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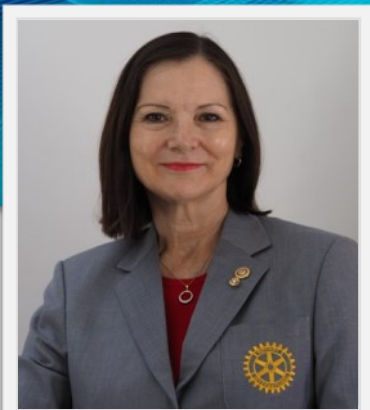
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CHANGE LIVES**

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH TONGA

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DG Pat Schraven

From the DG

start it has with both Rotary Camp Inspiration and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) held in early January.

ROTARY CAMP INSPIRATION (formerly Handicamp)

We remain incredibly grateful to the late Ron Sloan and his wife Beth for having the foresight to bring the concept of a camp for people with disabilities to Western Australia in the early eighties. PDG Ron learnt of Handicamp, a camp run for people with disability in Norway when completing his District Governor training and introduced the first Handicamp outside Norway to Western Australia - with the first camp held in 1982. In 2007, on the 25th Anniversary of Handicamp in WA, the Handicamp committee proudly introduced the 'Handicamp Sloan Rotary Dinner' - naming the Annual Rotary dinner in honour of Ron and Beth. Sadly, Ron and Beth Sloan both passed away early last year.

The Camp has been running for 40 years and it is a testament to the value of sharing ideas, of having a vision and seeing that vision through to fruition. I am also appreciative of the work that Past District Governors and their hard-working committees have done to ensure this great program has continued on.

I had the great pleasure of attending the Sloan's Dinner on the 11 January 2022 and I would encourage members who have not had the experience to look out for when registrations open

for next year and come and enjoy the experience. It is an uplifting and joyful night.

During the week, one of the campers had a pre-arranged medical appointment which his parents arranged to pick him up for and drop him back at the camp afterwards. The Rotary Camp Inspiration Committee Chair, Peter Saleo received a text message from his parents later that day that he shared with us at the dinner.



PDG Ron Sloan

"Hi Peter, Henry is in a positive mood when we picked him up today. It is like he is more confident and less anxious and not so sensitive about every word I say. We are so happy to see the change in him."

I think the encouragement he is receiving in the camp, joining in activities and feeling that he is able to do something are positive to his self-esteem.

Bobby and I appreciate very much the time and effort that you, Tim and the volunteers are putting in to enable Henry and his peers to have such valuable experiences. A giant thank you

to everyone at the camp and to Rotary's funding.

Hoping this will kickstart future positive experiences.

Cheers, Esther, Bobby"

To all members, in reading this feedback and knowing the difference it makes to people's lives, I hope you are feeling as proud as I am to be a Rotarian. A big thank you to Peter, Veronica, Tim, Alison, Luke and their many helpers.

RYLA

When a group of young people return year after year to assist in organising, facilitating and making contributions to enhance the experience of RYLA for the new members of this growing alumni then we know we have something to be incredibly



proud of. What a great honour it was to attend the dinner on the Wednesday night, and spend some time at the Camp on Saturday to enjoy some games and attend the closing ceremony.

Well done again to the RYLA District Committee headed by Ian and his team: Kero, Leanne, Marilyn, Roy and.....for dedicating your time and your passion for the development of our future leaders.

Many Clubs in our District played a part in making these events happen, so for those that have sponsored campers, buddies, facilitators, lunches, morning teas and dinners. For the members who donated prizes and for those that came along to the RYLA or Rotary Camp Inspiration dinners – whether in a big way or a small, we really appreciate your contribution to these fantastic events.

THE ROTARY LEARNING CENTRE

With limits on travelling and face to face training opportunities Rotary continues to enhance its Learning Centre – I encourage all members to explore My Rotary – below is some of the new Learning Plans and Courses available.

What's new in the Learning Center?

New learning plans:

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Basics** — Learn about Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in this series of courses.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Intermediate** — Learn how to lead change and diversify your club in a way that promotes equity and builds consensus.
- **Facilitator Basics** — Understand how to effectively manage learning events, whether they are in person, online, or hybrid. These courses are recommended for anyone who leads learning sessions.

