



# The HUB

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PP Alan Oertel and President Rowan Price at Changeover

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## CLUB INFORMATION

**Chartered 24<sup>th</sup> April 1946**

**District 9685**

**RI Club No. 18039**

**MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6:00 PM FOR 6:30 PM START**

**Zoom Meeting Details:**

**Meeting ID:** 881 624 522

**Password:** 24041946

**One tap mobile:** +61370182005

**Postal Address:**

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PO Box 90

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**ZOOM MEETING LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/881624522?pwd=Vm1GR2lpWHBuWWE4RGxDanFsK1BUdz09>

## ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

### PRESIDENT ROWAN'S RECALL



What a grand way to start the year with a get together in person at The Ranch. The Changeover was well attended. There were plenty of smiles and greetings plus elbow bumps with social distancing being practiced as best as people could manage. The attendance via zoom of those unable to attend in person was a new experience for Ryde in operating an in person plus zoom meeting.

Congratulations to those who were recognised with awards at Changeover.

Ann received the Ron Pacey award, Margaret a Paul Harris Fellow, Steve Thorp a Paul Harris Fellow, and John Dodd was not being able to receive an award due to having too many already. Val Payne was also recognised with a PHF for her contributions during year.

Jade produced a changeover bulletin which was again brilliant. We have been spoilt with the quality of bulletins that we have become accustomed to and everyone was commenting on the Changeover edition. A high standard has been set for this year's Hub Editor to follow!

Congratulations and welcome to Team Rowan who were all recognised and who were nearly all actually in attendance in person.

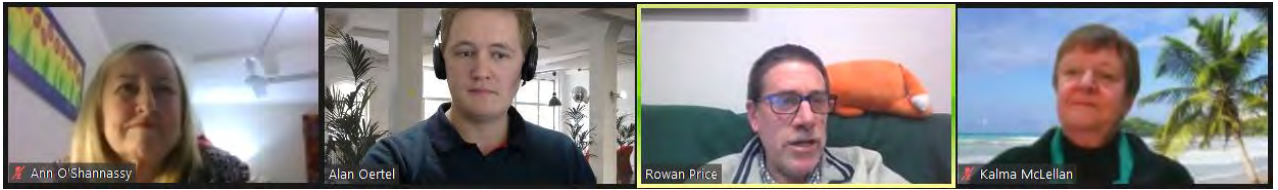
A big thank you to Immediate Past President Alan for a great year, especially in transitioning the Club to Zoom which while not as good as in person is a good substitute in the circumstances. Given he had not actually used zoom before he has done a stellar job at keeping the club connected during the past few months.

Our next steps are to gradually transition back to in person meetings and having a physical presence in the community. This will likely take longer than the decision to move to a shutdown environment, which in hindsight would have been forced on the club had we not made the decision when we did. The Changeover was an excellent night and a demonstration that it is possible to return to in person meetings which are so much nicer, we will however need to transition at an appropriate speed considering the changing environment within the community.

I look forward to a challenging and exciting year.

President Rowan





Sergeant Geoff prompted me for the final time that 6:30 had passed me by, and I opened the last Ryde meeting of the 2019-2020 Rotary year. I reminded everyone that Changeover was being held on Saturday, with formalities kicking off “promptly” at 5.30pm, followed by dinner.

I reflected briefly on the end of the Rotary Year, and how while it wasn’t the year that any of us anticipated, it was exceptional how the Ryde Rotary Club had made the most of challenges and opportunities throughout the year.



There were quite a few birthdays and anniversaries this week: my birthday and 4-year Club anniversary (tactically avoiding the Sergeant’s wrath in his week off), Ann’s 2 years in Ryde Rotary (22 years in Rotary overall), Dass’ 3 years in Ryde Rotary, and Ken and Danielle’s wedding anniversary.

News stories from the week were then shared. I started off, sharing how Rachael and I were delighted to meet The Ranch manager, Shamus, who is a current member of Penrith Valley Rotary Club and former member Burleigh Heads Rotary Club (former Ryde Rotarian Charles Kilby’s current Club). Geoff noted his own recount of explorations at The Ranch this past weekend, discovering Shamus to be the son of well-known Rotarian Terry Davis.

