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BRUCE'S BULLETIN

The Official Newsletter of Rotary District 9790 Inc
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(AMONG LOTS OF OTHER THINGS)

*Rotary Club of Diamond Creek celebrates 100 years
of Rotary in Australia
Rewilding the Darebin Creek
Beekeeper monument creates buzz
Ian Murphy Debating Competition Final
Volunteering at the Rotary Tram Cafe*



BRUCE'S COLUMN

Written by District Governor Bruce Anderson

Welcome to the latest DG's Newsletter for 2021 Rotary Year with less than two months to go to round out our year with the theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities". At the time of writing (May 7th) we have completed our live District Conference in Wangaratta, the Virtual Victoria Multi District Conference involving all five Victorian Districts, and enjoyed a variety of events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. The R100 baton has been doing the rounds of the District and is currently "on loan" to AGs from Groups 9 and 10 for further club visits. I hope to have it back for the various club changeovers coming up as we see out this Rotary year and bring in the new one, hopefully COVID free!



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Calendar of events

Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Ian Murphy Debating Competition 2020-21 final	The Albury Club, 519 Kiewa Street Albury.	Wednesday 2 June 2021, 6.00 pm	RSVP Nigel Liggins, 0400 694 618 or nigelligins@bigpond.com by Friday 21 May 2021
Rotary Club of Broadmeadows 15th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner	Northern Golf Club, Glenroy Road, Glenroy	Tuesday 15th June, 2021 at 6.30 pm	Bookings:Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776
District 9790 Changeover Lunch	TBA	Sunday 27 June 2021	
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	TBA	Sunday 30 May 2021 12.30-4.40 pm	info@ryla9790.org.au
Multi-district Interact Conference	By Zoom, -hold the date		Linda Gidlund, 0418 173 279 or lleegidlund@gmail.com

District/club deadlines

Grant applications for 'Supporting the Environment'	Projects will be accepted from 1 July 2021	Phil Clancy on philip.clancy1@gmail.com or 0428 834 162
Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations	30 June 2021	2020-21 Club Presidents

May 2021 Youth Service Month



MAY IS

Youth Services Month

Rotary District 9790

"We have a powerful potential in our youth and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."
Mary McLeod Bethune

District Governor's page

The **latest membership figures** arrived from Rotary International this morning and we have 1527 members as of April 30th compared with 1534 as at July 1st, a reduction of only 7 over what has been a very difficult 10 months with COVID lockdowns and restrictions on many of our activities. Hopefully we will see a few more member inductions soon so we can "break even" on member numbers by the end of the Rotary year and then build up our membership in the new Rotary year as we get back to post-COVID "normal".

At the beginning of the Rotary year Marilyn decided on a **"Partner's Project"** in association with the **Olga Tennyson Autism Research Centre at La Trobe University (OTARC)** with a view to raising funds to bring the capacity for early detection of Autism out into the regions. With the onset of COVID lockdowns with many clubs having difficulty raising funds we decided to not push too hard for donations to the Partner's Project, but some clubs have been able to make contributions (gratefully received). As we near the end of the Rotary year clubs can **make contributions to the Partner's Project** directly to the **District Fund Account BSB 633 000 Account 140 378 365**. Please specify the funds are for the Partner's Project.

Rotary International Convention: The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will be a virtual event. For more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention, and to register, please visit: <https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>.

On my first full day in the job as DG last July I **toured the bushfire-affected areas around Corryong** with AG Marg Crisp to see the damage and after-effects first-hand. A few days ago I revisited the Corryong area with AG Marg to review the community recovery progress, especially for projects that had been supported by the Bushfire Recovery Committee or directly by individual Rotary clubs. It is clear that much has been done on the ground in terms of infrastructure and facility reconstruction, but there is much to be done, probably over a long period of time, in areas of mental health and emotional well-being. At my official DG visit to the Corryong club I had the pleasure of presenting three Paul Harris awards to members of the United Church fencing team (non-Rotarians) and presenting a new pin with an additional sapphire to AG Marg in recognition of her sterling efforts on the ground as our key link between the community and our Rotary clubs and district.