New courses:

- **Get Ready: District RYLA Committee** — Learn how your committee can create, promote, and

support your district's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program.

- **Microaggressions** — Understand the impact of microaggressions and learn how to respond to them in ways that uphold Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This course is part of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Basics learning plan.
- **The Power of Giving** — Learn more about the impact you can have on the work of The Rotary Foundation by understanding how donations benefit various funds and programs.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

In my seven months as District Governor, I have had so many wonderful opportunities to work alongside our members. Helping with a sausage sizzle at a dog show (that was a challenge), sorting Lego and serving fish and chips at the Esperance Agricultural Show are just a few of those special moments.

Across our District we have a diverse range of events that raise much needed funds.

In our District, the Rotary Club of Esperance raises funds and supports a wide and diverse range of community needs both here and abroad. For the whole of their existence as a Rotary Club (59.5 years) they have not had any female members. However, that is now about to change with the pending induction (mid-February) of Ms Corrina Rawlinson, a daughter of long-standing member Scott Mackie. *Corrina is a retail store (newsagent) manager and is very experienced in promotion, media, computing and even has produced her own podcasts. She was the instigator of generating funds for a psychologist to visit Esperance and do seminars for school children and the public just after 2 school students tragically suicided. Corrina will be appointed to media/computer officer to keep our club in the spot light!*

We look forward to photos of Corrina's induction to put in the DG Newsletter.



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Esperance for diversifying your membership – you are an inspiring club with innovative ideas such as the driving simulator for high school students to learn driving skills in a safe environment and your fabulous Fish and Chip stand. You deserve to be in the spotlight.

COVID – DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Every year we look forward to reconnecting and socialising with fellow Rotarians at the District 9465 Conference. It is a weekend of inspirational and motivational speakers; exceptional socialising events and the opportunity to re-new your passion for Rotary.

Given the growing concerns around COVID-19, the difficult decision has been made to cancel the in-person event, which was to be held in Rockingham over the weekend of 25-27 March.

This decision was not made lightly; however, we need to prioritize the health and safety of the venue's employees and our members, families and friends.

If you have purchased tickets for any part of the Conference, refunds will be processed as soon as practical to do so.

Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time that we are all adjusting to.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact Conference Chair, PDG Robyn Yates on 0429 445 280 or robynyates@westnet.com.au

...and finally,

COULD MEMBERSHIP VOICE HELP YOUR CLUB?

I'm a keen fan of the Rotary Zone 8 Membership Voice webinar program. If we're to grow Rotary, we need to get better at club building and membership development. One way to make that a lot easier is to learn from others who've succeeded and avoid the pitfalls they may have encountered.

Membership Voice shares stories of successful club builders in an easy to follow video format. Coordinator (and District 9465 Rotarian) Kero O'Shea describes it as an "evidence-based best practice video library".

What I like most about Membership Voice is that the people who tell the stories are everyday Rotarians who want to see others succeed.

Helping each other succeed. That's the heart of Rotary!

Have a look at the Membership Voice Library on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). If you like what you see, please consider joining me on the [Membership Voice mailing list](#) and if you have any questions, contact Kero on membershipvoice@gmail.com.

DG Pat



Use your professional expertise for service

By: [Rotary Service & Engagement Staff](#)

January is Vocational Service Month. This is an opportunity to think about how your club and district engages fellow Rotary and Rotaract members through their professional skills or vocations, and how they bring Rotary's ideals into their workplace. In bringing together people from diverse professions and backgrounds, Rotary recognizes the importance of all skills and occupations. In Rotary, your professional life and vocational service can work together. Members have a responsibility to represent their occupations within their club and to exemplify the ideals of Rotary in their workplace.



This month, consider how you can bring the idea of vocational service to life.

