



The Mindarie Bulletin



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NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE



President Elect Ralph Sirmulis has been installed as President of the Rotary Club of Mindarie a little earlier than planned.

The Board of the Club, with the endorsement of current acting President Nigel Owen (who re-engaged as President when President Sandy stepped down in March) voted in favour of this action in order to re-focus the Club and bring some stability.

An informal changeover ceremony was performed at the Club Meeting on the 10th May attended by District Governor Elect 2017/18 Lindsay Dry and Assistant District Governor Lindsay McLeod..

Ralph commented that the Club was chartered in November 2010 with enthusiastic individuals who wished to contribute their time to worthy causes. Over the years, it has had successes and some turmoil particularly as regards retention of members and frequent changes to meeting venues. We had not had a real "home" for some 17 months.

Despite this, in the 6 years of its history Club member efforts have raised and donated \$62,000 to various community and international organisations and that we don't really pat ourselves on the back for this.

He well understands Past President Sandy's frustrations and disappointments. During her term of office. Nevertheless, she has chosen to remain as a valuable contributor in the Club.

His goal for the coming 14 months is simple to state but will not be easy to implement:

A revitalised Rotary Club of Mindarie that has an effective membership base, meets the needs of members and, is motivated and engaged to meet the goals of Rotary.

Achieving this goal will be approached through three paths:

- Grow membership from 16 to 26 whilst retaining existing membership
- Change the Club culture and improve member engagement with the Club and its activities
- Establish and reinforce relationships and awareness of RCM in the local Community

A strategy has been formulated and will be put to Board members for input and then presented for Club member buy-in over the next weeks.

Ralph has been a member of Rotary since July 2014 and Secretary of the Club since July 2015.

Originally from Sydney, he came to Perth in 2005 for a "sea change" and ended up remarrying and as a result decided to stay and make Perth home.



ADG Lindsay, new President Ralph,
DGE Lindsay, PP Nigel

Rotary Club of Mindarie Inc. WA
District 9455 Club 83520
Chartered 11/2010

www.rotarymindarie.com

Meets every second Wednesday
at Mindarie Marina Boardroom.
5:30pm for 6:00pm

2016/17 THEME



RI President John F. Germ chose *Rotary Serving Humanity* as his theme for 2016-17. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that "now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."



4 WAY TEST



SPEECH COMPETITION STATE FINAL

The State Final of the 4 Way Test Speech Competition was held at the Woodvale Tavern with the big showdown between the best student speakers of District 9455 against the best of District 9465.

The contestants were:

- Harry Harrop – RC Mindarie, Butler College
- Pooja Ramesh – RC Subiaco, Perth Modern School
- Katherine Magpily – RC Mandurah Districts, Mandurah Catholic College
- Emma Shine – RC Booragoon, Corpus Christi College

And the winner was Harry Harrop!

Well done to the other three students who competed as their speeches were worth listening to and demonstrated the excellent benefits of this Competition.



Well done to the coaching team –
Sarah Johnson and Brian Butterworth!



LIFTING OUR PROFILE!

At the invitation of the Satterley Group, the Club has now completed three Community BBQs in the Catalina Estate - over late March and April.

With the support of the Tamala Park Regional Council, these BBQs are an attempt to engender a spirit of community within the Estate.

RCM operated the BBQs with the view of increasing its profile within the local Community and were pleased to accept a donation for its effort from Satterley.

Unlike the hectic sausage sizzles at Bunnings, we leisurely catered for 50-60 local residents.

Rotary PRESIDENTIAL THEMES

Each January, as Rotary district governors-elect convene at the International Assembly for training and fellowship, they can be certain of two things: a lot of take-home reading and the announcement of a new RI theme.

The tradition of crafting a theme is credited to 1949-50 RI President Percy C. Hodgson, who outlined a list of four objectives for his term in office. Among them were the better application of the principles of vocational service and dedication to world understanding and peace through international service programs.

Though Hodgson's 83-word proclamation ran substantially longer than today's shorter, punchier themes, Rotarians' desire to celebrate and support their president's annual program of service has remained the same.

