



As I'm writing this cover from home, majority of staff have been working remotely for a good seven months as we declared this to be the safest setup given the pandemic. With Parramatta being a hotspot on many occasions, it was prudent to just continue working from home.

Before the Labour Day weekend we set a benchmark of 14 consecutive days of no community transmission to provide a sense of safety to be able to resume working in office. We have gone ahead and devised our COVID19 Safety Plan and registered as a COVID Safe Business. While we are not yet welcoming any guests to the office, the QR code for our office is at the front door, ready to be scanned for when we get to that stage.

Unfortunately, the then 12-day streak of no community transmission ended and a number of cases have again been reported in the past week. While admittedly, there have been some advantages to working from home, I can speak for the team in saying we missed each other.

As we have always been before, we continue to be committed in supporting clubs and districts in our area of responsibility. Notwithstanding the website upgrade that has been the source of frustration from volunteers and staff alike, we hope that we have been able to assist you all in navigating the four months of Rotary year 2021 so far.

It is again Governor Elects and Nominees Training seminars and Institute season. Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands as well as the Philippines who joins other zones in Asia for these events, have all had their Opening Ceremonies and have spread out the sessions through weeks and months.

It's evident the format for collaboration and communication has changed. What other ideas can we explore? A Facebook tagging campaign to spark interest in Membership? Ted Talk symposia featuring Rotary's expansive speaker resources? Local club pairings with clubs from other parts of the world to provide opportunities to network? Virtual fundraisings?

2021 is going by pretty quickly. Let's seize the opportunity to be experimental. Some of these experiments might actually, be successful, it may become part of the norm.

Best Regards,

*Grace*

Grace Ramirez

Manager, International Office and Financial Services

# FINANCE

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

With Foundation month coming up in November, the following guidelines will come in handy.

For **AUSTRALIAN** clubs and Rotarians, please help us in circulating the following information

### By [MyRotary Website](#)

Click on **GIVE** on the upper right hand corner of the homepage.

Choose **AUD** to obtain tax deductibility.

Please choose “SIGN IN” at the end of the donation page so that recognition points can be tracked against your donor ID.

(Donations to Endowment Funds are **NOT** tax deductible.)

### By Electronic Funds Transfer

Please put in the description box the name and number of the club/member. Omit the club/member number if unsure and omit the word “Rotary Club of” because we can only see limited characters.

Type of Donor/Donation	Account Name	BSB	Account No.	Payment Reference
District or Clubs and/or Contributions to Endowment Fund  ( <b>NOT</b> Tax Deductible)	The Rotary Foundation	332-084	100345225	Club Name and Club Number
Individual/ Business or Clubs who needs tax deductible receipt  ( <b>Tax Deductible</b> )	The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust	332-084	551038195	Donor Name and Member ID

***\*It is important that you email your instructions or the [Contribution Form](#) to [risppo@rotary.org](mailto:risppo@rotary.org) as soon as you make the transfer so that we can easily identify your donation. A [Multiple Donor Form](#) is also available.***

**Centurion and Paul Harris Society commitments can go toward Annual giving or Polio. Please use The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust (TARFT) account for your donations to be tax deductible in Australia.**

For **NEW ZEALAND** clubs and Rotarians, there have been recent changes in remittance instructions. Rotary Oceania Zone Operations, who manages the contributions coursed through New Zealand Rotary Clubs Charitable Trust have provided the account details below:  
ANZ Bank Account Number: 06-0193-0905286-30

Please provide a reference of either Surname or Member ID for individuals or Club Name or Rotary Club ID for clubs. Kindly email [nzrcct@rotary.oceania.zone](mailto:nzrcct@rotary.oceania.zone) the details of the remittance.

For **PHILIPPINE** clubs and Rotarians, please see below:

Clubs can make donations or return unused funds by making a deposit at any Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) branch. **DO NOT deposit payments for invoice (dues) and other fees other than donations or return of unused funds into this account:**

Fill up the deposit slip with the following details:

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT SLIP**  
BANK'S COPY

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

☐ DEPOSIT ☐ PAYMENT

☐ SAVINGS ☐ CURRENT

CURRENCY: ☐ PESO ☐ US DOLLAR ☐ OTHERS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCT. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NAME / MERCHANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(FOR PAYMENTS ONLY)  
POLICY / PLAN / REFERENCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY / PLANHOLDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS DEPOSIT/PAYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COVERING THIS ACCOUNT

