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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am a little late (well, really very late) with my President's message. I would like to blame it on COVID-19 which is true but I will not bore you with the details.

Let's start with our crabbing day at Jim and Jenny's second home in Old Halls Head, Mandurah. What surprised me is that it only took me 45 minutes from Ardross to their place; could be I jagged the "sweet spot" on the Freeway. Coming back was a different matter in that I decided to take the scenic coastal route, was bombarded by phone calls relating to rescheduling our shareholder meeting that was supposed to be held on the Monday, and ended up at one stage at the gateway of Rockingham Golf Club (do not ask how) and it took me 80 minutes on the return journey.

Thanks you so much Jim and Jenny for handing your home over to us, yet once again. The upside was that I was able to watch, and almost copy, an artist at work shelling his crabs with Abby not close behind you, Kerry, in her adeptness. Jeff put forward the proposition that we actually lose weight shelling and eating crabs as it is labour intensive and a manual process. Must be the reason why Mick was digging in to the feast. Thanks also to the ladies who over many years of practice have got the art of food presentation down to a fine art and wasn't there a mountain of it.



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Now for the downside of our crabbing day and that is ..... being too greedy and taking home the extra crabs to share. The downside in that is the garbo doesn't come until Wednesday and Giovanna and I were shelling crabs on a Sunday. Guess who got the job of sanitising the FOGO on Wednesday afternoon? No prize for guessing who, but it wasn't Giovanna.

On a serious note, we all recognise the devastation that this week's Bush Fire has taken, with homes burnt to the ground, thousands of hectares destroyed and livestock missing, not to mention the emotional trauma of those caught up in the devastation. Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) appeal fund has been set up and you may all remember a similar platform managed by RAWCS for the bush fires in the Eastern States. From all accounts the money donated to RAWCS got to the right organisations in the right amount of time, without administrative deductions. At our Tuesday board meeting (if it takes place, but then again there is always ZOOM) I will be proposing that, once more, the Club may wish to match our members' RAWCS donation \$ for \$.

I am not sure if our Monday physical meeting will be held as the 4-square metre restriction may be a bit of an ask for Limones. Either way, I will send an email updating and at the same time conducting a straw poll to ask your opinion of attending the meeting or not.

Well, that's about it, what an eventful week and we should not forget Rotary's new theme for Rotary Year 2021/2022 "Serve to Change Lives".

Take care and keep safe.

Yours in Rotary  
Neil





## February 2021 - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Speaker:</b> Garnett Hall, Fremantle Veterinarian <b>Topic:</b> Kangaroo Island Rescues <b>Speaker Chair:</b> Barb Kitto  <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Keith McNaught	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>ATTEND OR ZOOM?</b>	9 Board Meeting 7PM at the McCulloch's  <b>INDUCTION</b> Rod Rate (2009)	10	11	12	13
14 	15 <b>Speaker:</b> Luke de Laeter, Buzz Ed Australia <b>Topic:</b> Bee Keeping <b>Speaker Chair:</b> Martin Houchin	16	17 <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Viv & Mick Donnes	18 <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Carole Maxwell  <b>INDUCTION</b> Gillian Baker (2013)	19	20 <b>District Grants Management Seminar</b> (see page 5)  <b>INDUCTION</b> Joyce Smith (2020)
21	22 <b>Speaker:</b> Radheya Jegatheva, Animated Short Film Maker, nominated for the Academy Award 2021 <b>Speaker Chair:</b> Ian Pittaway	23   <b>ROTARY'S 116TH ANNIVERSARY</b>	24	25	26	27
28	<b>APOLOGIES TO <u>President Neil McKay</u> 0421 977 617</b>					



Learn how Rotary Foundation Grants can help you do good in the world

## 2021-22 District Grants Management Seminar

Saturday 20 February 2021

Rockingham RSL

19 Memorial Drive, Peron

10am—12 noon

*\*\* Tea/Coffee available from 9.30am \*\**

***The seminar will cover updates to our Rotary Foundation, information on applying for District and Global Grants and Grant reporting requirements.***

This year we will be conducting a combined face-to-face and Zoom seminar. Clubs will have the option to send representatives to the seminar in person or alternatively register for access to Zoom into the seminar virtually. *Please indicate in the registration if you wish to participate via Zoom.*

***Please note - clubs need to have at least one representative attend the seminar to qualify and be able to apply for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2021-22***

***Register via the District Website—registrations close 6pm Thursday 18 February 2021.***  
*The zoom link will be sent the registered person on Friday 19 February 2021*



# Perhaps a fifth test: Is it fun?



David Postic, left, and other members of the Rotaract and Interact Committee had fun posing for this photo in December at Rotary's headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. *Rotary International/Alyce Henson*

*By David Postic, a member of the Rotaract and Interact Committee and a past president of the Rotaract Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA*

We all know and love [The Four-Way Test](#). In many ways, it's an improvement on the age-old golden rule that you should treat others the way you wish to be treated. It's a guide for living, a tool for decision making, a moral code. While Rotary has been served well by these four questions, they may not be enough in an era in which Rotary is trying to appeal to more people and have a broader impact.

There is another crucial question that we as Rotary members must always ask ourselves, and it is this: Is it *fun*? This is the question I ask myself with everything I do. If it isn't fun, I don't do it. Some people may scoff at that mentality, but in my mind, life is too short to waste on things I don't enjoy. There are a hundred other organizations I could be a part of. If Rotary isn't fun, why should I join? And if I am already a member, but I'm not having fun, why should I stay?

Of course, I speak for myself, and perhaps I can also presume to speak for other young people. But I imagine that how I feel is also how many Rotary members feel all over the world. We all want to have fun while serving the sick, the impoverished, the embattled, and the hungry. And in my experience, Rotary can be the *most* fun part of my life.

But often, clubs become so entrenched in their habits that they forget to have fun. If Rotary isn't fun, how can we light a fire in the hearts of our members? How can we increase our membership? How can we survive? We must constantly ask ourselves: Is what we are doing *fun*?

This may not be a question fit for enshrining in the codes of Rotary, and perhaps it doesn't even warrant recitation at weekly meetings. However, it's probably the most important question we can ask ourselves when making decisions in our clubs. What we do in Rotary is not primarily for our own benefit, but people must enjoy Rotary if it is to survive. This is the real golden rule of Rotary clubs: If what we do isn't fun, then it's not worth doing.

Post-lockdown restrictions [will continue to apply in the Perth and Peel regions](#) until 12.01am on February 14.

## What are the post-lockdown rules?



All you need to know about what can and can't you do in the post-lockdown Perth and Peel region

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