

Rotary
District 9465



DG Newsletter

Issue 12 ° June 2022

**District 9465
Changeover**

***Friday, 24th June 2022
Clipper Inn, Rockingham
Book here
BOOKINGS CLOSE 21 JUNE, 5PM***



DG Pat Schraven

From the DG

As I begin my last article for the DG newsletter, I want us to acknowledge and be proud that through this Rotary year we have been able to help people in our world heal from the tragedies of conflict, the impact of pandemics and natural disasters. Through our avenues of service, through our compassion and care as humanitarians we are serving to change lives.

Our Clubs

It has been an honour to serve as your District Governor in 2021-2022 and I have enjoyed visiting Clubs and seeing first-hand the passion you all have to make a difference in your communities and your willingness to quickly adapt your focus to support those impacted by bush fires, cyclones and floods.

You have given opportunities to young people to attend camps and science forums, to driving training programs and simulators to teach them to keep safe.

You have planted trees, saved wildlife and supported environmental programs.

I thank you all for your dedicated humanitarian service and your commitment to making the world a safer, fairer and peaceful place. You truly take action to "Serve to Change Lives!"

My Team

To my board thank you, for working together for the betterment of our district and Rotary, for stepping up to provide your support and skills to the process of transition to Rotary Western Australia and for working together respectfully.

I want to give a special mention to PDG Jodie Sparks as she steps down from her position as District Trainer and Foundation Chair. I would need a lot of pages to talk about her achievements and service to the district so I will keep it short and simply say thank you.

I also want to say thank you to District Secretary Giovanna McKay who will also be stepping away from a board position and her district newsletter duties. Giovanna's professional and supportive approach to her roles has seen her called upon to help out not only her duties on the board but some clubs and district projects as well. The high standard of our District newsletters is all thanks to Giovanna.

I was blessed to have a fabulous group of Assistant Governors, many of whom went above and beyond to support their clubs and encouraged clubs to work collaboratively with other clubs and other districts to make an even greater impact and strengthen relationships.

To those who have led or served on district committees, thank you for delivering exceptional events. I appreciated the hard work each of your teams put in to make RYLA, RYPEN, Camp Inspiration, The Four Way Test Speech Contest and the District Conference, happen.

I will soon pass the torch to DGE Ric McDonald, and he will lead all of you next year to new heights!

Thank you, again, for a great year. ❖

On behalf of the Transition to Rotary Western Australia and the Regionalisation Representatives for D9455 and D9465 we invite you to join us about the proposed structure of District 9423, commencing 1st July 2023 and about the Regionalisation Pilot Project.

The **Transition to Rotary Western Australia** is about all of us and the future of Rotary in our great state. We invite you to join us at a transition session to get an update on what we have done to date, next steps and have your input into how the various proposed District 9423 positions can best service the clubs by giving us feedback on the job descriptions.

The **Regionalisation Pilot Project** are information sessions that are being delivered across Australia, New Zealand and Pacific islands. Clubs are expected to vote on whether to proceed or not with the pilot project. The vote will take place later in the year so it is important that all Clubs are represented at these information sessions. To keep updated, the Regionalisation team have a website creatingtomorrowrotary.org

It is a season of change where these two projects are opportunities to shape Rotary's future in our wonderful State and across our Rotary Zone.

Kind Regards

Patricia Schraven
District Governor 2021-2022
Rotary District 9465



SEASON *of change*

We are becoming Rotary Western Australia on 1 July 2023.
We may also be part of a regionalisation pilot.

Be informed ● **Be engaged** ● **Have your say**

TOPIC

**Transition to
Rotary Western
Australia**

WHO

College of Governors
Assistant Governors
All Club members

WHEN

Sun 17 Jul 3-4:30pm
Sun 17 Jul 5-6:30pm
Sun 24 Jul 4-5:30pm

**Regionalisation
Pilot**

College of Governors
Assistant Governors
All Club members

Sun 24 Jul 2:30-3:30pm
Sun 14 Aug 3-4pm
Sun 14 Aug 5-6pm

DON'T MISS OUT! PLEASE REGISTER HERE
ZOOM MEETING ID: 614 588 2854





SEASON *of change*

TRANSITION TO ROTARY WESTERN AUSTRALIA
YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL FOCUS TEAMS SESSION!

