



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 12th October – CLUB MEETING
BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM. We are
working with the Rowers on how we can
restart face-to-face meetings.**

Last week District Governor (DG) Lindsay May had the opportunity to hear from the Board of our Club as we presented to him our projects and goals for 2021-2022. Following on from that meeting, Lindsay and his wife Tania (also a Rotarian) joined our weekly Zoom Club meeting. As part of his DG role Lindsay spends time with each of the Clubs in his District and in the first quarter of the year was able to meet up with 44 Clubs! Lindsay and Tania were able to share stories of real hardship brought on by the pandemic and also by floods in the Hawkesbury region, and they also shared with us some of the exciting projects being initiated and run in our

District. One of those was "Shelterbag" which you can read more about in the attached article.

This coming week our guest speaker will be Leonie Dillon from OzHarvest. Founded in 2004 to address the huge volume of food going to waste, OzHarvest quickly grew to become Australia's leading food rescue organisation. They are committed to halving food waste by 2030, inspiring and influencing others to do the same, and transforming lives through education.

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SHELTERBAG

This is one of the projects referred to by Lindsay and Tania May when they joined our Club Meeting last week.



In 2019, a group of Terrigal, NSW, Rotarians visited their Twin Club, Helderberg Sunrise, in Cape Town, South Africa. While enjoying Helderberg's generous hospitality, they were shown the Shelterbag.

Unlike the Australian Swag, Shelterbags are lightweight but very durable. Being waterproof, they provide a warm and comfortable sleeping bag that rolls up for easy transportation. And because the fabric breathes sufficiently, any condensation that may occur on the inside of the Shelterbag dries quickly.

It comes with a sleeping bag and a built-in pillow, but also has room for an extra mattress or blanket, making it adaptable for all seasons. A flexible tent pole is integrated into the hood to keep it upright, providing more space and better shelter from the rain.

In 2020, COVID-19 highlighted just how many homeless people there are in Australia. In the 2016 census nearly 120,000 were counted, although the Salvation Army estimates that for every homeless person counted, there are as many as 13 more.

So, members of the Rotary Club of Terrigal undertook research to determine the need for, and how they might produce, Shelterbags for the homeless in Australia.

Unable to compete with South African pricing, the club commenced fundraising to import the Shelterbags from South Africa. Through various initiatives, enough funds were raised by April 2021 to order 400 Shelterbags for that winter.

The success of the project has inspired the Rotary Club of Terrigal to invite other Rotary clubs to join them in supplying Shelterbags for the homeless.

Each \$75 raised buys one Shelterbag for a club to donate to a homeless person, in cooperation with local outreach agencies.

Orders must be placed by October 30, 2021, for delivery by March 2022. Alternatively, donations to the project can be placed via donations.rawcs.com.au/53-2020-21 for tax deductibility. •

The Shelterbag story

IN the midst of his fashion studies, Dutch design student Bas Timmer received some news that shook him. The father of his friend passed away while sleeping outside. He died from hypothermia, on an evening that was eight degrees. He was sleeping next to a homeless shelter, which on that night wasn't open. Bas felt uncomfortable. Especially because, at the time, he was producing one-of-a-kind luxury outerwear, something that felt so foreign to the situation. But Bas also felt compelled to change.

He looked at the jacket designs, pulled some materials together (an old sleeping bag and a tent) and in five hours made a jacket with an additional piece to become a sleeping bag. This is what would become the first ever Sheltersuit.

He took it to a shelter and approached a man sleeping near by, offering him the suit. Immediately, Bas noticed him lower his guard, open up, and show interest. The man asked if he could share it with two friends, as they were living in conditions even worse than he.

But Bas promised to return with more. After gathering the materials, resources and donations required, Sheltersuit produced its first 100 products. Bas returned, delivering the Sheltersuits to the man's friends, partnering with that shelter and founding the Sheltersuit Foundation.

Between 2014 and 2019, Bas employed immigrants, asylum seekers and the unemployed to make more than 6000 Sheltersuits, which were distributed to the homeless across Europe.

In 2019, he visited South Africa and designed the Shelterbag for less severe climates. The Sheltersuit SA Foundation was formed and is now making Shelterbags for numerous countries, as well as employing and training the otherwise unemployed. •

To learn more about Sheltersuit, visit sheltersuit.com

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President-Elect Jennifer Jones Announces Focus on Empowering Girls Worldwide

On 25 September, President-Elect Jennifer Jones pledged \$97 million in grant funding from The Rotary Foundation, with a special focus on empowering girls worldwide.

“Every day millions of girls walk miles to fetch clean water, and millions of boys are on the streets instead of going to school. Every day, Mums and Dads struggle to find ways to feed their children,” Jones said from the main stage in Paris. “And every day, members of Rotary and Global Citizens start our days knowing that we can make a difference.”

“This year we’re putting a special focus on empowering girls worldwide, opening doors for young women to build brighter futures,” Jones said. “Today, Rotary is committed to helping end poverty globally and protecting the planet by pledging \$97 million in grant funding during 2022 for sustainable, member-led projects.”

The Rotary Club of Mosman is already the recipient of a Rotary **District Grant** to support the Harding Miller Education Foundation. However all Clubs in our District are being asked to consider making an application for a **Global Grant** for a project to be conducted here in Australia or overseas that will make a sustainable difference in the lives of girls in any of the seven areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation. This is an opportunity to join with other Clubs, here or overseas, and to think big!

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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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th October - Leonie Dillon, OzHarvest

19th October – Surinder Jain – AI & Robotics

26th October – Margaret Tung – Asylum Seekers Centre,

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