

# DC NEWSLETTER

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## The Rotary Foundation— Milestones in Building Better Lives

**Rotary**  
District 9465



**SERVE TO  
CHANGE LIVES**





**DG Pat Schraven**

## From the DG

One of the joys of being in Rotary is the network and connections with Clubs across Australia and globally. Last week I had a call from Ray and June Roberts who are connected with the Rotary Club of Townsville. I know they have been busy connecting with Clubs around Australia, the red socks appearing in some Club Bulletins is a giveaway. When I got Ray's call and heard his enthusiasm for this project, I invited them around for a cup of tea and to learn more about it. Ray and June are living the retirement dream of travelling around Australia and still continuing to do the good work that

Rotarians do. That's the flexibility of Rotary, with options to suit everyone. Ray and June are taking the opportunity to speak to people about the Rotary Club of Townsville's Project Red Socks. The red socks act as a trigger to remind the men in our lives to consult their doctor and have their prostate checked. Early detection of prostate cancer is paramount for treatment to be successful.

Around our District so many great events and initiatives are up and running. Below are few to share. Apologies for the many not mentioned, we would love to hear about them through the DG Newsletter so please send your articles and photos to [secretary@rotary9465.org.au](mailto:secretary@rotary9465.org.au)

- Rotary Club of Booragoon ran their first Australian Rotary Health Lift the Lid Walk and the first for our District, well done to Peter Best and his team.
- Rotary Club of Ascot recently formed Satellite Club that seems to be growing in leaps and bounds, raising funds through fun events and already making an impact in our community. A Rotary Satellite Club provides options to potential Clubs members who would not otherwise be able to commit to a Clubs current meeting time place or schedule but a keen to make a difference in their community under the umbrella of Rotary. Learn more about satellite clubs on <https://my.rotary.org>
- Rotary Club of Palm Beach ran the Rockingham Beach Cup which now has Channel 7 as their major sponsor and what a turn out. This has become a signature event for the people of Rockingham, attracting thousands of spectators to the foreshore to enjoy lots of activities and of course the race horses galloping along the beautiful white sands of Rockingham Beach.

Many of the events we run require support of volunteers from other Rotary Clubs, members of the public, local businesses, community groups, friends and families.

Our District membership initiative grants are proving popular. Great to hear that the Rotary Clubs of Applecross, Attadale, Booragoon and Melville worked together to run a local volunteers sundowner. A great way to connect with likeminded people and promote how Rotary may be an ideal option for them to continue and expand their community work.

On Sunday 21 November 2021, I attended a ceremony to commemorate the 2/2 Commando Squadron. My grandfather served in WW1 and WW2, and as the daughter of soldier, I have always had an interest in military history and yet I knew very little about the 2/2 Commando Squadron, Australia's first commandos. This year marks the 80 years since the Squadron left Australia for East Timor. In that conflict, a few hundred Australia troops, all specially trained volunteers, occupied the attention of some 9,000 Japanese troops for almost a year, at a time when those Japanese could have otherwise been deployed on the Kokoda Track or elsewhere. Tens of thousands of East Timorese were killed by those

Japanese because the East Timorese helped the Australian soldiers. For more about this amazing story see [www.doublered.org.au](http://www.doublered.org.au) . Learning these historical events and hearing of the sacrifices made the good work that Rotary does in Timor Lester even more meaningful. There are two Clubs in our District that have RAWCS projects providing water access infrastructure in Timor Lester, the Rotary Club of Ascot the Rotary Club of Kwinana and both are appreciative of the donations and support given by Rotary Clubs and Rotarians.

A wreath was placed on the memorial on behalf of our District and also Rotarian Bevan Piper laid a wreath on behalf of the Rotary Club of Kwinana.

### **In the Rotary calendar November is Foundation month.**

Why should you and/or your Club consider donating to The Rotary Foundation?

