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THE  
**WELLO HELLO**



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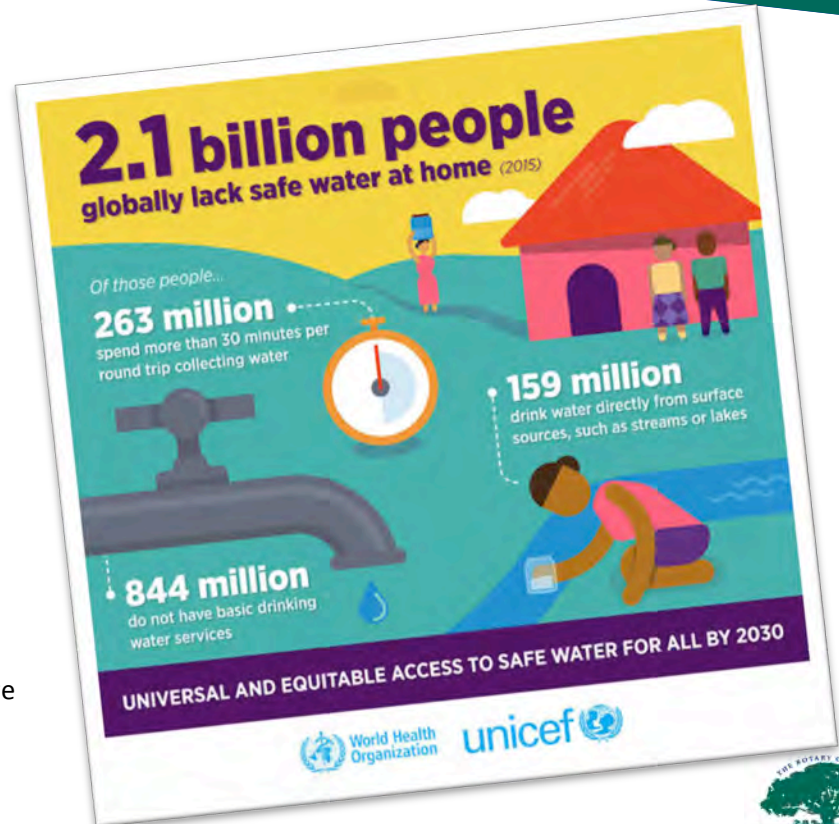


ROTARY  
CONNECTS  
THE WORLD

## A BIG WELLO HELLO TO YOU ALL!

March 2020 is quickly approaching, and with that comes the Rotary International monthly theme of 'Water and Sanitation'. It's concerning to know that roughly 1 out of every 10 people globally do not have access to fresh, clean water. Furthermore, 2.4 billion people do not have access to bathrooms and hygiene facilities. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful, diverse and healthy place in Australia, and it's a gift that we should continue to cherish and be reminded of. As we go about our daily lives, let's think of ways to be more conscious about our water consumption, such as reducing the water we use when showering or brushing our teeth, installing a new water-efficient toilet or tap, or researching rain water tank options to install.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to our members, Friends of Rotary and supporters for continuously pitching in to make our communities - both locally and further afield – a better place. We have had a team go out to Kingston to assist with Donations in Kind, delivering meals from Jaipur Palace through to the Redlands Community Centre for the homeless, conducting and planning upcoming fundraisers and projects, and ensuring that our meetings run smoothly. Rotary would not be able to exist without you, so thank you for all that you do!

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Hospital beds being loaded into containers ready for shipping!



School desks by the hundreds.



Props to prop up the ladies.

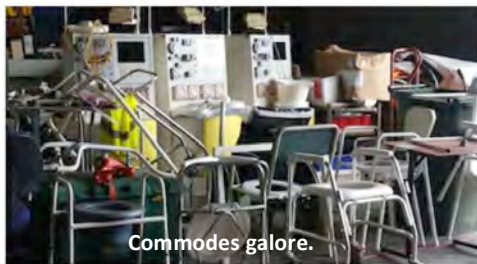


Desks large and small.



Another fantastic Rotary project - Donations in Kind  
Hospital and school supplies - wonder what you'll find  
They all have to be sorted and packed in a container  
We are proud volunteers and we don't seek a retainer  
Stretchers, crutches, desks and even commode chairs  
And yes - To all concerned, Rotarians - this is very fair!  
A box of devices to clean the toes was our funniest find  
Toes can be difficult - I'll give one a try if you don't mind!  
By July we trust the 1000th container will be sent  
For the recipients in needy countries - heaven sent  
So today's team had fun even down to a birthday song  
Yes - we know why we are Rotarians, humbled to belong!

