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# ***OUR DISTRICT, OUR VOICE***

Official Newsletter of Rotary District 9790

## **Anne's column**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNE REID

During the last month, I have found the energy to visit Corryong accompanied by AG Marg Crisp and one of my good friends Maria Koci. This was quite emotional for me as I had not been back since COVID 19. It was lovely to catch up with some friends I established after the fires.

The visit to Corryong Rotary club was held outdoors in the Colac Colac caravan park. This club is extremely busy supporting their local community.

Whilst there Marg took me to visit the Stephanie Alexander gardens which are being re-established with support from a Rotary Club. The work is looking fantastic.



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## **Anne's column (continued)**

I also took the opportunity to visit a project in Mansfield where they have installed some new tables and seats in the BBQ area of a park.

There were actually two but the other one was in use.

Now on to conference!

Anne.







## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 27-31 MAY 2023 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

March 2022



### Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality Night

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is the Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality night. An RI Convention tradition where local Rotarians and Clubs provide delegates with a memorable evening of hospitality, local culture and international fellowship.*

*We are now seeking expressions of interest from Individual Rotarians and Clubs to participate in either Home Hosting or Club Hosting events. This is a great opportunity to induct delegates into the culture and marvels of our wonderful city.*

*I look forward to hearing from you and your great ideas on how to impress our overseas and interstate delegates!*

**Closing Date 30 Apr 2022**

**Peter Dunn - HOC Director  
Host Hospitality**

### HOME HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Rotarians who are registered for the Convention and live within an approximate 15 km radius of the CBD can apply to host between 4 and 8 international and interstate guests in their home for dinner. Priority for hosting will be given to Registered Convention attendees but non-attendee Rotarians are also welcome to apply.

As a Home Host you will be responsible for arranging transport for your guests to and from your home. You may want to consider involving others in your Club, or immediate family to assist in this process. It is acceptable to have guests returned to their hotels by Taxi or Uber.

Hosts will receive \$55 per guest (from the registration fee for this event) to help offset the costs of the dinner and transport.

For more information and to Register your interest in Home Hospitality Opportunities go to:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/home-hospitality>

### CLUB HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

These ever-popular Convention events fill quickly and we expect that Melbourne won't be any different. Clubs or a group of Clubs are invited to design their own event and dinner which can be at the same venue or two different venues. To minimise travel time venues should be within a 20 km radius of the CBD. Guests are picked up by bus from their hotel and once onboard, an announcement about their destination is provided. *Surprise!* Clubs will need to host guests in multiples of 50 (one busload) and have at least 5-10 hosting Rotarians & partners for each group of 50 at the dinner venue.

Delegates registering for Host Hospitality will pay a flat charge to attend which will include their return bus trip. Clubs will receive a contribution of \$35pp towards the catering costs. Drinks will need to be purchased on a cash basis at the bar. Clubs should consider budgeting separately for any additional catering costs or entertainment. For more information and to register your interest in Club Hosting go to:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/club-hospitality>

***Note the new closing date!***





# DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA, 4-8 JUNE 2022

**REGISTER TODAY AT [CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG](https://convention.rotary.org)**

**#Rotary22**



**My fellow Rotary members,**

**There is nothing quite like our annual Rotary International Convention. It's the only opportunity we members get to connect personally with people from around the world, celebrate our works of service together, and collaborate on every level to find solutions to our most pressing challenges. We do all of this at one event — while making memories that will last a lifetime.**

**Rotary will have plenty to celebrate 4-8 June 2022 at our convention in Houston, Texas, USA — a city that's as diverse as our members, as inventive as our approach to service, and as welcoming as any Rotary member you'll ever meet. And if you can't attend in person, you can still be a part of it through our virtual convention program.**

**As the world continues to change, so must Rotary. It is our nature to be innovative, to see what's possible, and to take the initiative to accomplish things that are often nearly impossible. This is why we are people of action. No matter what challenges come today, we will always Discover New Horizons that lead us to a better tomorrow.**

**Sincerely,  
Shekhar and Rashi Mehta**







Dear Anne,

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, Rotary has made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We are deeply concerned about the Ukraine crisis and need your help.

Rotary is made up of people of action, especially in difficult times. In response to the deepening refugee crisis, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to prioritize contributions made to the [Disaster Response Fund](#) until 30 April 2022 to support disaster response grants for districts affected by these events. These expedited [disaster response grants](#) can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.



Half a million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number of refugees could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

With your donation to our [Disaster Response Fund](#), we can support communities and help rebuild lives during this tragic time.

