



# ATTADALE View

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## YOUR GIFT CAN PROVIDE CLEAN WATER

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. Your donation to our Foundation's Annual Fund provides these essentials in communities close to home and around the world.

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## Message from the Chair



ROMAC is extending its child health services across Australia and New Zealand. Recently, a 17-month-old patient from Solomon Islands received successful treatment for a serious spinal condition at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide. With a pending MOU with Perth Children's Hospital, we'll

soon be treating patients in the Western Region, our first in over 7 years. Plans are underway for a new ROMAC Region in Darwin to aid Timor Leste and to establish a secondary hospital in New Zealand, beyond Auckland, to cater to Pacific patients. To manage this expanding service, we urgently require volunteers for our National, Regional, and District ROMAC committees. Currently, we have 16 National Committee volunteers and 60 to 80 Regional and District Committee members. We need more volunteers, especially those with skills in the following areas:

- Patient care and hosting;
- Communications, Media and IT systems;
- Medical especially in the Paediatric area;
- Fundraising, Club Involvement and Marketing;
- Hospital, Government and Corporate sector liaison;
- Treasurer and Secretary roles

Your involvement will greatly contribute to our goal of treating at least 30 children annually.

If you are at all interested or would like to know more, please email our HR Manager, Jim Prokhovnik, at [hr@romac.org.au](mailto:hr@romac.org.au) or call him on 0417355627.

Yours in Rotary

Ian D'Arcy Walsh

## How you can help ROMAC

Every day Rotarians and Friends are providing funds to cover travel, accommodation and treatment for children and their carers. But we could help more children if we had more donations. Donations all go directly to children and their care. ROMAC funds its administration costs through investment and other income. Volunteers run the organisation.



Give a little, care a lot.

**Rotary Clubs:** If every Rotarian in Australia and New Zealand donated \$20 and every club matched with \$20 for everyone of their members, we could cover the costs of all the children referred to us annually.

**Friends of Rotary:** If every Friend donated \$20 we could help even more children.

[Australia - Donate now](#)



## My purpose, passion in Rotary – and pet portraits

By George Lewis, Rotary Club of Venice-Nokomis, Florida, USA

**Extraordinary.**  
**Amazing.**  
**Spectacular.**

This is how I feel about Rotary. I'll be 90 years old in June and joined Rotary at a relatively late age. I went on my first volunteer trip to Guatemala in 2006 to help install stoves for Mayan families. Those stoves changed their lives, and the experience changed mine.

As we installed stoves, I enjoyed talking with the families and asked them what other assistance would be helpful. Most often, someone would reply that clean drinking water would be the most significant improvement. I promised them I would help, and that became my purpose in Rotary.

When you reach my age, you realize that without a *purpose*, you are like a rudderless boat. Purpose with a capital "P" gives one the excitement to live. I learned how Rotary [Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene](#) (WASH) grants worked and began putting them together. I realized these grants could be extraordinarily impactful because they used both district funds and matching funds from [The Rotary Foundation](#).

I approached other clubs in my district and elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada. Amazingly, the idea caught on. Soon, we were doing grants for



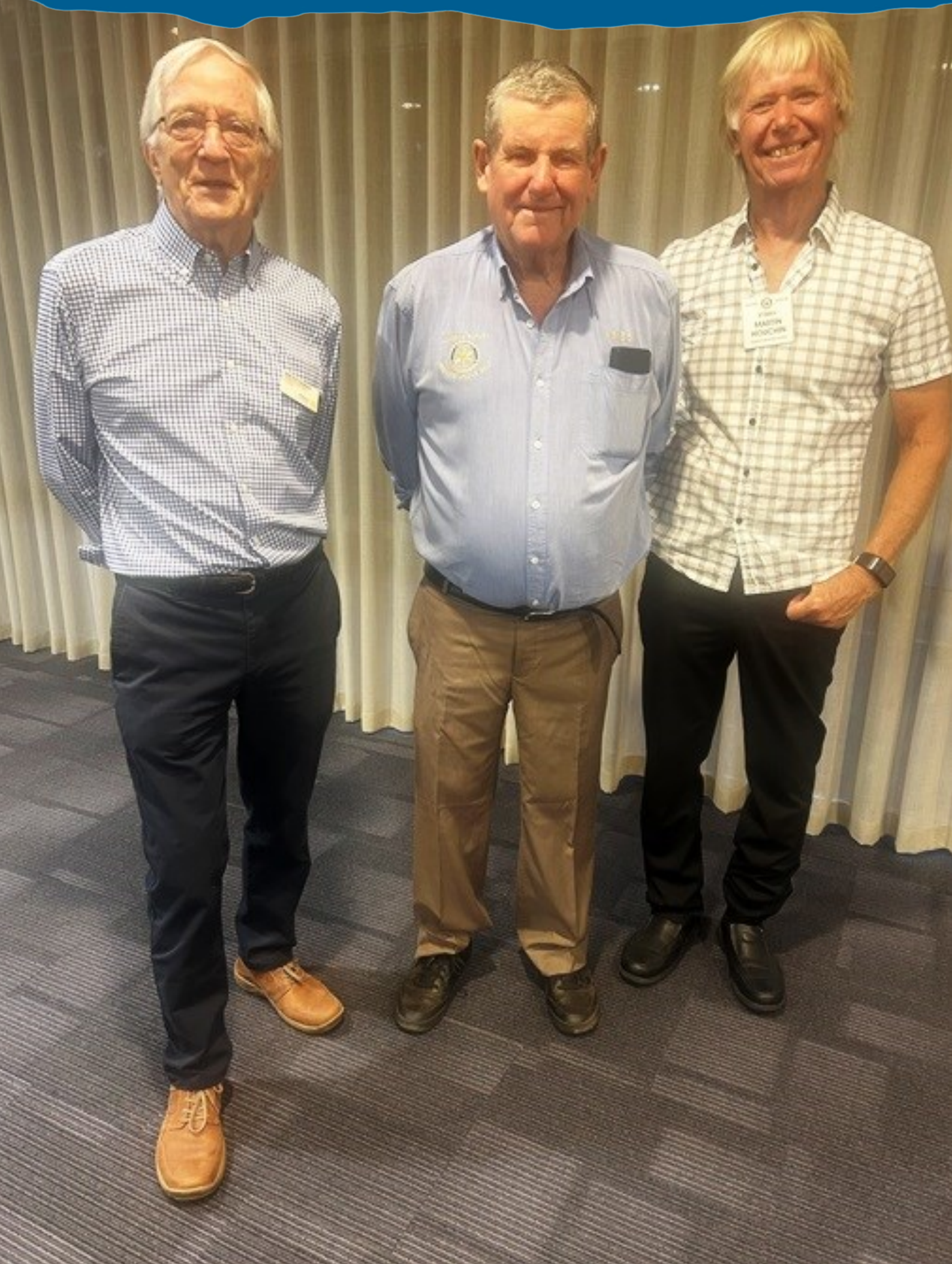
clean water all over the world. As of 2023, these water projects have helped more than 2 million people in 34 countries. If that's not spectacular, I don't know what is! My Purpose has become a Passion. I think about it day and night.