1. **Use your skills to serve a community.** Start a project that leverages your area of expertise or support one that's already being planned. To find inspiration for projects, search [Rotary Showcase](#) to see what clubs are doing globally. To find a project to support, attend a [Rotary Project Fair](#) to learn about projects looking for international partners and support.
2. **Share your expertise.** Join a Rotary group related to your profession to share your knowledge. Your unique skills and professional experience can help increase the impact of projects around the world.
 - If you have technical expertise in one of Rotary's six areas of focus or in project planning and implementation, let your district international service chair know. They'll connect you with local clubs through the [District Resource Network](#) so that you can help them develop more effective projects.
 - If your expertise fits one of the 27 [Rotary Action Groups](#), contact the group's leaders to get involved. These international teams of Rotary members and friends lend their skills and experiences to help clubs design more sustainable and impactful service projects.
 - If you have professional skills in Rotary's areas of focus or financial auditing, apply online to be considered for TRF's [Cadre of Technical Advisors](#). Use your expertise to advise Rotary members who are planning and working on Rotary Foundation grant projects.
3. **Connect with others.** Explore your profession with others by joining one of [Rotary's Fellowships](#). Find friends outside of your club to expand your international network, engage in common interests, and develop a more global perspective. There are many vocation-related fellowships such as the ones for Editors and Publishers, Educators, Executive Managers, Graphic Designers, Healthcare Professionals, Lawyers, Photographers, Police and Law Enforcement, Quilters and Fiber Artists, and more.
4. **Help young professionals achieve their career goals.** Mentor younger members of the Rotary family such as [Rotaractors](#), [Interactors](#), and [Rotary Community Corps](#) members and create opportunities for them to develop their professional and leadership skills.

Download the [Vocational Service in Action handbook](#) to learn more and to discover ways to share your knowledge through Rotary, advance ethical standards in your workplace, and help others develop professionally.

SNIPPETS

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Anisha Thapaliya has been inducted into the **ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PERTH-BURSWOOD.**

A friend of the club, Anisha has been supportive and volunteered to help at many ShelterBox events



Why your club needs a Public Image Chair

A Public Image Chair's job is to tell the stories of their Rotary or Rotaract club in ways that will inspire non-members to get involved. A successful chair helps the public understand what Rotary does and the impact Rotary makes locally and globally. Read more about Bernd Meidel in his blog post. [Read Blog](#)

Another Winning District 9465 RYLA!

(first of two parts)

I'm a member of the District 9465 committee that manages and supports the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) leadership development program. This year saw another very successful eight-day camp in which 32 young adults participated and grew under the guidance of a team of skilled facilitators.

RYLA 2022 was a winner from start to finish. It all came together beautifully due to:

- A high quality and superbly trained facilitator team driven to succeed and determined to maintain the very high standard set at and by previous D9465 RYLA events;
- A very effective combination of challenge and support for the participants;
- A carefully developed plan, program and rollout rehearsed to near perfection;
- Excellent leadership and coordination by head facilitator Tamara and deputy Dana;
- Evergreen leadership of our Rotary committee (RoCOM), background organisation and support for the facilitators by RYLA Chair Ian Ball;
- Superb logistical support by Kim (RoCOM) to have the right stuff in the correct places in accord with the fast moving program;
- Wonderful participant engagement/support and other stuff in the background by my fellow RoCOM members Leanne, Marilyn and Lorraine;
- Financial sponsorship by District 9465 clubs; and
- Support from other District Rotarians.

Take a bow, everyone! You've done well.

Kero O'Shea (E-WA)
Membership Voice Coordinator
Rotary Zone 8





Rotary Camp Inspiration



Rotary District 9465  Rotary Camp Inspiration



ROTARY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE MEDICINE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Microbiome Launch November 2021

During my Club visits I have often been asked about what happened with the funds that were raised for the WA Cord Blood Bank given the changes to the use of Cord Blood.

In 2019, a significant change in clinical practice led to a global decline in the use of cord blood as a source of stem cells. Consequently, the Federal Government determined that the inventory of stem cells held in E.S. banks is adequate for clinical use in the future and that it will no longer fund collection of any umbilical cord stem cells in Australia.



The Australian Red Cross Blood Service (now known as Lifeblood) advised the Rotary representatives on the Project Steering Committee that it considers the Rotary WA Cord Blood Bank was no longer viable. We were informed of the proposal to re-name the facility the Rotary WA Health Innovation Centre and to identify alternative innovative therapeutic projects to use the world class facility that Rotary has provided. Since Rotary in WA fulfilled the terms of the contract had handed over the management of the facility to ARCBS, the decision was entirely one for ARCBS.