Sincerely,

John Germ  
Trustee Chair, 2021-22  
The Rotary Foundation

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### **A message from the Operation Cleft Australia Chairman**

Managing an international project like Operation Cleft Australia is a demanding and challenging responsibility. These last two years were particularly so-no thanks to the Global Pandemic! We could not continue to transform lives, bring hope and a future to hundreds of desperately needy Cleft-suffering children, and their families, if it wasn't for the on-going generous support and interest of Rotary Clubs across Australia.

Despite the difficulties being faced in Bangladesh, this now 17-year-old proud Australian Rotary Club program has over these last 18 months, provided more than 2,300 free surgeries to children born with a cleft lip and/or palate deformity. Most of these children are much less than 12 months of age.

We are optimistic about our plans for this 2022 Year. Together with our Cleft Bangladesh partner we plan to complete more than 1500 life changing surgeries in this new Calendar year.

We thank all Rotary Clubs for partnering with us. The encouragement and support is deeply appreciated as we continue to bring the gift of a smile to the cleft-suffering children of Bangladesh.

Finally we would be pleased to bring the Operation cleft story into your club with a guest speaker role at an upcoming meeting.

Please contact me at the email address or phone number below to arrange a date.

PP Bruce McEwen, Chair

Telephone: +613 9877 9717

Email: [info@operationcleft.org.au](mailto:info@operationcleft.org.au)





## Telling the Operation Cleft Story

**It's all about simply changing lives; BRINGING A SMILE to a child's face - and more!**

The Rotary Club of Moreland recently hosted an update of the wonderful work of Operation Cleft by its Chairman Bruce McEwen.

Bruce started his presentation by emphasising that Rotary in Australia have every reason to be proud of this project, where now more than 16,000 free surgeries have occurred for the underprivileged disadvantaged Children of Bangladesh.

Cleft is not pretty, he said, leaving a unsightly disfigurement as well as creating lingering range of health issues for the families of cleft patients to deal with. This has been particularly the case in Bangladesh, where Operation Cleft has chosen to dedicate its energies.

Cleft Births occur around 1 in 700 across the globe, in Australia, Europe, Africa and also of course in Bangladesh. Despite the amount of research, there is no clear understanding of why Cleft births happens.

The Cleft issue happens around the 1st 6-8 weeks of pregnancy, where the lip, upper mouth, nose tissues do not join together normally. A cleft lip is a physical split or separation of the two sides of the upper lip, can be a mono (single sided malformation or a bilateral, double cleft.).

One in 700 babies are born with a Cleft issue, which is the fourth most common birth defect all over the world. In fact it is estimated that a child somewhere in the world is born with a cleft every 3 minutes.

12% of the children born with cleft die under age of 5 if the Cleft is left untreated, and secondary health issues include eating difficulties, hearing loss, dental problems and speech difficulties. All of these can lead to the serious outcome of malnutrition, especially in a poor country like Bangladesh.

In addition to the health issues, children from marginalised areas of Bangladesh often face community social rejection from the stigma of the condition, leading to deprivation of education, employment and marriage.

The etiology or origins in Bangladesh for the causes of Cleft is often seen to be blame or punishment for the mother/parent, or failure. Often causes are often associated with supernatural forces, evil spirits or ancestral spirits, exposure to an eclipse, black magic, or a contagion.

Bruce was very proud of his Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Victoria adopting this international humanitarian project which has been supported to date by 400+ Rotary Clubs around Australia.

Operation Cleft Australia's mission is to provide free, cleft repair surgeries for the underprivileged children of Bangladesh— providing hope and an opportunity to live normal and meaningful lives.

Bruce explained that Bangladesh was chosen because its low income, poor access to health services and one of the highest incidence of malnutrition in the world.

With a population of 170 million, Some 8,800 children born every day in Bangladesh, 13 of which with a Cleft issue. If these cleft conditions are left untreated, Bruce reiterated that the children will suffer both physically and emotionally, and they face a life of torment, poor health, isolation, and illiteracy.

In summary Operation Cleft's Goal to bring a smile to the face of a child affected by cleft in Bangladesh. The Operation Cleft journey started back in 2005, which will continue to grow with support of German partner DCKH. Operation Cleft has performed more than 16,000 surgeries since 2005 together with Partner DCKH!