Many of you will be aware that **DGE Anne Reid** has been receiving chemotherapy for some time. I am happy to report that Anne is responding well to the treatment and looking forward to taking over the reins on schedule in July.

On behalf of the D9790 Committee of Management I wish to acknowledge the **recent passing of Mr William (Bill) Wilson APM OAM**. Bill was a very respected member of The District 9790 Board over several years, serving as an Assistant Governor and as District Secretary. Bill was a Paul Harris Fellow and Foundation Major Donor. Bill's contribution to Rotary and D9790 District was greatly valued and appreciated by those who had the opportunity to work with him during this time. Bill's passing was noted in the "Vale" session at District Conference, and mentioned here for the benefit of members not present at Conference.

AG Stephen O'Connell has been working very hard over many months to compose the music and words for a new **"Rotary Song"** to celebrate 100 Years of Rotary in Australia. The song was aired "live" at District Conference in Wangaratta and has been shared by video link with many senior Rotarians including Rotary International President – Elect Shekhar Mehta and Rotary International Director-Elect Jessie Harmon. If you have not heard the song please go to the link shown below, and feel free to share the link with friends. Please note that the piece is performed by Stephen O'Connell and Lachlan McIntyre with a guest appearance by Mica Torre and the Rotary Club of Albury North Voices.

<https://youtu.be/oNhUsh-Gx4>

Early in the Rotary year I used the DG's Newsletter to urge Rotarians in lockdown to take the opportunity to **complete on-line training modules in the My Rotary Learning Centre**. As DG I get a weekly report from RI on progress across the district with completion of on-line training modules, and I used to report the statistics on modules completed (including multiple modules by some members), partially completed modules, and modules with enrolments from members but no further progress. As we approach the next Rotary year I encourage members, particularly those taking up new roles in Rotary, to log in to the Learning Centre and complete relevant modules.

District changeover will be a **lunch event (11:30am for noon)** on **Sunday June 27th at the Gateway Hotel, Wangaratta** with every intention to have a "live" event, COVID permitting. Costing and booking details will be made available in the next couple of weeks but please put the date into your diaries now. As with District Conference we need to make the most of every opportunity to get

together for fun and fellowship, and of course we need to welcome incoming DG Anne Reid and her team.

Stay safe!
DG Bruce, May 7th, 2021



Important Message regarding the International Convention



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the 2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities which will take place from 12 through 16 June 2021.

Enjoy a special rate of \$49 through to 7 May 2021 at 11:59:59 pm US Central Time (Friday 8 May at 2:59:59 pm AET)*. After that, the registration fee is \$65.

You can also join us early at a preconvention, 10-11 June, for Intercountry Committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers. Each preconvention will cost an additional \$20.

The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and preconventions are open to all Rotary members and participants and include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Don't forget to visit the convention event page on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and program highlights!

REGISTER TODAY

For more information, go to <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

District Changeover Date

**"Save the Date" for lunch on Sunday
June 27 2021 in Wangaratta!**

**Lunch event (11:30am for noon) at the Gateway
Hotel, Wangaratta**

(Booking details to follow)



Past DG Philip Clancy has issued another challenge to all Rotarians in District 9790 to participate in the 2021 Waggle Dance Challenge.

The idea is to produce a short video (60 to 90 seconds) of how you interrupt the Bee Waggle Dance. You can dress up, be part a group or however you wish to celebrate the dance of the bee.

More information and a short introduction video by Costa Georgiadis (ABC's Gardening Australia TV Program) can be viewed at Join the Global Waggle Dance Challenge – World Bee Day (Australia):

<https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/waggle/>

Video clips can be uploaded via the above When Foundation site and there are plans to promote later in 2021.

If you are interested and require further information and/or assistance please contact Ian Dempsey:

dempsey@big.pond.com or mobile telephone: 0419 890 015

Beekeeper monument generates buzz

THERE was a buzz in the air when Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell members met with Keep Victoria Beautiful representatives last week to discuss a monument to the region's most famous beekeeper.

