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As the charitable arm of Rotary International, the Foundation taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into the priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

The collective leadership and expertise of 1.2 million members

helps it tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally.

United by common values and vision for the future the Foundation sharpens its focus with targeted specific causes that will reach communities most in need.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The Foundation directs its efforts in seven areas to enhance local and global impact. The most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:



Basic
Education
& Literacy



Maternal &
Child
Health



Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution



Disease
Prevention
&
Treatment



Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene



Community &
Economic
Development



Support the
Environment

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Set up in 1917, "for the purpose of doing good in the world," in 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children and when Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947 contributions began pouring in to Rotary International & the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.



EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.



Some news from the Quirindi

Back in May, the trustees of our OUTREDS (Outback Rotary Education Scholarship Fund) approved a scholarship (up to \$6,000 pa for the next three years)

to Marika Forsstrom to assist her in her Bachelor of Nursing studies at the University of New England and her aim is to return to a District Hospital and nurse in Palliative Care.

As a reminder, Marika is married with two children, grew up in Wallabadah and now lives in Quirindi. She is employed as an enrolled nurse at Quirindi Hospital, has nursed in Gosford, Tamworth, Alice Springs and Darwin Hospitals before returning to Quirindi.



Her first report has been received via Robert Lewis of the Rotary Club of Quirindi and the reading of it proves to me that the decision to grant the scholarship was an extremely wise one. It is fantastic to see this program up and running again following a lengthy hiatus and hopefully we can expand the program in the future.

I commenced studying Bachelor of Nursing in March this year, online and part time. I have chosen to complete this degree in three years. To date I have successfully completed 3 subjects over two trimesters, and got 2 credits and 1 distinction, which I am very happy with. I have chosen to do a third semester for the year, and that subject has just begun. At the commencement of my studies I had to purchase a laptop, as I didn't actually own any type of computer, and the Scholarship money has been used to purchase that. The laptop plus 3 years of security and Word program came to just under \$3,000. None of the subjects I have chosen for this year include and Pracs, so I have not had to travel to other hospitals for further learning. Thanks to COVID-19, my Intensive School week has also been cancelled!

In the next 6 months I will be continuing my online studying, and there will definitely be some pracs included in whatever subjects I choose to do. The scholarship money will be very beneficial when this happens, as I can be away from home anywhere from 2-6 weeks, and will be needing accommodation to stay in. At this stage I don't know where I will be going, and how long it will be for, as this is not determined until a couple of



weeks prior to me needing to start a prac – apparently it happens all the time!

I will also continue to work at my local hospital 8 days per fortnight, and I mainly do night duty. I find it easier to study at work if the night is long and quiet, and sleep in the day while the kids are at school.

Once again, a big thank you to Rotary for choosing me for this scholarship and I will keep you all updated over the next 2 years with my progress.

Marika Forsstrom

Many thanks to Robert Lewis for the follow up.

And now the bit I couldn't fit in last week...

A short narrative history of Rhodes and Concord (cont.)

by Nicola Byrne

Previously...The railway became a landscape detail for most. Nonetheless, in time it became a touchstone for memories of a Rhodes lost to industrial development. A remembrance from the 1930's of the Walkers' Rhodes House goes:

'Travellers on the railway from Strathfield to Hornsby may note a large factory building about half a mile beyond the Rhodes platform... Ten years ago, the traveller would have seen on the spot, prettily situated on the bank of the river, a picturesque and spacious old stone cottage with wide flagged verandas, roomy stables and outbuildings standing in an old-world garden.' now read on...



Parallel to the station, head north on Blaxland Road past Churchill Tucker Reserve. At No. 69, a log split-rail fence cordons off a plot with tidy bush. The glimmer of the cars in the spacious carpark catches the eye first, as the building beside it is unremarkable. Lettered across the gable facing the street is **'PUBLIC SCHOOL RHODES 1922'**. Underneath the lower of the

two hipped roofs, a newer sign reads, **'Rhodes Community Centre'**. The 2-roomed school opened in 1922 to serve the then rapidly growing population. It closed in 1998.

'A local member promised it [the school grounds] to the German school, the Coptic church and about three other people,' Alan reveals. It feels confidential, but he speaks as if discussing the cricket. *'And then it went to council, which upset all his plans. They've now got plans to build another school there [in Rhodes], of course.'*

They both laugh.

Follow Blaxland Road to Leeds Avenue, and take Leeds to Concord Road. Upon crossing Concord Road, one arrives on Llewellyn Street, a string beaded with bungalows and McMansions. Behind a bend in the street hides the easternmost point of Rhodes, Uhrs Point. Its namesake is nineteenth-century Sheriff of NSW, George Richard Uhr, whose estate Llewellyn House was subdivided into the present street. In 1912, the estate was auctioned by H.W. Horning & Co, who promoted the sale with the following poem:

'Along the sleeping banks

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George Richard Uhr

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*Of Parramatta's shore,
The beauty spots of nature
Are numbered by the score,
But if each and all attractions,
Were in one estate conjoint,
They could not even then be said
To rival Uhrs Point.*

*'For this very choice location,
You doubtless long have striven,
But at last the opportunity
To buy a block is given,
As William Francis Cropley
(The owner of the ground)
Has now resolved to sub-divide
The point so well renowned.*

*'Easy terms' are to be given,
(Thus the vendor has instructed),
When on February the Tenth,
The sale will be conducted,
By a firm of reputation
Since the days of long ago,
Of course you know the name I mean,
H.W. Horning & Co.'*



Majors Bay Road



Ferry across the river



Finally, a bridge

The Concord Centenary dismisses the poetry of H.W. Horning & Co as 'high-blown doggerel'. If anything, this art-as-advertisement feels akin to Warhol's soup cans, its charm a refreshment from the gloss of real estate brochures that weigh down coffee tables today.

Return to the waterfront apartments on the west of the peninsula, where we began. The apartments abruptly stop on the waterside, forming a U-shape around the foreshore green and single-storey community centre, The Connection. It feels like an urban canyon widening out into a grassy floodplain, the shade suddenly stripped away. Near the heart of The Connection, four irregularly shaped 'pavilions' that reimagine a community hall, a plaque commemorates its opening in 2017. Noticeably absent is any trace of Union Carbide, the prior occupant of this spot. The Walkers' Rhodes House which preceded it has also vanished, though the suburb still bears its name.

Back at afternoon tea with Alan and Lorna, the slice is almost finished. *'They reckon it [the municipality] was a country town,'* Alan snorts. *'Every organisation—we had industry, churches, schools, sporting bodies—'*

'Red Cross—'

'Red Cross and all that. They all turned up to the meetings and helped.' The time he refers to is without a date, only past. One is reminded that places do not exist in discrete eras, but continuous and overlapping. Like the original estates, still traced out in the lines of the streets and remembered in their names, hidden until one chooses to look.

Alan pauses, and glances at Lorna in a moment of shared understanding. He returns his gaze to some distance out the window, and chuckles. *'When the ABC sent a reporter to Concord, as they did every one or two months to different councils, they used to call it Sleepy Hollow.'*



THANKS TO NICOLA BYRNE, ALAN and LORNA WRIGHT

Melbourne Cup



A little different this year, but nonetheless on the eve of "The Cup" the inestimable James Robertson provided us with another

of his entertaining Melbourne Cup field auctions albeit via Zoom. Obviously quite a number of members doubted the wisdom of attempting such an ambitious undertaking (which was reflected in the reduced number of attendees on the night) but the outcome was indeed a vindication of the decision to proceed.

Unfortunately it was not possible to include the added fundraising ploy of previous years (that of selling double and trifecta tickets), and the paucity of headwear which has been a hallmark of the night up until now, but the auction proceeded swiftly and all horses were sold via plenty of animated and raucous bidding.

The total raised was down also on previous years, but I have been reliably informed that first prize went to Mrs. Judy Love (\$300), second prize to Mr. Michael Brown (\$200) and third prize went to Mr. Graham McIntosh (\$100) with a further \$560 being added to the clubs coffers. Another terrific Zoom night of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.



Dictatorial auctioneer circa 2019

re the Council on Resolutions proposed ammendments

The responses from 12.5% of the membership of Concord Rotary Club:

20R-03 Disagree with the reintroduction of professional development as a value of Rotary

20R-04 Strong disagreement with adding a fifth part to the Four Way Test

20R-07 Disagree with the reducing the number of members needed to sponsor a Club

20R-08 Disagree with officially recognising clubs for children aged six to 12

20R-19 Strong disagreement with a more flexible definition of "political"

20R-22 Disagree with the leveraging of Rotary by contributing to society's effort to mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus pandemic

20R-28 Disagree with eliminating the eligibility restrictions for Rotarians, Rotaractors, and members of the Rotary community for access to Peace Fellowships

20R-29 Disagree with making publicity a mandatory part of the global grant application

20R-31 Supportive disagreement with allowing districts to use their own scholarship criteria when awarding scholarships for which the World Fund matching grants are used.

Agreement was reached concerning the remaining twenty one resolutions.

I must admit that a response from 12.5% of our members seems miserly and I have to admit I was a part of the other 87.5% but in my defence, I was so busy writing it up in the Channel, that I forgot to respond to Secretary Allan and so beg forgiveness. Does that sound credible?



