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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am a little late with my update for the week with quite a few factors contributing to the reason why this is the case. I do intend to email members via our club group email which in part will explain.

We welcomed Matt Behzadnia, a former Rotarian, into the Club and wish him and Melody a long and fruitful association with us and I am sure we will ensure that he and Melody assimilate as quickly as possible.

On a sadder note, Bob has decided to retire from Rotary after 30 years as a member of RC Attadale. He would still like to be involved in the Charity Golf Day, Sausage Sizzle, social events, etc., but his weekly involvement has come to an end. Again, I am sure that you join me in wishing him and Del all the very best in Rotary retirement, especially you members who have known them for many years; after all, I am the "new kid on the block".

The highlight of Monday was our guest speaker Garnett Hall, who kept us riveted to our seats with his work on Kangaroo Island, during the devastating bush fire, now more than a year ago.

I always think of the wildlife caught up in these bushfires but it brings it home when Garnett said for instance that koala bears naturally climb higher



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into trees when there is danger. Of course we know the consequence of doing that, and if I remember correctly he estimated that about 90% of koala bears didn't survive. The presentation was thought provoking but always with hope for the future. Thank you Garnett.

Greg won the door prize and we had to draw a second ticket for the Joker as no one was willing to own up to be the owner. Which meant that Jim had the chance to find the Joker, but with little success.

I gave a brief report of Giovanna and I volunteering as aides at RC Perth's inaugural WA Governor's Backyard Cricket held in the backyard of Government House (not a bad backyard - it even had a Hills clothes hoist installed for the day). The Beneficiary was The Pirate Ship Foundation.

Rod tried to provide the members with an update of the forthcoming movie afternoon which will be 'Six Minutes to Midnight' to be shown at The Cygnet Theatre on Sunday, 9 May, at 3.30 pm. This is Mother's Day so not all will be able to join the event. However, Gillian is on the lookout for prizes which shouldn't stop you from donating.

This coming Monday our special guest is Alec Coles, CEO of the new WA Museum. Limones Restaurant can only cater for about 34 guests, so please contact Barb if you intend to be there.

Yours in Rotary

Neil

Guest Speaker 29 March 2021



Alec Coles has been CEO of the Western Australian Museum since 2010. The WA Museum is the State's premier scientific and cultural institution with sites in Perth, Fremantle, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, and Albany. Alec was previously director of Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums in North East England for eight years. Prior to that, he was CEO of the Northumberland Wildlife Trust, a wildlife conservation charity in North East England. Alec is an adjunct associate professor in the School of Social Sciences at The University of Western Australia, an executive member of the Council for Australasian Museum Directors, a board member of the Australian Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and former chair of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) Australia. He is currently chair of the Participant's Council of the Western Australian Biodiversity Sciences Institute. He is committed to developing and demonstrating the public value of museums in today's society. With an aspiration to create a museum that is owned and valued by all West Australians and admired by the world, Alec drove the development of the new WA Museum Boola Bardip, a \$400 million redevelopment in the heart of the Perth Cultural Centre. In 2010, Mr. Coles was awarded an OBE for Services to Museums.

Courtesy: [Arts in Society](#)

March 2021 - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

The Rotary Club of Attadale currently meets at Limones Restaurant on Monday evening
(except public holidays), 6 for 6:30PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO MEETING Public Holiday (Labour Day)	2 BIRTHDAY Anne Lewkowski	3 BIRTHDAYS John Sharp Trevor Leaver	4	5 Charity Golf Day	6
					March 5-7 Joint District Conference	
7	8 Speakers: Vivienne Holt, RYLA Returnee Sam Jebb, Handicamp Buddy Chairs: Jeff Spickett & Gillian Baker BIRTHDAY Barb Kitto ANNIVERSARY Jenny & Jim Calcei	9 Board Meeting 7PM, at the McCulloch's BIRTHDAY Elaine Bennett	10 INDUCTION Betty Bright (2008) BIRTHDAYS Abby Parsons George Macrides	11	12 BIRTHDAY Joyce Smith	13
World Rotaract Week ~ 8-14						
14	15 Speaker: Dr Shane Burke, University of Notre Dame Topic: Archaeology of Peel Town 1829- 1830 Chair: Greg James	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 WORLD WATER DAY Speaker: Garnett Hall, Fremantle Veterinarian Topic: Kangaroo Island Rescues + Wooroloo Chair: Barb Kitto	23	24	25	26 BIRTHDAY Joan Henley	27
28	29 Speaker: Alec Coles, CEO, WA Museum Boola Bardip Topic: Our New Museum Chair: Heather McNaught	30	31			



Welcome,
Matt, to the
Family of
Rotary
Club of Attadale



Membership Director Jeff Spickett hands over Matt's badge and Certificate of Membership





President Nominee Barb Kitto introducing guest speaker Garnett Hall, Fremantle Veterinarian





Garnett accepts a token of appreciation from the Club; picks out a Door Prize winner, won by fines master of the night Greg James and a Raffle winner (won by Jim Calcei, but not the Joker)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY OF ROTARY (Ian & Jacquie Pittaway)

We are all thinking of Elaine Bennett and we wish her a good recovery from a recent operation. We will keep you informed as updates become available.



PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING

April 10-11, 2021
Gary Holland Centre
Kent Street, Rockingham 6168

RYPEN Applications Open Now

The RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) camp in May is fast approaching!

If you know someone who is 14-17 years of age who is:

- Wanting an opportunity to develop and challenge themselves
- Looking to develop their self-esteem and confidence
- Interested in developing skills including leadership, teamwork, communication, goal setting and problem solving
- Wanting to build a network of young people and to make new friends
- Excited for a weekend of fun

Then we'd love to have them attend the RYPEN camp from 14th to 16th May 2021.

Applications close 1st May 2021. If you have any questions or would like further information, please email program chair Johan Maasdam at rypen@rotary9465.org.au or call 0450 359 095

2021 DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

The 2021 District Changeover will be held on Saturday, 3rd July 2021, at the Royal Perth Golf Club.



REEF REVISITED

A giant artificial reef in the shape of a Rotary wheel restores marine life and protects the livelihood of several fishing villages in the Philippines

By Quincy Cahilig

In the calm blue waters of Lamon Bay lies a source of pride for local fishermen and a submerged salute to Rotary: an artificial reef in the shape of a Rotary wheel.

The wheel has helped restore the local fishing industry, which was devastated by large-scale commercial fishing vessels that used dynamite, cyanide, and fine mesh nets from the late 1990s through the early 2000s.

Fishing is considered the lifeblood of the area's coastal villages, including Balubad, Lubi, Talaba, and Kilait, and for years, village fishermen fought to protect the waters that fed their families.

In 2005, the fishermen turned to the Rotary Club of Atimonan, Quezon Province, Philippines, for help. They decided to build an artificial reef.

The club partnered with the Rotary Club of Madera, California, USA, on a Rotary Foundation grant to help fund the project, which would cost more than \$1 million.

They built the reef in the shape of a Rotary wheel, which just happens to have plenty of surface area for coral to grow on and plenty of nooks for fish to shelter in. Made of steel-reinforced concrete, it's

600 meters from the coastline, measures about 4 meters tall and 21 meters wide (13 by 70 feet), and weighs several tons.

Today, the wheel, touted as the biggest artificial reef in the Philippines, is covered with coral and has withstood several typhoons. It attracts fish, including jacks, surgeonfish, mangrove red snappers, groupers, longfin bannerfish, flounders, pompanos, batfish, and barracudas, among other marine creatures.

"Before the reef, the fishermen were barely able to catch a kilo [2.2 pounds] of fish apiece," says Oca Chua, past president of the Rotary Club of Atimonan and the project's chair. "Today they catch fish weighing up to 2 kilos apiece a day."

Protecting the fish has been just one benefit of the effort. The reef also became a tourist attraction that boosted the local economy. Fishermen build bamboo rafts and rent them to tourists who visit the reef to eat, rest, dive, and even feed the fishes.

Source: rotary.org

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary Youth Exchange is where my heart is. As you probably know my wife Susanne and I hosted more than 40 youth exchange students over the past years.

Many Rotarians over many generations have shared in this experience, and I want to thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and other volunteers for their contributions. Together, we've helped young people build an understanding and appreciation of different cultures, learn new languages and forge lasting friendships across the globe.

To ensure that our legacy continues, these valuable, life-changing experiences must build from a foundation of safety and well-being for all our students, families and communities. To that end, Rotary's Board of Directors has been regularly monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities around the world to determine whether it is safe to reinstate the Youth Exchange program for the 2021-22 school year.

With the continued uncertainty of the pandemic and COVID-19 virus variants, inconsistent disease mitigation efforts, and the global imbalance of vaccine access – **the board has decided to suspend the Youth Exchange program through 30 June 2022.**

The board's decision was informed by scientific data, global health guidance and a number of factors required to guarantee a safe, equitable and quality experience. Careful consideration was also given to ease and availability of international travel, access to medical care and insurance coverage, school delays and closure, potential financial impact on participants' families and Rotary volunteers.

Given the global imbalance of access to the COVID-19 vaccine and the financial impact of the pandemic, many areas of the world would be unable to participate in 2021. Moving forward with only the limited number of participating countries with access to the vaccine would contradict Rotary's core value of fairness and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that Rotary Opens Opportunities, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary's Youth Exchange program will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.

Sincerely,

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International 2020-21

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