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District 9670 Governor
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From DG Graeme's Desk...

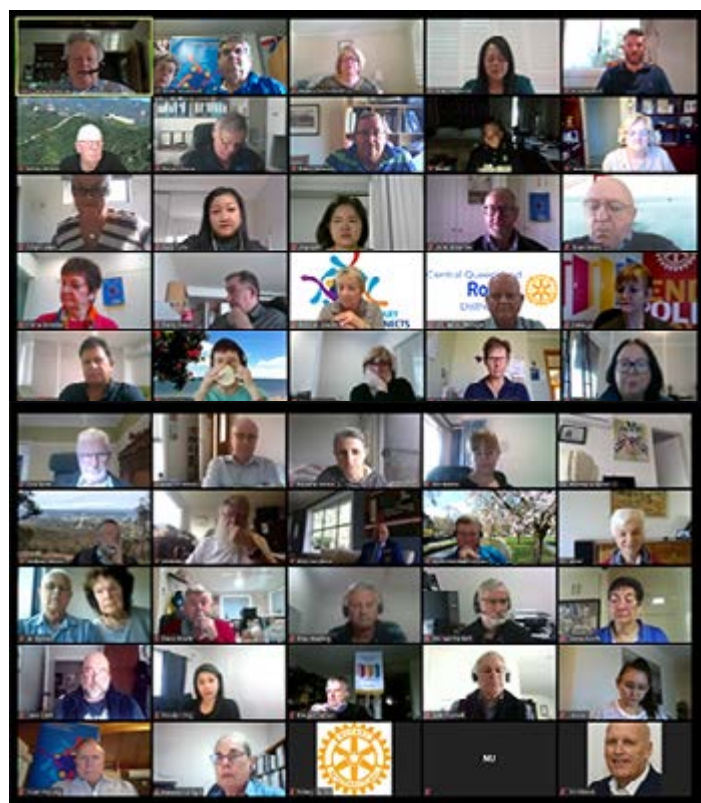
What a Difference a month makes. COVID-19 has changed our lives and allowed us to use technology to connect. There are many applications available, but Zoom seems to be the most popular, and many Clubs have enthusiastically embraced this use of technology.

Use social media to search for other local, interstate or overseas Clubs and join in as a guest. This really expands the meaning of "Rotary Connects the World". It's a great opportunity to learn what other Clubs are doing and to share experiences.

As Rotarians are "People of Action", it is very rewarding to see Clubs are already working with various organisations in assisting with providing basic necessities to our local community members in need.

On a broader front, Vanuatu was severely damaged by Cyclone Harold. District 9910 is coordinating Rotary Activity and Shelterbox are also active. Refer to the Weekly Connect on how you can best direct funds or aid.

On Tuesday morning 28 April, DG Graeme and Sue, DGE David and DGN Amanda; tuned into a Zoom meeting with RI President Mark Maloney, CEO John Hewko, RI Zone 8 Rep Raffy Garcia, and staff from RISPPPO in Parramatta. Over 50 Rotarians attended from around our region. It was a very informative session with Q&A.



The current Rotary year is fast drawing to a close and social distancing is still the norm

Changeovers are a celebration and a time for recognition. Assuming at this stage our Changeovers will all be online, start planning now for a fun event. Rotarians can still have lots of fun by dressing up for the occasion in handing over the reins to their incoming Boards. Can you please advise us of your Zoom details, dates and times, to: **governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au** by Monday 15 May. We would welcome the opportunity to join you.

The month of May is nominated for Youth. Using Zoom allows Clubs a great opportunity to invite past RYLarians, RYPENians, MUNA, NYSF or ROTEX students to attend your meetings. Catch up with local and overseas past students with what they are doing. The District has placed all youth program activity on hold, and once Government directions are known, DGE David will have more to say in the new Rotary year.

With the savings everyone is making by not attending Club meetings, I would encourage you to consider making a donation to any of our Rotary causes including: The Rotary Foundation, End Polio Now, a partner program such as ARH, Shelterbox, ROMAC, or to Sue's ISDA DG partner project. Consider how you can use social media to fundraise and trial online auctions, trivia quiz, or bingo as fundraisers, and have some fun at the same time.

