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WELLO HELLO



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A WELLO HELLO TO YOU ALL!

With the faintest jingle of bells, the sound of pawing reindeer hooves and the full belly laugh of the Man-In-Red, Christmas is just around the corner! And with this comes the realisation that the New Year will be here soon, ready to usher in the year of 2020. What has 2019 brought you that you are grateful for?

December is dedicated to 'Disease Prevention and Treatment', according to Rotary International's monthly themes. 400 million people around the world cannot afford or do not have access to basic education healthcare. Worldwide, Rotarians are addressing diseases such as polio, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDS and malaria. Healthcare is a necessity that we are truly thankful for and enjoy here in Australia, and the range of services available are endless. In what ways can Rotary improve the delivery and impact of services to our rural and Indigenous communities, our veterans, and our elderly? And how can we apply these pathways to international communities through Rotary-supported projects? I would love to hear your ideas as to where our club can participate in disease prevention and treatment!

A police escort for a Santa ride was the official opening to the Christmas Wrapping Project on Monday 2nd December at Capalaba Central Shopping Centre. This was followed by a beautiful morning tea for the volunteers at Gastronome (go check Gastronome out!). Funds raised from this project will support Queensland Police Legacy and Crimestoppers. Our thanks go to Terry for organising this fantastic project, and to those who volunteer their time and efforts in wrapping. Who will win the prize for the most abstract-shaped parcel this year? To be in the running for this prize, get wrapping!



Christmas Wrapping Project



ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program recently took place at Mt Gravatt TAFE, and high school students were educated about making safe driving decisions, tips for assessing driving environments, and strategies for minimising risks whilst out-and-about. The event was smoothly run with the input of Hannah Olson (program coordinator), the guest speakers, facilitators and volunteers. Rotarians from surrounding Redlands-based clubs assisted throughout the day to guide students and teachers between sessions and supported the presenters. Our thanks go to Barry for the involvement with the RYDA committee!



Thank you to all of our Rotarians and Friends who have assisted with the recent Bunnings BBQ – which is a big feat in this heat! These BBQs are crucial for the club by creating a steady stream of income throughout the year. Thank you to Neil for coordinating these ongoing events.

Thank you for your attendance and input during the club's Annual General Meeting. I am grateful for the combined efforts of the Board and club throughout the Rotary year to date.

It is incredible to know that we have clocked over 600 hours of service since July! We have aimed to develop a balance between fundraising endeavours, community service and social activities, as per the club's direction.

If you have feedback about the progress made so far, I'd love to hear from you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR THEIR POSITIONS IN THE 2020 - 2021 ROTARY YEAR.

- President – Terry Ryan
- Vice-President – Catherine Smith
- Secretary - VACANT
- Treasurer – Barry Melgaard
- Administration – Sharon Widt
- Effective Services – Matty McKenna
- Foundation – Mitch Parsons
- Membership – Neil Waterer
- New Generations – Catherine Smith
- Publicity/PR – Lorraine Hooker
- Sergeant – Steven Knight
- Corporal – Glen Brown



MT COTTON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our members had great fun conducting a BBQ at the Christmas Carols in the Park event at Mt Cotton recently. Mixed with the rides and food stalls, dancing and singing acts, and Christmas spirit, this function really engaged the community.



Christmas Carols in the Park



TWILIGHT MARKETS

The Twilight markets were also a big success with the stalls displaying locally-made Christmas wares and products. Thank you to our hardworking Rotarians who assisted with wristband tagging, setting up and packing down of gazebos and marshalling. Our thanks also go to Lorraine for sharing our club's flyers and promotional resources in her stall during this event!

CLUB'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Remember that our club's Christmas party will take place this Friday on the veranda at Hogan's at 6pm. Please bring along a \$10 Secret Santa gift to share (per person) and wear something that brings some Christmas cheer.



'Tis the season to be jolly fa la la la la la la la la la

ROTARY JOURNEY

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President Catherine



MY ROTARY STORY

My Rotary journey has largely influenced my personal journey, and it has been a true joy to work alongside such caring, generous and kind people like yourselves. Recently, I assisted with the RYDA event, and was struck with the full-circle nature of life's events. I therefore wish to share a little bit of my story with you; and say thank you for your investment, belief and inclusion of me from the very beginning through to where we stand now.