Sharing our progress so far

Be informed ● Be engaged ● Have your say

Sunday 10 July 3:30pm - 5:00pm

DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER HERE
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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE REUNION 2022

Story and photos by Rachael Martin

Last week's Wednesday night meeting was rescheduled to Saturday June 11 at the GBYC, where **BUSSELTON GEOGRAPHE BAY ROTARY CLUB** celebrated the inaugural Rotary Exchange Student Reunion 2022. Past students both outward-bound and incoming celebrated the evening with Rotarians, many of who have been significant contributors to the program through family hosting, opening their homes and their hearts to the variety of international students.

Everyone chatted busily and many stories shared as we regaled the incredible life long benefits of this global program. We were so thrilled to hear pre-recorded messages from eight international students and even more impressive was the zoom link to Sam Steiner in Switzerland and Ale Mazzoli from Italy who we were able to connect to in real time to chat and reminisce. RYE Australia hopes to reopen the program in 2024. With enthusiasm for the program evident throughout the evening, its sure to be a tremendous success.

Whole hearted thank you to Bernie Masters who orchestrated the link ups and pre-recordings which brought so much joy to our evening and especially Busselton host families who were thrilled to hear from their 'family' overseas. Thank you Bernie.

A great team effort in setting up the evening (and a special mention to Michelle Shackleton for the endless hours spent emailing and reaching out to past exchange students and preparing the evening for us all to enjoy). A great initiative from International Service Director Julia Spark. Together with Youth Director Shelley O'Brien, we hope to reunite with students and families as an annual celebration on the BGB Rotary calendar to all involved in the preparations



L-R (clockwise)

- *Rachael Martin (East Perth Club) outbound to Lebanon Indiana USA 1985*
- *Sachiko Pearce (Host City Beach Club) inbound from Japan – now married and living in Busselton*
- *Pauline Vukelic (Geraldton North) outbound to Japan 1972*
- *Chihiro Gannaway nee Yoshijima (Host Busselton Geographe Bay Club) inbound from Japan – now married and living in Busselton*
- *Suzanne Pillay nee Happs outbound to Finland 1992*
- *Kylie Hodges nee Hanks outbound to Japan 1985*
- *Melanie Suriani nee Frost outbound to Brazil 2003*

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE REUNION 2022

Online zoom linkup with past Sam Steiner from Switzerland. Past inbound exchange student hosted by BGB Rotary Club ►►



◄◄ Online zoom link up with Ale Mazzolio from Italy. Foreground showcases past student blazers and memorabilia



Exemplary attendance to mark our inaugural celebration. International Service Director Julia Spark in foreground

USED STAMPS AND RING PULLS

Vin and Netta are still receiving used stamps and ring pulls like before.

Delivery point is at 37 Hertford Street, East Victoria Park (near Tech Park).

Stamps are extremely difficult to get hold of, so any help will be appreciated.

***“Out of little amounts,
big amounts grow”***

Some money has gone to the Fires and Floods through Rotary.

Stamps will be received in any form as we are about to start selling stamps off paper (on paper, Australian used stamps are sold for \$30 a kilo and overseas stamps \$35/kg).

For more information, ring Netta or Vin on mobile 0414 361 266.



Puppy Raising is the perfect fit for Heather and her family



It was a love of dogs and some newly found free time that led Heather de Rooy to get involved in the work of Guide Dogs WA – and after several years she says she will always be involved in the organisation's puppy training program.

"When I retired, I started looking for volunteer work. Our family always had a love for dogs and we hoped to help improve the life of someone else so Puppy Raising was the perfect fit for our whole family," she says.

Puppy Raisers are volunteers who welcome an eight week old puppy into their home and with support from an experienced and specialised team, spend a year teaching the young dog basic obedience and socialisation.

They also introduce the puppy to the environments and experiences they will likely encounter as a working Guide or Assistance Dog, including shopping centres, public transport and restaurants. The puppy in training joins the Puppy Raiser to personal appointments such as dental visits, on school pickups and to sporting activities.

"I have seen first-hand the life-changing gifts these dogs provide to Western Australians living with low vision, disability or illness. It is such an amazing feeling seeing the puppy I helped raise go on to assist their handler with confidence, safety, inclusion and of course companionship," Heather adds.