In helping us as a District to stay connected with each other, a reminder to tune in to our District wide Zoom each Thursday night at 8:00pm: <https://zoom.us/j/8896709670> Keep a watch out for guest presenters and times, especially if we're connecting with another time zone.

Please stay safe; enjoy skyping, whatsapping, facetimeing, or zooming, with family and friends.



Graeme and Sue

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Official DG Duties via Zoom

Despite COVID-19, Rotary life continues and connects. We just have a new way to carry out our duties.

District 9670 Special General Meeting

On Friday 14 April, DG Graeme chaired our District's Special General Meeting with 41 participants representing 31 Clubs. The following was resolved:

- 1 Adoption of the 2020-21 Budget.
- 2 Support for the proposal to initiate a multidistrict project within Australia titled, "Rotary Districts of Australia Emergency Service Community Awards".
- 3 D9670 Representative on RI Council on Legislation – congratulations to IPDG Brian Coffey. Brian succeeds PDG Don Stephens and the role is a three year term, however, the third year will be in consultation with the representative from D9650 as by that time, we will be D9660. PDG Peter Raynor will serve as the District Alternative.



Induction of new Rotarian into the Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise

Inducting a new member is just one of those official duties not to be delayed, deferred, or put-off. So, it was on Tuesday morning 28 April, same time, different station, that DG Graeme had the pleasure of inducting a new member into the Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise via Zoom. 20 members, plus DG Graeme and Sue, were in attendance to welcome Sneha Joshi (pronounced "Sneha") into our Rotary family.

Welcome Sneha and we hope you have a very rewarding time serving our local and global communities.



Maitland Sunrise RC – Induction of new member, Sneha Joshi



Something you wouldn't know about DG Graeme & Sue, unless you asked...

Graeme and Sue both had relatives who paid the ultimate sacrifice in WWI and WWII and have visited the Commonwealth War Graves cemeteries in France and Malaysia, and toured Gallipoli.



2019-20 ~ District Awards

PRESENTATION!

via D9670 ZOOM



8:00pm

Thursday 7 May 2020



Rotary
District 9670



Roach Rattlings

At a Zoom meeting of District 9670 Clubs, on Friday 17th April, the draft District Budget for 2020-21 was endorsed. A strong focus of the budget is in the training and development of members and club executive across the District.

The incoming District Membership Chair, Carol Coffey, revealed her vision for Membership, and provided alternatives for the implementation of this strategy, taking into considering both our present community isolation lockdown, or a face to face Expo, if health and government restrictions are relaxed. These approaches will enhance our membership and engagement for all members across the District.

It is also important to stress that the recent District Management Committee's decision to hibernate District Youth Programs and withdraw District support from Youth Partnership Programs until February 2021, focused on the well-being of Rotarians and our youth. Clubs need to ensure everyone's safety if they are required to interview potential candidates. The various committees need to

be able to conduct the various youth programs across the District with a certainty that everyone is safe and there is no possibility of infection.

Bruce Anderson, DGE 9790 (Victoria) and DG 9980, Tania Lowery (NZ southern part South Island), in their recent Zoom presentations to our District, reiterated the point about safety, a possible second wave of the virus, and that Rotary Clubs will not be able to fund-raise in the latter part of the year due to the economic impact of the virus on our communities, and that our attention will need to be focused on helping others.

The District Management Committee will continue to monitor events throughout the District to ensure everyone's well-being and engagement as we emerge from the present situation.

*Yours in Rotary,
David Roach*



COVID-19: Helping Hands

Some examples of D9670 "People in Action" during COVID-19 social / physical distancing:

Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri – "Feed our Community"

Members of the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri have been busy in the kitchen cooking up a storm. Over 2000 meals have been prepared and frozen, then taken to the Kurri Community Centre from where case workers distribute to people in need. Club members also help with deliveries direct to people known to them.