Rotarians are keen to carry out maintenance and improvement works on land around a monument to Frederick Beuhne on the Northern Highway near its intersection with Broadford-Kilmore Road.

Beuhne was a beekeeper who moved from Germany to Tooborac and helped found the Victorian Apiarists' Association in 1892. He is regarded by some historians as the 'father of Victorian beekeeping'.

Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell member Ian Dempsey, himself a beekeeper, said he had been intrigued by the monument, which was erected in the 1940s.

"This monument has been here for some time ... I always thought it was a Hume and Hovell monument, but it turned out it was for a chap called Beuhne who was one of the very first beekeepers in Victoria," he said.

He was the first president of the Victorian Apiarists' Association. [This road] was his thoroughfare, and back in the 1940s they decided to put a monument up here on the path he would have taken down to Melbourne all the time.

"It's something a bit different. Being a beekeeper myself it was very interesting to look into the history of it."

Mr Dempsey said he got other Rotarians interested in beautifying and maintaining the area around the monument, including planting bee-friendly plants, removing weeds and adding information boards describing Beuhne's life and the history of beekeeping in Victoria.

Mr Dempsey contacted environmental group Keep Victoria Beautiful for assistance with the project.

Keep Victoria Beautiful operates an Adopt a Roadside program in conjunction with VicRoads, providing volunteer groups with the necessary training, equipment and insurance to carry out roadside clean-up and beautification works.



Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell members met with representatives from Keep Victoria Beautiful to discuss the maintenance of a Northern Highway monument to apiarist Frederick Beuhne. (The North Central Review)

Keep Victoria Beautiful's Adopt a Roadside program manager Gary Mogford said he worked with volunteer groups to allow them to safely manage themselves.

"We do a lot of initial work with groups to work out what they want to do and then tell them what they can do and what they can't do, and how and where," he said.

"VicRoads will approve it and provide safety equipment for them.

"Groups that take part ... largely do litter collection as their only activity, but there's a few groups that do either weed eradication or revegetation work as well."

Mr Mogford said it was good to have groups taking ownership of their roads.

"There are about 140 groups across Victoria involved and collectively they look after about 730 kilometres of road. If you wanted to drive that you could drive from Orbost to Portland. It's a substantial activity that takes place across the state," he said.

"Most groups do litter collection, and conservatively we estimate they're picking up about 70 tonnes of rubbish per year off the roadsides."

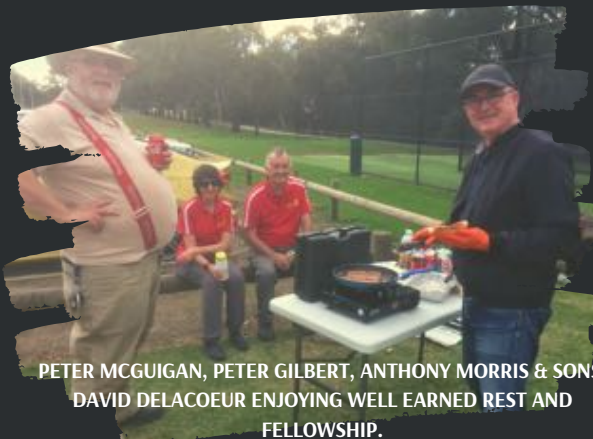
The North Central Review, March 9, 2021

REWILDING THE DAREBIN CREEK

PRESTON ROTARY CLUB'S ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, SUPPORTED BY A DISTRICT GRANT, AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF DAREBIN, HOSTED A REWILDING DAY AT THE DAREBIN CREEK ON SUNDAY MAY 2



CHRIS SHIELDS WITH PRESIDENT PETER GILBERT, GETTING STUCK IN TO IT!



PETER MCGUIGAN, PETER GILBERT, ANTHONY MORRIS & SONS, DAVID DELACOEUR ENJOYING WELL EARNED REST AND FELLOWSHIP.



GARY MOGFORD, PETER MCGUIGAN, PETER & BARBARA GILBERT HUNGRY FOR SAUSAGES.