Nora updated us that the Red Shield Appeal total for the Ryde area was \$18,501 and the Ryde Rotary total was \$900 (we reached our goal of \$1,000 later that evening). She expressed her hopes for next year to be bigger and thanked everyone who had donated. Tal shared his most recent book-read, ‘The Splendid and the Vine’, a history book primarily structured from Churchill’s family and colleagues’ diaries during World War II.

Dennise had spent a day at the Dodds, working on Days for Girls kits. Two hundred kits are about to go to Canberra and then to Pakistan. John Dodd elaborated that the noise level was “quite exceptional” coming from downstairs and informed the Club that his movie room is being transformed into a Days for Girls room (the takeover continues). Dennise told how she had initially blamed John for misplacing Days for Girls shirts, only for them to be discovered interstate, having been initially been sent to the wrong address and then making the journey back to their manufacturer. Most likely they quarantined for 14 days along the way.



BBQ co-coordinator Geoff noted that a watch has been donated, and the Sergeant will be finding a way to best use it at an upcoming Rotary meeting. Geoff also informed us that Bunnings Artarmon BBQs will be resuming in the near future, with our first dates to cook up a storm on August 2nd and 22nd.

Sahil, now with our first guest for the evening (his daughter), spoke of his latest law assignment, and John Dodd elaborated that Sahil has more degrees than you can poke a stick at and has decided to add law to his portfolio.

President-Elect Rowan introduced guest speaker Paul Rickard, Rotarian and a member of the organising committee for 'The Bobbo', or The Bobbin Head Classic, a cycling event organised by four Rotary Clubs within our District. The annual event hosts 2500 cyclists, 600 volunteers and 2000 spectators, raising approximately \$200,000 for a number of charities and organisations. Even with the event being cancelled this year, \$130,000 was raised, with many riders choosing to donate their entrance fees rather than being reimbursed. Since its inception in 2012 The Bobbo has raised more than \$1.2 million, an outstanding feat. This money goes to several worthy beneficiaries including Lifeline.

The event starts and ends in Turramurra and is hosted and organised by the Rotary Clubs of Kuring-gai, Turramurra, St Ives and Wahroonga. An executive committee of Rotarians from the four Clubs begins organising the event in May, almost a year in advance. The event requires support and approval from seven approving bodies: Police, Traffic Management Centre (TMC), Transport for NSW (TfNSW), National Parks and Wildlife (NP&W) and three councils. Additional organisations including SES, RFS, Lifeline, SAN, St Johns and Schools add to the 600 volunteers, making it an incredibly safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Rachael thanked Paul for the talk, following Rowan's words about getting the "Ryde Rotary Club cycling group" ready for next year's event. Rowan expressed that he already has plans to ride in the Bobbo next year, and I'm sure Ryde Rotarians will be right beside him, at least as volunteers.

For the final time for 2019-2020, I closed the meeting, wishing President Elect Rowan all the best for next week and the year to come.















Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends,

This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.



Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.

All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly — and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary that the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times — to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come.

HOLGER KNAACK

President, Rotary International

## CLUB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Tom Geroulas**

**53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Sylvia Abboud**

**Birthday**

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**July 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Sunday)**

**District Changeover**

Castle Hill RSL. 12.00 pm. \$55 per person.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Interplast - Janette Etherington**

(Intro: John Dodd)

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark Huddleston**

(Intro: Rachael Oertel)

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Club Assembly**

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Keep Ryde Rotary connected and informed – Contribute to the HUB!
- Margaret and Malcolm's house is the collection point for the items for CCA.



# CENTENARY OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA – BATON LAUNCH 11



## CENTENARY OF ROTARY AUSTRALIA LAUNCH

To celebrate the launch of the R100 Baton Relay, you are invited to join us via Zoom from Government House, Canberra in the presence of Governor-General and Mrs Hurley.

Rotary's Centenary is a time of celebration. It is a time to reflect on our past, and take pride in all that has been achieved.

Click [here](#) to register your attendance.

Once registered you will receive a link to Zoom prior to the event.

We look forward to you joining in and making your mark on history!

Kind regards,

Garry Browne

Chair - National Centenary of Rotary Committee

Hugh Bucknall

Founder - Centenary of Rotary Campaign

# Rotary



Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary Clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are over 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto “Service above Self”, Rotary’s main objective is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

### Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

### Vision statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

### ROTARY GRACE

Oh lord and giver of all good  
We thank you for our daily food  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve you all our days

### ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;  
We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature’s gifts,  
of beauty rich and rare;  
In history’s page, let every stage, Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!