

The Wello Hello

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WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

For more than 110 years, our 35,000+ clubs have worked together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

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LOGGING IN WITH LORRAINE

First and foremost - happy birthday to Wendy - and we trust her birthday was an especially memorable day for her.

Life has had a lot of highs for me in the last couple of weeks, and it sure has been busy. To have my niece and her daughter staying with me from New Zealand has been fantastic, and I'm sure hope you all got a lot out of her absolutely fantastic presentation on all things 'IVF' last week. Her passion in this area is beyond question and she shared from her heart the processes, the cost, the ramifications and the emotional turmoil that often surrounds such procedures. For me, two nieces and a grand-niece sharing the night was very lovely.



What a lovely night to be shared by all.

A huge thank you to all of you who have served under the banner of Rotary - to those

who have sold raffle tickets - and herein lies a big shout out to Matty who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in this area. Thank you Matty - you're a wonderful whiz.

People have helped at the Blues Festival, others have assisted with the Diabetes Walk, and I've attended the Redlands Easter Christian Festival launch and had the

pleasure of filming a testimonial for Johaan Kaa...Special Rotary moments.

We've had a pot luck dinner - there was plenty in the 'pot' and it was indeed a friendly dinner. I enjoyed having you all and can only humbly thank you for your fantastic contributions to another memorable Wellington Point Rotary evening.



Pot luck dinner!

This week it's been another magic moment when we've shared the company at our meeting of our Rotarian friends from Redlands Bayside - and held in the meeting with our friends from Capalaba Lions Club in their premises. This collaborative approach to joining together to better serve the community and build and foster new friendships is undeniably something we can hold dear, and I trust that we will continue to build these friendships and serve where service is needed. I wonder how often we hear of a Rotary meeting being held in a Lions facility?

We lifted the lid in recognition of Mental Illness, and the collection taken yielded significant dollars for this cause. Remember to always ask 'are you ok' as we continue to be there for, and look out for each other.



Lift the Lid - promoting Mental Health Awareness.

Our speaker at this event none other than a local - a poet, a story teller, an adventurer with in excess of 80 Kokoda Trail expeditions to his credit. We had the

pleasure of sharing this memorable evening with Chad Sherrin and were left with a wonderful insight into the Kokoda Track and four words 'courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice'.



Lorraine, Chad and Neil in the Lions Den.

Another humbling highlight of the evening was officially welcoming the Waterers - Neil and Delcey - into our Rotary family by inducting Neil as a Rotarian and Delcey as a Friend of Rotary. Very special moments and we know we are privileged that they have chosen Wellington Point Rotary as their Rotary family. A huge thank you to Tracey and Di who prepared a most scrumptious supper for us.



Our new additions to the Rotary family! Welcome to Neil and Delcey.

The Swimathon is getting closer and there'll be a big splash in the Cleveland pool on 4th November. Big dollars have been promised in sponsorship for our swimmers and the novelty events I'm sure will produce many smiles!

I'll be thinking of you all from South Africa and will look forward to following progress and hopefully will be able to keep in touch part of the time. Thank you to Vice President Gordon for filling in for me and I'll be back with you all towards the end of November.

This is President Lorraine - logging out.

[A SPECIAL LETTER](#)

Hannah and Margret Wambui are two beautiful girls of ages 5 and 3 years. They hail from Laikipia County in Kenya. They have no any other sibling beside them. They were born by a single mother; Mary Wairimu Kiboi who passed on may 2017. Hannah is in middle kindergarten class and Margret in baby kindergarten class. Hannah likes singing, dancing and acting, whereas, Margaret likes singing and storytelling.



Hannah Wambui.



Margret Wambui.

They are orphans who lost their mother out of HIV and AIDS in early 2017. Her mother was a single mother and also an orphan with one sibling, who lived with their old grandmother. Her death incidence was very traumatizing to the little girls. After their mother's demise, they were separated to two different grandmothers. Catherine and Miriam volunteered to take care of them since their great grandmother was not in a good position to take care of them. due to no source of income and she is also old aged.