Other early themes include Rotary Is Hope in Action (Joaquin Serratosa Cibils, 1953-54), Kindle the Spark Within (Nitish C. Laharry, 1962-63), and Good Will Begins with You (Ernst G. Breitholtz, 1971-72).

In the decades that followed, RI presidents introduced theme logos, lapel pins, ties, and scarves. Theme ties were introduced in the 1990s, and are now given out yearly. Many have incorporated the theme for the year. The first scarves showing the RI theme were designed by 1998-99 RI President James L. Lacy and his wife, Claudine, Follow Your Rotary Dream.



WELCOME RC SHIN TOKOROZAWA!

RC Scarborough hosted visiting Rotarians from their Japanese sister Club Shin Tokorozawa at a well attended welcome dinner at Hilarys Yacht Club.

Darren, Ralph and Myrtle attended the welcome dinner and a Swan River lunch cruise the next day. Ralph had met four of the team members when he and Myrtle went to Japan in January 2016.

The Japanese Club is also one of the key founders of the Australia Japan Youth Cultural Exchange program that has been operating for some 42 years.

**I just wanted you to know that somebody cares.
Not me, but somebody does.**

CLUB MEETING NOTES

Club Meeting 10th May, Mindarie Marina

The meeting was called to order at 1811.

President Nigel welcomed Rotarians and guests to what is to be a special meeting, as it involves the induction of two new members (Katherine Freestone and Andrea Folkard) and a changeover of President of the Club.

He welcomed DGE Lindsay Dry, ADG Lindsay McLeod and guests Janet McLeod (RC Joondalup), Graham Cook, prospective members Violet Nou and Jessica Andersen both on their third visit, Fiona Congreve, Myrtle Sirmulis, long absent member Nick Gerard

The toast to Rotary and Australia was given by ADG Lindsay.

Apologies had been received from Peter Andrews, PP Sandy Jones, PP Karina Martin, Tracey Roberts, Brian Baily, Alan Ward and Cheryl Shaw.

As regards makeups, Ralph mentioned attendance at the RC Scarborough dinner for visiting members of their sister Japanese Club (RC Shin Tokorazawa) and the 4 Way Test Speech Competition State Final.

DGE Lindsay addressed the Club and mentioned a number of key points:

- All Clubs should be prepared to evolve and change and be very aware of complacency.
- He had seen 3 Clubs with long and rich history being forced to fold
- Whilst undergoing change, there are dangers and pitfalls that have to be navigated
- The incoming Rotary International President Elect (Ian Riseley) is an Australian and his message is 'all about Rotarians "Making a Difference" in their community and internationally



- Regrettably, there are too many people who do not know what Rotary is and what it does and we need to address this
- Likewise, the generation of today has no knowledge of Polio and what has been done by Rotary and others to help eradicate this disease worldwide. Right now there are only one or two cases worldwide so our efforts are proving successful

Ralph advised that :

- Thanks had been received from Riding for the Disabled Capricorn for the effort of our members

- Thanks from Satterley for our work at the Catalina Estate BBQs. This was a good public relations exercise again lifting our profile in the Community
- Bunnings have presented us with two opportunities for sausage sizzles (27th May and 13th August)
- ARH requested that Wednesday meeting Clubs have a possible joint meeting on 24th May at Scarborough in lieu of our regular meeting to hear Bob Aitken speak.

Dave gave a brief update on the status of the Sells Family. They have been provided with transport suitable for transporting Evie and her wheelchair. There is now a requirement for paving at the front of the house rather than what was envisaged previously. Dave is currently investigating some options and advice will be given to the Board shortly about the next steps.

Sally gave a brief update on Rypen which is occurring 19th-21st May at Point Walter. Bookings for the Saturday night dinner close this week.

Proceedings then moved to the Presidential Changeover. President Nigel summarised in a humorous way, Ralph's background and efforts with the Club since he had joined and worked as Secretary. The chain of office was then handed to Ralph who then responded with thanks and a brief outline of his proposed strategy for revitalising the Club.



