

# 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

Hello Wellington Point Rotary family - what a great couple of weeks we have had!

First and foremost - a big warm Wellington Point welcome to the new members of our Wellington Point Rotary family!

We are privileged to welcome **Denise Koleze** and **Kelly Playford-Veal** into Membership of our Club and also **Johaana Kaa** as an Honorary Member. Already each of these people have shown their strengths and their willingness to help at every opportunity: for this we say thank you - and we look forward to working with each of you on our Rotary journey. It was a pleasure to have our Assistant Governor Ritchie Andit share the evening with us!



The Rotary theme for this month is Basic Education and Literacy - our focus in that area has certainly been evident - so many boxes of books have been transported this week, and to know that

they will be put to good use in schools in Vanuatu is fabulous.

Our Rotarians have not been idle! There are so many thanks I would like to give - will you forgive me if I just group you all together and say 'thank you all so much' for:

- Help at our Bunnings BBQ at Capalaba
- Help at the BBQ at Raby Bay in recognition of World Suicide Prevention Awareness Day
- Help loading books to be transported from Vic Point to Cleveland - for on forwarding to Vanuatu (all in line with the Rotary theme for this month 'Basic Education and Literacy'.)
- Help and support in relation to the Drought Relief Garage Sale
- And for those who continue to be an inspiration - often behind the scenes!

Thank you for being you!

To coincide with RUOK day - we were privileged to have our new Member Kelly Playford-Veal not only welcomed into our Rotary family but also to have her deliver such a thought provoking talk on Suicide Awareness, a talk which was enlightening and made us aware of the help which is available right here in the Redlands - and she did this on her birthday! Kelly was joined by her team member Monique as well as Ken Meldrum from the Black Dog organization and Dr Dave Scott from Redland Council who also highlighted a community collaboration with the reminder to us to ask: 'RUOK'? This was a powerful presentation for which we say thank you - and we hope that our

singing of Happy Birthday made Kelly realize how much she and the team were appreciated.



On the horizon and with a very short lead up time is an event which our Club has instigated. In collaboration now with the other four Rotary Clubs in the Redlands, and joined by the Lions Club of Capalaba, we are moving forward to ease the burden for our farmers by staging a **Drought Relief Garage Sale**. Joined by Matt Knight, I am heading up this Committee which comprises representation from the other Clubs involved.

All hands on deck will be required - and as many helping hands as possible will be appreciated. **Our meeting on Wednesday 26th September will be held at the venue for the Garage Sale – viz the Smith Street Hall normally used by the Cleveland State District High School.** Detailed time will be advised next week. The purpose of this is to set up the Hall in readiness for receiving goods on **Thursday 27th and Friday 28th September with the sale running over the two days of the weekend Saturday 29th September and Sunday 30th September.** Exact sale and receiving times will be confirmed soon.

**Hope you are excited: this is community collaboration as we focus on our drought stricken farmers - we are privileged we can help in this way.**

**So - it's clean out time: start stockpiling your goods for sale (no large white goods or large furniture items thank you!) - and think what hours you are available to help.**



The Newspaper are right behind us and YOU have the opportunity to promote the event using Social Media - just copy and paste from my facebook page which contains all the information. The more awareness we can provide - the more inclusive the impact – let's help our struggling farmers.

Thank you Rotary family for continuing to support Rotary and each other whilst being *an inspiration.*



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

President Lorraine

#### **VANUATU UPDATE**

Rotarians -

We have several inductions of new Members since we commenced our works in Vanuatu. The completion of the projects to date has been fantastic - a lot of work has been done on

**SAVE  
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the ground through our association with the members of SHaRM Foundation so I thought I'd share with you a little insight as to who they are, and how this small but dynamic group was formed.

I was totally inspired by my recent visit to Vanuatu and got to experience their enthusiasm and dedication, along with their loyalty to the people in Vanuatu. They want the best for these people - I thought it fitting to share a little of SHaRM with you as we look forward to our continued association and friendship with them all.

Our many basket blong titi, which I might add, are still being gathered - have been distributed through SHaRM to the mummas - they are appreciated as is every bit of help we can give them.