- It is our charity managed by Rotarians
- One of the stated objects in a Rotary Club's Constitution is to support The Rotary Foundation
- It is consistently ranked by the independent firm of Charity Navigator as one of the best managed charities in the world
- Its motto is "Doing Good in the World". Can you have a better aim than that?
- Donations to the World Fund and Polio Plus are tax deductible
- There is recognition of donors, both individual and club
- The significance of and the benefit to society of the projects it funds
- The multiplier effect on donations to the Polio Plus Fund where the Gates Foundation contributes double the amount of other contributions up to a maximum of \$80millionUS
- Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor Lester) are net recipients from the Foundation that is money spent in Zone 8 exceeds all donations from Zone 8
- Unlike with donations to other organisations, Rotary receives the publicity for donations to the Foundation

You choose the fund to which your donation is applied – the Annual Fund (used to fund Global and District Grants), the Polio Plus Fund (used to support the End Polio Campaign) or the Endowment Fund (where only the interest on the fund is spent with the capital accumulated).

Donations to the Endowment Fund are not tax deductible and are favoured by those not needing a deduction such as bequests under wills.

One easy way for Clubs to contribute to the Polio Plus Fund is for the Club to become a **Sir Clem Renouf End Polio Club** by having each of its members annually contribute \$10 AUS to the Fund. About the cost of two cups of coffee a year.

As the festive season is approaching, I wish you all safe travels as we start attending end of year functions, graduations, awards ceremonies and of course the many shopping trips to find those special gifts for our loved ones. The festive season is always a timely reminder to be kind to one another, count our blessings and enjoy the company of our families and friends. ❖





# 2022

## DISTRICT 9465

### CONFERENCE

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## 25-27 March 2022

Gary Holland Centre  
19 Kent Street  
Rockingham\*

#### EARLY BIRD

Full Registration: \$250 BEFORE 31 December 2021

Full Registration: \$280 AFTER 31 December 2021

#### INCENTIVE TO BOOK

All bookings will go into the draw to win \$500 voucher sponsored by Galaxy Travel  
Incentive to Book closes on 31 JANUARY 2022

#### PLEASE NOTE

- a) \*Each event has its specific venue, date and time
- b) DG Gala Dinner is capped at 180 attendees
- c) More details [here](#) and [here](#)

Registration

[www.trybooking.com/BVDSN](http://www.trybooking.com/BVDSN)





# EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

REGISTER BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2021  
INCENTIVE TO REGISTER CLOSES ON 31.01.2022  
REGISTRATION CLOSURES: 12.03.2022

**EARLY BIRD: Full Registration: \$250 before 31.12.21**

**OPTION 1: Full Registration: \$280 after 31.12.21**

Friday Sundowner - Kwinana Golf Club

Saturday & Sunday Conference sessions - Gary Holland Centre

DG Gala Dinner - Clipper Inn

**OPTION 2: Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th Conference sessions only: \$225**

Venue: Gary Holland Centre; 19 Kent Street, Rockingham

- Saturday 8:30–4:30 — Full day of Conference sessions, guest speakers, morning tea, lunch, market stalls, endless tea/coffee
- Sunday 8:30–1:30 — Conference sessions, brunch, guest speakers, endless tea/coffee

**OPTION 3: Saturday 26th Conference only: \$150**

Venue: Gary Holland Centre; 19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Saturday 8:30–4:30

Full day of Conference sessions, guest speakers, morning tea, lunch, market stalls, endless tea/coffee

**OPTION 4: Sunday Conference only: \$100**

Venue: Gary Holland Centre, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Sunday 8:30–1:30

Conference sessions, brunch, guest speakers, endless tea/coffee

**OPTION 5: Friday 25th Sundowner: \$30**

Venue: Kwinana Golf Club, 2 Summerton Road, Calista

Friday 5:30–8:30

Cash bar, finger food, entertainment

**OPTION 6: Saturday, 26th DG Gala Dinner (formal attire): \$100**

Venue: Clipper Inn, Patterson Road, Rockingham

6:00–11:00

Canapés, 2-course meal, red/white/carafe soft drink on table, live band, cash bar

# October Update - Slippers for children in Thailand



Our first batches of slippers have reached Thailand! I am hoping to have photos soon.