The induction of two new members, Kathy and Andrea then commenced with both member prospects giving their own brief bio. DGE Lindsay then gave the Induction Charge and presented both with their membership certificates to the Rotary Family and the Rotary Club of Mindarie.

PP Darren then managed the raffle draw which was won by himself and then amused attendees with levying fines based upon a Federal Budget Theme

- Himself for being late
- 4 Way Test - whoever didn't attend tax
- Brian B for high quality 4WT coaching - tax
- New member tax - Kathy and Andrea
- Outgoing / incoming President tax
- DGE delayed visit tax
- Eagles / Dockers winning tax
- Bankers - tax
- Nick - classic car tax – Valiant

The meeting closed at 1935 with a number of members and visitors adjourning to the Indi Restaurant.

**Instead of "the John," I call my toilet "the Jim."
That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim
first thing every morning.**

**The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of
charades**

CLUB MEETING NOTES

Club Meeting 26th April

Mindarie Marina

The meeting was called to order at 1810.

President Nigel had sent his apologies and asked if PE Ralph would run the meeting.

Ralph welcomed our visitors – the 5 members of the Burns Family, Violet Nou, Jessica Andersen on her second visit, Katherine Freestone, Andrea and Mark Folkard.

Alan Ward gave the toast to Rotary and Australia.

Apologies had been received from PP Daren, P Sally, Peter Andrews, Dave Duvall, PP Sandy Jones, Karina Martin and Tracey Roberts.

Alan mentioned that he had attended the Quinns Anzac Day dawn service and mentioned that coincidentally, Australians had been involved in Damascus in Syria 100 years ago and they were again involved in Syria.

As regards some Club Activities:

- Jessica mentioned that she had enjoyed the assembly and delivery of the Easter hampers to children in the Community. Ralph stated that it was a good effort and worth the good “feel” that it gave members. Thanks to Sandy, Margaret and Cheryl for their efforts in coordinating this.
- Ralph mentioned that we had done two community BBQs in the Catalina Estate, at the request of Satterley, and there was one more to go on the 29th April. There were great opportunities to get the RCM name out there.
- We have volunteers that will be assisting with the Capricorn Riding for the Disabled Gala Day on Sunday. Whilst we are not raising any funds for ourselves, it is a great opportunity to lift our profile.
- As regards the Winter Backpacks initiative, so far we have not had much interest from members.
- Brian reminded us of the 4 Way Test Speech Competition State Final to be held on 8th May at Woodvale Tavern. We need to get out there and support our District winner.
- Cheryl gave a brief update on Rypen which will be taking place in mid-May.
- Ralph gave a brief run down of key events/points that arose during the recent President Elect Training Seminar held in Mandurah.

Our Guest Speaker, Mark Folkard, MLA for Burns Beach, gave an entertaining talk about his background in the WA Police Force. This involved many diverse activities in the city, the country and overseas with the AFP in East Timor. As SaA Brian commented, in the light of his very extensive experience, Mark must be at least 80 years old but doesn't look it.

Violet Nou won the raffle and SaA Brian again provided us with entertainment whilst levying assorted fines.

Ralph thanked all for their attendance and mentioned that District Governor Elect, Lindsay Dry will be attending our next meeting on the 10th May



- Kathrine's birthday 7th May
- Andrea's birthday 15th May
- Nigel's birthday 25th May
- Cheryl's induction 1st May

4 WT SPEECH COMPETITION

The Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition was originated by PDG Fred Marsh in his year as Governor [1988-89] This public speaking competition was first held at the District Conference, in March 1989.

The Rotary Four Way Test encourages teachers and students from each club's link school to take part in this public speaking, confidence building and ethics consideration opportunity. The Rotary Four Way Test is a state-wide competition with a State final being conducted in conjunction with fellow Western Australian District 9465.

The aims of the competition are to:

- introduce Year 10 students to the Rotary Four Way Test. This will assist them to understand that positive life values are important foundations to making decisions and acting with integrity.
- provide Year 10 students with an opportunity to compete in a public speaking competition, thereby fostering excellence in the art of public speaking and developing the confidence and self-esteem of participating students.
- provide an opportunity for students to test their skills before an audience.
- bring the concepts of the Rotary Four Way Test to the attention of students.
- provide Rotary and the Rotary Four Way Test with valuable exposure in the community.
- develop relationships between Rotary and schools.