Since it worked once, I'm trying it again. My new Passion is to help kids with cleft lip and palate deformities. When I retired in 2000 after a career as a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch, I took an adult education class in oil painting and got hooked. I use only one palette knife and no brushes. I now use the hobby to support cleft palate surgeries. I have painted almost 800 pet portraits to raise money for this cause. The funds go to support Rotary global grants. (Watch [my one-minute video](#) to learn more.)

It breaks my heart to see kids in that condition, and thankfully, Rotary allows me to help change their lives. Before the surgeries, they are outcasts. They have a hard time eating and drinking. Surgeries fix all that, which brings me great joy and happiness.

It wouldn't have happened without a Purpose that became my Passion. My excitement keeps me going – even at 90.

Meeting photos by Helen Carwardine







 *Bili - Muster Dog* by ©Jeff Spickett

## April 2024 events

04 Gail McCulloch ~ Birthday

11 Yvonne Rate\* ~ Birthday

12 Mal Bennet ~ Induction (1982)

12 Winston Marsh ~ Induction (1982)

14 Rod Rate ~ Birthday

25 Colin McCulloch ~ Birthday

27 Ian Pittaway ~ Birthday

30 Martin Houchin ~ Induction (2007)

\*Partners

Reminders: Four volunteers per date, 8:30am to 12:30pm

Please nominate which date/s you'll be available to volunteer



	31-Mar-24	12-May-24	22-Sep-24	3-Nov-24	15-Dec-24
Mal Bennett					
Betty Bright					
Jim Calcei		YES			
Helen Carwardine					
Selwyn Castles					
Mick Donnes	YES				
Martin Houchin					
Shelley Konig			YES		
George Lewkowski					
Winston Marsh					
Carole Maxwell					
Colin McCulloch					
Gail McCulloch					
Neil McKay	YES				
Abby Parsons					
Kerry Parsons					
Ian Pittaway					
Rod Rate					
Kerry Scott					
John Sharp			YES		
Joyce Smith	YES				
Jeff Spickett					
Llew Withers	YES				

Contact Shelley on [shelley.konig@iinet.net.au](mailto:shelley.konig@iinet.net.au) or 0427 761352 with date/s you'll be able to volunteer

## BOARD AND OFFICERS 2023-2024

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## MEETING DETAILS:

The Rotary Club of Attadale meets three Wednesdays a month, 6:00 for a 6:30PM start, at the Royal Fremantle Golf Club.

Meeting and meal: \$32      Meeting without meal: \$10      Pay at the door by credit card

If you would like to:

- visit our meeting, please contact our [Attendance Officer](#) no later than 9AM on the morning of the meeting
- speak to our Club, please email our [Programme Chair](#)
- contact us    ▶ [Email](#)      ▶ [Website](#)      ▶ [Facebook](#)

Clubs in Zone 8 have recently been allocated to [Rotary Community Groups \(RCGs\)](#), a new way for clubs to collaborate so they can achieve more than they could on their own. Now each RCG needs passionate Rotarians and Rotaractors to put themselves forward for the brand new role of Rotary Community Leader (RCL).

[RCLs are volunteer facilitators](#) who will support their RCG to achieve their goals and make an even bigger impact in the world.

### ROTARY COMMUNITY GROUP 1

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| ◦ Applecross | ◦ Fremantle     |
| ◦ Attadale   | ◦ Melville      |
| ◦ Booragoon  | ◦ Millpoint     |
| ◦ Cockburn   | ◦ Willetton     |
| ◦ Como       | ◦ Victoria Park |
| ◦ E-WA       |                 |