RUTH, ALEXANDRO, GARY, DAVID, ELAINE & BARBARA HARD AT WORK



SO MANY PLANTS!!



OUR COUNCIL HELPERS, DION, SOFIA, BILL & BEN



THE MOTLEY CREW (MISSING PETER BYRNE) PETER & BARBARA, GARY, ALEXANDRO, ELAINE, JULIE, CHRIS, ANTHONY & SONS, PETER & DAVID.

ROTARY CLUB OF DIAMOND CREEK CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA

The centenary of Rotary in Australia occurred on Wednesday 21 April 2021, celebrating the charter of the Rotary Club of Melbourne one hundred years earlier. The Rotary Club of Diamond Creek celebrated this event in style!

Held in the beautiful surrounds of the Yarrambat Golf Club, special tributes were made to Rotary in Australia throughout the evening. The evening commenced with a reflection from the past. Sir John Monash was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and a speech that he had written and presented to the club in the 1920's was read by former CEO of the John Monash Foundation, Ken Crompton. It was amazing how many points in the speech were still pertinent today.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr Jessie Harman, who will join the Board of Rotary International as a Director for 2021 – 2023. Jessie's speech was insightful, motivating and inspirational. She spoke about six important aspects of Rotary. She began by talking about the importance of women in Rotary and the benefits for the organisation in increasing the number of our female members. This led her to speak about the importance of diversity within our membership base and how we as members, should be actively seeking new members from diverse backgrounds.

Jessie went on to talk about the new and different types of Rotary Clubs that are being chartered. Clubs such as Cause Based Clubs, where the members are passionate about a particular cause and focus their service efforts in that area, Corporate Clubs where all the members work for the same employer or Alumni Based Clubs where the members all participated in a particular Rotary program such as RYLA.

She then spoke about Rotary's newest Area of Focus – Supporting the Environment and the significance of this in our modern world. She thought it relevant to talk about how we had all coped with lockdown last year and finally touched on the subject of Polio. There were so many thought provoking topics, and so much to make us proud to have Jessie representing Australia on the Rotary International Board.



Dr Jessie Harman

For some light relief there was some fabulous entertainment from Ivan and Rhonda from Cherry Music who had everyone singing along with them – and a few dancing as well. Commemorative 100 Year Rotary coins were auctioned off to raise money for the club's flagship international project, the Tenderfoot School in Kenya.

The birthday cake was cut by Jessie and Bev Baker, the club's longest serving member, who joined in 1997, and Club Secretary PP Kerry Jones was recognised with a Paul Harris Double Sapphire.

A fabulous night was had by all – we are looking forward to the next hundred years!

Kerry Jones
Rotary Club of Diamond Creek

THE ROTARY SONG

"THE ROTARY SONG" HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY ROTARIANS FOR ROTARIANS. THIS SONG WAS CREATED TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA.

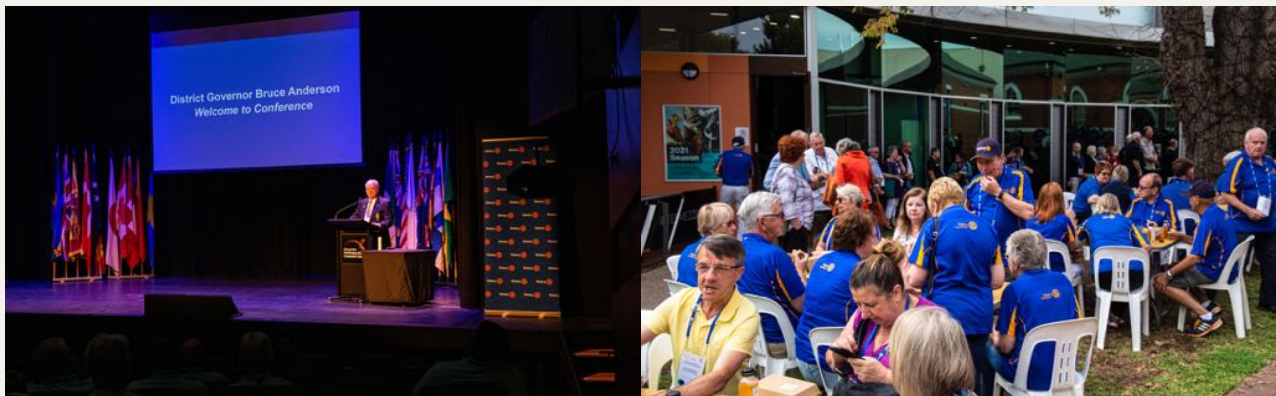
THE PIECE IS PERFORMED BY STEPHEN O'CONNELL AND LACHLAN MCINTYRE WITH A GUEST APPEARANCE BY MICA TORRE AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF ALBURY NORTH VOICES

