



Rotary Club of Concord - Monday 27th July 2020

Chartered 24th September, 1956

Rotary District 9675

Maybe a time for explanation

When I sent out the last edition I said something about the content being a little boring but there was a certain amount of levity to offset that and I got much positive reaction. Unlike me generally, I was not looking for praise, but I felt that the content was a little more sobersided than normal and therefore would not hold my readers as captivated as usual.

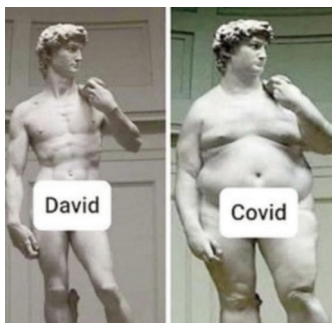
This blankety blank pandemic has made creating a bulletin each week a little more of a challenge than normal in as much as Rotary activities, as in most area of our existence these days, have been dramatically curtailed so finding relevant content has become a little more complex.

Therefore when I include material that is not directly interlinked with Rotary in some way it could rightly be construed as not being relevant.

However, during this period of no direct social contact with each other (apart from our markets) I am attempting entertain as well as inform by mixing Rotary news and events with other commentary that could be of general interest and a fair amount of humour, admittedly some of which comes out of left field.

Ergo, it is what it is and I will continue with the format for the foreseeable future at the same time welcoming all (well, almost all) helpful(?) content passed on by members.

Speaking of Covid19...



OK... let's get serious

According to my journalism mentor Peter Komander, (he who as Past President (2019-2020) of the Rotary club of Five Dock and editor-in-chief of that august publication Kurrapundie and has agreed that a little plagiarism is ok by him as

long as it goes both ways, has suggested that the beginning of the new Rotary year is a time when I should begin with a summary of the duties of the incoming board members. And whilst this is probably akin to teaching my grandmother to suck eggs, I realise that newer members are possibly a little vague on the such detail and as I have said on many



occasions, a little education while not as productive as a lot of education, will never go astray.



Director Daniel Music

So let's start with the duties of our **Community Service Director** (Daniel Music) and committee.

Clubs are encouraged to focus on addressing real community concerns. They should carry out projects that effectively address the identified needs of that community and utilise Rotary resources in carrying out these projects.

'HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST'

This motto was first expressed at Rotary's first Convention held in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first appeal for aid to disaster victims was in 1913 when \$US25,000.00 was given for flood relief in Ohio & Indiana USA.

However, the first Community Service project took place in 1907 when Chicago Rotarians led a campaign to install a public 'comfort station/ in the city mall. The scope for Community Service is unlimited. When deciding on a course of action first keep in mind local government requirements, should they be necessary.

Our record in this area is I feel exceptionally good, particularly over the past few years when we have given practical support to Quirindi during the drought and beyond, to the Southern Tablelands particularly during the devastating bushfires, supporting local schools with annual Citizenship Awards, numerous local groups such as Let's Get Going, Stitching Hearts, Black Dog and Rivendell, substantial financial support for the ANZAC Institute at Concord Hospital and much, much more, all of which not only assists those organisations but together with the Farmers Market elevates the name of Rotary within the community.

There is absolutely no doubt whatsoever that our community would be the poorer by far without the involvement of the Rotary Club of Concord and we can look forward I'm sure to much more of the same.



**INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE**



**YOUTH
SERVICE**



**VOCATIONAL
SERVICE**



**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**



**CLUB
SERVICE**

To committee or not to committee

Reading an email from President Angela mostly about the Virtual House of Friendship, at the end of the message I came across the following:

If you are interested on participating in a particular committee: Club Administration, Community Service, Vocational Service, New Generations, International Service, Membership & Public Image or Farmer's Market please let the Director concerned know as soon as possible.

Which set me thinking of the many ways in which Rotary in general and our club in particular has been modified over the past years, not always for the better.

Directorship of the five avenues of service (Club, Community, Vocational, International and New Generations) is an area where we have I believe, regressed to the point where each director is now virtually a one man show, not only leading the line of the respective areas of responsibility, deciding on suitable projects, following through on all communication,



organising the man/womanpower and/or required finance and then personally seeing it through to fruition. So often this is extremely onerous, not to mention time consuming.

I have always believed that once a new board has been elected, then each Director would be assigned a committee by the President of two to three members depending on the size of the club and those committees would meet on a regular basis, decide democratically on the projects for the year and then tasks would be allocated culminating in a successful outcome for the club. In this way, **ALL** club members have responsibilities culminating in satisfaction of participating directly in the club's successes.

Surely all who become Rotarians do so because they wish to work for the betterment of others less fortunate, whether at a local, national or international level.

