If you have any information or project stories you would like included in the DG Newsletter, please email secretary@rotary9465.org.au and include no more than three captioned photos.



Showcase our Rotary Foundation Projects

As you are no doubt aware the regional newsletter Rotary on the Move has now been expanded to include Membership, the Foundation and Public Image, this is a great opportunity to showcase your District and Club's Rotary Foundation projects, fund raising initiatives and the like.

Please seriously consider submitting articles on your District Rotary Foundation projects, fund raising initiatives and the like and please encourage your Clubs to submit similar articles for publication.

Articles should be 200 to 500 words with contact details and a couple of captioned photographs in high resolution.

Please submit articles to me (hrkj@iinet.net.au) in the first instance.

Hugh Langridge



DG Pat Schraven

From the DG

Rotary International continues to evolve and adapt to meet the changes to our society, our causes and the needs of communities globally. In my visits to Clubs, the topic of membership is high on the agenda in discussions and in my presentations to the Clubs. Focusing on increasing membership aligns with the RI Presidents Shekhar Mehta goals and aspirations for the 2021-2022 Rotary year.

Growing membership is not just about adding new members to your existing Club, it is exploring new avenues such as Passport and Satellite Clubs and it also about securing our future through the creation of new Rotaract, Interact (High School Students) and EarlyAct (Primary Schools students).

Consider setting up a cause based Club, that promotes a specific cause which will enhance opportunities to attract people that may not have otherwise joined Rotary but are passionate about a particular cause. In District 9640 in Queensland the Rotary Club of Koala Lovers was chartered on the 18 August 2021. Their efforts are focused on preserving and expanding the habitat of koalas to turn around the diminishing populations. By looking after the koala's habitat, they will also protect the habitat of a wide range of animal and plant species such as possums, gliders, wombats, quolls, birds, and reptiles. This new styled club will connect monthly with all members on Zoom and offer volunteer opportunities to save the Koala. How fitting for this new styled Club to be chartered in the year that Environment joins the Foundations areas of focus. What is possible in our District?

September is Basic Education and Literacy month and I commend the many Clubs in our District who contribute to improving access education and literacy through an array of programs such as providing breakfasts for local students, providing scholarships to local students, supporting the Story Dogs Program and sponsoring student and young adults through our District programs.

On behalf of the District Board members, I express our gratitude to Leanne Knowler, Barb Kitto, Robyn Metcalf, Murray McKay and Veronica Lawrance for the running of the District and State Finals of the Four-Way Test Speech Contest. This is an exceptional program and I encourage all Clubs to consider how they can connect with their local high schools and promote the program. Schools should start their search for contestants in the first term of 2022.

Our first RYPEN camp is happening this coming weekend and a big thank you to Ian Ball and his team who have been busy training facilitators and getting ready to make a positive impact on future leaders.

Having visited with over 30 Clubs to date, I am at times overwhelmed with what Clubs are achieving, the connections they are building and the innovation rising above the challenge that COVID has set for us. There are some Clubs that are struggling however they are not necessarily defeated. What has given me the greatest joy is the number of Clubs that are working together to support each other's projects, share ideas and look for ways to strengthen their relationships with each other and with their communities. You make me proud to be a Rotarian.

DG visits



“As per my son’s request, “Dad, you should wear a tie if the DG is visiting Rotary, why don’t you wear the one we made at school today for Father’s Day?” So I did.”- Pres. Nathan Atkinson, Mandurah Districts

FROM ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT TO ROTARIAN



DG Pat, Linley Lambert and RC Rockingham President Shelley Foley

I had the pleasure of travelling with our DG Pat Schraven on her visit to the combined meeting of the Rotary club of Wagin and Narrogin on Monday 13th September. For myself, it was an opportunity to reminisce and to thank the Rotary club of Wagin for sponsoring me on my Rotary youth exchange to America, 43 years ago.

My parents had been farmers in Kukerin and I had been at boarding school in Perth when I applied to a notice in the local paper the “Wagin Argus”.



I had an amazing year in Los Angeles, California and will forever be grateful for the experience my Rotary exchange gave me.

Thank you, Shelley Foley the President of the Wagin club and the members of both Wagin and Narrogin, for making me feel so welcome. A big thank you also to DG Pat for allowing me to tag along on her road trip south.

Linley Lambert, Rotary Club of Rockingham



DG Pat Schraven with Giant Ram at Wagin

**DG
visits**



Congratulations Peter Foley (RC Wagin) - Paul Harris Fellow Awarded

DG visits Rotary Club of Boulder and, like many DGs before her, is bowled over by the achievements of this Club



DG visits

By Pres.
Dave
Castro
Rotary Club of
South Bunbury
(Inc)

This week we had a visit from DG Pat Schraven. DG Pat's professional career has been in Human Resources with her last role as the HR Manager for the Alcoa Refinery. In a year in which RI has set substantial growth targets, and planning must be initiated to create a new, unified District in WA, Pat's professional training and experience should be a major asset in her Rotary leadership role.