PLEASE VIEW AND SHARE - ENJOY

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/ONHUHSH-GX4](https://youtu.be/ONHUHSH-GX4)



VIDEO OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN WANGARATTA



THE RECENT WANGARATTA CONFERENCE WAS VIDEOED AND THIS IS NOW AVAILABLE IF YOU WANT TO SHARE A SPECIFIC SESSION WITH YOUR CLUB.

SEE THE MARKED UP PROGRAM ATTACHED WITH THE REFERENCE TO THAT SESSION YOUTUBE LINK PLUS THE SECTION OF THAT SESSION BY MINUTE.

FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU WANTED TO RE-WATCH PDG DENNIS SHAW, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/OHD3YXUJY1C](https://youtu.be/OHD3YXUJY1C) AND GO TO 41 MINUTES IN.

THANKS CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON PETER AND TECH GENIUS HAMISH FOR MAKING THIS CONTENT EASY FOR SHARE (THAT'S AN OFFICIAL TITLE BY THE WAY...)

HAPPY WATCHING!

YOURS IN SERVICE,
EMMA DAVIS
ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (CLUSTER 2)

Rotary Club of Broadmeadows
15th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner
Guest Speaker: Frank Vincent AO, retired Judge



Tuesday 15th June, 2021
Northern Golf Club,
Glenroy Road, Glenroy
6.30 for 7.00 pm,
\$45 pp

Lawyers would would enter courts just to hear him speak – firstly as a barrister in murder trials, then as a Supreme Court justice”. John Silvester, The Age

FRANK Vincent has dealt with more crooks and murderers than he cares to think about.

But when it comes to Christmas cards, the retiring Supreme Court judge says the best one came from a "client", the notorious Mark "Chopper" Read

Frank Hollis Rivers Vincent - who formally ended his career in criminal law yesterday when he reluctantly retired from the Court of Appeal - was once dubbed "Mr Murder".

He represented the accused in more than 200 murder trials before his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1985, where he presided over dozens more. When you add the number of convicted murderers who have pleaded their case to him during his 16 years as chairman of the Parole Board, it's a sobering tally.

As a judge, he sentenced four killers to life imprisonment with no possibility of release.

When young Frank began studying law at Melbourne University, his parents - then living in Tasmania - moved back to Melbourne and lived with him in an army hut at Camp Pell, the old US military camp at Royal Park.

Eventually the family moved to a Housing Commission property in Glenroy.

Justice Vincent, a Bulldogs supporter, also retired as chancellor of Victoria University but will retain an interest there. He will also stay involved with groups including Western Chances, which operates a scholarship scheme for disadvantaged youth.

Rotarians, Partners & Friends welcome.

Bookings: Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776

Payment: BSB: 063-135 Acct: 00800260 Book Now!

"LOVE YOUR SISTER" INSPIRES NUMURKAH

"Inspiring", "Heart wrenching", "Down to earth" were just a few of the comments from those that attended Saturday nights Rotary Club Love Your Sister presentation.

Samuel Johnson was overwhelmed with the support his charity received from the Numurkah community. Rotary club president Jennifer Rodger announced "with support from sponsors and the Rotary club every cent paid by the public will go to the charity Love Your Sister. So, Numurkah has contributed in excess of \$10,700 to cancer research. I am so proud of what Numurkah can do".

