

### **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.

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### **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September – CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM**

Our guest speaker last week, Ahmed Fattah, talked about Personal Data Literacy. Personal data is a crucial element of our lives but the risks of the loss and abuse of our personal data are real and serious. To protect our personal data we need to be vigilant and enhance our 'personal data literacy'. Risks can include identity theft; scams using social engineering and accessing infected sites by opening emails (phishing); voice calls (vishing); and text messages (smishing); luring unsuspecting individuals to divulge confidential information; and infecting computers laptops and phones with malware. Ahmed also reminded us that if you use a social media web site "for free" you are actually "paying for it" by allowing them to use your personal data to make their profit. Dom Rabu has distributed to members a

copy of Ahmed's presentation which contains many useful links for those who want to go into greater detail and learn more.

This coming week we will hear from Sarah Brown, AM, the CEO of Purple House, which is an innovative indigenous-owned health service operating from its base in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory and now also operating 18 remote clinics and mobile kidney dialysis support.

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## UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT MARK

### 1. District Presidents' (zoom) meeting

Dear members, I was lucky enough to be a participant in the District Presidents' meeting and here are some highlights:

- The Rotary Leadership Institute course for October has been cancelled however the next course #66 will be an online session from 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November. This will be the last course for this calendar year as the next scheduled event is not until 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb22 (course #67). It would be great if we could have newer members register for the November course.
- Guest Speakers – It was requested that any club that has a special guest speaker announce it to the other Clubs in our district to enable other Clubs' members to dial in.
- World Polio Day is 24<sup>th</sup> October and in support our Rotary District is running a campaign to have every member make a \$10 donation to this cause. I will chat about this at next week's meeting.
- Bookings are now available for the Rotary International Convention set down for 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
- We were lucky to hear from Past District Governor Susan Wakefield about a project "Empowering Women". This is a great awareness program and I am hoping that Susan can join us as a guest speaker and am confident that we will all be very moved by her presentation.
- David Dean, District Foundation Chair, spoke to us about "all things Foundation" and again I am hoping he will present to one of our upcoming meetings about great programs being assisted by the Foundation.

### 2. District and Zone Public Image (Zoom) meeting

Dear members, I joined this meeting together with Clare Stockdale, our Public Image Director, to hear the latest updates on Public Image in our "Rotary Zone 8". For those that don't know, and I did not, Zone 8 is made up of 25 Districts, 20 Countries, 1,814 Clubs & approx. 39,000 members. When Paul Harris persuaded several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organisation for local professionals, way back on February 23rd 1905, I wonder if he ever imagined how big his "idea" would become and how successful Rotary International would become.

The Public Image session was run by Sarita McLean from NZ who is the Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 8. The meeting covered the following topics:

- Brand/Branding
- Importance of Public Image
- Resources available to us through the Brand Centre at Rotary.org
- Brand Centre
- Learning

I think with the wealth of knowledge we are so fortunate to have in our club we are pretty well placed on this topic. Clare continues to lead on the front foot, ensuring our positive exposure is regular, prominent and relative. Thank you, Clare, for your

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continued hard work and focus and ensuring we are ahead of the bunch when it comes to the importance of brand awareness and compliance. As a club, we are well placed to set the standard in Marketing and Public Image. I also gave our club and also Suri, our web site creator, a "plug" for our new website which received recognition in our breakout session.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions on either of these events.

Thanks, President Mark

## **CLUB MEMBER JOHN NELSON**

For those Mosman Rotarians, friends and colleagues who know our long-standing member John Nelson, we advise that after extensive heart surgery over the past two weeks, John has been successfully fitted with a pacemaker at North Shore Private, and is doing very well in his recovery. John will remain in Hunters Hill Private Hospital until 5 October. "Admiral Nelson" as he is fondly known, and his wife Sandra embark on a new life from then, having sold their family home, and eventually moving into The Manors at Mosman. John has awarded Sandra a cluster of Gold Medals for her love, support, and extraordinary capacity and resilience in these challenging and demanding times. What a girl ! We wish John and Sandra the very best for their new beginnings and look forward to future updates when time permits.

## **BUSHIRE REMEDIATION PROJECT**

Here is the latest update from Club members Blair Leslie and Charlie Barnett.

Together with other Rotary Clubs in the Central West and MacLeay Valley areas we launched a project to help individuals whose home gardens had been destroyed in the bushfires. The project in the Central West area involved working with local nurseries and Rotary Clubs to distribute plants to individual householders and that part of the project has been completed. Once lockdown restrictions are lifted Blair has already identified potential follow-on projects in the Central West with which we could become involved.