Lorraine



Commodore galore.



Find of the day...  
toe cleaners



Bar stools as far as the eye can see



High Viz Supervisors.



Sleeping on the job.



Teamwork.



## RYTS - VARSHA RAGHAVAN

Year 12 student, Varsha Raghavan, recently spoke to the Club about her inspiring Rotary Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) camp experience. Varsha shared her enthusiasm for leadership, leadership and business initiatives, and left the camp feeling motivated in pursuing her future aspirations. We wish Varsha and her family the very best as she completes Year 12 and prepares for the future!



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROS KELLY

The Club was thrilled to recently have District Governor Ros Kelly visit the Club to discuss the vision for Rotary on an international, District and personal basis. Ros spoke passionately about her love for using meaningful connections with family, friends, youth, businesses and the

community to further the message of Rotary. Whether you are wanting to start a new playgroup for little ones, or a student-led program in protecting the environment through school, or a hobby/special-interest network, Rotary can be the foundational structure that you base the group's dynamics on. Ros encouraged the Club to think deeper about the relationship we maintain with our supporters, Friends of Rotary and partners, and to develop other initiatives to strengthen these relationships.



## PRESENTATIONS

Last week, we made a presentation to the various community groups that participated in our Annual Club Raffle for 2019. Over \$6000 was raised for groups including the Sycamore School, Birkdale Men's Shed, Vanuatu Library Project, Redlands 4 Refugees (R4R) and the Redland Museum. The Sycamore School is undergoing the finishing touches for their new Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) building – and we hope that Ronwyn Collier and the school enjoys this

next exciting chapter! The Birkdale Men's Shed had enabled many men to connect and support one another through mental health and wellbeing social events and projects. Well done to Ben Warner and the wonderful team! Neale Collier gave the Club an update on the successful Vanuatu Library Project, where the impact of education has been so profound in overcoming the

poverty cycle. Our congratulations go to Neale and the group for the commitment and hard work to the cause!



Ronwyn from Sycamore School receiving a cheque and certificate of appreciation from Catherine



Ben from Birkdale Men's Shed receiving a cheque and certificate of appreciation from Catherine



Neale Collier from Vanuatu Library Project receiving a cheque and certificate of appreciation from Catherine

R4R has been busy in spreading awareness of human rights, and supporting local families who have been seeking asylum in Australia, and ensuring that these families have the skills and tools to create their new life here.

We commend Lyn and the team for the life-changing transformations being made in our community. Annabelle and Doug Alexander from the Redland Museum have been involved in working alongside the volunteers from the Museum in hosting community-based events and historical exhibitions.

The Museum has a variety of interesting events coming up, so keep an eye out on future announcements. Congratulations to all of these community organisations! News from these organisations will be continuously shared with the Club, and the potential for ongoing partnerships will be further explored.



Over the next few weeks, we will conduct the presentation for the Annual Christmas Wrapping Project for 2019, to present the cheques to the Queensland Police Legacy and Crimestoppers groups. \$2335 will go to each beneficiary – which is a fantastic result for all! We also wish to acknowledge the incredible support from the Capalaba Central Shopping Centre. We will also have John Paskin, the District's RAWCS Representative, to speak to the Club about creating and managing community service projects in conjunction with fundraising efforts.

## GRANTS

There are a range of community grants that have recently opened to receive applications, with a focus on enhancing and building-up communities. If you have any ideas, suggestions or proposals – or if you would like more information – please let Secretary Sue or myself know. These opportunities can further maximise the reach of a project, and are certainly worth investigating.

