

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

We celebrated the changeover today with as much ceremony and fun as we could on zoom attended by 100+ participants. Fellow Rotarians and friends thank you for making our changeover lunch via zoom very special and for unwavering love and support.

Let me begin my last note to you as your President by expressing my appreciation to each one of you. Words fail to express my sincerest thanks for your friendship and for all you do. It has been an absolute honor and a privilege to serve you and our great club. At midnight tonight I stop being your President. I return to being what I have always been first and fore most, a Rotarian and a member of a Rotary Club.

I have enjoyed the role immensely and am humbled by your enormous faith and trust in me and in my ability to be at the helm of one of the most prestigious and long standing club, thank you for giving me this opportunity, I will always be grateful.

I appreciate it went over time, but when members ask to speak it's a bit difficult to say no. Our Committee Chairs spoke about their respective areas and I gave an overview of the events

A little under a 1 year ago I stood at the lectern at Castlereagh Hotel and was inducted. I recall saying "With just two months to plan my year whilst I am delighted and am looking forward to this honour of serving our community however I do have a sense of trepidation".

Well, who would have thought then that things would be so very different 12 months on and we will be performing one of our major events "Changeover" via zoom... almost inconceivable.

I was certain this role will present me with many challenges equally with rewards and friends I will make.

Overall it has been a very good year. My focus was on our membership and my desire was to connect, communicate and engage with our members more widely.

The Rotary world like almost all organisations have had a captivating experience this last 3 months.

We commenced the first six months with enthusiasm and high activity, with excursion to the Start Up hub, Consulate General of India's, many International visited us, new initiatives such as Awards Lunch, International Women's Day, Chinese New Year at the venue with funfair, Diwali Celebrations, raffles, music, great speakers and so on

THEN -the shock and surprise of a world pandemic was upon us notwithstanding the draught and awful bush fires only months prior.



I have tried passionately to serve and be the inspiration by staying in touch with all our members and I had to make a quick re-adjustment to a strange world of online meetings. My husband Gary and I initiated zoom meetings every Tuesday. Our gratitude to Moss and Colin who warmed to the creativity required to keep the club membership engaged and sharing in a spirit of camaraderie. Some members struggled with these platforms and we assisted.

So here I am, by hook or by crook I made it. In my remarks to you 12 months ago I promised to do my best to the best of my ability for our club and wider community through your help.

I thank all the Committee Chairs for their presentation today our success is a collective, let me share some highlights.

1. Members taken out of their comfort zone for an excursion to Start up hub and Christmas at Manjit's and welcome back New Year at Martin place.
2. Great speakers to our lunch face to face meetings, From High Profile Doctors, Specialist in Cochlear Implant, Professors, Chairs and Heads of NSW Department of Health, Education and Trade and Industry, State and Federal Ministers and Members of Parliament, Bank Executive, MD of major companies, Trade Commissioners, Journalist and list goes on
3. David Hirsh Chair of Peace Building Group provided a range of speakers to compliment Tuesday meetings.
4. We were Accredited as a Rotary Peacebuilder Club and Peace Buildings Group projects included, recognition to The Bread & Butter Project for its contribution to building peace in the local community and Collaboration with UNAA to organise a Peace Day event
5. Zoom meetings are more popular with high profile speakers and guests from other clubs and beyond.
6. A moving ANZAC Day service was conducted by Rev Keith Garner AM via zoom
7. Initiated Fire Side chat on Friday evening during the lock down with amazing speakers
8. Attended many Rotary events at other clubs and district
9. Went to Armidle for hay run, a lovely experience with wonderful people
10. Meetings with various local businesses and Business councils
11. Engaged external company to redesign our website which was launched in May.
12. Engaged PR Company to advise us on social media and a New FACEBOOK page
13. Initiated a Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the members and Board
14. Rotary International President Mark Maloney's vision "*Rotary Connects the World*" and he called on leaders "to grow our service, to grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more through diversity that brings vibrancy."
To that end we inducted 27 new members, however sadly over the last few months, five of our long standing members passed away
15. A number (18) of articles published in various newspapers and magazines
16. Members went on the Polio Train Ride
17. Engaged with local communities including PCYC and Winter appeal for South Sydney community
18. Achieved Presidents Club Citation goal
19. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Rotary was initiated by Hon Hugh McDermott member for Prospect and passed on 18th Jun 2020. Federal Parliament MP is working on establishing similar program in Canberra.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - JUNE