Pat originally joined Rotary in 2007 whilst living in Dunedin, New Zealand. On returning to WA she joined the Rotary Club of Mandurah City. She is a Past President, a Paul Harris Fellow recipient and held the position of District Chair for Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest up until March 2021. Pat also serves as a Board Member for OVIS Community Services, Midway Community Services and has previously served on the advisory Board for Passages - Peel (resource centre for homeless youth).

DG Pat met with our Board before the meeting to find out more about our Club and gave feedback on the goals and initiatives of Rotary International and District. Pat opened her presentation with an Acknowledgement to Country. She reflected on how Elders, past, present and future hold the knowledge of an ancient culture, and aspirations for future generations - we in Rotary should take inspiration from this acknowledgement in our efforts to provide future generations of Rotarians with knowledge and guidance as they continue the work of Rotary by serving to change lives for the betterment of civilisation.



Robyn presented DG Pat with a Ray Jordan crafted chopping board, a bounty of chocolate treats and Sandro gave her two empty vegemite jars as travel companions (ask him why!)



RC of Cockburn Club President Nat and DG Pat



DG Pat visiting the Dolphin Discovery Centre Bunbury - holding a rescued turtle

Elle, an aspiring ballerina, is off to Amsterdam to attend a prestigious ballet school. The Rotary Club of Cockburn is proud to assist Ella with her journey





Photo: Lois Saunders

IGO representative Jess Forrester demonstrates the driving simulator with some operating tips from Rotary Club of Esperance project coordinator Brian Colliver (front right); with project partners (left to right) CBH Esperance general manager Paul Channon, IGO Company Secretary Joanne McDonald, Rotary Club of Esperance President Rod Taylor, Rotary Club of Esperance Bay President Chad Holten, Southern Ports General Manager Scott Bates and Esperance Motor Group Principal Russell Bridge. More on Page 3.

Simulator develops driving skills

LOIS SAUNDERS

DRIVER training for high school students has reached a new level with the arrival in Esperance of a new \$28,000 driving simulator designed to help novice drivers develop risk awareness and safe responses.

Rotary Club of Esperance formally unveiled the new driving simulator to its corporate sponsors in Esperance last week.

The Rotary Club's president Rod Taylor said the driving simulator project aligned with Rotary's com-

mitment to saving lives.

The Club invited corporate sponsors to help deliver the driving simulator project to Esperance.

IGO and Southern Ports contributed 75 per cent of the funding, with further input from CBH program and Esperance Motor Group.

The Rotary Club of Esperance will tailor an enclosed trailer to transport the simulator to Esperance district schools and the Rotary Club of Esperance Bay will help provide operators to support the school training sessions.

Project manager Brian Colliver initiated the driving simulator project after he narrowly avoided a collision with a road train that had crossed over the double white line in a tight corner.

'I have been driving 50 years and I'd developed skill sets to avoid hazards,' Mr Colliver said.

'But it made me think how novice drivers needed training in hazard perception and risk management.'

Mr Colliver said the Rotary Club intended for the simulator to complement existing driving training.

'Drivers already do a lot of training with parents and instructors,' he said.

The simulator has seven hours of scenarios to help train automatic and manual car drivers to identify hazards, assess risk and respond safely.

The Driving Safety Australia simulator has three monitors to encourage learner drivers to scan left and right, and real time rear view mirrors to assist monitoring traffic in merging and overtaking scenarios.

The software from northern Europe was converted to Australian simulation and has additional tools that can be added such as headsets that measure scanning and give feedback to the operators.

'I hope one day that a student will come up to me and tell me they got out of a situation because they'd practised it on the simulator,' Mr Colliver said.

High schools at Esperance, Gibson, Norseman and Ravensthorpe will have access to the driving simulator training with scenarios of graduated levels of difficulty.

ROTARY CLUB OF ESPERANCE launched our latest project, a sophisticated driver simulator. This machine will teach young drivers of the hazards and distractions which may occur while driving— things a driving school experience cannot create.

We hope to save lives of young country drivers by the seven hours of different scenarios this machine can create. It will also give country youth the experience of city driving, like merging, pedestrian crossings, traffic lights, etc.

After each session with the high school students, the machine will create a very detailed report of their experience. This will include a pass or fail score, reaction time for braking, operating controls and others etc. The student can then manage their progress.

This unit is portable and will be introduced to the various high schools in our district.

- Pres. Rod Taylor

LIFT THE LID WALK

FOR MENTAL
HEALTH 2021



LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health" will raise much needed funds for mental illness research by Australian Rotary Health (ARH). Funded almost exclusively by Rotary Clubs and Rotarians around Australia, ARH are one of the largest independent mental health research funders having contributed more than \$40m to Mental Health Research over the years.

www.liftthelidwalk.com.au

Rotarians are also encouraged to join an upcoming ARH Online Webinar for Youth Mental Health, on 10th October 2021. <https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/event/australian-rotary-health-40th-birthday-and-hat-day-webinar/>

Australian Rotary Health 40th Birthday and Hat Day Webinar

To celebrate Hat Day and our 40th birthday, Australian Rotary Health is hosting an online webinar, joined by experts in youth mental health. To celebrate Hat Day and our 40th birthday, Australian Rotary Health is hosting an online webinar on World Mental Health Day (Sunday October 10), joined by experts in youth mental health. Special guests include