So how did this practical project find its way into becoming a reality?

PP Paul Hughes reported that on the 3 April 2020, the idea of "Feeding our Community" came about when one of their members, Manda, was talking to an elderly frail lady who lives near her, just to see



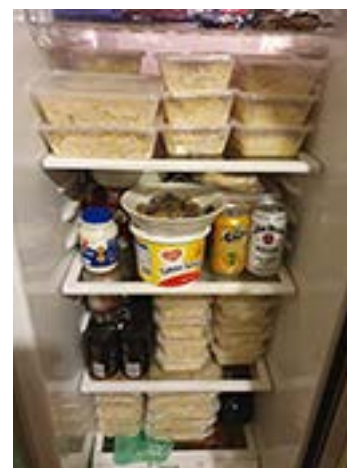
how she was coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. Manda was devastated when the lady replied that she was scared stiff and wouldn't leave her house as she didn't wish to be in trouble - meaning, she wasn't going to the shops! There lies the problem. She had run out of food and basic requirements and was eating canned cat food to get by!

The "Feed our Community" project was started with the

Club rallying around cooking meals for elderly and vulnerable people in the local Kurri Kurri community who are most in need of help at this time, and at no cost to them.

The Club has been receiving fantastic feedback from very thankful people about what a great job Rotary is doing. However, this does come at a cost to the Club with over \$2,000 spent on ingredients and containers for the meals. If this is going to last for a few months ie COVID-19 restrictions, it will drain what little money the Club has at this moment!

Our Club would like to ask the Rotary Clubs in our District who are not doing something with this pandemic, to maybe consider supporting this "Feed



our Community" project as every little bit would help. Please contact paul@plhughes.com

Check out the video: [Feed Our Community](#)

DGE Bruce Anderson, D9790

On 9 April, the speaker for our weekly District wide Zoom hook-up was DGE Bruce Anderson from D9790.

Bruce Anderson is a career scientist with a science degree from the University of Melbourne and a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) from the University of Miami in Florida, USA. In his early years as a research scientist,

Bruce worked in the Tumour Virus section at the prestigious Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York, and then spent several years in the Virology Department of the then Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital in Melbourne. Bruce's main focus at Fairfield was research towards the development of vaccines towards the Hepatitis A Virus which is in the same family as the Polio viruses.

Within Rotary, Bruce is a Past President of The Rotary Club of Strathmore in District 9790, a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, past Chair of International Services, current District Governor-Elect, the National Scientific Committee Coordinator for Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), and a member of the board of Rotary

Australia World Community Service (RAWCS).

If you missed Bruce's presentation, re-visit the Weekly Connect No 39 of 18 April and download the two-page summary of his talk.

*...but wait!
There's more...*



COVID-19: Helping Hands ...continued

Rotary Club of Mudgee – We Care Community Shop

... and from facebook:

Donna Collins - 21 April at 17:30

This week 6 families / couples received fruit and vegetable boxes. We are using Mid-Western Fresh Produce and have had amazing feed back. Thank you to Rotary Mudgee we can continue to support our community .

#supportinglocalbusinesses
#theywhereallsuprised
#morenextweek

##stayhomestaysafe

Donna Collins to We Care Community Shop - 17 April at 07:38

With our shop front closed during this health crisis, it was becoming difficult to continue our support programs. Our shop turnover funds our welfare team. The need for support during this crisis is at an unprecedented level.

In steps the amazing group that is Rotary Mudgee. They have generously made a donation to

allow us to continue our welfare programs. I am eternally grateful to this beautiful group of humans who have given us a lifeline which allows us to continue to support our community. Today a group of seniors will be receiving cooked meals from Palate Restaurant. The continuation of support to our vulnerable community members is only possible due to the generosity of Rotary.

#rotarymudgeeareourguardianangels
#lookingafterourseniors
#supportingourcommunity



#staysafestayhome



Kula from Rotary Club of Salamander Bay – Puppy Protection Plus Online Speakers

The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Federal Minister for Health

On 14 April, Rotary District 9820 was pleased to host a webinar with Australia's Federal Health Minister, The Hon. Greg Hunt MP. Greg is also a D9820 Rotarian and generously made time in his busy schedule to answer our questions on the ongoing COVID-19 situation and on how community organisations like ours can continue to support the community.