Like all things in life, clinical practices advance and evolve, and Rotary WA understands that to deliver the best outcomes for West Australians, we need to support changes and developments too.

- Lifeblood's vision was to manufacture a new product and offer hope to patients suffering from recurrent *Clostridioides difficile* infection (rCDI).

- CDI is a serious bacterial infection within the gut, for some patients who've had treatment with antibiotics it is pervasive, debilitating, and can even be fatal.
- Faecal Microbiota for Transplant (FMT) is a treatment which is 70% - 90% effective for patients with rCDI.
- Early last year Lifeblood became the first licensed FMT facility in Australia and recently we've started supplying these products to our incredible partner, Fiona Stanley Hospital.
- Since then, many patients have improved or become asymptomatic following treatment.
- In late November the team celebrated with our generous funders and partners who've made the creation of Lifeblood Microbiome possible.
- On behalf of patient recipients who have, and will continue to benefit from this life-changing treatment, we thank you.

Late last year I was privileged to attend the Microbiome launch party and get to hear firsthand from the doctors and those involved in the research that resulted in the development of the procedure. We also heard about the difference it is making to their patients.

As Rotarians we can remain confident that our centennial gift to the WA Community will continue to provide life-enhancing benefit for many years to come. This amazing work is another example of how we, as Rotarians, Serve to Change Lives.



OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH TONGA

Around 80,000 people have been affected after tsunami waves and a blanket of ash covered the country. We're assessing whether we may be able to support the shelter needs of Tongan families.

Image credit: NOAA

TONGA'S VOLCANIC ERUPTION AND TSUNAMI

ShelterBox New Zealand continues to send our thoughts and aroha to the Tongan community, following an underwater volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami in January 2022.

The eruption of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai is one of the most violent ever captured on satellite, with a 3-mile wide plume of ash, steam and gas rising 12 miles into the air. It sent shockwaves and triggered tsunami waves across the South Pacific.

Surveillance images are emerging, showing destroyed buildings and flattened villages. All houses have been destroyed on Mango Island, and only two houses remain on Fonoifua.

Communication remains extremely limited, making it difficult to understand the extent of damage, and what shelter aid may be needed.

However, it is becoming clearer that access to safe and clean drinking water is the most pressing priority, along with medical care and debris clearance.

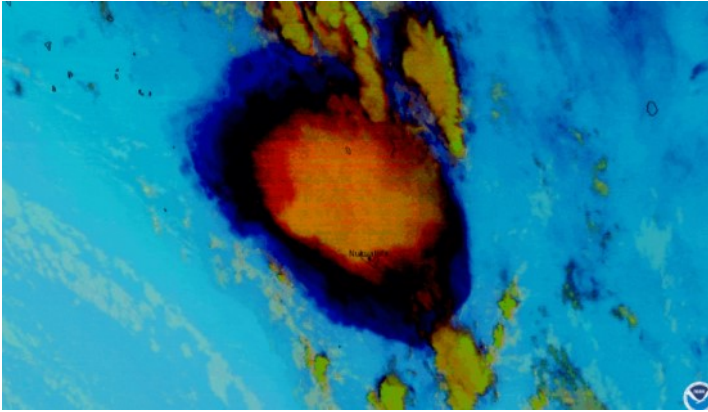
WHAT HAPPENED?



The Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted underwater for eight minutes. The eruption was so violent that "loud thunder sounds" were heard around the world, including here in New Zealand, despite the 2,000km distance between our nations.

Tsunami waves have since affected Tonga. The first surveillance images are emerging, revealing destroyed buildings and flattened villages..

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR



credit: NOAA

After the single underwater cable connecting Tonga to the rest of the world was severed in two places during the eruption, communications has remained limited. International calls are still not possible, and satellite communication – which is heavily relied on by aid agencies at times like this – have been affected by the ash cloud.

However, we do know that up to 80,000 people have been affected.

Tonga is requesting and permitting specific support from the Australian and New Zealand Governments, following strict Covid-19 protocols.

Naval vessels carrying water, and emergency supplies (such as desalination units and debris cleaning equipment) have now been dispatched, and are expected to arrive by tomorrow.

THE SHELTERBOX RESPONSE



Here at ShelterBox, our operations team are keeping a close eye on any communications that come out of Tonga over the coming hours and days, to assess whether we may be able to support any shelter needs of Tongan families.