P1's Cryptic Puzzle ANSWERS



1. OK - getting started in reverse
Roger Guerin (*in gear*)
2. President chops, by the sound of it
Don(ald) Hughes (*hews*)
3. Famous evangelist wards off rain
Graham McIntosh
4. John Deer's rival
David Brown
5. Simon (so-called) - a hood's offspring
Peter Robinson (*"Simon called Peter"*)
6. Great king's facial feature
James Chin
7. Chaser goddess doubled
Dianne Hunter
8. Archangel tanned
Michael Brown
9. In agreement before cycle of arms & legs
Concord Rotary Members
10. Know what's okay
Ken Wright
11. Exercise facility for scion of Bruce
Jim (gym) Robertson (*Robert the Bruce*)
12. Punch would rarely say this
Judy, Love

I told you he didn't have enough to do with his time!

Conclusive proof that NOTHING deters our market customers



Another successful market notwithstanding the less than clement weather. Our shoppers came, our stallholders for the most part were happy with the outcome and the rain stayed away for pack up which pleased yours truly immensely. Thanks again for all involved and particularly Peter (P4) Smith and his valiant Interactors.

MUNA 2021 is on!

Saturday 29th May 2021 has been announced as the date for next years' MUNA event and the location will be NSW Parliament House.

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a significant international Rotary youth program in which our District participates and the first National MUNA took place in August 1997.

Senior high school students develop an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at a simulated UN Assembly. The event provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.

MUNA has been held in many Rotary Districts around Australia since 1980. The team that places first in MUNA in our district is invited to compete at the Australian National MUNA at the Old Parliament House in Canberra.

The United Nations continues to give enthusiastic support for the ongoing growth of this worthwhile project for youth.



The Rotary Club of Five Dock Inc invites all Rotarians and Friends to the 15th Annual Charity Golf Day on Thursday 19th November 2020 at Ryde Parramatta Golf Club. Beneficiaries will be projects of RC Five Dock including Concord Cancer Centre, ARH, Detour House, Sailability Australia and Shelter Box.

For more information please contact Peter Komander on 0403 989 730



THE ROTARY CLUB OF FIVE DOCK INC

15th Annual Charity Golf Day
Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club
Thursday 19th November 2020



Help us celebrate our **15th Annual Charity Golf Day** on **Thursday 19th November 2020**.

Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club is one of Sydney's leading private golf clubs featuring a challenging and picturesque championship golf course. Have no doubt, this is a beautiful course and a stern test of golf.

Main beneficiaries will be:

CONCORD CANCER CENTRE (Concord Hospital) which provides vital treatment and care for cancer patients and engages in important research.

ROTARY CLUB OF FIVE DOCK INC to assist with its many projects - recent projects and donations have included Australian Rotary Health, Detour House, Handital, Seed Harvest Project, Rivendell Mental Health, Sailability Australia and Shelter Box.

We are seeking assistance from business organisations and there are a number of ways you can assist. Particular areas in which we seek support are:

SPONSORSHIP: includes signage (supplied by each sponsor) on one tee

Gold Sponsorship: \$1,500.00 = Hole sponsorship + Golf, lunch and dinner for 4 players.

Silver Sponsorship: \$ 850.00 = Hole sponsorship.

Sponsors' contributions and participation will be thanked publicly on the night and included in all promotional communications. Printed material you provide, promoting your organisation, will be distributed on the day.

DONATION OF PRIZES OR AUCTION ITEMS

There will be: novelty events, auction items and raffles.

GOLF DAY DETAILS: TEAM AMBROSE

Registration & Sausage sizzle: 11.00am to 12.00pm

Briefing: 12.15pm

Play commences with a shotgun start at 12.30pm.

COST PER PERSON: \$185.00 includes golf, sausage sizzle and dinner.

Golf only: \$140.00

Dinner only: \$70.00 from 6.30pm.

Dress rules apply – including no jeans and t-shirts.

Enquiries & Bookings: By email to rcfdgolf@gmail.com



The ingenuity of man



Joke of the week

A far more accurate account of the Three Bears Story

Baby bear goes downstairs, sits in his small chair at the table. He looks into his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?" he squeaks.

Daddy Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair and sees his big bowl is also empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?" he roars.

Mummy Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For God's sake, how many times do I have to go through this with you idiots? It was Mummy Bear who got up first. It was Mummy Bear who woke everyone in the house. It was Mummy Bear who made the coffee. It was Mummy Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away. It was Mummy Bear who swept the floor in the kitchen. It was Mummy Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper and croissants, it was Mummy Bear who set the damn table. It was Mummy Bear who walked the bloody dog, cleaned the cat's litter tray, gave them their food, and refilled their water."

"And now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear-arses downstairs and grace Mummy Bear with your grumpy presence, listen carefully, because I'm only going to say this once...."

"I HAVEN'T MADE THE BLOODY PORRIDGE YET!"



I promise you Officer, there's a bathing suit under there.... somewhere



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.

Good decisions don't just happen. Ask yourself these 4 questions:



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?



BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21

President: Angela Porritt

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There is no pleasure
worth forgoing just for
an extra three years in
the geriatric ward

- John Mortimer