Guide Dogs also organises regular walks and group activities to further support volunteers and the training of the puppies.

"Puppy Raisers are so supported by Guide Dogs WA – they provide education workshops and also social events. Not only are the dogs well cared for but so too are Puppy Raisers," says Heather.

Guide Dogs WA is set to welcome an increase in puppies and without more volunteers will struggle to meet growing need in the community for Guide and Assistance Dogs

While Puppy Raising does provide plenty of cuddles along the way, it also requires someone who can commit to having a puppy inside their home for 12 months and can give time and energy to the dogs training.

There is no cost to the Puppy Raiser volunteer with all food, equipment and medical care covered. Once the puppy in training moves on after a year, there's always the opportunity to welcome another one.

Guide Dogs WA is urging interested people to visit guidedogswa.com.au to find out more about becoming a Puppy Raiser. Further information on eligibility as well as the application process are also available online.



STARDUST tells the story of bandleader and trumpet player Col Brain. Before he died, Col placed his most prized life possessions into a cupboard and locked it up, never to be opened again. But what was inside? Told by his grandson, award winning ABC presenter & performer, Joel Carnegie, **STARDUST** is a heart-warming musical quest to uncover what Col wanted us to know about his life by the things he left behind.

THE MISSION follows "Fighting Gunditjmarra" man Allan McDonald off to war. As one of the first Aboriginal soldiers from Victoria to enlist, Allan fought at Gallipoli and Beersheba, only to be denied a soldier's settlement upon return and forced from his traditional land. Told by his great, great nephew, acclaimed Gunditjmarra actor Tom Molyneux, **THE MISSION** tells the truth of Uncle Allan's struggle; fighting for Country, for love, and for justice.

The Space Company presents

STARDUST + THE MISSION

(Double Bill)

Two powerful yet forgotten Australian stories uncovering our past to reveal who we are today.
Live Brass Band performed by **WA YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA (WAYJO)**

Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre

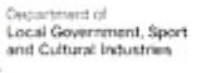
SATURDAY, 25 JUNE 2022 | 2.30PM

TICKETS: \$25 Adult, \$20 Concession, \$15 Student
with complimentary afternoon tea by 'Thyme and Place'

For more information and ticket reservations, visit www.harveyrec.com or call 9729 3311

Warnings: Includes adult themes, occasional coarse language, smoke, and scenes depicting war and violence. 'The Mission' contains depictions of, and reference to, Aboriginal people who have passed away. It also describes confronting content in relation to the massacre, dispossession, and mistreatment of First Nations Peoples.

AGES
15+



STARDUST



Stardust: The Story

For over 25 years, a locked wooden dresser sat in the family garage of ABC presenter, Joel Carnegie. The dresser was a once prized possession of his grandfather, Col Brain. Col was one of Victoria's most well-regarded musicians of his time, leading swing, brass and jazz bands across the state. But Col's dresser hadn't been opened since he died. So what was inside? Herein lies the discovery of a time capsule of Australian musical life, in a heartwarming quest to uncover what Col wanted us to know about his life, by the things he left behind.

Stardust won "Best Performance By An Actor" (Joel Carnegie) and "Best Innovation" at the 2017 New York Festivals International Radio Awards, following the production's broadcast on ABC Radio National.

THE MISSION



THE MISSION: The Story

1914: Conflict on all fronts. 1939: A soldier at home and abroad. 1945: A stranger on his own land. Allan McDonald - a "Fighting Gunditjmarra" man from South-West Victoria, was one of the State's first Indigenous soldiers to enlist for war. Allan fought at some of WWI's most famous campaigns, including Gallipoli and Beersheba - only to be denied a soldier's settlement on his return to Australia, and forced from his traditional land at the Lake Condah Mission. So what drives someone to fight for a country that doesn't recognise them as a citizen? How do you keep fighting in an unjust world and why?

The Mission tells the story of Allan McDonald, as investigated by his great great nephew and fellow Gunditjmarra man, award winning actor Tom Molyneux (The Nose; The Ministry), alongside award winning director James Jackson (The Nose), and in collaboration with Gunditjmarra Elders and community members. It draws strength from ancestors, past and present - with a story about not giving up on what you believe in, and fighting for justice whatever the cost.