**TYPE OF DEPOSIT/PAYMENT**  
(PLEASE USE SEPARATE SLIP FOR EACH TYPE OF CURRENCY)

	AMOUNT			
CASH				
CHECK(S) (USE BACK FOR DETAILS)				
TOTAL DEPOSITS/PAYMENT				

TELLERS VALIDATION (THIS IS YOUR RECEIPT WHEN MACHINE VALIDATED)

**Callout boxes:**

- Date:** 0011-1829-09 (PHP only)
- Individual Donor:** Donor ID & Donor Name OR Club ID & Club Name (example: 123456 / Juan Dela Cruz)
- Policy / Plan / Reference No.:** APF-Share, or Polio Plus, or GG#xx, or Return Funds GG/DG#xx

Once remitted, email a scanned copy of deposit slip to [Rosalyn.Ong@rotary.org](mailto:Rosalyn.Ong@rotary.org) together with a filled Donor Form. If the deposit is a lump-sum amount for multiple donors, please complete a Multiple Donor Form and email this as soon as a deposit is made.

You can download the donor forms here:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/multiple-donor-form>

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/contribution-form-rotary-foundation>.

Donations can also be done online by logging in to **My Rotary** at

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>. Please choose "SIGN IN" at the end of the donation page so that recognition points can be tracked against your donor ID.

## 90 DAY REMINDER FOR DUES

Reminder letters have already been sent to clubs that have USD250 and above in outstanding balances on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. If payment has been deposited a couple of days prior to this date, please disregard this reminder as it may just be a timing issue. If in doubt, please contact Sally at [Sally.Furto@rotary.org](mailto:Sally.Furto@rotary.org) for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Island Clubs or Rosalyn Ong at [Rosalyn.Ong@rotary.org](mailto:Rosalyn.Ong@rotary.org).

## REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER AND RECOGNITION

October and November are months that have historically been high in TRF activity especially from the Philippines.

Please ensure that you make the necessary requests for points transfers and recognition **two weeks** in advance from your Foundation night. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee that these will be sent in time for your presentations.

# MEMBERSHIP

## Comparison to 1 July

[Worldwide](#) – as at 30/10/2020

[Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands](#)

[Philippines](#)

## Demographics

[Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands](#)

[Philippines](#)

## Membership leads

[Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands](#)

[Philippines](#)

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



As at 18 October 2020

## MEMBERSHIP LEADS IMPROVEMENTS

We're happy to share new features to help you manage your membership leads based on feedback you shared with us:

- **Refer a candidate to your own club.** This feature allows Rotarians to submit candidate recommendations directly to their own club, allowing you to manage all of your club's prospective member information on a single, secure platform.
- **Reconciliation.** This feature will allow districts to report when a club has admitted a member and will also allow clubs to admit a candidate outside the 30-day limitation through the "Club admitted Candidate" status.

Learn more about [Managing Membership Leads](#)

## USEFUL MEMBERSHIP LINKS

- D9705 (South Central NSW and ACT) have been organising a monthly forum for membership champions in their district and beyond. Each month a guest speaker talks about a topical subject followed by a summary from an Assistant Governor of what's happening in their club cluster/region. Past and upcoming speakers include Rtn [Michael McQueen](#), DGN [Geraldine Rurenga](#), Mark Huddleston, Evan Burrell and Rebecca Fry. To be placed on the mailing list send your name and club to [jindeera@gmail.com](mailto:jindeera@gmail.com)
- Watch this [short video from D9780](#) (Parts of SA and Vic) which sees IPDG Rosanne Kava talk to a number of clubs who have had membership successes over the last couple of years about the strategies that they employed.
- Have you taken the short, insightful quiz in this video about privilege and DEI? Rotaractors from Big West Rotaract, US talk about ways we can leverage privilege to bring new voices to the Rotary table. Check out the video [Diversity in your clubs and being an ally](#) and read the [Rotary Voices blog](#).
- Did you miss the second session of the New Style Rotary Clubs forum, organised by your Zone 8 Membership team? Don't sweat, you can [watch the recording here](#).

## MEMBERSHIP LEADS WEBINAR FOR CLUB LEADERS – 23 OCT 10am AEST

Now more than ever people are looking for ways to connect, help others and give back to their communities. Club leaders are invited to a webinar to view a demo of how to effectively use Rotary's membership leads platform to connect with prospective members and participate in a Q&A with Rotary staff from the Membership Development team.

[Click here](#) to register and learn more. Please note, all are welcome but the content will focus on club-level management of prospective members through the Membership Leads platform.

# CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT

## CDS UPDATE

First up, a big thankyou to all our District Governors-elect for assisting us with providing information in relation to their upcoming PETS and District Assembly Training Plans, as well as their District Governor Travel Estimate.

As your plans for PETS, District Assembly and District Team / AG Training events continue to take shape, please let us know if we can support you at these events – whether in person (subject to Country and State health regulations / travel restrictions at the time) or via Zoom.

We are looking forward to speaking with you all further at upcoming Zone GETS training events, along with the District Governor-nominees.

Thankyou also to our IPDG's for their support in completing their Expense Reports. Please put a reminder in your diary to send your final District Financial Statements to RI prior to June 30 2021.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE ROTARY SHOWCASE?

The [Rotary Showcase](#) recently had a facelift ! This is a great tool for all clubs globally to use when searching for a new service project inspiration or a project partner. There are specific sections for COVID-19 projects, and End Polio projects. Of course this tool is only as good as the information captured – please promote the use of the Rotary Showcase in your District Newsletters and upcoming District Assemblies.

*For Australian clubs specifically* – AG Melissa Hebbard in Victoria is trying to kick-start a new project to assist build positive relationships with Indigenous Australian communities. Whilst the approach is still being worked through, an early gap identified is that there is no existing central point where Australian clubs are capturing that they have a project (completed or in progress) which touches on an Indigenous cause. Please encourage all clubs to add a tag of “Indigenous” to suitable projects that they capture in the Rotary Showcase for ease of identification.

## ACTION REQUIRED FOR ROTARACT CLUBS TO PREVENT SUSPENSION / TERMINATION

Each year, Rotary International runs a data audit process to ensure that Rotaract Clubs are active. Further to the Elevate Rotaract initiative, for Rotaract clubs to remain with an Active status, they now need to report their Club President to RI each year. The Rotaract Club Adviser is able to complete this in My Rotary > Club Administration.

In early November an email will issue to sponsor club presidents, secretaries and reported Rotaract club advisors with a cc to District Governors, District Rotaract Chairs and District Rotaract Representatives to advise of Rotaract Club suspensions. This email should be actioned prior to 31 December to prevent Rotaract club termination.

A report is [attached](#) which indicates which Rotaract clubs currently do not have a Club President reported and are therefore at risk of suspension.



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE LEARNING CENTER?

The Learning Resources team have been very busy creating new and updated content:

- [Protecting Youth Program Participants](#) REVISED \*
- [Addressing and Preventing Harassment](#) REVISED
- [How to Propose Enactments and Resolutions?](#)
- [Promoting your Club as People of Action](#)
- [Our Logo: Representing Rotary](#)
- [Fundraising Basics](#)
- [Conducting Online Training](#)
- [Nominating an RI Director](#)
- [Get Ready: District Interact Committee](#) \*
- [District Vibrant Club Workshop Leader's Guide](#) \*

### Toastmasters courses

- [Toastmasters: Getting Started](#)
- [Develop a Speech](#) \*
- [Deliver a Speech](#) \*
- [Inspirational Speech](#) \*
- [Interpersonal Communication and Networking](#) \*
- [Leadership Basics](#)
- [Leading a Team](#)
- [Collaboration](#)
- [Building Consensus](#)

Courses marked with \* are available in French. Other courses will be made available in French once translation is completed.

### Learning Plans for District Committees

- All district committee chairs have a series of courses they can take to prepare for their role: District Committee Basics.
- New learning plans are being developed for specific district positions:
  - District Membership Committee
  - District Rotary Foundation Committee
  - District Public Image Committee
  - District Training Committee

*Challenging times allow leaders to shine. As District Governors of Rotary International, what you have signed up for three years ago has changed well beyond your wildest imagination. However, your ability to adapt, support and lead are all reasons for your selection in the first place. As our title states, we are your district Support. Please know, our phone is always diverted to reach us, our emails always open, to support you as leaders.*

Andrew Best  
Supervisor, Club & District Support

# FOUNDATION

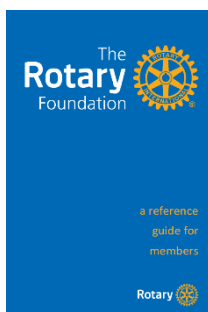
## WPD AND FOUNDATION MONTH

**World Polio Day**, 24<sup>th</sup> October, is almost here and **Foundation Month** is November. Rotarians have been very busy creating events to mark the occasions:

- This year's Zone 8 **Polio Movie Event** is an exclusive cinema showing of *I Am Woman*, the story of singer Helen Reddy
- District 9800's **Walk With Us** event is attracting support around the world
- The **Ride the Train** polio fundraiser is running in many cities around Australia and New Zealand
- Many **World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio** events are scheduled
- Several **Polio Flag Raising** events will be held around the world on WPD, including at Parramatta.

