

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 18th January - the Club meeting will be held by ZOOM commencing at 1pm. Please dial in by 12.50pm to allow for the meeting to commence on time.

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Our guest speaker for this coming week will be Andrew Phippen from the Australian National Maritime Museum who will be talking about Early French Maritime Explorers of Australia who played an amazing role in the history of early European exploration.

WELCOME TO 2022 - PRESIDENT MARK WALLIS

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season and had the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. I also hope that there was the opportunity for “down time” following what was – let’s be honest - a very difficult environment in 2021.

As we enter 2022 we need to build on our learnings from 2021 and be innovative and flexible with our club activities as we manage the constantly changing COVID scenarios. The Club is as always committed to providing service in 2022 to those in need, in ours and other communities.

For Club members, please ensure you have had the opportunity to read and respond to the emails from Dom Rabu

- (i) seeking feedback on our meeting plans (Zoom versus face-to-face; and if Zoom – lunchtime or evening meetings), recognising that it is all our intentions to restart face-to-face meetings as soon as practical and safe; and
- (ii) a potential Australia Day event.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A big thank you to all members of the Mosman Community who so strongly supported our Christmas raffle and helped us raise around \$11,500 for Bear Cottage in Manly.

A great result and special thanks to Brian Owles who did such a great job running the program in such an efficient fashion!

LEADERSHIP BEGETS LEADERSHIP

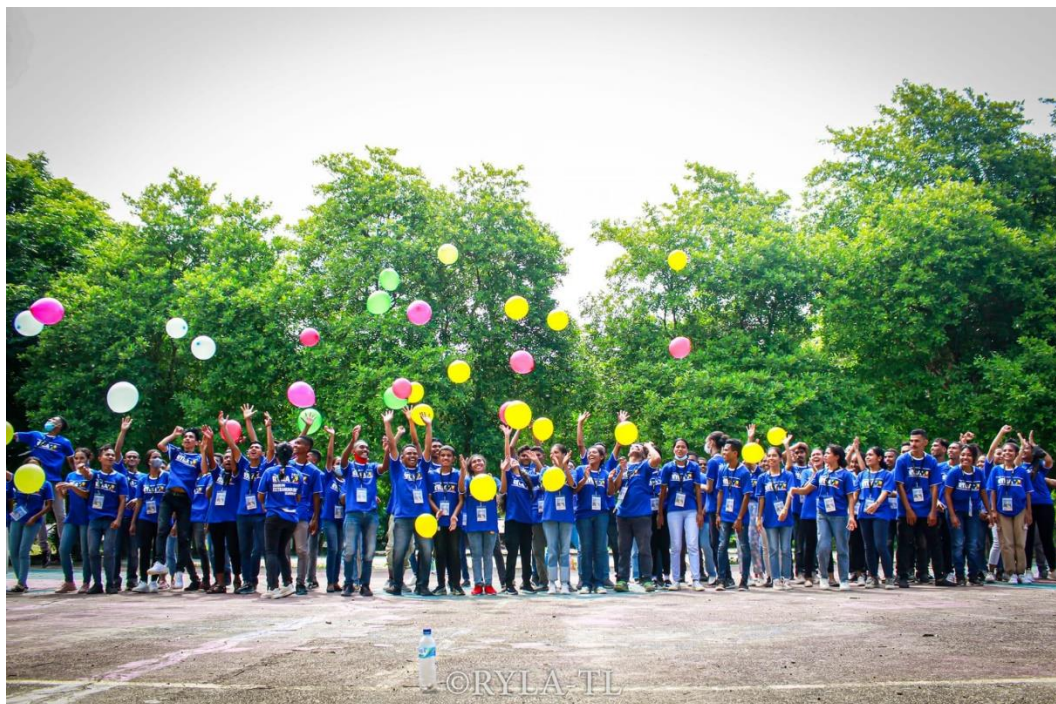
Regular readers of OoZoO will be familiar with some of the details of the following story but it is topical to go into more insight of this long-standing project.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program is an intensive experience organized by Rotary for young leaders and emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. RYLA leaders in our Sydney District arranged for young leaders from Timor-Leste, PNG and the islands to fly to Sydney to attend RYLA. However, the attendees experienced issues with language and cultural content and as there was also a cost issue it was decided to run a RYLA program on shore in Timor-Leste. The multiple challenges included building program content relevant to the local culture and environment, providing facilitators, arranging funding support and completing all the arrangements to promote RYLA, recruiting attendees, locating facilities and running the event. The first event (for 85 attendees) was run 12 years ago and was planned, funded, run and extensively staffed by RYLA experienced Rotarians and facilitators from Australia.

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The kick-off for RYLA this year was held last week and it was fully planned, organised and is being run by local RYLA alumni. Recognizing its importance in the community the program has for some years been fully funded by Woodside.

Speakers and hosts this year include the current President of Timor-Leste; former Presidents Dr Jose Ramos Horta and Jose Alexandre Kayrala Xanana Gusmao; the Head of the armed forces; the President and CEO of Timor Gap (oil and gas operator); and many senior government, business, religious and NGO leaders. On the day of the opening, the Timor-Leste TV equivalent of good morning Australia featured 40 minutes of discussion and interviews with the local team leading RYLA. Here are the participants in the 2022 program:



There are now more than 1,000 Timor-Leste RYLA alumni (men and women from across all areas of the country) and the program is widely recognized as providing skills which greatly enhance career opportunities. A key part of the program is give-back with alumni providing support for community mentoring; disaster recovery; "clean up Timor-Leste"; English language training; fund-raising etc.

Many Rotarians and Clubs have contributed in some way to this wonderful outcome however there are two individuals who have (until this year) attended every event. Their rolls have changed from managing the entire program to being the cheerleaders for the Alumni who now run RYLA. So a great debt of gratitude is due to Angelo Raveane (Crows Nest Club) and Theo Glockemann OAM (Pennant Hills Club).

Part of the success of the program has been the encouragement for members of all Clubs to join in one of the annual pilgrimages to Dili "to show the Rotary flag" in support of the running of RYLA (and also RYPEN). So great appreciation is also due to Georgia Glockemann and Sue Raveane for their support in facilitating all those trips for so many Rotarians and helping establish wonderful and long-lasting relationships between young leaders in Timor-Leste and Australian Rotarians.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th January – Andrew Phippen – Early French Maritime Explorers of Australia

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