This week I am sending off more parcels and I am full of appreciation for the knitting you have done. A huge THANK YOU!

We have both individuals and groups who are knitting and, with what I send this week, we will have sent 215 pairs of slippers! All colours and sizes. Each pair means a child who will feel warmer this winter.

There are still more slippers flowing on in now that the project is coming to a close. So, we have all done a mighty effort.

Knitters are from here in Western Australia and there are three groups over in NSW who have been knitting.

Thank you once again.

Barb  
Rotary Club of Booragoon



Letter to the children:

Here is the letter I sent with the first batch of slippers – so the children know that they are cared for and loved.

If you are able to have a photo taken with your slippers and email it to me this is very valuable for the children to know, that while they may never meet the people who knitted, they can see the faces of people who care about them.

This seems a smaller thing to us, but it is this sort of thing that builds the invisible threads that keeps the children safe and happy.

Hello

Lorel told us that you all will soon have colder nights. We wanted to give you something that will help to keep your feet warm when you are inside.

Many people here in Australia care about you and have been making these slippers.

Here is a photo of some of the women who are knitting. They ask to say "hello".

There are a lot more slippers coming to you.



*Jan, Cathy and  
Deb*



You are loved and cared about and are very special.

Barb from Rotary  
(Booragoon Club)

# LIFT THE LID



## RC Booragoon

Australian Rotary Health, Lift The Lid Walk for Mental Health



## Rockingham Beach Cup



## Rotary Club of Kojonup

Rotary International District 9465 Governor, Pat Schraven pictured with OVIS Chairperson Megan McKrill.

DG Pat visited the Rotary Club of Kojonup and was presented with a bag full of homemade items, including a beautifully knitted rug, to pass on to OVIS. OVIS is an organisation that provides guidance and support by those impacted by family and domestic violence

#SHELTERISAHUMANRIGHT



ShelterBox



Rotary



# SHELTERBOX GIVING DAY: ROTARY DISTRICT CHALLENGE

ShelterBox and Rotary are partners in disaster relief. We act every day to provide the tools needed to transform lives and rebuild communities.

This World Human Rights Day (10th December) you can act by taking part in the District Challenge.

Join other clubs in your District and work together to highlight that

#SHELTERISAHUMANRIGHT

## WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Shelter is more than just a roof – it's a home. It's the foundation for life, for families, for communities, for peace. ShelterBox responds 365 days a year. Rotary Clubs around the world make it possible for us to ensure that no family is left without shelter, following disaster.

## TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE

The challenge is simple, encourage every club in your District to support our Giving Day. No matter how large or small, every donation makes a difference in providing shelter to families worldwide.

### BECOME A MATCHED FUNDER

Your club can sign up as a matched donor by making a minimum \$1,000 contribution before December 10th and be recognised on our website!

### HOST A GIVING DAY EVENT

Plan a 'Shelter is a Human Right' event to raise funds and awareness for ShelterBox. Go public and inform your community across social media, newsletters and your mailing list.

### ENCOURAGE CLUB GIVING

Challenge each club in your District to give to ShelterBox from their annual budget and help us on our mission to ensure no family goes without shelter after disaster and conflict.

## SIGN UP

Visit [www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/givingday/rotary](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/givingday/rotary) and register to help your District become the 2021 winner of the ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge!