## FOUNDATION GUIDE

A new guide has just been released for Rotarians in our Zone, providing an overview of how the Foundation helps you make a difference. Download the PDF from [www.bit.ly/TRF-Ref-Guide-Z8](http://www.bit.ly/TRF-Ref-Guide-Z8) — and please feel free to share it on websites, social media, bulletins, etc.



## ROTARY'S 'IMPACT MULTIPLIER'

Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand/Oceania will soon see an interesting article in the *Foundation Month* edition of the Rotary Down Under magazine (RDU), dealing with the 'return' on their giving to the Foundation.

Our objective was to give readers some hard data on how the Foundation is enabling Rotarians to deliver higher levels of impact in their communities.

The approach was simple: calculate the total contributions made to the *Annual Fund* in 2016/17 and then compare this with the grants paid out three years later (ie. when that year's DDF became available). We included both District Grants and Global Grants (but not Disaster Response Grants, which are funded separately). The result:

**for every dollar contributed in Zone 8, the Foundation provided \$1.83 in Zone 8 grants.**  
We call that an **Impact Multiplier of 1.83.**

And in the **Philippines**, the *Impact Multiplier* is **2.02!**

So if you're asked the question "*what's the best way for me to create impact through my giving*", we would suggest that the answer is very clear: The Rotary Foundation!



## CLUB RECOGNITION

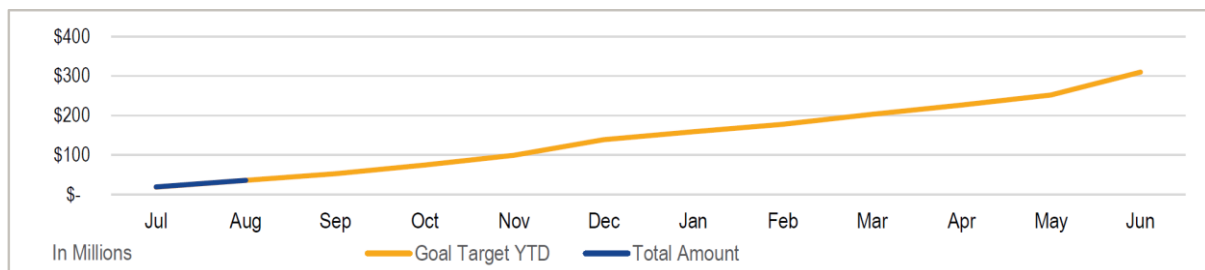
The November Rotary Down Under will also include coverage of the new [Club Recognition Program](#) that is being introduced by districts in Australia and New Zealand/Oceania. This program—which recognises giving by the club rather than by its members—has received strong support from districts.

Indeed, some districts have requested that the *Club Major Donor* recognition be available to present to clubs during November, as part of Foundation Month. RISPPPO will make this possible by providing the icons for the clubs to use on their social media etc., as well as hard and soft copy of certificates.



## GLOBAL RESULTS YTD

The pandemic has been having a devastating impact on many charities however it is pleasing that TRF is tracking very close to plan:



Our global objective for the year (excluding contributions from the Gates Foundation) is US\$310 million and, as at the end of August, we're just ahead of goal, at US\$35.9 million.



Don't forget to like us [@risppo](#) and keep up to date with us.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## HELP ROTARY END POLIO

Rotary members in Australia are taking action now until October 31 to raise awareness, funds and support to end poliomyelitis, a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens the children of the world today.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary worldwide has helped to reduce polio cases from an average of 1,000 cases per day in 1987 to a total of only 174 cases in 2019, a 99.9% reduction.

The good news is that fundraising can be fun. The [Rotary Walk With Us](#) campaign makes it as easy as going for a walk.

Using Rotary's friendly website, [rotarywalkwithus.org](http://rotarywalkwithus.org), you can register to walk and then set your own distance and fundraising goals. Alternatively, you can donate to someone who is walking. For the walkers, the total distance is accumulated over the month of October, so you can walk when, where and with whom you want, all in a COVID safe way. Each walk is logged on the website along with all donations.