After a month's time, Margret started developing fevers, colds and wounds on her skin. Immediately she was rushed to hospital and she was found with HIV and AIDS virus. She got it from her mother during birth. She was admitted to hospital and after 2 weeks she was discharged and began taking drugs to control the condition. All this time Cyrus supported both households with food monthly which was a hard task. This did not make a big difference, for instance, Hannah's share was being divided to 12 other children of her grandmother Catherine. Margret was not very lucky too since her grandmother Miriam depended on casual labour and lived in a very small structure which was not conducive for them and her other two daughters. It was also hard to access medical care for her despite the fact that it was frequently needed anytime and feeding all meals was also difficult due to drought in both areas. Poor girls were also separated from each other so it was hard for them to realize the love of being sisters.



Cyrus could hardly have peace knowing that they are suffering like he once did. He requested his aunt Miriam to relocate to his town Naivasha and look after both kids together. This would reduce the cost and children would have good accessibility to good diet and medical care as well as have an opportunity to embrace each other as sisters.

Fortunately, after relocation, a few friends from church joined up and supported them by providing house furniture's and two people among them, volunteered to give them free kindergarten education for 2 years. This was a great boost to us.



'Now they live together and experience sisterly love. It gives me a joy that they are healthy and happy even if I struggle a lot to put food on the table and putting up with rent. On the other hand, I am grateful they are in school. This will run for two years and eventually I will take up the remaining

part of their education. Margret requires a balanced diet, different medication frequently and still I struggle to sustain these situations. I am so willing to take good care of these girls and be a father they never had and mother they don't have any more. As you probably know, I was orphaned when I was little like them. I experienced poverty, a lot of frustrations and hopelessness about life. But fortunately I came along divine destiny connectors; Gordon Lawrence and many Rotarians; all with love and your resources came to my aid and transformed my life, gave me hope and now I am looking towards a brighter future.



With love,
Cyrus, Hannah & Margret.
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Moreover, you all have come to Margret and Hannah's aid by sharing your resources with us. I can now see an assurance of a great destiny and transformed lives for them. For all time in future that you have volunteered to render your support to us we are deeply grateful to you all. We are overwhelmed by your kindness, generosity and most of all great love. You are wonderful people and we love each of you so much. You are all wonderful people, may you live many days in this earth and never lack anything that you will ever need. Good bye wonderful people.

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Links

Wellington Point: <http://www.rotaryclubofwellingtonpoint.org.au/>

Capalaba: <http://www.rotarycapalaba.org/>

Cleveland: <http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96308/index.htm>

Redland Sunrise: <http://www.redlandsunrise.org.au>

Wynnum-Manly: <http://www.wynnum-manly.rotaryclub.asn.au/>

Redland Bayside: <http://www.redlands.bayside.rotaryclub.asn.au/>

District 9630: <http://www.rotary9630.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

The Four Way Test: Let's all learn it and live by it!

Of all the things we think, say and do...

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Apology System

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please advise your apologies to Di Thompson phone 0408985527 by 5pm on the Tuesday prior to our Wednesday meeting. If you are rostered for duty and are unable to attend, it is your duty to ensure a replacement is found for that duty, either by direct arrangement or, if there is sufficient time, by rearranging with Di.

Date	Event	Volunteers or Action required
Friday 20 th October	My Horizon Opening 5pm. Meet the Qld Gov (Paul de Jersey)	RSVP by 13 th Oct to 38247007
Wed 1 st November	Bunnings BBQ	Call John on 0439550607
Saturday 4 th November	<u>Swimathon</u>	Contact Gordon on 0417630532
Sunday 26 th November	Clean Up the Point	Advise at meeting on 22 nd if you can volunteer
March 9 th – 11 th 2018	District Conference (Held in the Redlands)	Lorraine Hooker 0410539303
April 6 th – 22 nd 2018	Rotary Club of Pakuranga – Tour of NZ	Peter Hawkins / John McMillan

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Date	25 th October	1 st November	8 th November	15 th November	22 nd November
Chairperson	Tracey Deane	Bruce Douglas	Sue Reid	Matty McKenna	Matthew Knight
Attendance	John Chirio	Terry Ryan	Tony Mills	Steven Knight	Tracey Deane
Wello Fellow	Sandra Racine	Gordon Lawrence	Catherine Smith	Catherine Smith	Di Thompson
Speaker Facilitator	N/A	Barry Melgaard	Gordon Lawrence	Di Thompson	N/A
Speaker	N/A	RYPEN Candidate	Ainsley Winter	Kym & Georgia	N/A
Activity/Topic	Board Meeting	RYPEN Camp	African Hearts Update	Mental Health	Board Meeting
Meeting Location	Board Room	Front Room Auditorium	Board Room	Board Room	Board Room
Special Notes					