I think I've succeeded in some small way through you. But it is regrettable that wasn't able to achieve two of my three personal goals I set on my induction day:

Try and provide platform to highlight economic opportunities for women, focusing on their safety and achieving genuine gender equality

Raise awareness of Lupus – 1 in 700 Australian suffer from Lupus it is an autoimmune disease

As we approached the six months of my Presidency I wrote to PE Fatima on and offered to include her on correspondence that would require continuity and invited Fatima and her team to attend board meeting three months prior to changeover and further offered assistance as IPP.

I pay tribute to all the Presidents before me for their wonderful contribution to our club, one does not appreciate the amount of work involved until one is in the job, for me it is almost full time.

The new Rotary year starts tomorrow and I welcome Fatima Ali to the leadership role with her team, to develop the Rotary year with a new RI theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities". No doubt Fatima and her team with zeal will carry on the business of Rotary be it by current online meeting model, face to face or a combination all, I am aware members are keen to meet face to face and have shared this view with PE Fatima.

I encourage you to give your support to President Elect Fatima and her team as afforded to me – I know you will. To President Nominee and Elect from tomorrow Moss Akbarian, I wish him all the best as he commences preparation for his year.

Centenary events are upon us and as the National Champion for R100 I shall do my best to promote and support celebrations in New South Wales and Queensland.

District Governor Warwick Richardson announced the marvelous news that I will part of the District team and Have been appointed the Chair of District Centenary, I am so pleased THANK YOU DG Warwick and District team I am humbled.

I thank everyone who held office in our Club for the contribution you have made. The Board members, all the Committee Chairs for the hard work and personal support to me it's been fun. For the retiring committee or board members please continue to be actively involved and once again thank you all for serving.

To all of you our most important asset thank you for your enthusiasm, friendship and how can I forget all the well-meaning free advice. You are the best.

Thank you to many members who took time out to send me little notes of encouragement, flowers, food, dropped in to our home, checking –in, invitations to your beautiful homes and lots of goodwill **I am touched by your affection.**



My heartfelt thanks to:

Our Immediate Past President Rev Keith Garner. Keith played a major role in mentoring me, he is always unassuming and ever so gently gave me a meek smile and what he would do.

- Di North for her leadership and guidance.
- Chris McDiven – I don't have words to thank Chris, all I can say is an amazing lady and she inspires me.
- Garry Browne my sounding board and knowledge of all things Rotary and a real gentleman.
- John Randell, as Presidents Aid helped me behind the scenes, even though his health prevented him from attending meetings, but the guest list was a must.
- Moss Akbarian for his friendship and support particularly over the last few months
- Colin Westman one of the best Treasurers, he safeguard our assets with diligence and in good faith.
- Roger Xie for stepping up in the role of Secretary with calm persistence, and ability to learn and deliver in a congenial manner
- Joe Botta, for helping me with cooking because I was cooking and delivering food to many vulnerable people.

Once again I express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you for allowing me to serve as the President for 2019-20. A truly rewarding and humbling experience, but like all past Presidents I recognize that in many ways we all are provisional Presidents for 12 months and I wish President Fatima all the very best.

I particularly want to thank my dad (Pitagi) for supporting me with my Rotary work, my sister Sonia, many friends, colleagues, and the wonderful speakers who never said no.

Before I conclude my I want to acknowledge and thank the most important person to me during my year as President, whose love and devotion has allowed me to do this job. He is the "Unsung Hero" in our club, my husband Gary "Thank You Sweet".

As always I thank God for all my blessing and for all of you. Thank you, good luck, good bye and God Bless!



