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## WATER & SANITATION MONTH

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\$24 is all it takes to provide a child with safe water

23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary

21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects



Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.



## Last Meeting

We had a good roll-up at the ARCC, and a mosquito-free night. The A Team provided an excellent Thai meal, and Rohan provided the lubricants. Heather chaired the meeting, and introduced Denise, who told us about The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Benefactors and our Kiva activities.

Michael won the eggs yet again, and the winner of the door prize is something of a mystery to your scribe.

Barbara reminded us of Sunday's visit to Ngarangwal with Justine, and of the working bee for Headway at 18 Mungera St, Biggera Waters, next Saturday...8.00 am start.

Barbara also advised of a proposed visit to Australian Outback Opals at Tamborine... details to be advised when available.

TRF is the charity arm of our organisation. It was founded just over 100 years ago and is one of the world's largest benevolent organisations. In 2018-19, TRF received US\$320 million, plus US\$38m from investments, and distributed US\$335m to various causes. \$151m went to PolioPlus, \$87m to Global Grants (\$54m of this to preventing disease and providing clean water), and the remainder to District Grants, Rotary Peace Centres, other Grants, and Program operations, Fund development, and general administration.

For many years, TRF has made a practice of investing contributions for several years before distributing them. Administration costs are derived from the investment income, so that in effect 100% of the sums contributed are distributed. The Mission of TRF of RI is "to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty".

TRF is a very worthy cause for you to direct your philanthropic efforts to. One way to do this is to leave money to TRF in your will. The money should be directed to "The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International".

Rotary Benefactors are people who inform TRF that they have made a provision in their estate plan for TRF, or who make an outright gift of US\$1000 or more to the Endowment Fund.

Benefactors who make provision for a gift of US\$10000 or more are made members of TRF Bequest Society.

Denise gave a report on our current Kiva activities. Kiva is a non-profit organisation which provides interest-free loans to individuals (mostly in third world countries, and mostly women) who would otherwise have no chance of obtaining loans through normal channels.

It was founded in 2005, and RC Ashmore has been active in Kiva for many years. We currently have \$900 in our Kiva kitty and the distribution of these funds is administered by Denise and Kim. When people apply to Kiva for a loan, the money often comes from a number of different donors. There is a very low rate of defaults on these loans, but it is always possible that our contributions may be lost.

Denise and Kim have recently directed \$230 (eight \$25 loans and one \$30 loan) to borrowers in Kenya, Ghana, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Tonga, Burkina Faso, and Kyrgyzstan.

This is a very satisfying project, and one which Denise suggested might well be supported by the club by the injection of some more funds.

As part of our 30th year celebrations, Ian Wilson has taken on the mammoth task of producing a record of the club's

activities since our charter. All the club Annual Reports were on display at the meeting, and we were asked to go through these to list our

service projects over the years. The last 10 minutes or so of the meeting were devoted to this activity.

### Attendance

It is essential that we know approximate numbers for catering. If you can't make the meeting: **Contact Robyn: 0439 794 092** or [randgschatz@gmail.com](mailto:randgschatz@gmail.com)

### Members Welfare

Know any sick members or members who need a little extra help?  
**Contact Marcia: 0413 730 820** or [marcialampshade@gmail.com](mailto:marcialampshade@gmail.com)

### Next Meeting



### Future Meetings

Date	Team	What's Happening
8 <sup>th</sup> March		Vocational Visit-Guanaba Indigenous Protected area
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Green	Guinness Down Under (ASSR)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Gold	St Patricks Day Social Event (ARCC)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries – February/March

March 11	Rock O'Keefe	Member Birthday
March 12	Catherine Bonifant	Partner Birthday
March 18	Rob Deshon	Partner Birthday
March 23	David Grant	Club Anniversary
March 23	Ros. Wilson	Member Birthday
March 28	Peter Gilmore	Member Birthday
March 28	Ian Wilson	Wedding Anniversary
March 31	Michael Hyland	Wedding Anniversary

### Stamps, Cans, Bottles, Bread Tags

Members are reminded to bring to meetings the above items. Please note that we no longer collect the plastic bottle tops.



### Rotary International Conference



**31 March 2020:** Last day for preregistration discount

**30 April 2020:** Last day to request to cancel registration or tickets

**10 June 2020:** Last day for online registration



## District 9640 Conference Tenterfield

27th - 29th March, 2020



### Guest Speakers Needed

We are still seeking suitable guest speakers for our fortnightly meetings at the Ashmore Road Steak and Seafood. We will have some speakers at the ARCC also but mainly our own members speaking on things of interest to us all. If you know of any suitable speakers, please contact Denise to find a suitable date.

### End Polio Now

The polio eradication campaign needs your help to reach every child. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution to Rotary will be **tripled**. [Donate now.](#)



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