It has been more difficult in the Upper MacLeay Valley with the area first impacted by fire then being impacted by flood and the original Council bushfire recovery hub being redirected to flood support. As he is currently living in the area, Charlie has been able to work with the Council and local Rotary Clubs and the proposal now is to build a garden in each of the villages of Bellbrook and Willawarrin. There is a community meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> October in Willawarrin to discuss the proposal for that village. The site selected in Bellbrook has now been occupied by fruit bats so further work is still underway there to finalise a site!

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## VALE - VALERIE TOLOSA

From Clare Stockdale:

Valerie Tolosa, my beautiful, elegant, talented and loving daughter-in-law passed away on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September after a long battle with breast cancer. My son Antony and Valerie had been together for 18 happy years.

Valerie had her own fashion label, Valerie VT Tolosa, for many years. Her collections combined her avant-garde style with vintage aesthetic, finishing with very feminine embellishments resulting in her unique signature pieces. Valerie also launched Pro Production Solutions, which specialized in providing a total off-shore manufacturing solution for designers – from sourcing fabrics, to managing the sampling process, through to the final production and quality control process.

She supported many charities including the Starlight Foundation, Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets, Angel Cares Foundation, various Filipino associations, the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and the Dinner En Blanc where she was an organizer and table leader.

Valerie had a generous heart, positive outlook and a contagious laugh that gave much joy and inspiration to the people around her.

The Rotary Club of Mosman extends our thoughts and condolences to Clare, her family, and friends.

## FROM, LITTLE THINGS, BIG THINGS GROW

Attached is a link to a great story from the Rotary Club of Moe (pronounced Mow-ee) in Gippsland Victoria. This started as a project to plant some trees and over the years turned into a multi-faceted activity impacting many members of their 12,000 strong community.

<https://hail.to/rotary-zone-8/publication/pyMjUAJ/article/b9g9ACP>

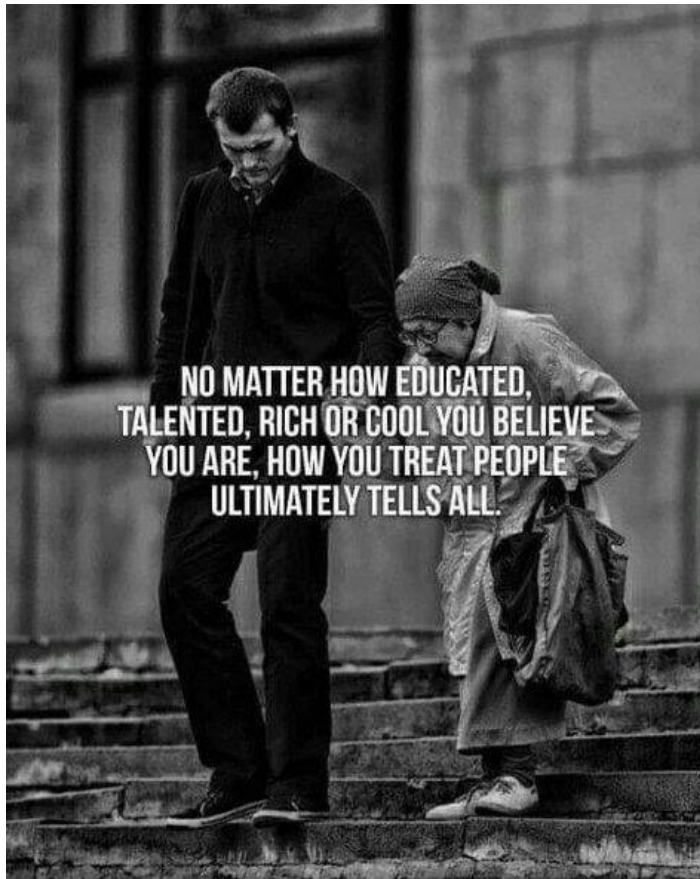
## ZOOM IN FOR FRIDAY DRINKS

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.

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## AND FINALLY FOR THIS WEEK ....KIND WORDS.

A picture which tells a thousand words and reminds us that, particularly at very difficult community times like this, it is so important to have kind thoughts and then words. This approach is so good not only for the recipient, but also for the originator. And of course, this ties in totally with Rotary's values around equity, inclusion and diversity.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**28 September** – Sarah Brown, AM, CEO, Purple House

**05 October** – Rotary District Governor Lindsay May, OAM

**12<sup>th</sup> October** - Leonie Dillon, OzHarvest

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