Observing covid regulations meant the event was a bit different to previous years with no tables and theatre style seating. However, this proved to be more than appropriate for Sam to engage with the audience. Numurkah Secondary School hospitality students prepared delicious individual dinner boxes, enjoyed by all.

The night began with local health professional and cancer survivor, Robyn Sprunt, giving a moving and informative presentation outlining her battle with breast cancer. Robyns comment "I was fit, I was young and I didn't have time to go through this", hit home with many listeners for their own or family members experiences.

Following Robyn, Samuel Johnson came to the microphone and continued the engagement with the audience. His anecdotes of his youth and acting career had people in stitches while the stories of his sister Connie and her breast cancer experience saw a number of tears fall in the hall.

Sam was very clear in his message on fighting cancer. "Connie used to say this charity is not for me Sam. It is for the mothers who are yet to get breast cancer and should not have to say goodbye to their children". The Love your Sister charity is about cancer research to find a cure. The audience were asked to indicate if their family had never been touched by cancer. Only four hands in a full town hall went up. "That shows how important this is" Sam added.



The new message that most of the audience had never heard about was the concept of personal treatment for cancer. Sam outlined new technologies that will allow each cancer sufferer can be assessed genetically to ensure the first drug they are given in their treatment is the best drug for them. He recommended that every person who finds them self in a cancer situation insist they receive personal treatment as it will not be offered due to the way the "system" works.

Sam and his older sister, best selling author Hilde Hinton were great sports during the night engaging with every person they spoke to, finishing the night with a book signing and taking selfies with a large number of those present. It was a wonderful finish to the evening with the last word going to Sam. "I have done this in over 1100 towns around Australia. So I think it makes me a bit of an expert and I can see this is a very good and caring community. To join the Love Your Sister cancer research crusade to have 100,000 people sign up to donate \$10 per month go to <https://love-your-sister.giveeasy.org/fcb>.

Thanks for visiting Sam

Lou Hamon
Rotary Club of Numurkah



For more information about Love Your Sister, go to:
<https://www.loveyoursister.org/>

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANSFIELD PRESENTS

HOMELAND STORY

Saving Country

A film by Glenda Hambly

Q&A with guest appearance
by
Director Glenda Hambly
and Producer Damien
Guyula

Join us for our
special screening at
Mansfield PAC,
View St Mansfield.

Thursday
17 June 2021

6:30pm

Tickets: \$30

All funds raised go to the Rotary supported Local Community projects

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPZCK>



Youth News

Ian Murphy Debating Competition

**Rotarians are invited to attend
the 2020-21 final of the
Ian Murphy Debating
Competition
to be held on:**

**Wednesday 2 June 2021 (hosted by the
Rotary Club of Albury West, in Albury)**

Venue: The Albury Club, 519 Kiewa Street Albury
Time: 6.00 pm.

Debate details:

Topic: as previously listed,
'that modern technology has increased material
wealth but not happiness'

Affirmative:
Tallangatta High School

Negative:
St. Mary's of the Angels, Nathalia.

Time for each speaker, as per debate rules, 4
minutes.

**To RSVP (for catering purposes):
Contact Nigel Liggins,
on 0400 694 618 or
nigelliggins@bigpond.com
by Friday 21 May 2021**

Youth Programs Contacts

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162, Email – philip.clancy1@gmail.com

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District Rotaract Committee – Chris White,
M 0420574978, Email [chris-
white77@hotmail.com](mailto:chris-white77@hotmail.com)

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) –
Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618,
nigelliggins@bigpond.com

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) – Bruce
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Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) –
Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557,
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Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment –
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Email watt.malc@gmail.com

Rotex – Contact Rotex by email
rotex9790@gmail.com

Rotary Builds a Play Ground – David
Earle, Email – davide124@gmail.com

If you would like further information please contact **Linda Gidlund** on
0418 173 279 or lleegidlund@gmail.com



Youth News

Volunteering at the Rotary Tram Cafe

A retired W-Class tram has been restored and transformed into a new community coffee shop in Diamond Creek. It was restored by volunteers from the local Men's Shed and converted into a social enterprise coffee shop and is available to local community groups to run on weekends to raise funds for their organisations.