In a recent container were also sewing machines - these are helping the mummas to learn sewing skills. I am in the process of putting together basic sewing kits for them (just a little something that they can take ownership of, and pride in having) - so any further contributions to these are very welcome. A group of ladies from a Country Women's Association in Matamata, New Zealand went over and spent some time sharing their skills with the mummas - the results are amazing.

Please enjoy the article below and hope it provides a little insight into the needs in the area as well as the passion of those involved.

Lorraine

The aftermath of Cyclone PAM, which occurred on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015, left villages, houses, schools and buildings destroyed or damaged some beyond repair. Many locals couldn't appreciate the force of the wind when weather forecasters were predicting the cyclone to go down between Fiji and Vanuatu, computer modelling which was being scanned by expats knew otherwise - 300 kph winds plus were predicted and we had all never experienced a Category 5 cyclone before which

was now expected to hit many islands as it made its way south. The locals were not prepared.

The devastation included many schools within the Efate Island group and many of Devils Point Road staff who had pikininis at schools in Vila or Mele and they were unable to attend school because roofs were off completely as in this school at Suango Mele Primary School.

The inability of the Schools to bring helpers together and the inability of government to provide a team of helpers to assist schools meant that individuals or groups such as SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation (SHaRM Foundation) was formed.

Initially, four ladies all from the Devils Point Road area of rural Efate, all banded together and commenced fundraising and assisting to bring some orderly assistance to the repairs and maintenance that was required throughout the islands not only Efate. We are all volunteers and 100% of our funding raised is put back into our projects and we all bring special skills to our group - fundraising, web management, building and work-based skills, project management, report writing and planning and legal skills as well as the hard tasks such as painting, gardening, electrical or managing staff etc.

We have all networked to involve others we have met through this disaster or friends or others in New Zealand and Australia who have become part of our extended volunteer base but our approach has achieved some great results. We still seek other volunteers or helpers in all our projects. The results now speak for themselves - we have built back better and stronger and hopefully they will withstand any further Cat 5 cyclone nature sends our way.

The name SHaRM came about and means - Stephanie (Steph) - Helen - Robin and Margaret (Marg).... The initials of our Christian names.

Our first projects was to help a kindergarten destroyed by the wind, water and rain in MeleMaat. We totally repaired this building and

added a toilet and wash facilities in April/May 2015 – this was done with SHaRM Funding. Following a meeting held at Suango Mele Primary School in May 2015 – a group of donors was forged with Cyrille Mainguy, Isabelle Henon from Ratua Foundation and SHaRM Foundation and together we set about assisting Suango now Millenium Imere School who had lost or had damage to 75% of their buildings and their library completely. Until 2017, Suango pikinini still had classes in tents at this school until Cyrille's team were able to complete the new classroom block of four classrooms in 2017 with SHaRM Foundation providing new chairs and desks ex NZ.

From May 2015, Stu and Deb Friend had joined SHaRM replacing Marg as she left Vanuatu to return to Adelaide. Our name didn't change it just strengthened.

With Stu's exceptional skills and flexibility we were able to undertake two projects together with those at Suango – Manua Centre Primary School in North Efate again a school with many children unable to attend due to the damage to their 5 classroom block and administration and teachers rooms. SHaRM Foundation and our team now joined by Port Vila Hardware and BlueScope were able to repair and renovate the buildings to enable the school to resume classes in the building by August 2015. Some tents still remain today as is evident at MeleMaat Primary School where recently Wellington Point completed a three classroom block. Two classes still have classes now in these damp and musty tents some 3.5 years on from Cyclone PAM.



Our projects just gathered steam from April 2015 – like the wind – we rolled from one project to another and with a great team spirit we managed to keep the momentum assisting now – **MeleMaat Kindy** (Aimyee), **Suango Mele Primary School** – 5 projects all reroofing and repair and one new Library and Computer Room (funded by the Masonic Lodge); **Manua Centre Primary School** – 5 classroom repairs and reroofing; **Mangaliliu Roau School** – building completion; **Vila North School** – 2 classroom repair and refurbishment. In 2017 we commenced Mele Kindergarten repairs and two new toilets; **Takara Primary School**, new building with Wellington Point Rotary, reroofing and library; and in 2018 **Maewo Island – Roronda Pre-School** - new two classrooms with Wellington Point Rotary.