WAYJO



The six-piece band performing across the double bill are members of **The West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra (WAYJO)**

The West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra (WAYJO) is one of Western Australia's oldest performing arts companies, building the future of Australian jazz and offering outstanding opportunities for emerging jazz performers and composers.

WAYJO has been at the forefront of forging professional, contemporary big band, ensemble and solo jazz artists since 1983, with an impressive alumni including international jazz luminaries Linda May Han Oh, Dane Alderson, Tyro Roberts and Mat Jodrell.

MATT STORER

JON PINDER

Hold these dates for a side-splitting New Comedy Show

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST
SATURDAY, 20 AUGUST

City of Melville Civic Centre Main Hall
10 Almondbury Rd., Booragoon

Charity Comedy with a number of professional Comedians set to make you laugh 'til you cry. Here's your chance to get out with your friends and laugh at the world again.

- Tickets \$30pp
- Bookings to open early July on Trybooking
- Doors open 7PM
- Show to commence 7:30PM both evenings
- Light refreshments and drinks available
- Plenty of free parking

Rotary 

Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Applecross, Attadale, Booragoon, and Melville

Enquiries to:
johns@trilogyfacilitation.com or
Kenn PH 0428 472 619

MORE CLUB *events*

4-DAY MOTORING ADVENTURE

through the Central Wheatbelt in WA



BULLDUSTNBACK TRIAL

10-16 OCTOBER 2022

RAISING FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

REGISTRATION

\$200 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEFORE JUNE 1, 2022
OR \$250 PER VEHICLE

Rotarians of Western Australia

The Rotary Club of Mill Point has conducted three motoring adventures, with its 2021 event raising over \$90,000 for charities supporting mental health and cancer focussed on young children.

Now in partnership with Australian Rotary Health in WA we seek support from all Rotary clubs to enter vehicles into BulldustNBack 13-16 October 2022.

This aligns snugly with current ARH priorities on mental health research for children under 12, as "Young Minds Matter".

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A new joint venture toward Rotary WA in 2023-2024

Vehicle Fundraising Target * : \$2,000+

* With the full support of a club, their friends, family, suppliers, clients, and others this is easily achieved. An app accepts and receipts small donations from everyone on your emailing list.

Young Minds Matter

Be kind to your mind

REGISTER AT BULLDUSTNBACK.COM.AU EMAIL : BULLDUSTNBACK@GMAIL.COM



www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

***“ There's no
time like the
present. ”***

John Germ
(Rotary, June 2022)

END OF ROTARY YEAR 2022: MAKE A TAX DEDUCTABLE PLEDGE

ROTARACTORS / **Rotarians**: Are you looking for an international service project to support? Malaria is preventable and treatable. Many of RAM partner countries are very close to being certified by World Health Organisation as malaria-free. **Can you give them a hand up?**

Our prepackaged projects in the Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, and West Timor (Indonesia) require more funding to continue the good work commenced by Rotarians.

If you wish to start your own malaria project in one of our partner countries, we will mentor you throughout the process and in your application for Rotary Grants (District, Global Grants and RI Program of Scale).

Peter McKenzie

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CONSCIOUSLY CONNECT TO NATURE

With the WA Parks Foundation



Story by Fiona Cooper Smyth, Marketing & Partnerships Manager, WA Parks Foundation

Margaret River Rail Trail - Photo credit Tourism WA

Launched in October 2016 by the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC CVO, former Governor of Western Australia, the WA Parks Foundation is an independent not-for-profit organisation and the official charity partner of Western Australia's national parks, marine parks, forest and reserves. .

Western Australia's conservation estate is vast and measures over 31 million hectares, with 103 national parks, 17 marine parks and three spectacular natural world heritage areas.

The south-west is one of 36 global biodiversity hotspots, which demonstrates the richness of WA's biodiversity, but it is a hotspot, which means that it is also one of the most threatened reservoirs of plant and animal life in the world.

The WA Parks Foundation focuses on the stewardship of all national and marine parks and depends on the generous support of private and philanthropic organisations and the corporate sector to ensure they are cared for and conserved for future generations.

Programs are developed to protect WA's national parks, to connect more people to parks

by increasing access for all, and to inspire a love of parks to a new generation of park stewards.