If you missed this fabulous online event, click on the link to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5h1VqJwAjA&feature=youtu.be>



Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise – Salvation Army

The Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise recently transferred \$3,000 of Club funds into a designated account for the local Salvation Army Unit.

A 'thank you' from Tracy Iles, Westlakes Salvos:

I can never thank Sunshine Rotary enough for trusting us with their funds to help our community.

On Thursday we delivered over 35 hampers that consisted of food and Easter eggs. We were able to give families fresh meat that we put on our Woolworths account due to your kind donation.

As agreed we have set up a spreadsheet to record all expenditures accountable to your donation.

We are now caring for 17 families and over 40 children who have been referred by the local primary schools and Calm. Our centre is caring for many community members that are isolated on a weekly basis with looking after their needs and

calling them regularly to have a chat and do a welfare check.

In all, it's well over 100 community members and it is growing. TSA is receiving emails and calls daily with new referrals and we are very privileged to be able to help. I would like to thank you again because of Rotary we will be able to continue our vital work.

Take Care , Tracy



COVID-19 hasn't slowed up the **Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise**. The members continue to do what they've always done since their Charter - rallying around to prepare gifts for aged care residents in Singleton for Mother's Day. Over 100 gifts have been prepared for the special day, and the gifts will be distributed by staff of the various facilities.



Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise – Soul Cafe

Excerpts from, "The Enterpriser", 19 April 2020

Soul Cafe was established in August 2003 to serve hot meals free of charge to the highly disadvantaged of the Newcastle region.

Soul Cafe's desire is to do more than just serve a meal. The ultimate mission of Soul Cafe is to see vulnerable cafe guests placed on a path towards increased safety, health and

purpose. They aim to lift a group of people that are less fortunate to a greater level of lifestyle within our community through a comprehensive approach that assists them to work through their individual issues and to re-engage back into society.

They are non-government funded and rely primarily on financial sponsorship from corporations and individuals and to a lesser extent on our own fundraising endeavours. They are a local community organisation addressing local community needs, supported by local community corporate and private members.



COVID-19: Helping Hands ...continued

Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise – Suspended Coffee

Money you would normally spend on a Rotary meeting has found a new purpose. Maitland Sunrise RC members are donating their weekly Rotary spend to serve the needy in their local community. Below are excerpts from emails with one organisation assisting in a practical way.

Hi Tim,

Sorry I missed you this morning, but following on from our earlier discussion, The Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise would like to donate \$250 to go behind the counter to pay for coffee for the homeless and those severely affected by the current situation.

We will leave it to the discretion of your staff as to who receives the free coffee, you may wish to add a biscuit or something for those who

are really in need I am sure they will do the right thing.

We would appreciate some recognition as to who paid for the coffee with a sign along the lines of "Suspended Coffee provided by The Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise"

Kind Regards
Keith

Hi Keith

Thank you very much for your generosity and support. The less fortunate community will really appreciate a warm drink as the weather cools down. I'll be sure to have the guys write that they were donated by The Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise

Tim
The Bikesmith & Espresso Bar
326 High Street Maitland NSW
02 4933 3309

Vale: Rotarians



Allan Pettigrew

(29 August 1931 – 29 March 2020)

Rotary Club of Waratah

Allan was a proud Rotarian, giving 46 years of 'Service Above Self' in the community. He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

He joined Rotary in 1974, a member of Wallsend (now Wallsend-Maryland), before joining Waratah in 1993.

Allan was acknowledged with a Paul Harris Fellow plus one Sapphire for his involvement in the Rotary community. He served as President of our Club in 2000 and 2005.

In celebration of his Presidency in 2000 with the Rotary theme,

"Create Awareness – Take Action", the Club sponsored two students from Delando Crescent Welfare Centre to Rotary Educational Leadership Award for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities (RELAYID) under Allan's guidance.