PHRASE 'POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD' INSENSITIVE TO MENTAL PEOPLE COMMITTEE FINDS



The often-used term 'political correctness gone mad' should be changed to 'political correctness that has become anxious or psychologically distressed', a government committee has recommended.

The four-month study, which included a panel of 28 experts, concluded that the term 'mad' had the potential to stigmatise those with psychological issues and was out of step with current attitudes.

The report has led to outrage on social media channels, with many saying it is yet another example of political correctness gone mad. Inensitive buggers!.

- The Shovel

WA District Governors Elect
Lindsay Dry (D9455) and Bruce Lynch (D9465)



NEW DISTRICT 9455 WEBSITE

The District website has changed and you need to register for a new login to access it. So just follow the guidelines. It is simple and straightforward.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50172>

SWAP MART

We have newly printed Rules & Regulations and Receipt Books for our Swap Mart.

One of the key things that all Members should know is that stall holders are NOT covered by our (or the Shopping Centre's) Public Liability Insurance.
Stall Holders must have their own PL Insurance!

The Rules & Regulations must be handed out to all stall holders as they arrive to set up.

REMINDER:

- As has always been the case, the latest Swap Mart roster is published on our website.
- As always:
 - it is *your* responsibility to check when you are rostered for duty, and
 - if you cannot do your shift, it is *your* responsibility to find a replacement.



ROTARY CLUB OF BALLAJURA-MALAGA



LOADS OF
PRIZES TO
BE WON



When: **Saturday 20th May 2017**

Where: Ballajura Community College, Illawarra Crs South, Ballajura

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- A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- 1 kilo of lemons contain more sugar than 1 kilo of strawberries.

- A flamingo can eat only when its head is upside down.
- A snail can have about 25,000 teeth.
- A strand from the web of a golden spider is as strong as a steel wire of the same size.
- The microwave oven was invented by mistake when an engineer testing a magnetron tube noticed that the radiation from it melted the chocolate bar he had in his pocket.
- In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.
- Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning.
- Owls are the only birds who can see the color blue.
- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.



RCM MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Hi Ralph

I would like to pass on our thanks for the fantastic job your Rotary crew, Sandy, Cheryl, Brian and Margaret did for us at our Open Day.

The sausage sizzle was a great success thanks to their tireless efforts. Between them they ran the BBQ for the entire open day without complaint and with barely a break between them. They are all great, friendly people who obviously enjoy helping others.

Overall the day exceeded all our expectations and we believe about 1000 visitors experienced the event.

*Thanks again for your assistance and if we are able to reciprocate please let us know.
Best regards*

Richard
President
RDA Capricorn

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CAPRICORN

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL - 10AM-3PM

OPEN DAY

FREE PONY AND TRACTOR RIDES

MARKET STALLS, FOOD AND COFFEE VANS
AVAILABLE



We have been fortunate to be given the opportunity to do sausage sizzles on

- ☐ **Sunday 27th May**
- ☐ **Sunday 13th August.**

Volunteers needed!



RotaryWA 47th Ladies Seminar
and Luncheon

Saturday 19th August 2017

8:30am—3:30pm

**You're invited to join us for the 47th
RotaryWA Ladies "Making a Difference"
Seminar and Luncheon.**

Join us to learn, share ideas, be inspired and have fun.

This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones!



Membership Engagement: The Key to Retention

In Rotary, it never has been easy to get every member, or sometimes even most members, involved in community projects. Many people join because they want to give back to society, and community service is what Rotarians often say makes their membership worthwhile. But clubs still struggle to find projects that will inspire their members and attract new ones.

Clearly each member is unique, with his or her reasons for joining a Rotary club.

Members join Rotary because they want to get involved, get to know other fellow club members, form personal relationships, volunteer their time in meaningful ways for their communities, feel like they are making a difference, have their families become connected to other Rotarian members families, and use their professional and personal skill sets and talents to help themselves and the club.