Warmest Regards - Yours in Rotary Service

Barbara

CENTENARY PROJECT

Thank you to those who have made a donation to our Centenary project "**Rotary Give Every Child A Future**" it is appreciated. If you are considering a donation this June as part of tax time giving please consider our centenary project.



VALE SIR CLEM RENOUF

Sir Clem Renouf, the 1978-79 Rotary International president who helped propel Rotary toward its top goal of eradicating polio worldwide, has died at age 99.

Renouf was a member of the Rotary Club of Nambour, Queensland, Australia, for 70 years. He served as RI director, Foundation trustee, district governor, RI committee member and chair, and International Assembly discussion leader.

In early 1979, on a flight home from the Philippines, Renouf read a magazine story about the eradication of smallpox. He wondered if Rotary's new Health, Hunger and Humanities (3-H) Grants could be used to eliminate another disease. They, for the first time, allowed Rotary projects to be taken on by more than just one club or district.

Renouf consulted with a friend, John Sever, who was a district governor in Maryland, USA, and chief of infectious diseases at the United States National Institutes of Health. Sever happened to be friends with Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin, who developed polio vaccines in the 1950s and 1960s. After doing some research, Sever said that polio would be the best disease for Rotary to work on.

"Clem then set his sights on polio eradication as a Rotary worldwide project," wrote Ray Klingensmith, 2010-11 Rotary International president, in a tribute to Renouf. In November 1979, the RI Board agreed to set the eradication of polio as a primary goal of the 3-H program.

Renouf was instrumental in raising funds for the early effort. "In order to raise money, Clem asked all the clubs to contribute some cash, which was about \$15 per member, for service projects, and the appeal raised the surprising amount of \$7 million," Klingensmith wrote. "Part of that money was then used to fund the first polio immunization project in the Philippines ... The success was real"

In 1985, Rotary launched the PolioPlus program, and it later spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with its partners — national governments, the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. The GPEI continues to pursue worldwide eradication of polio.

Renouf served in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II. After the war, he was an accountant and partner in the firm of Renouf and Clarke. He was an associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators and a fellow of the Australian Society of CPAs, later called CPA Australia. He was also a founder of Sundale Garden Village for the elderly.

Rotary honored Renouf with the PolioPlus Pioneer Award for his extraordinary service to PolioPlus, as well as the Service Above Self Award, Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He was a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and Major Donor and a member of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

"Clem was always kind and supportive of younger Rotarians, and he is the one who gave me a chance to travel the Rotary Road," Klingensmith wrote. "Rotary would not be at the high point it is today without the improvements made by Clem and his team."

Take the time to view the 2010 ABC 7.30 report via this link. It provides a great insight into how the End Polio campaign was started and the involvement of Sir Clem Renouf.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sctIloepZFg>

VALE CHRIS JOSCELYNE

It is with deep sadness I announce the passing of Past President of the Rotary Club of Sydney Chris Joscelyne on the 20 June 2020.

Chris was a Rotarian since 1973 and at the time of his death a member of Rotary eClub One, D5450, Colorado, USA.

Chris had previously been:

- Past President Rotary eClub One (2004-2006)
- Past President Rotary Club of Sydney (1996-97), NSW, Australia
- Past President Rotary Club of Grafton (1978-79), NSW, Australia
- Charter member, Rotary Club of Kings Meadows, Tasmania, Australia



Chris was well known as a presenter, chair and master of ceremonies at Rotary events in many Districts.

In June 2008 Chris attended a meeting of the incoming RI Board for 2008-09 and gave a detailed report on the progress of the Rotary e-clubs pilot project. Prior to this meeting, some RI Directors had voiced their concern regarding long-term viability of e-clubs. However following a robust Q&A session, RI Directors were satisfied that e-clubs should continue beyond the pilot period, subject to the approval of the 2010 Council on Legislation (COL). The Rotary E-Clubs Pilot Project concluded on 30 June 2010 following the COL at which Rotary e-clubs were approved permanently, with a limit of two per Rotary District. Chris assisted in the establishment in 2012 of Australia's second Rotary eClub, eclub NextGen, Gold Coast

In recent years, Chris has assisted Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) in its marketing campaigns.