It is most appropriate that, as President in 2005-2006, with the theme, "Service Above Self", President Allan hosted a free public information seminar on Mental Health Awareness at Newcastle Panthers Club which was opened by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle Councillor John Tate.

The members and partners send their condolences to the Pettigrew family and are very grateful that Allan made the Memories Function Centre available to our Club for our meeting place each Monday since 2012.

Rest in peace Allan.

Howard Mole
President 2019-2020
Rotary Club of Waratah

Paul Stephen Mines

(30 July 1931 – 2 April 2020)

Rotary Club of Dubbo West

Paul passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning, 2 April 2020, following a very sudden decline in health during the prior week. He was only 68 years of age.

Paul was born in Dubbo and raised on his parent's farm at Ballimore. He was educated at Dubbo High School, followed by a career in real estate with Gordon & Gordon which subsequently became part of the Raine & Horne franchise. Starting in property management, he moved to sales and ultimately became a Director of that firm. Although he was forced into premature retirement by serious health issues, and despite the competitive nature of the industry, he won and maintained the respect of his fellow Agents.

Paul was inducted into our Club on 11 June 2008 and was a very valued Rotarian. Although his health restricted him from participating in many Club projects, he religiously produced an excellent Bulletin every weekend. He had a very keen sense of humour, loved the fine sessions, and was very observant - often making



astute comments about the Club generally, the antics of the members, and the various day-to-day things that define such service Clubs.

Paul was widely read - a keen student of Australian military history, cheeky, funny, tenacious, cheerful, and truly inspirational.

Paul rarely mentioned his disproportionate share of serious health issues over many years, and he never complained. He is survived by his mother Nora, his sister Megan, his wife Kerri-Anne; and his daughters Amy, Hannah and Esther; and five grandchildren.

He will be remembered with great affection.

Provided by Bert McLellan
Secretary
Rotary Club of Dubbo West
(Precised by editor)

Steve Frith – Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace

Our long-standing Rotarian and good friend, Steve Frith, passed away on the afternoon of Friday 24 April following a stroke.

Steve was a member of our Rotary Club for 24 years, a PHF+1, President 2001-2002 and 2005-2006, as well as holding many other positions. He was a dedicated, hardworking, enthusiastic and cheerful Rotarian.

Steve served a number of years as an Engineer in the Army and was in the second deployment of Peace Keeping forces to Namibia, South Africa.

Our thoughts go to his wife Julie and family. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Steve Merritt, – President, Raymond Terrace RC



Classifieds

Lost and Found

Found: Congratulations to **Glenda Briggs** of the Rotary Club of East Maitland who spied and sniffed out Isda's leash from underneath Polly's trailer.

Lost: Because Isda has been confined to barracks, she doesn't think she's lost anything or been into any mischief, so she thought she would give you a little quiz.

Q. Can you name at least three ANZAC floral symbols? Reward by lucky draw for most knowledgeable horticulturalist.

Let her know by emailing: districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au before **23 May 2020**.

Congratulations

COVID-19 has presented new challenges. Congratulations and welcome to our Rotary family to all new members who have been inducted via Zoom.



District 9670 is certainly receiving some good coverage this year. Please see below references to two articles in the latest, April edition:

Restore. Recover. Rebuild. Drought relief for Cobarr farmers

As natural disasters continue to dominate our landscape, Rotary continues to "connect" to aid recovery and to rebuild lives.

The Rotary Club of Mount Waverley in Victoria recently visited Cobarr with a very generous gift. Turn to page 36 of the April issue of Rotary Down Under to read all about it.

Staying Connected

- Tune into Zoom each Thursday night at 8:00pm for a District-wide hook-up and hear from interesting guest speakers: <https://zoom.us/j/8896709670>

- To stay connected around the District, could a representative from each Club please advise DG Graeme of their Club meeting Zoom details, including the DAY and TIME.

- To show and tell and share what creative and innovative ways your Club is coping with social distancing, please send articles, and photos, to: districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au by Sunday 24 May 2020.