Each also has different family demands, professional obligations, time constraints, and financial situations.

But a major factor standing in the way of greater involvement is "time aversion," according to research studies. All of us have limited time on earth and we are, consciously or not, very choosy about how we spend it.

It seems that service-oriented people such as Rotarians are most likely to spend their time on specific charitable acts if they are given "moral cues" about how good a particular action will make them feel after they volunteer.

The research suggests that if club leaders want people to happily volunteer, they will need to accept that community service can be hard to fit into a busy life. Then they must work to associate the project with positive outcomes and feelings such as self-expression, connectedness, meaning, and joy.

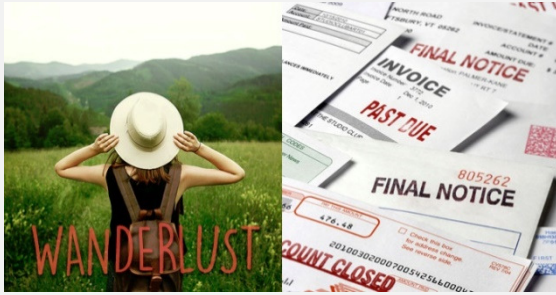
Each Member must be able to express his or her inner motivations. Again, research shows that most people are primarily motivated by one of three factors - achievement, affiliation, or power.

- Achievement-oriented people like to work on concrete tasks where excellence is valued and a sense of closure can eventually be found.
- Affiliation-oriented volunteers want to work in groups and have interactions with recipients of service efforts.
- Power-motivated people prefer to be in charge and are happy giving advice or being involved in tasks that result in personal recognition.

So let's work together to find projects/activities that we can get engaged in and which give us the satisfaction of a job well done.

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:
YOU WILL SHORTLY BE RECEIVING A SURVEY
ASKING YOU FOR YOUR VIEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB**

STUDY CONFIRMS WANDERLUST LOOSELY TRANSLATES TO CRIPPLING CREDIT CARD DEBT



Australia's peak scientific body confirmed today that the Millennial generation's fourth favourite word, *wanderlust*, is loosely translated from the Middle High German word of the same spelling that means 'crippling credit card debt'.

While originally thought to have its root in the Germanic phrase, 'Can you just pay for my airfares, dad?', researchers from the CSIRO have concluded that to *wanderlust* is to *laden one's self in debt in order to travel*.

"It's something we hypothesised but failed to prove. Until now," said lead researcher Annie Hogmann. "Young people affected by wanderlust are also often affected by high-interest debt that they struggle to pay off. Ever. We're chuffed to finally make the connection."

- The Betoota Advocate



"I want you to find a bold and innovative way to do everything exactly the same way it's been done for 25 years."

COMMITTEES-WHY NOT?

Most other Rotary Clubs operate projects and events through Committees and RCM has one very successful Committee that proves their benefit (Rypen).

It's difficult for one person to plan, arrange and execute An event/activity and Committees provide:

- Pooling of knowledge and experience
- Better coordination
- More member involvement

Think about being a part of one



ROTARY CLUB OF ROSSMOYNE QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017

Venue: South Perth Community Hall
(Corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth)

Doors open at 6:00pm. First set starts at 7:00 pm.

A fun night for all ages with plenty of prizes with lots of short quizzes, door prize, raffle and games.

Tables of 8: Cost \$15 per person. Strictly Cash Bar only

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**JOIN US AND ENJOY A GREAT EVENING WHILE YOU SUPPORT
YOUR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY.**

<https://sites.google.com/site/rossmoynerotary/>

WELCOME KATHERINE & ANDREA

On Wednesday 10th May, two new Members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Mindarie and the Rotary family:

- Katherine Freestone – a retired business woman from the UK who managed a manufacturing concern and is keen to assist small businesses to prosper
- Andrea Folkard – a local West Australian and a committed and passionate community engagement worker

DGE Lindsay Dry performed the Induction Charge



Andrea, Ralph, DGE Lindsay, Katherine