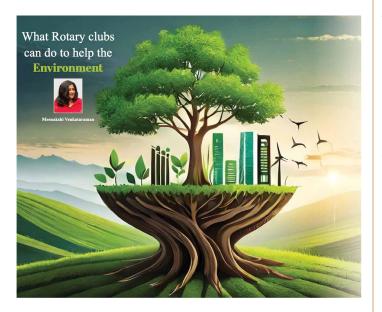


### Environmental Stories Blossoming in Rotary Media

By Ariel Miller, ESRAG Newsletter Editor

Rotary media are blooming with articles on the environmental work of Rotarians all across the world! Here a few of the beautiful examples, and how you can generate more buzz in the Rotary family hive:

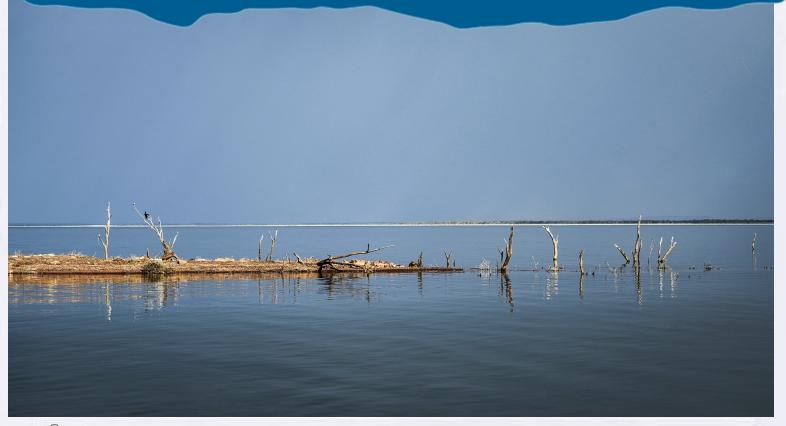


The April 2024 issue of Rotary Magazine is packed with environmental stories, from Rotarians' partnership with Trees that Feed Foundation in the Caribbean to Ron Diridon's story on Rotarians' passionate advocacy for sustainability - including high speed rail - in California. If you are a subscriber, have a wonderful time reading through the magazine and consider sending a letter to the editor with thanks, and a few sentences about your own environmental work. This shows readers that the support for environmental action is broad-based and growing in Rotary. The email is magazine@rotary.org. ESRAG river champion Salvador Rico authored the March 22 Rotary Service in Action blog inviting Rotarians worldwide to participate in the new Community Action for Fresh Water partnership between Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme. On March 5, the Rotary Voices blog showcased Kris Cameron, Co-Chair of ESRAG's Plant-Rich Diet Task Force. She wrote about her discovery that Rotary had an environmental focus and Action Group. These inspired her to make Rotary the channel for pouring her lifelong experience as an educator into encouraging and equipping people worldwide adopt a high-impact climate solution. to

Regional Rotary magazines, in an array of languages, are an incredibly effective way to show Rotarians that people who they can identify with are succeeding in environmental action. ESRAG Dr. Director Mina Ventakaraman has а comprehensive article, "What Rotary Clubs can do to help the environment," in the April 2024 issue of Rotary News India, pp. 60-65. "Climate change: Africa engaged in reforestation" is the April, 2024 cover story of Rotary Mag, which covers Francophone nations. Rotary en el Corazón de las Américas regularly publishes stories by ESRAG's Latin American correspondent Natalia Luques Sánchez.

Write us at newsletter@esrag.org if you need the contact information for the Rotary periodical that covers your region: we're glad to help you share the great news of your Rotary environmental work. ◆

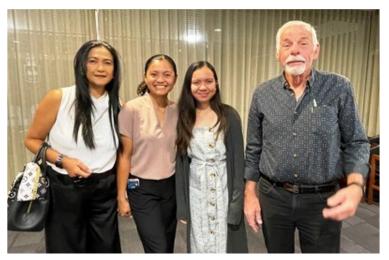
# Jeff's Pick



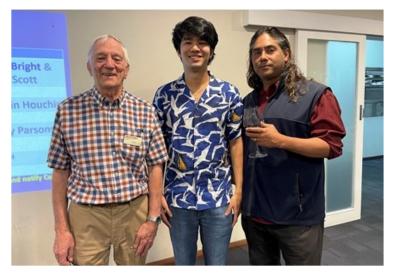
**Flooded Trees** by ©Jeff Spickett



## Photo story by Gail McCulloch



Abby, Mary Del Powela, Roxanne dela Cruz, and Kerry
Ian, guest speaker Radheya and his father Jay Jay Jegathesan



**U** Kerry S., Jim, Jenny, Elaine, Jacquie, Pam and Mike



"We were delighted to have Radheya Jegatheva as our Guest Speaker and his father Jay Jay Jegathesan attend our meeting.