Notices

- ◆ Presentation of District Trophies for 2019-20, plus Auction, via Zoom Thursday 7 May, 8:00pm
- ◆ Can AG's, Chairpersons, and Program Co-ordinators, please submit their 2019-20 reports to DG Graeme by 31 May for compilation into the Annual Report. WORD doc please.
- ◆ Refer to the Weekly Connect to be kept up to date with the latest District news
- ◆ **Closing date** for DG Graeme's finale newsletter, the June edition, is **Sunday 24 May 2020**

Club Change-Overs

Regardless of "how" your Club intends to hold its Changeover this year, could Club Secretaries please advise DG Graeme of meeting details by Monday 18 May, either by Zoom or physically, if social distancing restrictions are lifted: governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au



Polio Fundraising: Help is on the way via an Iron Lung!

In last month's Manaia we read about Polly and her purpose built trailer to hit the touring road to promote awareness of polio, and to raise funds for polio eradication.

Turn to page 56 of the April issue of Rotary Down Under to read the story of the travelling "Iron Lung" project.



Rotary Themes: May & June





We all knew ANZAC Day 2020 would be different. This year we did it by coming together in our very own front yards – driveways, balconies, verandahs, porches, front doors – all while social distancing, and displaying some of our own creativity. Some of the pups were there to be part of the action too.



Isda's Column

So I've been confined to barracks!

I don't even have to get a leave pass to wave to all my furry friends at the same time. How good is that? Zoom does all the work for us.

The downside though, is that this coronavirus unexpectedly cut short my ability to fundraise. Lucky for me though, because DGE David and DGN Amanda have rescued me. They've given me their blessings to keep going with my endeavours to support my over-arching guardian, Integra Service Dogs Australia, through to their Conference next year. This is absolutely awesome news and lots of puppy "thank you" hugs to David and Amanda.

Did everyone commemorate ANZAC Day, our special day? I even had a special dog wash to spruce me up. DG Graeme and Sue, and Jasper and me, we tuned into the ABC and raised the flag on our front deck. It was a bit chilly out there at dawn and I hadn't been up so early ever. Us pups need lots of sleep to help us grow.

And oh my goodness me... Rotarians... I don't know... They have all the time in the world these days and only one could play "I spy with my little eye" to find my leash hidden under Polly's trailer!



Donations to Integra Service Dogs Australia can be made, either direct to ISDA: www.isda.com.au with your Club name or Surname + "Rotary"

...or, to District 9670: Your Club name + "PP19/20"

...or, via direct banking: Bendigo Bank BSB - 633 000 Account no – 167718972 with "Rotary" as transfer description; will really help all my friends.



INTEGRA
SERVICE DOGS AUSTRALIA



From Cessnock RC: *Left* – Flag display by Sharon Waite; *Above* – Gate display by Harma Hill.

The wreaths were created using flowers from their gardens.

From Singleton Sunrise RC: *Below* – Plaque by Al; *Below left* – Poppies by Ruth; *Below right* – Street Art by Ruth & Al.



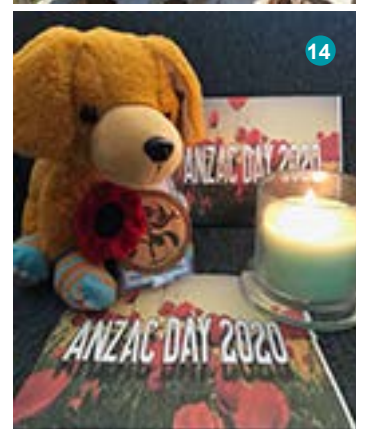


Isda & Friends Commemorate Anzac Day



Isda went for a spin in the washing machine, to prepare herself for Anzac Day...

1. Checking out the tub; 2. Ready, set...; 3....and here I go!; 4. It's for real 😊
5. Now get me out of here! 6. This fluffy towel is nice 'n' cosy;
7. ...and now I get to fluff up in the warm autumn sunshine 😊



Isda and her friends "Lighting up the Dawn" on Anzac Day...