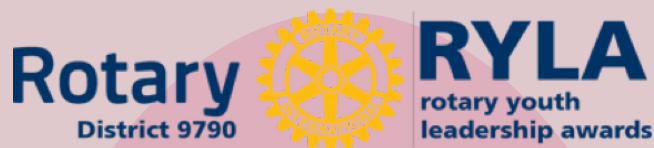
Without Rotary Clubs, Bruce reminded us that without individual donors there is no future and no hope for these affected children; and that \$350.00 will provide free Surgery and all that goes with it for an individual child.

Finally Bruce spoke with justifiable confidence that Rotarians across Australia can "make a difference – Serve to Change lives" by continuing the support for the wonderful work undertaken by Operation Cleft.

Trevor Moyle, District 9790 Operation Cleft Representative



## Youth News



**The dates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference 2021-22:**

**New Dates - New Dates - New Dates!!!!!!**

**Sunday, 20 November 2022 to  
Saturday, 26 November 2022**

Yes, yes, yes, the Expression of Interest (EOI) on the RYLA website is open and ready to go! Have your future RYLarians lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI). Make sure you give them your name, contact phone number and the correct sponsoring club name.

**Contact the team on Email: [info@ryla9790.org.au](mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au)  
Website: <https://ryla9790.org.au/>**

**Kerry Jones Secretary M 0414 861 557 & Linda Gidlund, Chair, M 0418 173 279**



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**Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)** – Meredith Miegel, M 0417 246 546, Email: [miegelpm@bigpond.com](mailto:miegelpm@bigpond.com)

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** – Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, Email: [info@ryla9790.org.au](mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au)

**Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)** – Contact Malcolm Watt, M 0439 158 274, Email: [watt.malc@gmail.com](mailto:watt.malc@gmail.com)

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**Youth Volunteer Management** - Contact Bruce McIntyre, M 0427 623 142, Email [bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com](mailto:bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com)

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# Youth News

## Youth Volunteer Management Update

There is appears slow yet steady progress being made in regard to the volunteers being approved to participate in Rotary Youth programs.

With the Albury North RYPEN and Youth Exchange having up-coming events, it is essential that ALL volunteers associated with these programs are approved before they are allowed to participate. So, if you are one of these people, you need to act promptly.

At the moment, these are the statistics across the District:

**CLUBS** where at least 1 member has been approved: 27

**Members/volunteers fully approved:** 66

**Members/volunteers works in progress:** 16

There are other fully accredited participants (non-Rotarians) in RYE, RYLA, District RYPEN, Rotaract, Rotex and NYSF.

This is a promising start, yet we need a lot more Rotarians and, possibly non-Rotarians, undertaking the program and to become approved for all our youth programs.

As a reminder, the following roles are the bare minimum required to do the accreditation for each club:

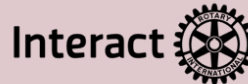
- Current Club President and President Elect
- Club Youth Protection Officer (every club should have one)
- Club Youth/New Generations Chair
- Committee members of any club youth program (incl non-Rotarians)
- Club counsellors
- Youth Exchange host families (anyone over 18 years of age)
- Others who wish to undertake this Quality Assurance program.

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Coordinator, D9790 Youth Volunteer Management  
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## *Youth News*

### *Aitken College Interact*



**Congratulations to Aitken College Interact! Many Interact clubs are facing the same challenges as Rotaract and Rotary clubs. The challenge is how to continue to function and the Interactors have the magic!**

**Aitken College Interact commenced activities in February with a Valentine's fundraising initiative to support abandoned pets and planning for Clean Up Australia Day in March. Go Aitken College Interact!**

**How is your Interact club going?**

### *District 9790 RYPEN 2022*



**The District RYPEN 2022 Seminar will not be held from 25th to 27th March 2022 due to the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic issues. Over the past two years, in 2020 and 2021, we were very fortunate to have held RYPEN as usual without any disruptions.**

**The Team are planning for RYPEN 2022 to be held in October 2022. Further details will be available at the District Assembly. Thank you for your ongoing support of this vital youth program. Mal Watt, Chair**

### *Albury North - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment 2022!*

**Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment 2022 (RYPEN) – Cancelled for this Rotary year. The next District 9790 RYPEN is coming in October 2022. Please list in the calendar as well.**





*Rotex*



With all that is happening in the World today we  
should recall the Founding Principles of

## Rotary Youth Exchange

- ❖ Rotary's Fourth Avenue of Service comprises those activities that Members do to advance International **Peace, Goodwill and Understanding**
- ❖ To build world peace, one exchange at a time
- ❖ To increase international understanding through the promotion of **cultural and educational opportunities** for students around the world

*"My dream is for every 17-year-old to become a Youth Exchange Student. If we could achieve this there would be no more wars."*

*Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar*

*Rotary International President 2004-2005*



# ROTARY CLUB OF BROADMEADOWS

PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL

## PAUL HARRIS DINNER 2022



**SPEAKER**

**FRANK VINCENT, AO**

RETIRED JUDGE

Frank Vincent (AO) has represented hundreds of individuals in the Supreme Court and beyond. His area of expertise? Some of the most exciting murder trials our country has seen.

