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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

A Wello Hello to all!

With Spring upon us, our members have been busy bees helping with BBQs, cleaning up the environment, organising projects, assisting with community events.

This September, we usher in the new month's theme of "basic education and literacy month". With 72 million children and 775 million over the age of 15 around the world remaining illiterate, there is a tremendous need for education - especially in rural, regional, geographically isolated and impoverished communities.

To find out how Rotary is addressing this global issues, please click on <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/supporting-education>



I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a Rotary District grant to the value of \$5,500 which will assist in the purchase of an educational interactive device and stand for the Sycamore School. There are numerous grant opportunities available throughout the year via District, philanthropic foundations and even the local council, which boosts our fundraising monies to go even further in the community. If you have an idea for a potential cause that could be supported through a grant, or would like to be involved in applying for any of these grants, please let myself or one of our directors know!

*Redfest is taking place this weekend (6th-8th Sept), and the Rotary Club of Cleveland is looking for additional volunteers to assist with car parking and gate entry duties. Please let me know by this Wednesday if you would like to help with this.*

The Diabetes walk will also be held on the 20th Oct, where assistance is required with managing the water station and set-up/pack-up. Is this something you would like to do?

We have an array of exciting club projects and activities coming up - with plenty of ways to participate in fundraising, promotional, educational and community service endeavours.

Currently in the pipeline we have the following initiatives: *Club's annual raffle, Swimathon, Eulo trip, Christmas wrapping, Defibrillator project, amongst others.*

I encourage you to ponder which project/s you would like to be involved with, and how you would like to participate and support these initiatives.

Further information and discussion will take place in our upcoming meetings, particularly in our Planning Meetings which are dedicated to committee planning.

Over the next few weeks, our club's strategic planning and action plan will be formally put together and established, which will provide further guidance as we continue to organise the rest of the Rotary year.

Our club has compiled an impressive list of inspiring projects and activities, that promote worthy causes and outcomes.

I want to thank you personally for your cooperation and enthusiasm in making this happen. I would like to highlight that our next step is to encourage members to turn these ideas into reality, through taking initiative in garnering interest from the club, organising

their respective committee and establishing their submission plans. Ideas - no matter how big or small - can certainly inspire others and change the world. For example, a small donation of \$26.50 set-up the Rotary Foundation and has since spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing projects. Ultimately, greatness can be achieved, but requires a person with the vision and commitment to make it happen.

*So my final thoughts for you are these...what positive changes would you like to see in the world? Can the club be a part of this journey in making it happen? And, how can I assist you in developing your passion further?*

- President Catherine

## RYDA

81 Year 11 students and 3 teachers from Wellington Point High School attended the Roadside (formerly Rotary) Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day at Mt Gravatt TAFE Campus on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. This was one the better attendances from WPHS in recent years and coincided with Road Safety Week Queensland. Teacher, Amanda Crowe, had prepared the Year 11 students with a school visit from the local fire emergency team who discussed its experiences at road crashes. Hannah Olsen, from Road Safety Education (RSE), the manager of RYDA, is asking for further Rotary support to help maintain school attendances at the program and to engage further SEQ schools in RYDA.

District 9630 Next Generation Director, Brian Payne, is arranging meetings with some club representatives to determine an approach to assist RSE.

In the Speed and Stopping session the instructor identifies the various safety features of a car and then the physics of speed, weight and distance, with a professional driver instructor travelling at various speeds and braking. Students hear how a crash caused the instructor in this session to become a quadriplegic.

After being shown the police investigation process, students become Crash Investigators asking questions of the instructor in an attempt to determine the cause of his accident.

*I think every Rotarian should try to volunteer for a day at RYDA, it is a rewarding experience.*

*Barry*



## ABOUT EULO - POPULATION: 48



Famous not only for the infamous “Eulo Queen” and the hotel named after her but also for the abundant local produce and product as well as opal and craft which can all be purchased in the town.

Enjoy a coffee at the new Eulo Store and ask the locals about the recent Megafauna discoveries – giant wombats, no less!

Eulo has a population of less than 50 people and consequently is little more than a pub and a general store. Historically it was a place where opal miners from the nearby mines at Yowah gathered. It was also known for the famous 'Paroo Track' where the

world lizard racing championships were held each August. Like Yowah, Eulo has dramatic seasonal variations in its population. In winter some opal miners, grey nomads and beekeepers enjoy the dry local weather. Beekeepers even bring their bees from the south to feed on the flowers of the local native Yapundah tree. The honey, a distinctive Warrego variety, is dark and delicious.



## THANK YOU

Good evening hope you are well.  
What a wonderful surprise today.  
Many many thanks, Marilyn was very surprised and very happy, (she has just given me a chocolate.)  
The card says from the Rotary Club of Wellington Point, please thank all of your members.

We are very lucky to have such good friends from down under.  
We could feel the love and good wishes coming out of the box. You are too kind

Many Many Thanks  
xxx

Yours in Rotary Service  
Les Aldrich District 1070  
Assistant Governor

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