Chris was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

In business, Chris was Director of Australian Projects Pty Limited working with corporates and government clients on data security implementations in Australia and New Zealand.

We extend deepest sympathies to his family and friends. We will inform you when we know of any public memorial services.

Centenary of Rotary in Australia Baton Launch

Government House, Canberra
Zoom Meeting

A performance by Leo Sayer

SAVE THE DATE
10th July 2020
12pm – 1pm

Rotary Australia & New Zealand 100 YEARS

Rotary Australia & New Zealand

As you would be aware we are approaching the beginning of our Centenary and we are honoured to have the Governor General and Mrs Hurley as joint ambassadors for the Centenary and for the Centenary Project Rotary Give Every Child a Future (RGECAF).

This is the video that our Ambassadors have provided:



You are invited to join Rotarians across Australia on 10th July for virtual fellowship, as well as meet the R100 Centenary Ambassadors, the Governor General and Mrs Hurley, as they launch the national centenary campaign. You will witness the “Passing the Baton” ceremony. The baton that will carry the symbols of our centenary and will travel far and wide across Rotary clubs and Districts.

For more information regarding the Centenary please visit these websites:

Rotary Down Under: <https://www.rotary100downunder.com/home>

Rotary Club of Sydney: <https://sydneyrotary.com/centenary/>

Also find below the email sent out by Garry Browne AM and Hugh Bucknall in regards to a Save The Date.

SAVE THE DATE

Rotary's Centenary is a time of celebration! It is a time to reflect on our past, and take pride in all that has been achieved. It is a time we play our part in the history of Rotary.

Our centenary is also the time to lay the foundations for our future, as we still have much to do. The key project in our centenary year will focus on stopping the one in 16 children who die in 9 Pacific nations before the age of five.

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Please pass this invitation on to as many Rotary clubs as possible so that they too can join this event. We ask too for your support in helping us raise funds for our R100 Centenary project, "Rotary Give Every Child a Future"; saving young lives in Pacific nations.

Please expect registration details on how you can join within the next week.

We look forward to you joining in and making your mark on history!

Kind regards,

Garry Browne

Chair - National Centenary of Rotary Committee

Hugh Bucknall

Founder - Centenary of Rotary Campaign



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Laugh break



Rotary provides \$20 million to help communities worldwide respond to COVID-19

EVANSTON, Ill. (June 23, 2020) — Rotary members throughout the world are working safely and diligently to assess and provide for urgent community needs as they strive to respond and recover from the effects of COVID-19 coronavirus.

While following social-distancing and health guidelines, they are providing comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear, and focusing their resources and solutions toward supporting frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

“As leaders in virtually every community on earth, we bring a unique combination of local knowledge and access to a global network of expertise and resources,” said Mark Daniel Maloney, president of Rotary International. “In the face of uncertainty, we are adapting to shifting needs to offer immediate help to people at a rapid pace. And we'll remain committed to recovering from this health crisis for as long as it takes.”

Rotary members are taking action to provide a range of solutions including handwashing stations and food to those unable to social distance in Kenya, lifesaving information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 in India, ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals in Italy and vital social connections to neighbors who live alone in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Rotary Foundation, Rotary’s charitable arm, has to date awarded \$20 million to support Rotary clubs worldwide in their immediate response to COVID-19 in their communities, and to long term recovery efforts.

To learn more about Rotary’s response to COVID-19 and to find out how you can get involved, visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-clubs-help-fight-covid-19-pandemic>.