We have responded to tsunamis and other disasters in the South Pacific region previously, so we are familiar with what may be needed.

However, every disaster is different – and that’s why we’re taking the time to assess the situation, and evaluate whether or not we are best placed to respond, alongside others working in international aid and humanitarian relief.

As we work with other aid agencies to piece together what aid is needed, we’re considering the type of shelter that may be called for, and how we might get it there if it is.

More to come. Join our [mailing list](#) to stay updated.

10 TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

HAVE A SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE AT YOUR CLUB

By Leanne Knowler, Rotary E-Club of WA

Plan with other clubs in your area so that prospective members have a variety of options for meeting times, formats etc

Send invitations a month before the event and make follow up calls 2 weeks beforehand

Do a survey of professionals to identify any that are not currently in your club

Update club brochures and update club projects and hand out at the event

Create a relaxed atmosphere so people can mingle informally. Members to share their personal rotary stories

Assign specific tasks to club members. Put someone in charge of organising the flow of guests as they arrive. So the event is no longer than 90mins

Invite & recognise Rotaractors & RYLA participants

Show a short presentation about Rotary's global projects and local projects

Share information about your club's format & club's expectation for membership

Follow up by inviting to a future club meeting anyone who has expressed interest. Be persistent but patient

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 2022



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

You are cordially invited to Rotary Mean Business WA's Strategic Planning Meeting on Tuesday the 1st of February at the Duxton. Over a couple of hours and a few drinks, we would like to sit down with you and answer this question:

"How can Rotary Means Business make our corner of the world a better place?"

Sit down with some of WA's preeminent business leaders and have your say on the future of RMBWA.

TUESDAY FEB 1ST 2022 FROM 5.30PM
FRONT BAR, THE DUXTON HOTEL
1 ST GEORGES TERRACE, PERTH, WA 6000

(ample parking at adjoining Perth Concert Hall or on foreshore)

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BWRIT

COST \$15 PER PERSON

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BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENTS FOR ALL ROTARIANS & THEIR GUESTS

TAKE A LOOK AT THE RMB STRATEGIC PLAN: T.LY/CRHF

TAKE THE RMB SURVEY: WWW.FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/SRJXLKT7VP

JOIN OUR LINKEDIN GROUP: WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/74287751/

Rotary Club of Albany Port



Quiz Night

When: Saturday 19 February
2022 at 6.00pm.

Where: Rotary Youth Camp 913
Frenchman Bay Road,
Big Grove

Tables of eight.

**Entry fee \$15 per person
includes light meal.**

**To Book tables ring Grant, 0488919780
Payment: Eftpos BSB306-001,
Acc4185139, cash or credit card on the
night-Please appoint one person per
table to pay the total.**

Funds raised are for contribution to the Rotary Foundation. For more than 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has made a difference in the lives of millions around the world. Your support of Rotary Foundation Australia helps end polio and improve communities through a range of diverse projects.



KEEP
CALM
I am the
QUIZ
MASTER

Highlights

- ◆ Great prizes
- ◆ Categorized questions
- ◆ Fantastic location
- ◆ Fun for families





The annual Rotary Tour of the Blackwood will be held again on Saturday, 12th March 2022 with three courses running through the picturesque hills of Bridgetown, Greenbushes, Balingup and Nannup.

Described as one of the toughest rides in WA, the Full Tour is a challenging 134km road ride with several Category 4 climbs while the shortest course the 'Not so Cosy' lives up to its title. With just over two months before the ride it is time to get your registration done and be a part of this magical ride.

Funds raised from the ride go to Blackwood Youth Action, a local Charity, to provide mental health services to young people across the Warren Blackwood region.

Start your own fundraising page and work with your team, or as an individual, to raise funds for rural youth. [Fundraising Page](#)

The ride is capped at 600 participants and we're well on the way to achieve this quota.


Registrations are now open for this exciting, challenging ride through the beautiful Blackwood River countryside.

Check out the [Rotary Tour of the Blackwood](#) website or find us on [Facebook](#) to register.



Supporting Youth Mental Health





February is

**PEACEBUILDING &
CONFLICT PREVENTION
MONTH**