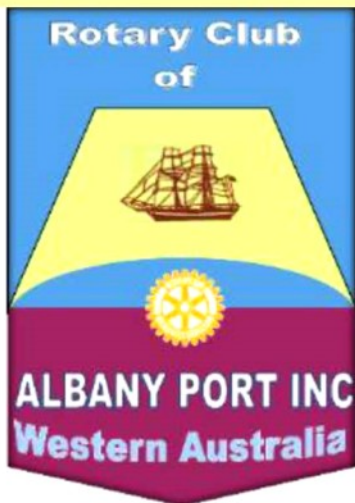
# ART AUCTION

Help to save Kyloring,  
WA's rarest bird, by participating in our  
online auction of beautiful art starting  
Friday, 3 December 2021, at:

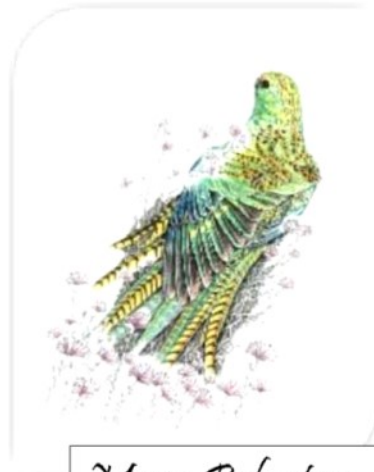
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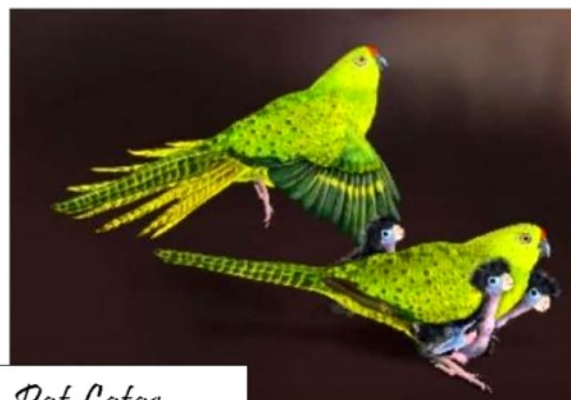
Merry Robertson



Kati Thamo



Maxine Holman



Pat Latas

<https://western-ground-parrot.org.au/>



# LESSONS IN DISABILITY INCLUSION: Does he take sugar?

By Jeremy Opperman, Rotary Club of Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa. Jeremy Opperman is a member of [Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion taskforce](#) and a regular contributor to this blog on issues related to disability inclusion.

I had just finished keying in my pin number on the card reader at the supermarket checkout counter recently when the cashier turned to my friend and asked, "how does he know which buttons to press."

Being completely inured to this sort of thing, I watched with interest to see how my friend would react. It is peculiar that when encountering a person with a disability, many people very often address the person accompanying them rather than addressing us directly.

As I expected, my friend, being worldly and level-headed, responded perfectly. She smiled (with her eyes, as her mask would have hidden her actual facial alteration) and said, "Why don't you ask him, he is standing right in front of you."

To her credit, the cashier did exactly that, although with some hesitation.

Pin pads on card readers have a dot on the number 5 to guide the visually impaired.

I enthusiastically explained the apparent magical mystery of how a blind person can key in their pin number into a card reader. The cashier was particularly fascinated to learn that every keypad has a raised dot on the 5 button allowing us to orientate to the other numbers on the keypad.

I smiled because I know this accessibility feature – ubiquitous on all keypads and even telephones – is universally unknown to most people who use these devices every day.

Similarly, most people are totally surprised to learn that the F and J keys on all keyboards are marked in a similar way, allowing the visually impaired to know where they are on the keyboard.

Many people avoid communication with people with disabilities in everyday situations, almost as if they fear the interaction. It's so common that those of us with disabilities have a name for it:

Does he take sugar.

However, the lesson in this story is not only for people who practice this bizarre habit of addressing our colleagues instead of us, but also for those who are being addressed in proxy. Volcanic and rude responses do not help the situation. Ignoring it is just as bad.

My friend had the best response, "why not ask him, he is right here."

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It's also all too frequent for an unaccompanied person with disability to be totally overlooked, often very blatantly, even by service staff.