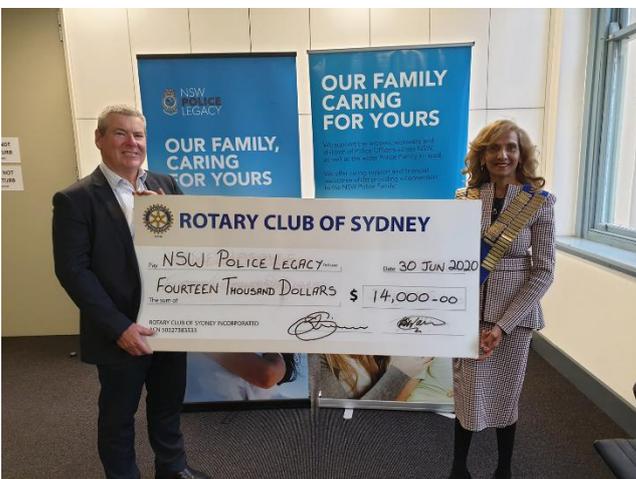
OUT AND ABOUT



Consul General of Japan Masahiko Kiya and Jeremy Wright



Councillor Sameer Pandey – City Of Parramatta



Detective Superintendent Gary Merryweather APM Chair of NSW Police legacy. The Gala dinner for October 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID 19. John Given and Barbara Ward have secured auction items for silent online auction to raise funds. More details to follow soon.



CHANGEOVER MEETING

30th June 2020

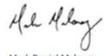


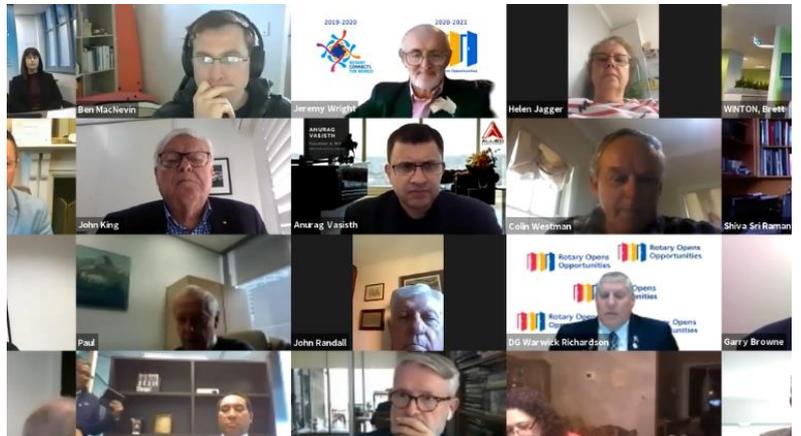
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



**NSW Police Commissioner
Michael Fuller APM**
is hereby named a
PAUL HARRIS FELLOW
in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the
furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among
peoples of the world.

 
The Rotary Foundation Gary C.K. Huang
Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees


Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International



Highlights of Rotary e-meetings – JUNE

Guest Speaker: Dr Pradeep Philip Lead Partner, Deloitte Access Economics

[Update on the Economic Effect of COVID-19, Now and into the Future](#)

Pradeep is the Lead Partner for Deloitte Access Economics. He has had a long and successful career in public policy, with deep expertise in economics and proven leadership experience. Pradeep has been a senior bureaucrat, working at the highest levels of public policy, across three jurisdictions in Australia.



He holds a PhD in Economics and Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from the University of Queensland.



23rd June – Dr Pradeep Philip



Meeting Recording:



Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

Join us to congratulate & celebrate Rotary Club of Sydney's presentation of Paul Harris Fellow's to worthy recipients.



Paul Harris Fellow

In recognition of outstanding commitment to the Club and/or the community



DETAILS OF RECIPIENT

- Andrew Laurie (PP) Paul Harris Fellow + 1 Sapphire
- Bernard Macleod Paul Harris Fellow
- Bill J. Neill Paul Harris Fellow
- David E. Hunt Paul Harris Fellow
- Edward S. Boyce Paul Harris Fellow
- Jeff L. Mansfield Paul Harris Fellow
- John J Given OAM Paul Harris Fellow + 1 Sapphire
- John Randall Paul Harris Fellow + 1 Sapphire
- Natalie Ward MLC Paul Harris Fellow + 1 Sapphire
- Paul J. St. Clair Paul Harris Fellow
- Peter M. Townsend Paul Harris Fellow + 1 Sapphire
- Terry Carson AM Paul Harris Fellow + 1 Sapphire

Guest Speaker: Lorraine Tarabay Chairman Elect – Museum of Contemporary Art

Lorraine is currently Deputy Chairman and Chairman Elect of the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA). She also serves as Chair of the MCA's Director's Circle and is a member of the Finance Committee, Nominations Committee and Foundation Council (a group of individuals who secure philanthropic support for new acquisitions for the MCA Collection).