RYDA was my first introduction to Rotary in 2014, where I met my first Rotarian (Barry) and learnt about this amazing community service organisation. Later on, I was selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in 2015 with the support of our club. This opportunity opened up a world of possibilities, and I was then chosen from this cohort to represent Australia at the London International Youth Science Forum. Year 12 was certainly a busy year!

Initially drawn to a straight pathway of combining science and medicine to serve our community, I was further inspired by Rotary's impact with humanitarian initiatives and wanted to explore this further.

I then decided to start my double degree in Biomedical Science and Laws (Honours) at QUT in 2016, and have been thrilled with the overlap between Rotary and my passions.

Since then, I have been humbled to grow and develop under Rotary's wing, through experiences such as the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Rotary District 9630 Conference Committee for 2019, Bowelscan committee, and within our Rotary family through the club, on the Board and now in the Presidency role.

I would never have dreamt of things transpiring the way they have. But I felt in my heart that I knew what I wanted. I knew that I wanted to give back after being given so much, and to try and do my part in society to make a positive impact. I knew that I really wanted to help people and improve their lives and encourage them to reach their full potential.



...MY ROTARY STORY CONTINUED

I knew that I yearned for holistic, meaningful change that included peoples from **all** walks of life. And then I knew that I wanted to join you, and be a part of the solution.

We live in an uncertain world that feeds on fear, apathy and division – and it can get more tiring and confusing every day. However, we have a tool that helps us to create goodness, peace, unity and integrity. The tool we have is Rotary. I believe that in times of need, we need to grow the little mustard seed of courage we have and step out into the unknown.

Whilst we bear the responsibility of protecting and maintaining this tool over time, we can appreciate the inherent strength in the ethos of Rotary. And we can find comfort knowing that this tool will continue to transform lives for another 100 years and beyond through our helping hands.

I therefore want to thank you for giving me the greatest gift in seeing firsthand just how much Rotary has changed my life for the better, and given me hope for tomorrow.

Catherine



May the holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter!

The Rotary Club of Wellington Point ROSTER + EVENTS

DATE	MEETING LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	CHAIRPERSON	ROTARY TOAST	SPEAKER INTRO	SPEAKER	SPEAKER TOPIC	SERGEANT
11-Dec	Board Room	Matty McKenna	Mitchell Parsons	Peter Moody Australia+International	-	-	-	Steven Knight
18-Dec	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS BREAK
15-Jan-20	Front Room	Barry Melgaard	Kenn Van-Noort	Lorraine Hooker Australia+International	Sharon Widt	Peter Mara	Rotary Insurance	Steven Knight
22-Jan	Front Room	BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING
29-Jan	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC	Members Choice Activity TBC



*Rotary meetings
recommence on the
15th January 2020.
Ho ho ho ho ho.*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	CONTACT	MOBILE/EMAIL	ACTION	SPECIAL NOTES
Mon 2 Dec to 24 Dec Xmas Eve	Christmas Wrapping	Capalaba Shopping Centre	10am - til close	YES	Terry Ryan	m 0448 200 401 terryr55@bigpond.net.au	Gift Wrapping	Gift Wrapping
Sun 19 Jan	Clean up Wellington Point	Wellington Point	9am to 10.30am	YES	Sharon Widt	banrock247@icloud.com	Pick up Rubbish	Bring a cup and snack to share. Tea/coffee/milk/ sugar supplied
Wed 29 Jan	BBQ	Bunnings Capalaba	All day	YES	Neil Waterer	neilwaterer2@gmail.com	Sizzle Sausages	-
Wed 5 Feb	BBQ	Bunnings Capalaba	All day	YES	Neil Waterer	neilwaterer2@gmail.com	Sizzle Sausages	-
Wed 5 March	BBQ	Bunnings Capalaba	All day	YES	Neil Waterer	neilwaterer2@gmail.com	Sizzle Sausages	-

IMPORTANT
If you are rostered on
but unavailable,
please kindly ask a fellow
Rotary member to fill your
position, and advise Sharon
banrock247@icloud.com

Thank you