This happens to people who use a wheelchair quite frequently and is a well-researched and documented phenomenon. It's as if their reduced height renders them an infant in the eyes of the observer. It occurs in workplaces and among friends, in all kinds of situations where the person's input would have been rather useful.

Which reminds me of a time not too long ago when I had gathered with a group of friends at one of their homes and we were attending a Zoom meeting together sharing one laptop.

Suddenly, the place was plunged into darkness.

As alternative battery power was being arranged, there was a mad scrum as at least three people scrambled to set up the laptop with power, external speakers, and microphone cables all in total darkness. There was a fair amount of tension as they argued about which port and jack were to be used for each external device.

Not one of them thought to ask the only person in the room with the unequivocal experience to do the job, which he literally could have done with his eyes closed. ❖

# SNIPPETS

## CELEBRATE FOUNDATION MONTH WITH A GIFT

In November, Rotary members celebrate The Rotary Foundation. It's a great time to share with your members how the Foundation transforms their gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Here are three more ways you can support the Foundation:

1. **Make a gift** to our **Annual Fund-SHARE** on Giving Tuesday, 30 November. Last year, Rotary members contributed more than \$800,000 for the occasion. **Share our video message.**



2. Give the gift of Rotary to **make an impact** in communities around the world. Your gift helps create lasting change, from supplying filters that purify drinking water to empowering local entrepreneurs through business training.
3. Start a fundraiser using our peer-to-peer fundraising tool, **Raise for Rotary**. You can create online fundraising pages to support the Foundation that are easy to share with family and friends through social media and email.



## RYLA handbook now available in languages

Each year, approximately 50,000 young leaders gain the knowledge and skills they need to make real change locally and globally through participation in a RYLA event!

To better support RYLA organizers, we are excited to announce the launch of a brand new RYLA Handbook, available now in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. In this resource, you will find step-by-step guidance to support the development safe, meaningful, and fun RYLA programs for all participants.

[DOWNLOAD now](#)

# SNIPPETS

## THE CLEM RENOUF END POLIO NOW CLUB

A request to our District Rotarians is that you consider introducing the 'Clem Renouf END POLIO NOW Club' to your Rotary clubs. The concept is very simple.

Each Club is requested to set up a branch of the 'Clem Renouf END POLIO NOW Club' within their club and ALL members are requested to donate \$10 each per year. When the task is complete (for as many members who agree to take part and there must be NO compulsion), the Club may deposit the funds directly into the Sir Clem Renouf Centenary Year Appeal – set up at the beginning of the Rotary year as a tribute to one of Rotary's great leaders, generally acknowledged as the founder of the End Polio campaign.

We believe this fund raiser is achievable, given most Rotarians will donate \$10 to become a member of such a club – as the donation process is simple and well organised! Imagine the impact. With more than 30,000 Rotarians in New Zealand and Australia, if just half our numbers joined the club we would collect more than \$150,000 and change the course of personal giving forever.

PDG Bob Aitken  
Rotary District 9685

## 2020-21 ROTARY CITATION



### Congratulations

to the following Clubs that received a Rotary International Citation

Boulder  
Kwinana

Hannans Kalgoorlie  
Mandurah Districts

For helping **Rotary open opportunities** in the lives of people all over the world.

  
Holger Knaack  
President, Rotary International

An aerial photograph of Rockingham, Western Australia, showing the coastal town and its proximity to the ocean. Several orange location pins are placed on the map, indicating various accommodation options. The text 'Not sure where to stay in Rockingham for the conference?' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Not sure where to stay in Rockingham for the conference?

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

**Lakeview Apartments**-14 Westralia Gardens; \$120 per night inc GST

Tel: 9466 8881 Email: [suites@yaran.com.au](mailto:suites@yaran.com.au)

- 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, Tel: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, Tel:9527 8000

- Also very close to Conference venue
- \$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

*Robyn*

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# **DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH**

**We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care.**

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

## **HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time.