

20th January 2022

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PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



Happy New Year Members & Friends!

Our Club celebrated the end of the year with a very successful Christmas party, attended by many members, their partners, friends & other Macarthur Club Presidents (check out our last Bulletin for all the photos). Our special guest, DGE Tonia Barnes, presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Rob Elliott and a Corporate PHF to 'Turning Point'. Both very well deserved. Rotary Service Awards were presented to two dedicated Rotarians, Alan Redman (40 years) & Richard Cornhill (30 years). David Funnell, was made a 'Friend of Rotary'. Thank you to everyone (and also our surprise guest, Santa) who helped to make it an enjoyable and happy evening.

Even though the past six months of 2021 were challenging due to lockdowns, etc, our Club has still managed to make a difference in our community. Our Christmas trailer raffle, well organized again by Ken Macaulay and manned by our wonderful members (some doing many extra shifts) and friends, raised a significant amount of money that will be used in our community and our projects. The lucky winner was a local from Narellan. Thank you, Chris and Greg, for your usual great organisation for our Bunnings barbeque, recently held on one of the *hottest* days in December, and to all who volunteered on the day and braved the heat.

Unfortunately, our barbeque, which was to be held last Thursday at the Playford's beautiful home, had to be postponed. However, stay tuned for a new date for this event.

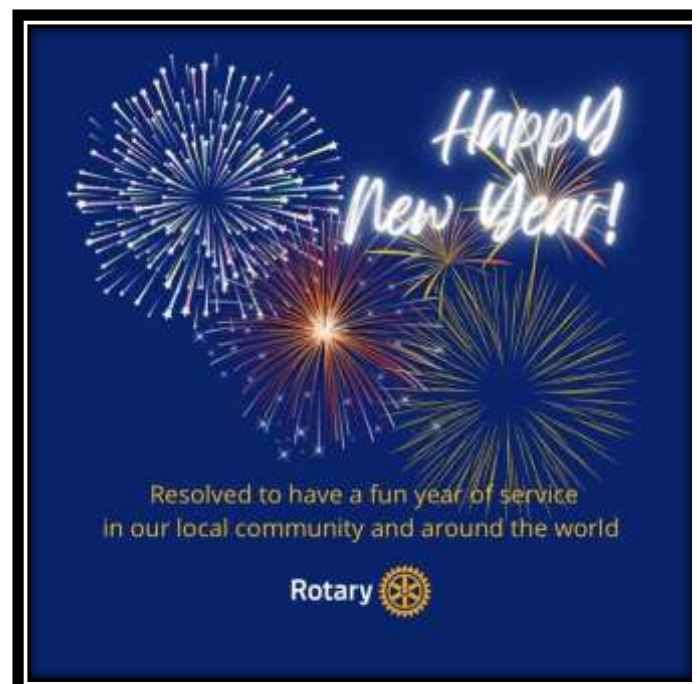
This week is our **Club Assembly**, via Zoom. Your Board of Directors will give updates about this Rotary year so far and the plans ahead for the next six months. There will also be a discussion about our meetings going forward and an opportunity for any questions or suggestions you may have. Please attend, if possible, for this very important meeting.

Yours in Rotary, Judith

THIS WEEK – 20TH JANUARY 2022

CLUB ASSEMBLY VIA ZOOM

Our meeting this week is a Club Assembly which is a member's only event.



Upcoming Events

Club Assembly

Zoom

Jan 20, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Dr Paul Naidoo - "Life Under Apartheid"

Zoom

Jan 27, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

No Meeting (Transferred to Bowls on Friday)

Feb 03, 2022

Barefoot Bowls (TBC)

Camden Sports Club

Feb 04, 2022

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Linda Inglis - ADFAS

Zoom

Feb 17, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Bunnings Barbeque

Bunnings Narellan

Feb 19, 2022

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Polio Plus Train Ride

Sydney Rail

Feb 23, 2022



Together with the other Macarthur Rotary Clubs we will be participating in Rotary Adopt-A-Tree on Tuesday 25th January and Australia Day at the new Bunnings in Campbelltown.

Members of the public will be able to adopt a tree for \$5, either in person at Bunnings or through the website <https://rotaryadoptatree.org.au>, with proceeds going to Rotary Smith Family Scholarships (the website is not live until Australia Day).