Other projects which are all aligned with our goals and philosophies and all educational based ensure we are giving Vanuatu pikinini the chance at education – improving the classrooms, facilities, huge stationery and uniform distribution to 145 schools throughout Vanuatu.

Since then we have been introducing computers, books and readers and developing projects to provide additional skills and potentially income for the youth – our sawmill project with the NZ team Beyond Disaster Relief in Mele is one example to assist unemployed men and youth or the sewing developments provided via Threads Across the Pacific another NZ based group which SHaRM have been instrumental in assisting them gain access to various schools to develop their learning techniques.

Not forgetting the mamas we have circulated over 2000 basket-blong-titi to the mamas and girls of Vanuatu – a delightful afternoon spent by Lorraine at Devils Point Road on her recent visit.





We registered SHaRM as a registered charity in Vanuatu in 2015 and attached is a booklet prepared when Stu and Deb relocated back to Queensland and he rejoined Qantas. You can see some of the before and after shots of some of the projects completed up to August 2016 when they departed. Our momentum only slowed enough to gain our breath but our projected rolled on and Stu and Deb returned in August 2017 and our projects have continued. Our reports and financials are all contained on our webpage – [www.sharmfoundation.com](http://www.sharmfoundation.com) and this will give you more information on what has been achieved.

What follows on is some notes Stu sent on a recent email to a new contact.

The attached pictures are our latest school classrooms we built with the support of Rotary Club of Wellington Point QLD. It is at Narovorovo village on Maewo Island. It is currently being used by locals and Ambae refugees with 100 kids using the two classrooms in two shifts. Our combined Rotary Groups and with SHaRM look forward to completing a further Maewo Island project during 2018-2019 – funding is being sourced now via Rotary International and we hope confirmation of the Naone Primary School project 2 classroom and toilet complex is not far away and working with you all on another achievement.

Your assistance and your input of generously donated Rotary funding is so important as within Vanuatu we can only draw on such a small pool of donated funds. We do host fundraising events but not to the extent of your wealth of membership and community spirit. For your input into our projects we are so grateful – it means we can still undertake projects but no wait so long to fundraise for a particular school.



Tank yu tumus all yufulas  
Luk um yu bak  
SHaRM Foundation  
Steph Neilson, Helen Collier-Kogtevs, Robin  
Culph and Stu Friend

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

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

Cleveland: <http://www.rotar.net.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
29 <sup>th</sup> September	<del>Rotaract</del> Trivia night – Gumdale Hall \$20	Contact Mitch on 0448 522 403
6 <sup>th</sup> October	MS Moonlight Walk - Southbank	See Sue Reid for details 0407 133 240
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> October	Capalaba Rotary – Blues Festival	Contact Lorraine 0410 539 303 to volunteer
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Raffles at Grandview	Contact Mitch on 0448 522 403

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Date	5 <sup>th</sup> September	12 <sup>th</sup> September	19 <sup>th</sup> September	26 <sup>th</sup> September	3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Chairperson	Barry Melgaard	Sue Reid	<del>Kenn Van Noort</del>	Di Thompson	Catherine Smith
Attendance	Gordon Lawrence	Terry Ryan	Mona <del>Brammell</del>	Neil Waterer	Steven Knight
Wello Fellow	<del>Matty McKenna</del>	Glen Brown	Tracey Deane	Mitch Parsons	Matthew Knight
Speaker Facilitator	Lorraine Hooker	Sue Reid	Neil Waterer	N/A	<del>Matty McKenna</del>
Speaker	<del>Kenn Van Noort</del>	Kelley	TBA	N/A	TBA
Activity/Topic	FB Marketing W/Shop	Suicide Awareness	TBA	BOARD MEETING	TBA
Meeting Location	Board Room	Front Room	Front Room	Front Room	Front Room
Special Notes					