Partners, Past members and friends also came to hear this very talented young man speak and enjoy watching his delightful and heartwarming award winning film." Our Guest Speaker, Radheya Jegatheva, ⊃ is an award-winning writer, director, and filmmaker from Perth, Western Australia.



He is passionate about using film and animation for education and social development, and its power to help communities, and make positive change. His works have been used as an educational tool in schools and universities around the world.

We have been very fortunate to have heard Radheya speak to us before, after he received an Oscar nomination for his short film work.

Recently he won the main prize, at The Best Australian Short Film competition, and won the Best Animation Award at the BFI Future Film Festival in London, organised by the British Film Institute.

His animated film is 'Bird Drone'.

Radheya spent nearly three years directing and animating the film, and said, creating Bird Drone was a true labour of love.

Throughout the process, he would often wonder if it was worth spending days, to address a tiny detail - so having the film appreciated on this scale certainly felt validating for the effort that he knows has been put into the film, by himself and his wonderful crew. Radheya developed the concept with fellow Curtin graduate and writer Clare Toonen and producer Hannah Ngo.

We enjoyed watching the delightful and heartwarming animated short film, which follows a lonely seagull looking for love, who struggles to accept that his newfound object of affection is a human-operated drone with limited battery life. It's about the bittersweetness of moving on - as one should not dwell on unrequited love - and showing that something which ultimately does not work out can lead to bigger and better things.

Radheya was an inspirational and interesting guest speaker. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have received a special request from Charlie at **PORTCARE**:

They are desperately short of bed linen, towels and any other similar goods in reasonable condition.

Please contact:

lan Pittaway 0419 914 026 <u>ijpittaway@gmail.com</u> or

Colin McCulloch 0423 255 940 colinmcculloch@bigpond.com



**STUFFED TOYS** 

Abby and Kerry Parsons have put out a request for small stuffed toys, for children up in the mountains who would never have seen, let alone have one.

If you have any, or know of anyone who would like to donate some, please contact Abby or Kerry Parsons, or Colin or Gail McCulloch.



#### From Peter Best, RC Booragoon

"MACA Cancer200 Ride to support cancer research

Will you help, please? We're riding to support cancer research. 200 Km will be a long trek. I really hope that our ride and your donation make a difference. Last year this ride raised \$8.8 million dollars for research.

Donate here (or to join the team, see below)

https://www.cancer200.org.au/.../peterbest/ cancer-200-2024

> Join Team "Rotary Riders" here: Register - MACA Cancer 200 (2024)



The 13th annual Charity Golf Day held on Friday the 8th of March 2024, was an outstanding success, resulting in a profit of \$52 136.

The Organising Committee under Chairman, Rod Rate, was a combination of Attadale and Fremantle Rotary Club members, and representatives of the beneficiaries of the event, Care Cure Support (for Motor Neurone Disease) and the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation.

The Committee was very grateful for the assistance from Rotary Members and Honorary Members from both Clubs, and friends, who helped in a number of areas on the day,

This event has now generated over \$550 000 for our beneficiaries.

The Rotary Clubs of Attadale and Fremantle are very grateful for the generous support from donors. If we in turn can support them it would be much appreciated.

Congratulations to Rod Rate and the Organising Committee on another fantastic result.



Thank you to honorary members.

It is pleasing to know that our honorary members are still doing good in the world.

In response to a newsletter request, **PETER FIELDS** donated a quantity of bedding and towels and took them to PortCare to be given to the needy. Good on you Peter.