Australian Rotary Health 40th Birthday and Hat Day Webinar



Professor Michael Sawyer OAM, Dr Nicole Hill and Dr Lisa Mundy. Another guest will be announced at a later date.

australianrotaryhealth.org.au

BRICKTOBER

A Project of The Rotary Club of Ascot (Inc)

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Chinese New Year

The Rotary Club of Ascot holds an annual major fund raising project, Bricktober, where funds raised go towards the support of programs for young children and other Rotary and community projects. Bricktober is a fun event that showcases models built from LEGO® by fans of the brick in Perth WA. This year it is again being held at Curtin Stadium, Kent Street, Bentley on 9-10 October 2021.

At just \$36 for a family pass this offers exceptional value for money for families looking for something different to entertain their children and with the amazing displays built from LEGO®, building competitions, an interactive zone and exclusive merchandise, Bricktober is a must visit these next school holidays. Tickets available at the beginning of September and can be accessed on our website: <http://www.bricktober.info/>

We are also looking for enthusiastic, energetic and friendly volunteers to assist in the general running of our Bricktober event and as you would appreciate volunteers are integral in the smooth running of any event and the hours they put in are priceless.

Applications to volunteer this year are open and feel free to forward details to your family and friends. You can access the application form by following the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BricktoberVolunteers2021>

Any queries you can contact Ann at friendsofbricktober@outlook.com

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9-10 October

CURTIN STADIUM

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Bricktober-Perth is a project of the Rotary Club of Ascot [Inc]

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ROTARY & INTERPLAST

A GOOD NEWS STORY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Interplast and its volunteers across Australia & New Zealand continue to provide life-changing care to patients. Interplast is providing virtual training and remote mentoring to surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, and allied health professionals in 24 developing nations.

With the support of Interplast and Rotary, doctors like Bhutanese Sonam Jamtsho continue to receive necessary training and mentorship, which enables him to continue changing the lives of Bhutanese patients in desperate need.

Motivated by a desire to make an impact, Dr Sonam credits his mentor, Australian plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr Tim Proudman, for pursuing a path as a surgeon.

“I had the opportunity and honour to work with Tim since 2015. One of the reasons I was so interested in plastic and reconstructive surgery is because of the work that I have seen the Interplast team do and how much change he has brought to the Bhutanese population,” Dr Sonam explains.

While Covid-19 has limited Dr Proudman from travelling to Bhutan, and Dr Sonam's scope for clinical training, it has nonetheless provided an opportunity for collaboration and learning. Enabled by his relationship with Dr Proudman - Interplast's country coordinator for Bhutan - the junior and his mentor have met online more than 60 times since March 2020. “He has been very instrumental despite the pandemic causing obstruction to my training, I have been receiving the training from his side continuously. He has done more than he has been required to,” Dr Sonam says.

Motivated by altruism and a passion to see reconstructive surgery skills “spread where they are needed”, Dr Proudman spends hours late at night with Dr Sonam, assisting him to hone his knowledge.

Mindful of the time and experience necessary to complete a plastic and reconstructive surgery training program, Dr Proudman is currently working to enable Dr Sonam to travel to Australia, to continue training under his capable guidance, and further their shared dream of providing life-changing surgery to those who need it most.



Tim Proudman & Sonam Jamtsho in Bhutan before the pandemic



Dr Sonam in June 2021 talking to patients at the Tang health

For more information contact your Interplast District Chair or Interplast Rotary Engagement Coordinator Janette Etherington on janette.etherington@interplast.org.au



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WALK

for **LIFELINE WA**
&
Rotary Projects

Lifeline Walk is administered by Rotary  Canning

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 13 March 2022

There are two Walks to choose from and both will start and finish at McCallum Park in Victoria Park.

Rotary Walk for Lifeline is a fundraising and awareness initiative by Rotary Canning.

We welcome participation from Individuals, Families, Friends, Community Groups, Sporting Organisations, Schools & Businesses.

Email Enquiries to: rotarycanning@iinet.net.au

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DISTRICT 9465

Rotary CONFERENCE



Here's a couple of options for you and your members to consider:

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\$120 per night inc GST

Ph: 9466 8881 Email: suites@yaran.com.au

Below is the video link to the apartments:

<https://vimeo.com/516522116>

Have an idea of the apartment by checking the virtual tours below.

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=jN9D7HjdPPT>

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=4cWRTczbcai>

- **Quest Rockingham** – 22 Flinders Lane
Ph: 9591 0600
Very close to the Conference venue
Quest Rockingham are offering Conference delegates 15% discount; use the discount code: 9465Rockingham

- **Hotel Clipper** – 20-30 Patterson Road
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\$145 for standard Queen room
Quote "RotaryDistrict" when making your booking to receive discount.

Rob McGavin, through Chalk Properties has some great listings for **Rockingham Apartments**:

<https://www.rockinghamapartments.com.au/>

These are suggestions only; there are other options available. I trust they will make it easier for members to book. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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