





#### 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.

# TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup>September – CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM

It was great to welcome back Jenny Horsfield as a guest speaker. Last week we heard from Jenny about "A Bookshop in War Time" which covered not only the story of Verity Hewitt's bookshop in Canberra but also covered many of the contemporaneous events during the years of World War 2. In 1938 Verity was married, but unhappy, and loathing housework, she opened Verity Hewitt's Bookshop on 1 April 1938. From second-hand books, it expanded to sell new books, prints and artefacts, and to hold art exhibitions. While it was not a great financial venture, it became a 'pool of light' for the book-starved community, reflecting the friendliness of its owner, who even delivered library books by sulky. Verity went on to have an extraordinary life including studying Russian as well as

Russia's influence in Australia and Afghanistan (where she travelled extensively), and amongst other achievements, was also a part-time teacher at Abbotsleigh!

This coming week we will hear from Fiona Demark, an inspirational speaker and life coach, who will be talking with us about overcoming adversity.

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#### THE TALIBAN HAVE CHILDREN TOO ... A message from the Rotary Foundation.

With the collapse of the government in Afghanistan, many Rotarians have expressed concern about the future of our Polio Eradication Initiative – when ultimate success is so close. There have been only TWO cases of wild polio virus in all of 2021, one in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. These occurred in January.

At a recent meeting of Rotary polio coordinators, RI Past President and 2021/22 Chair of The Rotary Foundation, John Germ, told the meeting that Rotary's team has been working with the Taliban for some time and we need to remember 'the Taliban have children too – and want them protected against Polio'. 'We acknowledge the tragedy of the ...

... situation in Afghanistan, but there have always been obstacles in the way that have been overcome," he said.

'Historically, the Taliban have never been against Polio vaccination. They are wary of people involved in delivering the vaccines but they want to target the end of Polio and are very well organised.'

'As conflict in Afghanistan quickly evolves, we must advocate for the children of Afghanistan. The Polio program must work and communicate with all stakeholders involved to ensure that polio immunisation remains a priority to ensure the gains we have made against polio do not diminish.

'We look forward to working with our polio eradication partners and the Afghani people to completely eradicate polio,' he concluded.

## RYLA

As Helena mentioned at last Tuesday's club meeting, enrolments for RYLA are now open. While the schools are all being contacted, Helena asked for information to be sent to all our OoZoO recipients in case they have friends or family who may be interested in enrolling in this outstanding leadership program.





#### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP) Gabriel Mendes, Brazil 2015

#### Hello, Mosman Club.

How is everyone? Hope you are all doing fantastic. It's been a while, so I thought of giving you guys some news about what I am doing nowadays. ive years after my stay in Australia a lot has changed for me, I am almost finishing my Linguistics course at the University, I also have been working as an English teacher at a Cambridge language school and also doing some gigs as a model (you know I always had the looks ;D). Here are some pictures of me with one of the groups that I teach and my last gig as a model, I still hold every single one of you very dearly in my memory, hope that in the future we can see each other once again, wish you guys all the best.

Gabriel Mendes.

In 2015.....





And now...

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### A PHOTO FROM THE VAULT CURLEW CAMP DISCOVERY!



Relics of Curlew Camp were discovered in 1987 by Mr Rob Sturrock and members of Mosman Rotary Club. Photography by John Morcombe

## **ZOOM IN FOR FRIDAY DRINKS**

Don't forget to dial-in each week for Friday drinks from 5pm to 6pm. As the Sydney lockdown continues, this is proving to be a great opportunity for friends to catch-up and share news. Attached is a screen shot from last week's meeting.



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **14 September** Fiona Demark, Overcoming Adversity
- **21 September** Ahmed Fattah, Your Personal Data Security
- **28 September** Sarah Brown AM, CEO, Purple House

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