Another Good Samaritan this week was **NANCY DAY**. Despite husband **RON** being in hospital after extensive back surgery, Nancy found the time to collect a huge bag of soft toys and donate them for Kerry and Abby to take to the Philippines and distribute to some really underprivileged, mountain children who have never had any toys. Good on you Nancy and Ron

### NEXT WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER



### April 24 Guest Speaker ~ PETER FRIEDLAND

From Melson Mandela to

LOOKING AFTER EAR DISEASE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Peter Friedland is the Garnett Passe Rodney Williams Foundation Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ENT) at UWA and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH), previous Head of Discipline of ENT at Notre Dame University and previous Head of ENT department at SCGH. He was the previous Chair of the WA ENT Training Scheme for the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. He is a committed educator of the next generations of medical students and ENT trainees. In this role, he has received 15 teaching awards, both locally and nationally. Additionally, Peter serves as a Squadron Leader and medical specialist in the No-1 Expeditionary Health Reserves of the RAAF. This squadron performs humanitarian and disaster relief operations in Australia and overseas.

Peter's talk briefly describes his privileged time as Nelson Mandela's ENT for almost nine years and some important lessons he learned. He will then talk about his role as an ENT surgeon working at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, outreach Ear trips to the Kimberley and Pilbara and an ENT clinic that Peter runs *pro bono* at Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Health Service in Mirrabooka, Perth. He will discuss the challenges that we face here in Western Australia and what can practically be done to make a positive impact.

Partners, friends and Rotarians, if you would like to attend this meeting, please contact brightbetty1@gmail.com or 0416 136 600 no later than 10AM on the morning of the meeting

## CLUB CALENDAR

#### APRIL

24 Dinner Meeting
Partners and friends evening
Guest speaker: Peter Friedland – From Nelson Mandela
to looking after ear diseases in WA

### ΜΑΥ

- 01 RCA Board Meeting
- 08 Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker TBC
- 12 Perth Makers' Market parking
- 15 Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker TBC
- 22 Dinner Meeting a combined dinner meeting with RC of Fremantle, partners and friends.

A special meeting to celebrate the ongoing success of the Rotary Charity Golf Day and hear about its history, operation and how our beneficiaries utilize the funds raised.

#### JUNE

- 05 RCA Board Meeting
- 12 Dinner Meeting a special meeting for partners and friends, with all WA Rotarians invited to attend. Guest speaker: Mike Greenslade, CEO of ShelterBox Australia
- 19 Changeover Dinner for all members, partners and friends. Celebrating the Rotary year and inducting the new President, Board and Officers
- 26 Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker TBC

### SOME SPECIAL FUTURE DATES

Saturday, August 31 "Music in the Air" Orchestral Concert at the Mt Pleasant Auditorium

Sunday, September 22 Perth Makers' Market parking

Sunday, November 17 Jacaranda Festival

Sunday, November 3 Perth Makers' Market parking

Wednesday, December 11 Christmas Dinner Meeting

Sunday, December 15 Perth Makers' Market parking

Friday, March 7, 2025 Rotary Charity Golf Day at Royal Fremantle Golf Club

# April 2024 life events

- 04 Gail McCulloch ~ Birthday
- 09 Patricia Robertson\* ~ Birthday
- 11 Yvonne Rate\* ~ Birthday
- 12 Club (42nd) Charter Anniversary 1982
- 12 Mal Bennet ~ Induction (1982)
- 12 Winston Marsh ~ Induction (1982)

- 14 Rod Rate ~ Birthday
- 19 Bob Rodgers\* ~ Birthday
- 25 Colin McCulloch ~ Birthday
- 27 Ian Pittaway ~ Birthday
- 30 Martin Houchin ~ Induction (2007)

#### \*Partners / Honorary members

## FOUR VOLUNTEERS PER DATE, 8:30AM TO 12:30PM

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



	12 May 2024	22 Sep 2024	03 Nov 2024	15 Dec 2024
Mal Bennett	-			
Betty Bright				
Jim Calcei	YES			
Helen Carwardine				
Selwyn Castles				
Mick Donnes				
Martin Houchin				
Shelley Konig		YES		
George Lewkowski				
Winston Marsh				
Carole Maxwell				
Colin McCulloch				
Gail McCulloch				
Neil McKay				
Abby Parsons				
Kerry Parsons				
lan Pittaway				
Rod Rate				
Kerry Scott				
John Sharp		YES		
Joyce Smith				
Jeff Spickett				
Llew Withers				

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





## **APRIL 24**

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### **MAY 08**

Setup and Clear away	Helen Carwardine
Attendance and Door Prize	Joyce Smith and Kerry Scott
Invocation	Mal Bennett
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Happy Dollars	Rod Rate
The Charge	Shelley Konig
Sweet Treats	Shelley Konig