Therefore, if being a member of a committee within Rotary is now done on a voluntary basis rather than at the direction of the President, can I urge everyone who is NOT already committed to one of the Avenues of Service (the Farmers Market has had an extremely effective committee operating for a number of years now) to think about the area you would like to be involved in and talk to the Director of your choice.

We have for many years been a very successful member of the Rotary family, so now in this difficult time let's show that we can "**up the ante**"!

Speaking of our Farmers Market....

...(which I seem to do quite regularly of late but it does serve to fill up a few column inches in a time of need) the market of Sunday last was from my observation a great success.

The day was again magnificent weatherwise, the roster seems to have been adhered to and I have had no negative feedback, we again had 30+ stall holders and most happy with their results, the charity bucket (which is now not a bucket at all but a few pin pads that take electronic payments) achieved in excess of \$400 for the Charity of choice of Homebush Interact Club (Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre).

Plus according to our website we've scored an accolade or two for our attention to safety with one Lisa Stewart who posted "*One of the few doing it properly - will be back on Sunday.*" on Facebook.



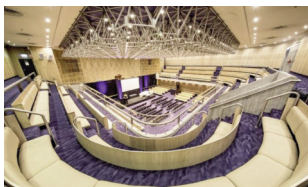
District 9675 Conference 2021

Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March 2021
Sydney Masonic Centre
66 Goulburn St., Sydney, NSW 2000

Call: (02) 9284 2888

Website: <https://www.smcfc.com.au/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/smcfc.au/>



DG Warwick invites us to join him in the centre of Sydney to experience wonderful speakers, to enjoy the fellowship that is Rotary and to open opportunities for our club, our community and for the wider world.

Very early bird rate: **\$195** - Register & pay before 31 October 2020

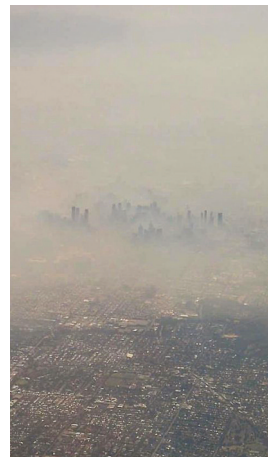
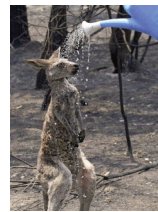
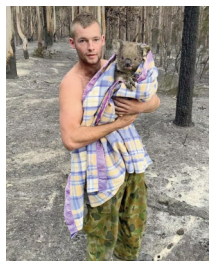
Early bird rate: **\$235** - Register & pay before 15 January 2021

Full registration: **\$275** - Register & pay after 15 January 2021

Day/event rates are available at: <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>



Scenes from the recent past without comment





A story to warm your heart

A Scotsman (wearing his kilt and a bonnet) walks into offices of private bankers Coutts & Co in the Strand, London (Bankers to the Royal Family since 1820) and asks to speak to the manager.

He informs him that he is going abroad on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The Manager tells him that Coutts & Co would only be delighted to meet his requirements,

but that he should understand that since he is not a client of the Bank, it would need some modest security for the loan.

So the Scotsman opens his sporran, takes out the keys and documents of a brand new Ferrari parked in front of the bank and hands them to the manager saying "Will this do?" He also produces the car's log book and after a phone call everything checks out fine, so the manager agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan; the cashier hands out £5,000 while bank's porter drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage for safe keeping.

Over lunch manger tells his colleagues the amusing little story of how a simple minded Scot from North of the Border secured a loan for £5,000 offering a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral and they all enjoy a good chuckle as they sip their Port.

Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, which comes to £15.41. The manager says, "Sir, we have been more than happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are just a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are in fact a wealthy property investor. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow £5,000 from us?"

The Scotsman replies: "Where else in London can I park my Ferrari for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be still there when I return?"

Food for thought

Dire Covid-19 aftermath on our doorstep

In an interview with Guardian Australia, veteran social justice campaigner Tim Costello has called for an increase in foreign aid to help the Pacific deal with health, social and economic challenges exacerbated by Covid-19.

Estimates from the United Nations World Institute for Development Economics Research he said, cited a severe economic contraction that would result in an additional 1.2 million people in the Pacific and Timor-Leste being pushed into extreme poverty (poverty defined as living below \$1.90 a day) which would be an increase of over 40% on pre-Covid-19 levels and Australia needed to act.

The comparison between the defence spending and that on aid and development (\$10 for every \$1) was unsustainable for the fact that because *"the software of aid has to rise because the hardware of military is what you don't want to use. You have cruise missiles to deter, not to use. The software of aid that literally feeds hungry kids and gets health to desperate people is profoundly important"*. So that's really the message of [the new campaign] **'end Covid for all'**.