There is considerable evidence that spending time in nature can lead to significant improvements to our physical and mental health and well-being, particularly in what would otherwise be difficult times.

In response to this, the WA Parks Foundation established Spring into Parks, an annual events and communications campaign.

As part of Spring Into Parks, there is a [30 Day Wellness Challenge](#) and a [Ways to be Wild](#) resource page, designed to encourage the community of Western Australia, and particularly young people, to spend time in nature for their mental and physical wellbeing.

Another of the Foundation's noteworthy projects is the free Smartreka Maps enabling you to navigate Western Australia's magnificent national parks when off-grid, with no mobile reception – to help keep you on the track and locate park facilities, lookouts and more features.

The maps use built-in GPS capabilities on a smartphone or tablet to plot real-time locations. Downloaded prior to your adventure while network access is available, you can then use the Smartreka maps without a network connection and without roaming charges.

Delivered by the WA Parks Foundation with support from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and in partnership with BHP, Mount Augustus National Park is the latest in the series.

Other maps for national parks include: Cape le Grande, Cape Range, Fitzgerald River, Francois Peron, Kalbarri, Karijini, Millstream Chichester, Purnululu, Stirling Range, and Walyunga. D'Entrecasteaux, Leeuwin-Naturaliste, Walpole-Nornalup and Yanchep national park maps will be added soon.

Download the free Avenza Map app or visit: <https://www.ourwaparks.org.au/smartreka/>

There is a range of partnership opportunities, as well as community and environmental programs the WA Parks Foundation is seeking support for and the WA Parks Foundation believes by connecting people to nature, we will improve wellbeing, environmental outcomes and preserve our unique landscape for future generations.

Alternatively, subscribe to the WA Parks Foundation's newsletter for monthly news and keep up to date with parks and wildlife in WA: [Subscribe to the WA Parks Newsletter - WA Parks Foundation \(ourwaparks.org.au\)](https://www.ourwaparks.org.au)

WA Parks Foundation memberships start at \$30 and include 50% off the National Parks Pass, plus a range of discounts from adventure tours, treks, gift shops and more.

For more details, visit: <https://www.ourwaparks.org.au/get-involved/>

Windjana Gorge National Park - Photo credit Tourism WA



In Memoriam

JOHN HUDSON, a long time member of the Rotary Club of Victoria Park and who was heavily involved with the establishment and running of the Rotary Residential College, passed away. John has been battling health issues for some time and unfortunately on Saturday, 18 June, he felt it was his time. John passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends.



It is with great sadness that we advise members of the sudden passing of **SIMON HUNTER**.

Simon was killed in a light plane crash on Saturday, 21 May.

Our thoughts are with Barbara, family, friends and their Rotary family of Manjimup. May cherished memories give you comfort.





thank you

I would like to take this occasion to thank the Clubs and friends outside of Rotary that have contributed articles and photos to the DG Newsletter and appreciate every member of this District for showing relentless effort in completing projects amidst uncertainties. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge DG Pat for providing her monthly messages and passing on other informative articles.

As I step down from both editorial and secretarial roles, please be advised that:

- from 01 July 2022, the contact point for stories for the 2022-23 District Newsletter will be incoming Public Image and Membership Director PDG Wayne Milnes at wmilnes1@bigpond.com; and
- as a courtesy to my successor, I would request all members to please update your email address book and remove any and all reference to my name associated with the secretary@rotary9465.org.au email address and change it to Cecilia Das.

Finally, huge thanks to Governors Wayne Milnes, Colin Burns, and Patricia Schraven, and the 2019-2022 Board members, including David Honeychurch, for the opportunity to serve, for their confidence, guidance, support, encouragement and understanding throughout the years, and for being there during life-changing events beyond the Rotary realm.

My very best wishes to everyone for another great year ahead for which I know you are successfully prepared.

Giovanna



IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

27-31 MAY 2023

#Rotary23



MELBOURNE
2023

Volunteer at the Convention

Feel like volunteering for a role in support of and at the Convention? After 9 June, you can register as a volunteer on the HOC website.

To volunteer within the venues, you will also need to be registered for the Convention, but there are plenty of volunteering opportunities outside the venues for those not registered as delegates. Register online from 9 June at:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org>