## CHINCHILLA CONFERENCE

The District's upcoming Conference will take place from the 13th - 15th March 2020 at Chinchilla Cultural Centre. With a Conference theme of 'Connecting City and Country',

the program will include engaging keynote speakers and will host service activities throughout the Chinchilla Community. More information can be found and registration can be made at

<https://www.9630conference2020.com.au>

*President Catherine*





## NOTICES FOR ALL MEMBERS

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### SUPPORTING FAMILIES

As Rotarians and community members, we actively advocate for the safety and support of all peoples and families. Our collective efforts focus on building and strengthening communities to ensure that they are safe, healthy and accessible. White Ribbon is a domestic violence primary prevention campaign, where they work to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence against women. If you or someone you know is experiencing violence and need help or support, please click on the following link for support hotline numbers:

<https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/find-help/domestic-violence-hotlines/>

The Centre for Women & Co is locally based in Cleveland, and information can be found at:

<https://centreforwomen.org.au/>

### COMMITTEES

The Club is currently looking for members to participate in two new Club Committees, as we continue to plan and organise upcoming projects, activities and events. The community engagement committee will assist in creating and running membership-drive type events, applying for

grants, networking and community-based events. The Club image committee will assist in coordinating social media competitions, develop Club promotional materials, update website content and Club shirts. If you would like to be involved in either of these committees, please let Secretary Sue or President Catherine know.

### CLUB HISTORY

The District is currently compiling the histories of all Clubs within our District (9630), which will assist in the promotion and education of Rotary's presence in the community. It is hoped that a brief overview including pictures of the Club's journey over the years be submitted. If you would like to be involved with this or would like to be the Club's representative for this small project, please get in contact with President Catherine or Secretary Sue.



## **SUPPORT THE GIRLS**

A callout to all Clubs in our District is currently underway in alignment with the Support the Girls Australia initiative. Bras, undies (with tags on) and toiletries are currently being donated and collected to support homeless and disenfranchised women during bra gifting days. There will be 2 bra gifting days in Brisbane and 1 in Logan Central in 2020, with further information to be released. Please let our Club Secretary or President know if you are interested in assisting with this initiative.

## **ONLINE TRAINING**

If you are interested in learning more about working with young people or upcoming Rotary grant opportunities, there are two online modules that you may be interested in. These courses are straight-forward and informative, and are self-paced. The Youth Protection Training content can be found here

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21ADD1VII5AtpF6K8&cid=1140951E15740C16&id=1140951E15740C16%2117607&parId=1140951E15740C16%2117603&o=OneUp> and the online course here <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/login/> The District Grant Training course can be found here <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/login/>

## **ORMISTON HOUSE**

Our Club has frequently assisted with the Clean Up at Ormiston House over the years, and has found the facilities, grounds and particularly the volunteer team to be truly wonderful. Members are invited to assist with monthly clean-ups on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Please let Secretary Sue know if you wish to attend one of these clean-ups.

## **SUPPORTING WILDLIFE**

The Board recently discussed the potential to support various wildlife protection and environmental causes, in light of the devastating impact from both the Australian bushfires and drought. This is in addition to the ongoing Club efforts in providing community drought relief, and the upcoming Garage Sale in support of bushfire-impacted communities. There are currently a plethora of ways to externally donate and support different community groups and charities in alignment with this issue.



Some local groups currently have callouts for particular items such as pawpaw ointment and pillowcases for joeys, to assist in the caring of injured wildlife. The Board would love to hear your thoughts as to how you would like to see our Club support this cause, and the outcome you would like to see. If you have any thoughts or feedback, please share them with our Secretary or President.

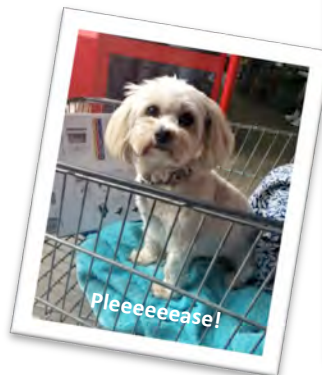
## PROPOSALS

Overall, your comments, ideas and input are greatly appreciated throughout our Club discussions and decision-making processes. If you are passionate or interested in a particular initiative or cause, and you would like our Club and Board to consider this opportunity, we would love to hear from you. Please share your suggestion with Sue or Catherine in as much detail as possible. Then through our Admin Director Sharon, we will aim to organise a timeframe to encourage feedback on your proposal at a general meeting.

## BUNNINGS BBQ

The aroma of sausages and onions cooking was in the air  
And in Rotary we would say 'to all concerned, yes, it is fair'  
Twas a treat for a dog in a trolley who lined up for a taste  
A sausage falling to the ground sure didn't go to waste  
Many happenings in the world were discussed once more  
A Rotary Bunnings BBQ is fun and definitely far from a chore  
Catching coins from a bloke who decided his ashtray to empty  
He did not even want a sausage and he gave us money plenty  
The camaraderie at these barbecues is something I treasure!  
Thanks again Wellington Point Rotarians - it is always a pleasure!