With Australia's Pacific aid actually at the 2012 levels, we must do much more.

Maybe this is an area of International Service Rotary should look to?







Climate & Peace Forum

6th AUG
6:00 PM AEST

Turn climate action into a mainstream activity



Speakers
Our Influencers

You are invited to an exciting new webinar series in the developing discussion around climate, security and trade.

They inspire us with their passion for action on climate change and public debate.





Dr. Michael Pulch
EU Ambassador to Australia

Prof. Lesley Hughes
PVC, Research Integrity and Development, Distinguished Prof. of Biological Science, Macquarie University

Richie Merzian
Director of the Climate & Energy Program at The Australia Institute

This 75 minute free webinar will explore the immediate and long term impact of the new European Green Deal and how trade policy influences climate action.

→ Date: **6th August** | **5.55PM** for **6PM AEST**.
Presented by the **Rotary Clubs of Sydney**.

Please register for this webinar via the website:
www.climateandpeace.com.au






The **CLIMATE & PEACE FORUM** is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove, supported by the Rotary Clubs of Sydney and Darling Harbour. While initiated by Rotarians, this quarterly forum is open to everyone.

Through engagement with concerned individuals we hope to promote climate action generally and increase advocacy within the government and corporate community; to raise awareness with Rotarians and NGOs; to identify and promote activities and to establish partnerships. We look forward to you joining us on the webinar.


Rotary Tips No 1

3 important logins to assist members to access all district information.




These Farmers Market meetings are an extremely serious business

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Rotary District 9675



3 IMPORTANT LOGINS

- 1 MyDistrict**
www.rotarydistrict19675.org
Click on **MyDistrict** in the menu bar (login or create account)
 - Manage your profile
 - Grants Information
 - Manage Club Information
 - Rotary District 9675 Information
 - Club Governance Information
 - District News & Media
- 2 MyRotary**
www.rotarydistrict19675.org
Click on **MyRotary** on the menu bar (login or create account)
 - Exchange Ideas, Take Action, Member Center
 - RI Learning & Reference
 - Manage your Club for RI
 - The Rotary Foundation
 - RI News & Media
- 3 MyLearning**
www.rotarydistrict19675.org
Click on **MyLearning** in menu bar (login or create account)
 - How to Use the Rotary District 9675 website
 - Everything you need to know about Rotary District 9675
 - All the contacts

IMPORTANT: Member & Club information entered through **MyDistrict** automatically goes to **MyRotary**, however, information entered through **MyRotary** does not automatically go to **MyDistrict**, so please make sure it is entered in **MyDistrict** first.

27th July 2020



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Another Government Study Provides outstanding Results

CSIRO Officials admitted that they found about 200 dead crows on the highway between Noonamah and Palmerston, in Northern Territory, where there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

The Territory Government approved and the CSIRO contracted a bird pathologist to examine the remains of all the crows and he confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu, much to everyone's relief.

However, he determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, and only 2% were killed by car impact. (Didn't know there was a difference!)

The Territory Government then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine the disproportionate percentages for truck v car kills.

After 18 months of research and \$2.7 million spent, the Ornithological Behaviourist determined the cause in the deaths.

When crows eat road kill, they always set-up a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

His conclusion was that the lookout crow could say "Cah", but he could not say "Truck".

I just wanted to make sure that you knew your tax money was being well spent.



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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Woman with a cold



Man with a cold



New Senior's Exam

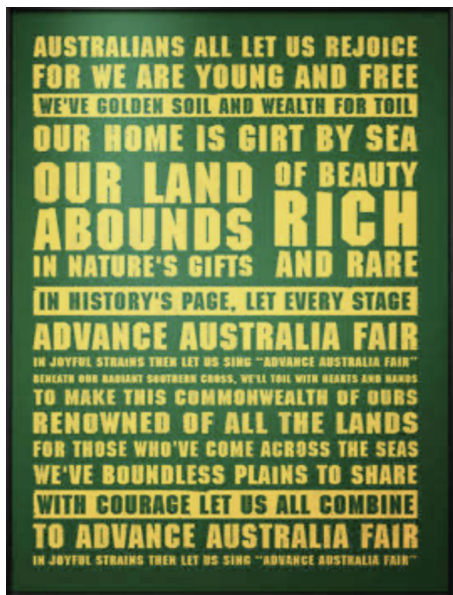
(4 correct out of 10 is a pass)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.