8. Polly from Raymond Terrace RC; 9. Flag raised - Sue with Isda & Jasper; 10. Isda & Jasper on ANZAC Day; 11. Wendy Love, President Singleton Sunrise RC & Sunny at Burdekin Park Singleton; 12. Wendy Love, President Singleton Sunrise RC & Sunny at dawn
13. Wally proudly wearing his medals at dawn; 14. Wally 'Waratah'



ANZAC Day Address to Rotary District 9670

23 April 2020

LTCOL James MB Smith, CSC.
Commanding Officer School of Infantry
Deputy Head of Corps, Royal Australia Infantry Corps

Thank you to Mr Graeme Hooper, the Rotary District Governor of the invitation to speak tonight and to Mr. Gerard McMillan for making our introduction. I should acknowledge that Gerard has long been a great friend and supporter of the School of Infantry, including by facilitating for some of our soldiers to walk the Kokoda Trail with some young Australians each year.

It's great to be speaking Rotary leader tonight. I have a family connection with my wife Amy, and with both of my parents being Rotarians, including my mother who is previous President of the Concord Rotary Club in Sydney.

Traditionally as the Commanding Office of the School of Infantry I would deliver the ANZAC Day address for the Singleton ANZAC Day Ceremony. I won't be doing that this year due our need to continue to support COVID restrictions. So it wonderful to be able to connect with you through video conference tonight. Tonight, I would like to share with you a reflection on the contemporary meaning of ANZAC Day.

Time dims the memory of ordinary events, but not of great events. In a nation's history, great events - whether in peace or war - live in our memories regardless of time. They are deemed great not necessarily for what they achieved, nor for whether they were victories or successes. Rather, great events are distinguished by the quality of the human endeavour they called upon, by the examples they create for ordinary men and women, and by the legends they inspire. So it is with the ANZAC Campaign for Australians and New Zealanders.

On the 25th of April 1915, 16,000 Australians and New Zealanders surged ashore at the foot of rugged cliffs on the Dardanelles peninsula in Turkey, to open a campaign intended to give allied shipping access to the Black Sea, to bring help to Russia, and perhaps to force Turkey out of the war. Historians say it was an ill-conceived campaign in pursuit of a vague objective, premised on an under-estimation of the military prowess and character of the Turkish soldiers, and of the tactical advantages they held. But the cream of the Australian and New Zealand armies committed themselves with no hesitation and fought with great courage and initiative.

In the eight months which followed their first landing, some 50,000 ANZACs were committed to the battle, alongside substantially more British, French and Indian soldiers. When the last of them was withdrawn as winter set in, about 11,000 Australians and New Zealanders lay dead, and with them many more allied and Turkish soldiers.

While the ANZAC withdrawal from Gallipoli was brilliantly planned and executed, the campaign can not be described as anything but a defeat. However, the achievements of the ANZACs are better measured by examining the conduct of the ANZAC soldiers during the campaign. In the terrible conditions of the beachhead and the trenches on the Dardanelles peninsular - in the hopeless tactical situation - the spirit of ANZAC was first displayed to the watching world. The ANZACs spirit proudly displayed courage, initiative, teamwork and respect.

They showed **courage**. Both the physical courage which distinguished them as formidable in battle, but also a deeper internal collective courage to fight on and never give up, even when all the odds were stacked against them.

They showed **initiative**. The ANZACs developed a reputation for battle cunning, and displayed great initiative in finding ways to survive and fight with the limited resources they had.

They showed **teamwork**. The ANZACs showed such outstanding teamwork and willingness to look after each other that they entrenched the concept of "mateship" permanently in Australia's national identity.

They showed **respect**. The ANZACs displayed a great sense of fairness and respect for each other, regardless of race, rank or creed. They also had a deep respect for their Turkish foe - this respect was mutual and has continued to develop to this day.

These characteristics of courage, initiative, teamwork and respect, which forged the ANZAC spirit over a century ago, have set the values which Australian soldiers, sailor and airmen - and indeed all Australian - have since endeavoured to emulate.