The trees will be planted in environmentally impacted areas of NSW determined by experts, including Landcare, once the stock has been propagated after trees have been adopted. The plantings will take place in the warmer months such as March/April or September/October. Adoption Certificates will be sent electronically in February and adopters will be notified via email when tree plantings are taking place and are invited to participate. They will also be sent the location of their tree and receive 6 monthly updates on the growth of the trees, including photos and videos.

Funds from this project will support Rotary Smith Family Scholarships which help young Australians grow to their best potential. Donations will enable our local Rotary Clubs to assist youth, ensuring they receive the educational support required for them to complete their studies.

For upcoming events, the latest news and to update your personal details visit our website:

[Home Page | Rotary Club of Camden \(camdenrotary.org.au\)](https://www.rotary.org.au/HomePage)

Or using the QR Code below



A great way to keep in touch and to share with things happening in our Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/camdenrotaryclub>

Please don't forget to "like" and "share" our posts to increase our media reach in the community.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



Chris Evans (7th)
Jo Perrin (8th)
Dianne Mulley (9th)
Sandra Claxton (9th)
Rosemary Farquharson (9th)
Denise Tsoukalas (14th)
Gary Ireland (15th)
Alan Redman (20th)



Mike & Christine Scarce – 10th January



Bruce & Rosemary Farquharson – 18th January



Alek Jankowski (1st) – 36 years
Rob Eaglesham (6th) – 40 years
Noel Lowry (23rd) – 19 years



**5,000 families sheltered in the Philippines,
with more to come..**

ShelterBox has been busy over the holidays, not least because of the terrible Typhoon that ripped through the Philippines just before Christmas. Fortunately, our team in the Philippines, caught in the midst of the storm, emerged physically unscathed, albeit with damaged homes. You can read personal accounts from our Filipino staff below.

Having aid stored locally meant that we were able to launch and immediate response and distributions are well underway. The ongoing threat of COVID-19 had further complicated and already complex response.

In the good news column, the final figures are in for our recent Giving Day are in and I'm thrilled to announce a grand total of **\$162,314!** I'd like to say a huge thank you to all that donated to the matched giving fund and on the day. Your generosity will change the lives of people suffering in places like the Philippines, Yemen, Ethiopia, Haiti and Cameroon.

Mike Greenslade
CEO ShelterBox Australia





Shekhar Mehta
President 2021-22

January 2022

One of Rotary's founding principles was to use your vocation — whether as a doctor, lawyer, engineer, or another profession — to do good in the world. As we attempt to overcome and recover from the pandemic, this principle is vital in retraining people who have lost their jobs. In response, the Rotary E-Club of Tamar Hong Kong organized seminars for young people, with the aim of preparing them for the changing world of work.

This type of training must happen on a large scale. According to the United Nations, global unemployment is expected to exceed 200 million people in 2022. Women and youths are likely to be disproportionately affected.

This is why I've placed such a strong emphasis this year on projects that empower girls, and I've been delighted to see some of these projects in action. Of course, access to education

and the path to employment can be blocked by a lack of water and sanitation infrastructure.

A project in Pune, India, focuses on providing girls and women with an affordable, reusable sanitary pad. The project provides employment for production and distribution of the pads, and it will reduce the pollution caused by the disposal of 12.3 billion sanitary napkins in the country annually, many of which end up in India's landfills.

Others have used vocational service to advance the empowerment of women. The Rotary Club of Poona, India, conducted workshops to teach martial arts to young women, for self-defense against the threat of abuse or human trafficking.

I've also been fortunate to use my vocation to do good through Rotary. The Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 devastated the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which are part of my district. Thousands of homes were destroyed, and many areas lost electricity and running water. On my visit to Little Andaman Island, the builder in me immediately wanted to build homes for the homeless islanders there. We decided to construct 500 homes on Little Andaman.

On the last of my seven trips to the island, I could see something glimmering below as my helicopter was about to land. I realized that what I was seeing were the roofs of new homes. I was overjoyed by the sight, and soon a realization dawned upon me. As a builder I had built many beautiful buildings. In comparison, these 500 homes were the most ordinary buildings I had ever built, and they were in a place I likely will never visit again, for people I will never meet again. And yet the satisfaction I had in handing over these houses was greater than from anything I had previously built. Probably because for once I was using my vocation to *Serve to Change Lives*.

You, too, may have had opportunities to use your vocation to *Serve to Change Lives*. I welcome your stories of performing vocational service through Rotary. Also, I want to close by congratulating every club that has engaged with the Each One, Bring One initiative, which asks every member to introduce one person to Rotary. Increasing our membership gives people from all walks of life the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills in transformational service.