The tram cafe is a partner attraction to the Diamond Creek Regional Playground

The Diamond Creek Rotary Club, Country Fire Authority and the local Men's Shed supported for the tram to be re-homed locally.

For more information, contact David Palermo on davidandemily@bigpond.com or 0403 483 055

Diamond Valley Rotaractors volunteer for the first time at the Diamond Creek Rotary Tram Cafe.



Pictured left to right: Areeya Phrompradit, Eloise Brown and Rachael Peck.

Rotary Youth Exchange Report - 2019-20 Highlights



Youth News

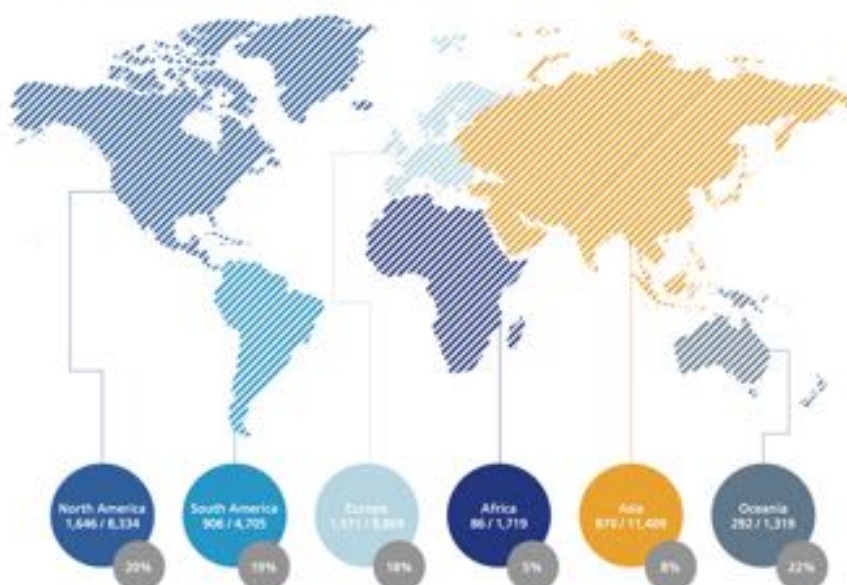
Rotary Youth Exchange Report - 2019-20 Highlights

Geographic Area	2019-20		2018-19		2017-18	
	Exchanges Reported	Percentage of Exchanges	Exchanges Reported	Percentage of Exchanges	Exchanges Reported	Percentage of Exchanges
Africa	184	2%	222	2%	170	2%
Asia	961	12%	1,400	15%	912	10%
Europe	3,122	38%	3,523	38%	3,524	39%
North America	2,110	26%	2,349	25%	2,381	26%
Oceania	235	3%	273	3%	283	3%
South America	1,571	19%	1,566	17%	1,783	20%
Total	8,183	100%	9,333	100%	9,053	100%

Although the totals aren't included in this report because of GDPR concerns, Rotary Jugenddienst Deutschland e.V. (multidistrict Rotary Youth Exchange program in Germany) provided these figures for students hosted in Germany during 2019-20:

Total long-term inbound students: 515
Total short-term inbound and outbound students: 548
Total short-term inbound and outbound camp participants: 372

2019-20 ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATION BY REGION



The Rotary Youth Exchange program still has the opportunity to grow through club participation. Increased club participation would not only lead to more students getting involved in the program and benefiting from greater support, but it could also inspire existing clubs and members to become more actively engaged with Rotary. Inviting students to share their exchange experience at a club meeting, organizing activities for inbound students, or perhaps having a veteran club work with a club interested in hosting a student are just some of the ways more clubs can become and feel more involved in the program — and in Rotary.

Youth News

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PROGRAM REACH AND IMPACT

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



Volunteer engagement

To understand how Rotary Youth Exchange expands Rotary's reach and ability to engage communities around the world, we asked participating districts to tell us how many volunteers participated in the program in 2019-20. A total of **30,379** volunteers, both Rotary members and nonmembers, supported the program. Of the volunteers, **13,868**, or **45%**, were nonmembers, showing Rotary's ability to engage and connect with communities through Youth Exchange.