Lorraine



## WHY I JOINED ROTARY BY MATTHEW KNIGHT

I joined Rotary to be a part of a collective humanitarian project, and I have stayed because of the joy on the faces of beneficiaries each time we solve a need.

To add to that I joined rotary as I was missing something in my life which I had when I was in the army a Family a group of people that helped each other was truthful to all and were genuinely there for a reason to help people that were in a worst place then we were.

As I see it Rotary is a society-unification-mechanisms. As individuals, we often possess divergent views on socio-economic, religious and political perspectives. However, membership composition of Rotary clubs is based on the spirit of equal participation for all, from all walks of life and both male and female.

During club meetings and fellowship, I have witnessed equal participation of all members, and each Rotarian treating each other with due respect, hence providing lee way for consensus building and unity. The unifying culture of Rotary reminds me of a saying I was told by my Sargent

in the army which has stuck with me it goes,  
*"If you want to move fast, go alone BUT if you want to move far, go together."*

I love that we Rotarians are humanitarian tools. Convincingly, there is a nexus between the activities performed by us as Rotarians and promotion of human development. I also realised that in advancing the humanitarian approach by Rotarians, they do it with a lot of willingness, passion and service beyond self, this is you my friends, I respect you all for this.

That's why I joined Rotary



Fellowship, passion and service beyond self.





## The Rotary Club of Wellington Point ROSTER + EVENTS

| DATE   | MEETING LOCATION | ATTENDANCE     | CHAIRPERSON   | ROTARY TOAST  | SPEAKER INTRO   | SPEAKER       | SPEAKER TOPIC                        | SERGEANT      |
|--------|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 26-Feb | BOARD MEETING    | BOARD MEETING  | BOARD MEETING | BOARD MEETING | BOARD MEETING   | BOARD MEETING | BOARD MEETING                        | BOARD MEETING |
| 4-Mar  | Front Room       | Matthew Knight | Mona Brammall | Peter Moody   | Catherine Smith | John Paskin   | Fundraising Distribution suggestions | -             |
| 11-Mar | Front Room       | Matty McKenna  | Neil Waterer  | Sharon Widt   | CLUB ASSEMBLY   | CLUB ASSEMBLY | CLUB ASSEMBLY                        | -             |
| 18-Mar | Front Room       | Mitch Parson   | Peter Moody   | Sue Reid      | -               | -             | -                                    | Neil Waterer  |
| 25-Mar | BOARD MEETING    | BOARD MEETING  | BOARD MEETING | BOARD MEETING | BOARD MEETING   | BOARD MEETING | BOARD MEETING                        | BOARD MEETING |

| DATE   | EVENT                          | LOCATION  | TIME                         | VOLUNTEERS | CONTACT       | MOBILE/EMAIL   | ACTION          | SPECIAL NOTES |
|--------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------|---------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 4-Mar  | BBQ                            | Bunnings Capalaba                                   | All day                      | YES        | Neil Waterer  | <a href="mailto:neilwaterer2@gmail.com">neilwaterer2@gmail.com</a>           | Sizzle Sausages | -             |
| 7-Mar  | ROTARY Capalaba Blues Festival | Capalaba Regional Park - Pittwin Rd, North Capalaba | Prior - during - after event | YES        | Matty McKenna | 0402 284 289 or <a href="mailto:matty.mck@gmail.com">matty.mck@gmail.com</a> | Various Jobs    | -             |
| 13-Mar | District Conference Chinchilla | Chinchilla  | 13th to 15th                 | NO         | -             | -  | -               | -             |
| 1-Apr  | BBQ                            | Bunnings Capalaba                                   | All day                      | YES        | Neil Waterer  | <a href="mailto:neilwaterer2@gmail.com">neilwaterer2@gmail.com</a>           | Sizzle Sausages | -             |
| 29-Apr | TBC MEMBERS CHOICE             | TBC MEMBERS CHOICE                                  |                              |            |               |  |                 |               |

**IMPORTANT**  
If you are rostered on but unavailable, please kindly ask a fellow Rotary member to fill your position.