Check your answers on the next page





DIST. 9675 CLUB MEETINGS MONDAYS:

BURWOOD: 5.45 for 6.15pm
Burwood RSL Club
www.rotaryclubofburwood.org

FIVE DOCK: 6.30 for 6.35pm
Club Five Dock
www.rotarynews.info/club4417

TUESDAYS:

CAMPSIE: 5.45 for 6.15pm
The Rotary Community Centre
www.rotarynews.info/club4408

WEDNESDAYS:

STRATHFIELD: 6.30 for 7.00pm
Strathfield Golf Club
www.strathfieldrotary.org.au/

DRUMMOYNE: 6.15 for 6.30pm
Drummoyne Sailing Club
www.rotarynews.info/club4413

THURSDAYS:

BREAKFAST POINT: 7.00 for 7.15pm
Breakfast Point Country Club
www.rcbp.com.au

www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au

Rotary Grace

O Lord Thou Giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days

ROTARY'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.
- 2) Use my vocational experiences and talents to serve in Rotary.
- 3) Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
- 4) Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
- 5) Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.
- 6) Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in my community.
- 7) Honour the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.
- 8) Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) 116 years
 - 2) Ecuador
 - 3) Sheep and Horses
 - 4) November
 - 5) Squirrel fur
 - 6) Dogs
 - 7) Albert
 - 8) Crimson
 - 9) New Zealand
 - 10) Orange (of course)
- What do you mean, you failed?



BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21

President: Angela Porritt

President Elect: Cornelia Day

Secretary: Allan Petersen

Treasurer: Ken Wright

Immediate PP: Charmaine Langley

Farmers Market: Helen McCaffery

Assistant International Service Director: Maree Ohlin

Farmers Market: Helen McCaffery

Club Service: James Chin

International Service: Ian Gilkes

Community Service: Daniel Music

New Generations: Peter Robinson

Vocational Service: Peter Reynolds

Membership: Michael Brown

CLUB MEMBERS

Bhavnagri Viraf

Strucural Engineering

Brown David (Beverly)

Graphic Art (Retired)

Brown Michael (Liane)

Graphic Art (Pre-Press)

Cassaniti Santino (Marie)

Funeral Services

James Chin

Medicine - Health & Lifestyle

Day Cornelia

Real Estate - Commercial

Dowley Peter (Maree)

Security Services

Ferrari Kevin

Entrepreneur

Gagliano Cheryl (Tony)

Legal Assistant

Gilkes Ian (Sue)

Printing Commercial

Guerin Roger (Kitty)

Engineering - Local Government

Hughes Don (Judith)

Education - Science

Hunter Dianne

Accountancy - Admin

Kane Ray (Judith)

Transport (Retired)

Kang Alice

Director Marketing &
Community Relations,
Concord Hospital

Langley Charmaine

Project Manager Higher Education

Legey Patrick (Annmaree)

Pest Control

Long Kevin (Anna)

Promotional Products

Love Judy

Aged Care Aministration

Ly Steven

Planning Logistics

McCaffrey Helen (Bill)

Corrosion Control

McCarthy Phillip (Jillian)

Accounting - Chartered

McIntosh Graham

Pharmacy (retired)

Murray Ken

Education - Secondary (ret)

Music Daniel

Facilities Management

Ohlin Maree (Peter)

IT Project Management

Paterson Bill (Doreen)

Services & Development
Counselling

Petersen Allan (Welwyn)

Education - Primary

Petrie Stephen (Cathryn)

Mechanical Engineering

Porritt Angela (Rhys)

Database Development

Reynolds Peter (Mariana)

Education - Languages

Rez Simon

Law

Robertson Jim (Florence)

Mediation Services

Robinson Peter (Barbara)

Marketing and Sales

Rogers Peter (Mary)

Mystery Shopping

Scott Evelyn

Govt Services (Retired)

Williamson David

Building Administration

Wright Alan (Lorna)

Paint Manufacture

Wright Ken (Georgia)

Accounting Services

Xu Grant (Cynthia)

IT Professional

HONORARY MEMBERS

#* Bell, Richard (Christine)

Davidson, Carole

Kistan, Nesan (Cheryl)

Michel, Lois

McCaffrey, William (Helen)

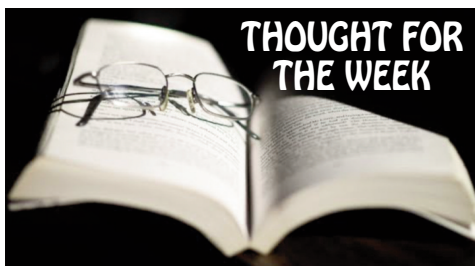
#* Rodway, Barry (Norah)

Spence, Wal (Elaine)

#** Smith, Peter (Marlene)

* Past President # Paul Harris Fellow

** Past Pres. Rotary Club of Strathfield



All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