One final challenge remains: to eliminate polio from Afghanistan and Pakistan, the last two countries where it remains endemic. Failure to do so, while also keeping all other countries polio-free, would see as many as 200,000 children paralysed each year within the next decade.

Fortunately, Rotary and its partners are committed to making polio the second disease ever to be totally eradicated, the other being smallpox. What is required is the funding to make it happen.

Corporate sponsorship from Bendigo Bank and other businesses has covered the administration costs. This means that 100% of funds raised by walkers will go to Rotary's *End Polio Now* programme. And all donations through Rotary will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Donations over \$2.50 are tax deductible. Individuals, teams and Rotary clubs will be recognised and credited for their donations.

Register to walk and donate at [rotarywalkwithus.org](http://rotarywalkwithus.org)

This site has more information on the event and the global program to eradicate Polio. Be a part of history and donate today. Your gift will get us closer to the finish line.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Kitty O'Connor - End Polio Ambassador**  
[kitty@rotaryinaction.org](mailto:kitty@rotaryinaction.org)

**Grant Hocking - D9800 District Governor 2019-2020**  
[granthocking64@gmail.com](mailto:granthocking64@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL EVENT

Global Citizen, RESULTS Australia, UNICEF Australia, Rotary and Polio Australia are delighted to invite you to join a special virtual event to honour World Polio Day 2020!

This annual event is usually held in Parliament House, Canberra, in an effort to ensure polio eradication remains front and center of the agendas of key policy and decision makers.

But this year, they're going virtual and throwing the doors open to global citizens, supporters, networks, individuals and organisations who are passionate about ensuring polio is the second ever disease eradicated from the world.

They will be showcasing stories of healthcare workers on the front lines delivering polio vaccines in the most remote areas, health experts that have dedicated their careers and lives to see an end to polio and unexpected voices lending their platforms to ensure the call is heard loud and clear.

Get your tickets [here](#).

## 2020 ROTARY INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The NSW Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women, The Honourable Bronnie Taylor MLC, today announced the 24 NSW 2020 finalists for the Inspirational Women's Awards proudly presented by the Rotary Clubs of NSW.

Mrs Taylor said the Awards are a fantastic opportunity to shine a light upon the enormous contribution of women in both urban and rural communities across New South Wales.

"These awards celebrate the outstanding commitment, energy and sacrifice of these incredible people who give so much of themselves and ask for nothing in return," Mrs. Taylor said.

This Year's awards were expanded to recognize Women serving in the various Healthcare sectors of our communities. Given the drought, fires, floods and now COVID, these have presented greater challenges and opportunities for women.

"This year's finalists come from a variety of backgrounds and I thank them all for their exemplary community service."

Mrs. Taylor thanked all who submitted nominations this year, which are the largest ever. The judges comprising panels of Rotarians from across the State of NSW have been very proud to be involved and expressed the high quality of nominations have made their task very challenging and a wonderful honour.

Finalists come from country locations, including Old Bar, Erowal Bay, Bulwarra, Cessnock, East Orange and Walgett. Urban include those from the Sydney area, Norfolk Island, Newcastle and Wollongong.

The RIWA committee is currently organizing a Virtual Awards Ceremony to be held on 15 November 2020.

## WHAT'S ON AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED



In support of:

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**



**Peter Berner**

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala
- Host of the BackBerner and The Einstein Factor on ABC TV
- The Peter Berner Experiment on Triple M
- As seen on Good News Week, Rove, The Footy Show

*"exactly what stand up should be"*  
*"hysterically funny" – Chortle*



**David Smiedt**

- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals
- Opening act Joan Rivers & Martin Short
- 'The Today Show', 'Standup Australia'
- Acclaimed author & Editor of GQ Magazine

*"A living, breathing joke machine" - Adam Hills*



**Alice Fraser**

- Edinburgh, Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals
- Amazon Originals, BBC, ABC
- #1 Best Australian Podcast for 2018
- Writer for 'The Project' & 'A Rational Fear'

*"A world-class entertainer" - The Music*  
★★★★★ - Edinburgh Guide



**Bruce Griffiths**

- Triple J Comic of the Year Winner
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

*"The best one-liner comic in the business"*

**SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER**  
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm  
**WEST HQ**  
33 Railway Street, Rooty Hill

**BOOK  
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**Tickets: \$40 at**  
[comedyforacause.net/EndPolio](http://comedyforacause.net/EndPolio)  
**(13+ Only)**