Known by his nickname "Mr Murder", he studied Law at Melbourne University, and launched into an extensive career defending many, including the infamous Mark "Chopper" Read.

**6:30PM, Tuesday 19th April 2022**

**at the Northern Golf Club.**

**(Cnr Cardinal & Glenroy Rd, Glenroy 3046)**

**NOTE: MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS.  
YOU MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED TO ATTEND.**

**TICKETS: \$45 PER PERSON**



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**FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FACEBOOK-PH-DINNER](https://tinyurl.com/facebook-ph-dinner)**



**NEW DATE!!**



ZONE 8 ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM

# People of Action



27 March 2022



12 noon - 1pm AEDST  
2pm - 3pm NZT

*With:*

**Roslyn Teirney**

Assistant Rotary Public Image  
Coordinator

**[Register now](#)**

...or click here: <https://forms.bedrocksolutions.co.nz/rotary-zone-8-public-image-team-people-of-action/>

## Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta 50th anniversary

All Rotarians and friends are invited to celebrate our jubilee at the

Gateway Hotel, Wangaratta  
Sat 14th May 2022 at 6.00 pm

*Please book with Secretary Adrian Twitt by 6th May 2022  
phone 0470 403 875*



# Looking for a fund raising opportunity?

## Would you be interested if it was no risk and the organising has been done?

## Then maybe the Rotary Club of Mooroopna's Community raffle is for you!



We are inviting other clubs to come on board and share the opportunity to raise funds for their projects.

The raffle will be run from November 1st, 2021 to April 22nd, 2022.

**First prize is a Hyundai Venue Active valued at \$27,400 and second prize a \$1000 Coles Supermarket Voucher.**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

**For the club that sells the ticket, they will receive 60% of the selling price.**

All the organising of prizes, permits and ticket printing has been done so there is no risk to the club if they come onboard.

We will supply you with tickets and also supply posters with the clubs name on them.

The ticket also states "The organisation you purchased this ticket from receives the major share of the ticket price. This helps their community"

**If you would like to come on board or you need more information please contact Richard Speedy 0490 792 601 or [rspeedy@iinet.net.au](mailto:rspeedy@iinet.net.au) to obtain more information**



If you think your club might like to participate and generate risk free funds, then  
Contact Richard Speedy on 0490792601 or [rspeedy@iinet.net.au](mailto:rspeedy@iinet.net.au)  
to obtain more details.





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NOW**



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Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN) – Albury North RYPEN i	TBA	Friday, 13 – Sunday, 15 May 2022.	Warwick Tasker, M 0439 158 274, Email RYPEN Coordinator M 0408 052 386, Email <a href="mailto:warnel@bigpond.com">warnel@bigpond.com</a>
Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN) – The next District 9790 RYPEN is coming in October 2022.	TBA	The next District 9790 RYPEN is coming in October 2022.	Malcolm Watt, M 0439 158 274, Email: <a href="mailto:watt.malc@gmail.com">watt.malc@gmail.com</a>
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference	TBA	Sunday, 20 November 2022 to Saturday, 26 November 2022	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, E: <a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a> (page 8 for more details)

## Deadlines

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)	Expressions of Interest are open and will remain open. Offers will be on a first in basis, as there will be limited openings.	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, E: <a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a>
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## March 2022 is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month





## March 2022

**Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month**

**4-5 March – Presidential Conference – Maputo, Mozambique**

**14-18 March – World Rotaract Week**

**31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention**

## April 2022

**Maternal and Child Health Month**

**30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due**

## May 2022

**Youth Service Month**

## June 2022

**Rotary Fellowships Month**

**3-4 June – Presidential Conference, Houston, Texas, USA**

**4-8 June – Rotary International Convention, Houston, Texas, USA**

**30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due**

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**Rotary**  
DISTRICT 9790



**Conference 2022**  
**Marysville**  
**18 – 20 March**



# Embracing Change

Service above self

- ✓ Golf Day supporting Mental Health
- ✓ 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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