Host school involvement

Long-term exchange students are required to attend school while on exchange, giving them the opportunity to connect with local peers and teachers while experiencing academic life in a new culture and language. A total of **5,772** schools hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students in 2019-20.



5,772

schools around the world that hosted exchange students

HOST FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



Host family engagement

Participating districts were asked how many host families participated, and of the total, how many were Rotary club members. They reported that **13,062** volunteers served as host families during 2019-20. Of these, **4,997** (38%) were members of Rotary, while **8,065** (62%) were nonmembers.

Often in Rotary Youth Exchange, families choose to volunteer to host students because a student in their family is also going on exchange that year. This is called a reciprocal exchange. Exchanges are not required to be reciprocal, but most exchanges are. Of the participating districts surveyed, **4,658** of total exchanges, or **57%**, were reported to have been reciprocal. It's important to note that some short-term exchanges, such as short-term camps or short-term tours, do not include a host family experience.

The table shows the percentage of host families by region, arranged by those who were members of Rotary and those who were not. In Asia, the majority of host families had a parent who was a member of Rotary, while the majority of families volunteering to host students in Africa, Europe, Oceania, and North and South America did not have a parent who was a member of Rotary.

Region	Host Families With a Rotary Member	Host Families Without a Rotary Member
Africa	14%	86%
Asia	70%	30%
Europe	30%	70%
North America	38%	62%
Oceania	34%	66%
South America	31%	69%

BARRELS INVENTED FOR WINE, REINVENTED FOR WHISKY.

A Rotary Australia Centenary Project.

THE BOLD GO
STARWARD

*Profits from the
Starward Rotary
Centenary Project will
be donated to the
Rotary Foundation
and used in Rotary
projects.*

STARWARD TOASTS ROTARY'S CENTENARY.

Starward are pleased to be joining Rotary Australasia to celebrate their 100th anniversary as part of Rotary International, with a special Starward Single Barrel release.

Starward Single Barrels are the truest expression of our whisky style. Highlighting our premium Australian red wine barrels, the nuances of oak and of course, the maturation that is truly unique to Melbourne. These barrels are a special, one off display of these characteristics and all that makes Starward.

We worked closely with the Rotary Club of Strathmore (D9790) to find the best barrels to mark the Centenary. Three single hogshead barrels were chosen to perfectly celebrate the momentous occasion, each to be released separately over the coming months.

The first barrel release is special, as it amongst the last remaining barrels produced at our first distillery in Essendon. Released this December 2020 exclusively to Rotary Australia, this single malt whisky was fresh filled and matured in a red wine barrel from the Barossa Valley and finished in a charred American hogshead. Unique to Starward as this barrel was matured for a total of four and a half years in barrel, whereas most of our barrels are bottled at three and a half years.

TASTING NOTES

- COLOUR** Jarrah with a cherry red hue.
- AROMA** Tropical fruit with pineapple, mango and toffee.
- FLAVOUR** Fruity with soft bread and caramel, balanced by the charred oak.
- FINISH** Long soft finish with delicate tannins from the barrel.

ABOUT STARWARD

Just like our hometown, Melbourne Australia, our Starward whiskies are versatile and a little different. We craft from local ingredients and mature in barrels from the famed Australian wine industry to make the epitome of a distinctly Australian spirit. Awarded and lauded the world over. We champion a new way of thinking, crafting and experiencing. Of course, we're still whisky but it is whisky done different.

Limited to 400 bottles from this barrel, is one to collect and enjoy. Priced at \$175 per bottle, including postage and handling via the Starward webstore. To place your orders go to starward.com.au/rotary100



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JUNE 2021

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- ✓ Ride to Conference supporting Indigenous Scholarships (ARH)
- ✓ Ruth Konig Walk
- ✓ Rotary Showcase
- ✓ Koala preservation
- ✓ Environmental Projects
- ✓ High Profile Guest Speakers
- ✓ Celebratory Dinner on Saturday



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