16th June – Lorraine Tarabay



Meeting Recording:



Highlights of Rotary e-meetings – JUNE

Guest Speaker: Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Federal Member for Bradfield
Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts



Topic: NBN/5G and Innovation

Paul entered Parliament in December 2009 as the Member for Bradfield; was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications in September 2013; Minister for Major Projects, Territories, and Local Government in September 2015; Minister for Urban Infrastructure in July 2016; Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities in December 2017; Minister for Families and Social Services in August 2018 and was appointed to his present role in May 2019.

9th June – Hon Paul Fletcher MP



Meeting Recording:

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Vocational Services Award Presentation



Recipient and Guest Speaker
Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons



Commissioner of Resilience NSW Shane Fitzsimmons was appointed as the inaugural Commissioner for Resilience NSW and Deputy Secretary, Emergency Management with the Department of Premier and Cabinet from 1 May 2020. This appointment followed a distinguished career with the NSW Rural Fire Service of over 35 years.

2nd June – Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons



Meeting Recording:

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Highlights of “Fireside Chats” – JUNE

Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
Member for Sydney and
Shadow Minister for Education & Training



IPDG Sue Hayward
Chair, District 9675, Polio Plus



26TH Hon Tanya Plibersek MP and IPDG
Sue Hayward



Michael Dwyer AM
Chairman of Australia for UNHCR



Trudy Witbreuk
State Director, NSW
Office, DFAT

19th June – Michael Dwyer AM (UNHCR)
and Trudy Witbreuk, DFAT



Refugee Week is Australia’s peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

The first Refugee Week events were organised in Sydney in 1986 by Austcare. In 1987, Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) became a co-organiser of the week, which became a national event from 1988. Major-General Paul Cullen, the foundation president of both Austcare and RCOA, actively lobbied, from the 1980s, for a global annual celebration of the contribution of refugees.

His dream was achieved in 2001, when the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) coordinated the first World Refugee Day (June 20).

Highlights of “Fireside Chats” – JUNE

Special Guest: Hugh McDermott MP State Member for Prospect

Hugh McDermott MP is the State Member for Prospect, Parliament of NSW.



12th June – Hon Hugh McDermott MP

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF ROTARY

It is intended that this Group will provide a non-partisan forum for MPs to meet, interact with Rotarians to support the importance of the work of Rotary in NSW.

This was sponsored by Hon Hugh McDermott MP and was signed off on the 18th June by the Speaker and President of the two Houses of NSW Parliament. Our Rotarian Natalie is part of the group. Thank You.

Special Guests from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

Hathan Moran
CEO Metropolitan
Local Aboriginal
Land Council

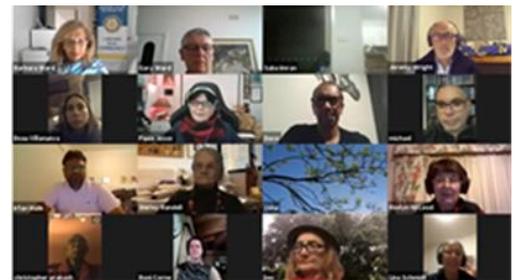


Michael West is
the Community
Development &
Partnership
Director



National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

5TH June – Metropolitan Local Aboriginal
Land Council



Rotary
Zone 8



unicef



Rotary
Club of Sydney



Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows



I went out and about to make presentations to the various recipients of their Paul Harris Fellow, although several people visited me at our home



Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows

