

**Rotary**  
Club of Ryde Inc.



**Rotary Opens  
Opportunities**

# The HUB

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- Jennifer E. Jones



**2022-23 Rotary International President Nominee – Jennifer E. Jones**

Rotary International President  
Holger Knaack  
Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln



District 9685 Governor  
David Clark  
Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains

## ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

### DIRECTORS

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
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|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
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## CLUB INFORMATION

**Chartered 22<sup>nd</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

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PO Box 90

Ryde NSW 1680

**ZOOM MEETING LINK:**

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



I trust everyone is well and keeping safe. Last week's guest speaker raised a number of suggestions of changes which Rotary needs to considering in the coming years. Meeting formats, frequencies and understanding how to appeal to Rotarians of the future will require flexibility and a willingness to take on new ideas.

Speaking of new ideas I would like to congratulate Ryde's very own Days for Girls team on their ability to flip from making sanitary items to washable masks for community protection.

While they are not fit for performing surgery, apparently they are good for becoming a rocket scientist! After Dennise and Kalma promoted and demonstrated these masks last week, I have personally purchased 10. They will be useful in the coming months and avoid needing to rely on disposable masks and the potential shortage that may occur.

The ability to be flexible and look at new opportunities is something that I expect the club will need to look at more closely over the coming months. Already we have seen how quickly things changed in Melbourne and the flow on impact to our regular meetings and BBQs which are on hold until further notice.

On a more positive note we are starting to plan for a 75th anniversary in April 2021, so watch this space.

Cheers

President Rowan

## ZOOM TIPS!

- ❖ During the meeting joining process, a test screen comes up. Check your lighting and if necessary, place a desk lamp to bounce off the wall etc. Check camera angle, particularly on iPads, to ensure nostril exploration is not happening.
- ❖ Remaining muted when a speaker has the floor is critical to ensuring a smooth meeting. This is particularly important during the guest speaker.
- ❖ Feel free to unmute unannounced to heckle during the Sergeant's session.





A lively group of Rotarians and guests gathered for Tuesday's meeting of the Ryde Rotary Club. President Rowan opened the meeting with a Toast to Rotary, before announcing that the only birthday in the club this week was his own.

Rowan announced that this year every Rotarian in District 9685 will receive a copy of the District Directory, and members can contact him to arrange to receive their copy. Rowan has only had a few members collect copies of the directory so far, so please get in touch with him to get yours.

Dennise shared with the members an update on the activity of the Ryde Days for Girls team, following a visit to the Dodd resident earlier in the week. Days for Girls has added masks to the list of items expertly sewn, and Dennise announced they were available for order! Kalma had one of the masks at hand, and modelled its stylish design. Dennise explained that with a Rotary workload which has lessened slightly, Kalma has joined the Ryde Days for Girls leadership team.

Sergeant Allen started the sergeant's session by altering his tradition of fining members for every photo of them in the Hub, changing it to only once per member. It is possible that this change in policy had something to do with last week's edition of the Hub, but we may never know for sure.

Following another long-standing tradition, the Sergeant fined Ian Henderson, who was quick with a rebuttal. Sergeant Allen also fired off several fines on President Rowan, including again forgetting the Sergeant's other Club role (check Page 8 of this edition of the Hub if you need a reminder!) and of course another for the President's birthday.



Patrick was fined for his article in the Hub last week having what the Sergeant deemed to be superfluous sentences, which Patrick countered with a cross-fine on Allen. I also cross-fined Allen for changing his policies to dodge his own tax collecting.



Rowan invited Geoff Brennan to introduce Past District Governor and Past Rotary International Director, Noel Trevaskis OAM. Noel has a wealth of Rotary knowledge and experience, and is known for being both forward-thinking and straight-talking. For our meeting, Noel's talk was on the future of Rotary.



Rotary is an organisation which in its 115-year history has grown and changed constantly, and Noel sees it as being likely to drastically change further in the next few years. He theorised that in the next 5 years, Rotary Districts may become obsolete, being replaced by a wider approach encompassing Australia and New Zealand. Noel explained that this approach would have two key benefits, reducing overhead administrative costs, as well as giving Rotary more ability to leverage its history and image better on national media.

Noel summarised his views on the changing the face of Rotary in an article he wrote in 2014, which is just as relevant now:

“For clubs to change, Members need to recognise there is a need within their club for change. They also need to have an understanding of why it is important to embrace change not just for the future of their own club but for the future of Rotary. Change is progress and Rotary needs to be seen as being progressive, keeping up with our changing society and be known as a flexible, adaptive and innovative organisation.”



At Rowan's invitation, Julie thanked Noel for his thought-provoking talk. Rowan then reminded the Board Members that there is a Board Meeting this coming Monday, and closed the meeting.



Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary's Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary's impact.

"As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that our ability to adapt would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound

time in recent history," Jones said in her vision statement. "Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances.

Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today's reality."

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

- Article from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## R100 – ROTARY'S AUSTRALIAN WALKING FESTIVAL



There is no better way to explore a city than on foot, with the local and international walkers.

Celebrating Rotary's 100th year in Australia and New Zealand, the Canberra Walking Festival will be renamed Rotary's Australian Walking Festival.

This non-competitive event will offer walks of 5km, 11km, 21km and 42km.

Join for an International weekend of fun and exercise for a great cause.

You will meet hundreds of people from around the world, make new friends, challenge yourself and have a great time.

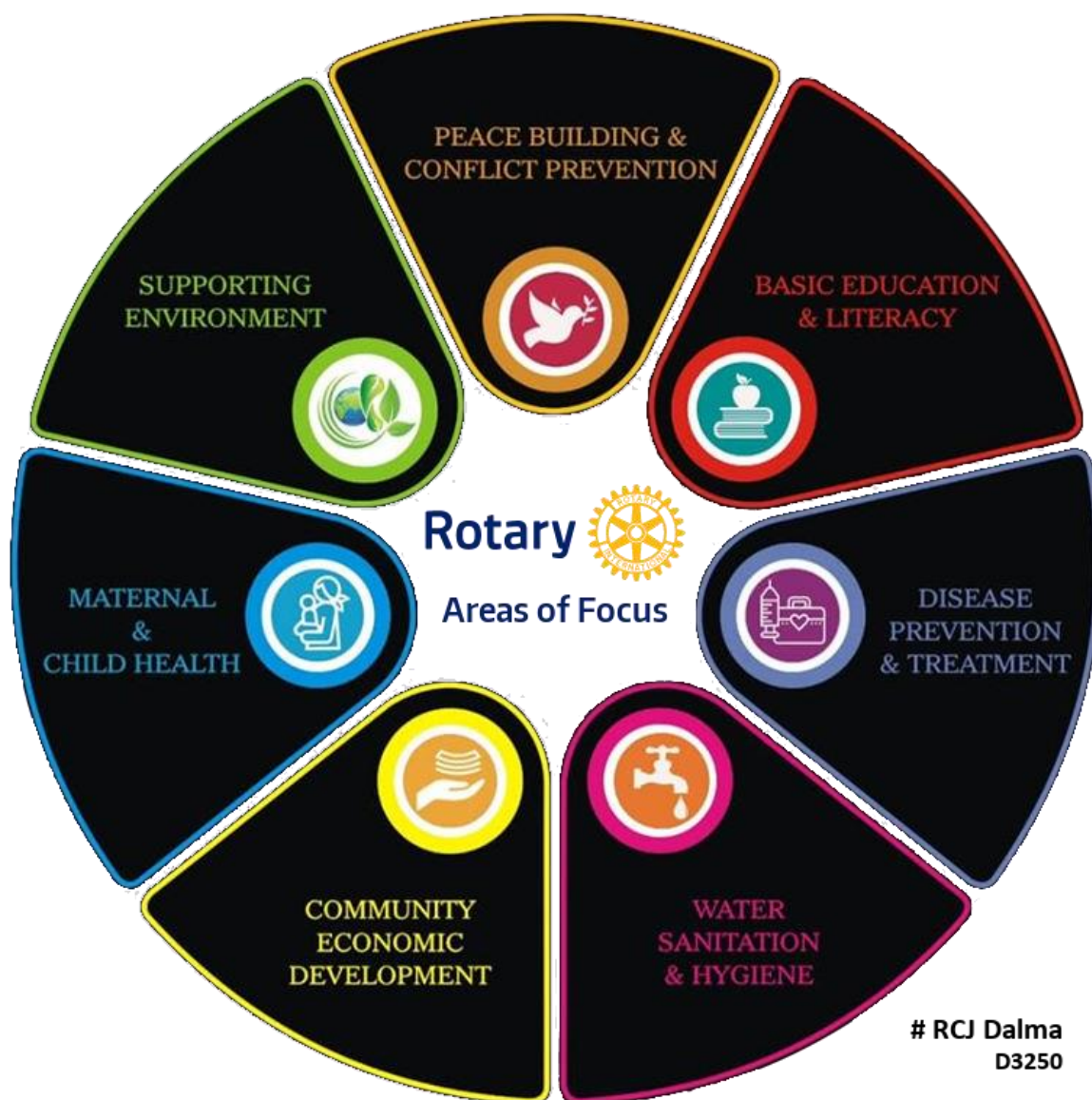
Register your interest to receive updated information nearer to the event.

Website: <https://aussiepeacewalk.com.au/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AussiePeaceWalk>



As a Rotarian, our first choice of Charity should be the Rotary Foundation: it is our Charity and exists only to “Do Good in the World”: because it is administered by Rotary Volunteers, it is the most efficient Charity in the World.



The Rotary Foundation has a goal of Every Rotarian Every Year (The EREY program) giving \$US100 to the Rotary Foundation. In District 9685 we have the Centurion Program where members pledge to give AUD\$100 per year to the Foundation.

There are many ways to become part of the Centurion program, but the easiest is to go to the RI Site <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> and choose how you wish to donate.

Donations by default are the Annual Fund which supports District and Global Grants all over the world, but you may want to direct your funds to the War on Polio, the World Fund or the Disaster Response Fund.

*Allen Horrell - Foundation Director*





More than 100 Guatemalan women have been helped financially by the Interact Club of Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, California, its sponsoring Rotary Club of San Mateo, and the nonprofit group Namaste Direct.

Over the years, about 100 Hillsdale Interactors have joined chaperone Rotarians and teachers on trips to Antigua, a city in Guatemala's central highlands, to meet the women who have received grants, funded through student-led fundraising events including "penny war" collections and taco dinners.

The site visits are eye-openers for the students, who see how microloans, financial literacy workshops, and mentorship have empowered the women, says Namaste Direct's founder and chief executive, Robert Graham. "Many women have corner convenience stores, while others purchase clothing and household goods in bulk for resale at the local market," Graham says. Other beneficiaries include a nut vendor, a chicken butcher, and a chocolatier.

- Read more: [www.facebook.com/rotary](https://www.facebook.com/rotary)

## ESSENTIAL GOODS FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE



Thank you to everyone who has already donated items to vulnerable people in our community, by dropping them over to Margaret and Malcolm's.

CCA are very appreciative and very thankful for the donations we have been making. Over the coming weeks, please continue to drop items to the McGregor's and it will be delivered to CCA.

They would particularly appreciate:

- Food Vouchers
- Toilet Paper
- Good quality tinned food and meals (with ring pulls)
- Noodles
- Pasta & Sauce
- Rice
- Long-life milk and cereal
- Muesli bars and snacks
- Soap and body wash
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Sanitary items
- Baby food & formula
- Nappies
- Cleaning Products
- Disinfectant

This Rotary Year, the directories for District 9685 are available to all Rotarians. President Rowan has the copies for the Ryde Rotary Club available for distribution, so please contact him to arrange collection of your copy!

### **PUNS OF THE WEEK**

- ❖ I played Frisbee with my dog the other day. It was a complete waste of time, I needed a flatter dog.
- ❖ Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- ❖ Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

### **CLUB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

|                               |                                       |   |
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| <b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Kathryn Dodd</b>                   | <b>8 Years in Ryde Rotary</b>             |
| <b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Bernadette Horrell</b>             | <b>56<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>           |
| <b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Tom &amp; Litsa Geroulas</b>       | <b>Wedding Anniversary</b>                |
| <b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Sahil Talwar &amp; Megha Babaj</b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</b> |

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

|                                 |   |                                |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Kaye Green – Youth Exchange in Japan</b>               | <b>(Intro: Jade Catherall)</b> |
| <b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Kalma McLellan – Reflections on being DG</b>           |                                |
| <b>August 25<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>DG Dave Clark - District Governor's Official Visit</b> |                                |
| <b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Jade Catherall – Rotary Quiz</b>                       |                                |

### **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.

### **SERGEANT'S FINES**

Sergeant Allen will be keeping a tally of fines given during Zoom meetings. When requested by the Serg, please pay your fined to the Ryde Rotary Project Account.

BSB: 633 000 Acc: 163 462 328

In 1918, 500 million people worldwide became infected with a new strain of influenza. Many cities closed theaters and cinemas, and placed restrictions on public gatherings. Rotary clubs adjusted their activities while also helping the sick.

Hospitals in some areas were so overloaded with flu patients that schools, private homes, and other buildings were converted into makeshift hospitals. In Chicago, where Rotary World Headquarters was then located, the number of new cases reached 1,200 a day at one point.

Several district governors reported at the June 1919 convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, that war work and then the flu greatly interfered with club activities and their club visits — but not with the spirit of Rotary service.

Just like during the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs were inspired to adapt and act. They adjusted how they met, following local guidelines of the time, and took action to help give local governments and health providers necessary services and support. Much of this activity occurred in the United States, since Rotary's international presence at the time was limited. Our response to the coronavirus is global.

- In 1918, Rotarians in Sacramento and Berkeley, California, USA, held their meetings outdoors to comply with a local restriction on enclosed meetings. In 2020, clubs have adapted by holding their meetings online to stay connected.
- In 1918, the Rotary Club of Kankakee, Illinois, USA, helped raise funds to buy a car for a Red Cross social worker to use in her trips around the country during the 1918 pandemic. Then and now, our capacity to make a difference is larger when we work with others to create change.



The Rotary Club of Berkeley, California, USA, meets in John Hinkel Park during the 1918 flu pandemic.

Photo by Edwin J. McCullagh, 1931-32 club president.  
Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Berkeley.

Article from  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



# 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!