For Australians and New Zealanders, ANZAC Day is our own day. It is not a day that we celebrate war or suffering. Instead, it is a day when we reflect upon the values which we as Australians hold dear, and give thanks for those who have made sacrifices to protect our values and our way of life.

On every 25th of April since 1915, Australians and New Zealanders - at home and abroad - have gathered to commemorate not just those ANZACs who died on that day, but every one of our service men and women who have fought, suffered or died in war, or as a result of it, since then. We remember each ANZAC Day those who fell in both World Wars, and in all other conflicts including Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, and more recently in Afghanistan. Our thoughts are also with those young men and women of the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces that continue to serve on the numerous deployments around the world.

The men and women who forged the ANZAC spirit, and those who have followed them, have made great sacrifices because they believed that what they fought for was worth the sacrifice. They believed that our country and the values embodied in the ANZAC Spirit are worth fighting for.

So this ANZAC Day, along with millions of others Australian and New Zealanders throughout the world we will again reflect on the great men and women, who displayed the values we continue to admire and aspire to today. Due to COVID-19 our reflection this year will different, but no less poignant. These same values of Courage, Initiative, Respect and Teamwork will ensure the together - inspired by the ANZAC spirit - working together as a community we will prevail though the challenge we currently face with Corona virus.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight and thank you for all that Rotary does in our community.

Lest We Forget.



Commanding Officer School of Infantry Lieutenant Colonel James MB Smith, CSC



Lieutenant Colonel James Smith was appointed as Commanding Officer School of Infantry and Deputy Head of Corps Royal Australian Infantry Corps in January 2020.

His recent service includes Commanding the Australian Contingent on Operation MAZURKA with Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt, Deputy Commander 3rd Brigade and SO1 Establishments in Army Headquarters.

As a Lieutenant he served as rifle platoon commander, in East Timor with 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

As a Captain, he was an acting company commander in 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment before spending two years as the Liaison Officer to 2nd Battalion, The Royal Pacific Islands Regiment, in Wewak, Papua New Guinea. He was assigned to Headquarters Forces Command, during which he deployed to Afghanistan with Headquarters Regional Command South. In his final year as a Captain he was the aide-de-camp to Chief of Army.

As a Major, he was a Company Commander in 8th/9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, and deployed to Afghanistan in

command of a Mentoring Team with Mentoring Task Force 4. He also served as the Senior Instructor of Tactics Wing at the School of Infantry.

He is a graduate of the Art of War Scholar Program at the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Royal Military College - Duntroon, and the Australian Defence Force Academy.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours (History and Politics) from the University of New South Wales, a Master of Arts (International Relations) from Deakin University, and a Master of Military Art and Science (Art of War) from the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

James is proud to be a member of Legacy and has previously served on the board of Townsville Legacy.

James is married to Amy Cooper who is the CEO of the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association and a non-executive director of LiveBetter. They have one son, Finlay.

A message from Isda



8:00pm ~ Thursday 7 May 2020 ~ Zoom



AUCTION

Being confined to barracks
And Mother's Day not far away
We pups have much to do
So we won't be going astray

Presentation of District Awards
COVID-19 causing delay
Can't not have any entertainment
So we're going to have some play

An auction we are having
By Zoom on Seventh of May
Bidding on the Chat function
DG Graeme, he has the final say

Every mum deserves to be comfy
Your prize - handcrafted with love, knit, and crochet
Soft and Cute, Cuddly and Cosy
Plus, you receive a litter stray

Look to the pictures at right to see your claim
Winning bidder, go online to make your pay
Postie will deliver, taking care of social s-p-a-c-i-n-g

THANK YOU ... from ISDA



'Entwined Trees'

40cm sq cushion hand crafted with love from all new materials
100% wool outer with wood buttons, synthetic micro-fibre insert

Supporting ~ DG Graeme's Partner's Project
Raising funds for a veteran
with PTSD in need of loving and practical support
<https://isda.com.au/donate/>



Love, Isda 

