



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Borogegal and Cammeraigal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our Club meets. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Zoom

TUESDAY 6th JULY – CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM

As you all know we are in a lockdown so the Club will be reverting for at least this coming week to a ZOOM meeting and we will await news on any restrictions on indoor gatherings before reverting to face-to-face meetings.

Last Tuesday our guest presenter was Emily Rice who told us about her fascinating educational and work experience which led her to being chosen as the Global Grant Scholar proposed by Mosman Club and approved by District. We all look forward to hearing more about Emily's experiences as she starts her masters degree at Columbia University in New York where she will focus on conflict resolution.

This coming week we will be hearing from John Zhang who is our new Area Governor and will share with us his thoughts on 2021/2022.

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DISTRICT CHANGEOVER SUNDAY 4th JULY

Due to COVID restrictions the District Changeover event was held by ZOOM and the organisers were delighted that 245 Rotarian Club members were on-line for the session - more than had registered for the face-to-face event!

Apparently at the RI changeover Holger Knaack observed that he had travelled less than any previous RI President (he basically didn't travel) but he had met more Rotarians than any previous RI President reaching out across the globe by ZOOM. His daily Zoom meetings started around 6am and sometimes did not conclude until 10pm. A far cry from 2 years ago when many members would never have thought they would use technology to connect so seamlessly both locally and globally!

Some comments on foundation and grants. During 2020/2021 the District 9685 Clubs concluded 39 District Grants with a value of US\$204K as well as an astonishing 26 Global Grants with a total value of US\$2.1M. Turnaround time for Global Grant approval was in some cases measured in days. In this past year Clubs and members in our District donated US\$573K to the Rotary Foundation of which US\$96K was allocated to End Polio Now. A really great result.

Melanie Lewis (District Youth Leader) shared some statistics on the very pessimistic views of the world held by the majority of younger people and encouraged Clubs to run programs which helped build emotional resilience and create hope within this community. Her recommendation dovetails very well with the focus areas outlined by President Mark for 2021/2022.

ROTARIANS ADMINISTERING COVID VACCINATIONS

An inspiring story...

As news began circulating in Finland in early January that COVID-19 vaccines could soon be approved, the nation's health authorities cautioned an excited public that it would take time to distribute the vaccine supply and train enough people to administer them. Retired doctors Matti and Virpi Honkala learned about the potential shortage of vaccinators and contacted their region's medical director to volunteer their services in Raahe and the surrounding area.

"There was such a buzz and everyone wanted to get going right way," says Virpi, a Rotary International director and member of the Rotary Club of Raahe who previously worked as a surgeon and medical director. Her husband, Matti, Rotary's PolioPlus national advocacy adviser for Finland and a member of the Rotary club of Pietari Brahe, had been a chief of internal medicine. Both are still licensed to practice medicine.

Both Virpi and Matti have experience managing vaccination campaigns. During the 2009 outbreak of H1N1 (also known as swine flu), they oversaw the inoculation of nearly 1,000 health care workers prior to the mass vaccination of the general population.

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“We have been retired for some years, but we still know how to vaccinate people,” says Virpi. They were both keen to get their Rotary clubs involved in the effort, and Matti wanted to promote the importance of vaccines. “We said, this could be our Rotary project, and our project for our community,” Virpi says. “We know how eager Rotary members are to promote vaccinations, whether it’s against COVID-19 or polio.” Members of both Rotary clubs volunteered to act as ushers and park cars at vaccination sites. Rotary club members played a crucial role directing people in and out of a closed school that was converted to a vaccination centre.

Matti says he has also been working to fight vaccine misinformation and hesitancy, drawing on years of experience with the polio campaign. He finds opportunities to talk to people while they are waiting, using his knowledge as a polio advocacy specialist to speak about the power and efficacy of vaccines.

Together they have so far administered 5,000 vaccinations!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th July – John Zhang, new Area Governor for the lower north shore.

The Rotary Club of Mosman wishes to thank Kennard’s Storage Artarmon for their generous on-going support in providing storage for our Club.

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