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Meeting
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Chair - Macca

January 27th
Meeting
Julia McCarthy -
Frankston
Peninsula Multiple
Birth Association
"Vital support
network for
parents"

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President's Report:

Hi All

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas, New Year and Festive season and lets hope that 2021 delivers a lot more stability in our lives.

Gen and I headed off, for the 12th year, to Robe SA and had a load of fun golfing ,surfing and catching up with family. If you haven't been to Robe I thoroughly recommend it for a holiday as it covers all bases and is only a 6 ½ hr drive.

Our 1st meeting back is this Wednesday, and it will be a casual affair to give us a chance to catch up and see what everyone got up to during the break.
Look forward to seeing you all there.

Cheers
Shane

Meeting Info:

Time: 6:45 for 7am Start

Location: Frankston International.

In communities with no services, incremental steps can go a long way

When Rotary members tried to bring toilets to a remote island,
the population wasn't ready

by **Diana Schoberg**

In many remote places, toilets that are connected to sewers or septic tanks are the exception, not the rule. In those areas, toilets that operate without water seem like an ideal solution. So-called dry, or urine-diverting, toilets feature two or three holes: one for urinating, one for defecating, and, in some models, one for washing. They don't cost much to operate, and they don't smell. And both the urine and the solid waste can be treated and used as fertilizer. What's not to like?

But when a group of Rotary members tried to bring these toilets to a remote island in Indonesia, the community wasn't ready for technology that the Rotarians thought of as no-frills, but the intended recipients saw as overly complicated. "The community didn't want it, and in fact the project had to be redesigned. It cost the project a couple of years," says Mark Balla, president of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Australia, and vice chair of the [Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene \(WASH\) Rotary Action Group](#). "People thought it was a great idea but didn't think about the cultural appropriateness. That's so important when developing a project."

Part of the problem was that the project made too ambitious a leap. One tool that could help is the [sanitation ladder](#), a graphic representation of levels of sanitation service that might exist in a community. "It helps you visualize the progressive steps to take to raise up a community from having absolutely no services to having the highest quality and most reliable services," says Erica Gwynn, the WASH area of focus manager for The Rotary Foundation. Developed by the World Health Organization/UNICEF [Joint Monitoring Programme](#) for Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene, the sanitation ladder concept can help Rotary clubs design a needs assessment, understand a community's sanitation level, and set goals for a project.

Sanitation Ladder:

- Safely Managed

- Basic

- Limited

- Unimproved

- Open Defecation

The sanitation ladder shows the gradual steps communities may take in improving their facilities.

Source: World Health Organization/UNICEF [Joint Monitoring Programme](#) for Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene

The [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#), which were adopted by UN member states in 2015 as a blueprint to a sustainable future, include the ambitious target of providing universal access to [safely managed water and sanitation services](#) by 2030. The target is easier to reach if sanitation services are assessed in gradations, rather than simply labelled as unimproved or improved. And the standard, well-defined service levels described on the sanitation ladder make it easier to compare progress in different countries.

In communities with no services, incremental steps can go a long way Continued:

At the bottom rung of the sanitation ladder is open defecation, whether it takes place in a [field, forest, body of water, or other outdoor area](#). “A rainstorm is going to carry those faeces across a wider range of space,” Gwynn says, “and with that comes the transmission of diseases.” Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a [child under five](#) dies as a result of poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water.

“The impact of being at that bottom rung is drastic,” Balla says. On a business trip to India in 2012, he saw how the level of sanitation facilities can have all sorts of impacts beyond disease transmission, including contributing to educational disparities for girls, who may leave school when they reach their teens if there are no toilet facilities.

One step up is “unimproved” — that’s the disposal of faeces in a pit or bucket. It’s more contained, but an unlined pit is still in contact with soil, and a heavy rainstorm will transmit diseases. And poop in a bucket has to be emptied somewhere. “It’s not really contained — it’s temporarily contained,” Gwynn says.

At the next step up the ladder are latrines that are shared among households; on this rung, facilities are designated as “limited.” This is an improvement over the two previous steps, but shared facilities are often detached from homes, which can lead families to feel less ownership and responsibility for maintaining the latrine. “It ends up filling up quicker, or sometimes one family can’t afford to pay to empty the latrine,” Gwynn says. “Often, we see long-term management of these facilities that is not optimal.”



Rotary members are helping improve sanitation in schools in Ghana through a partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Partnership combines the business skills and local community leadership of Rotarian volunteers with the technical expertise of USAID.

Image by: Andrew Esiebo

“Basic” facilities, the next step up, include improved facilities that are not shared with another household. This goal looks at safety as well as access: latrines with lined pits that help minimize the spread of faecal matter and safe platforms such as concrete slabs that users can stand on without the risk of falling in.

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In communities with no services, incremental steps can go a long way Continued:

At the top rung on the sanitation ladder, and the target of the sanitation-related Sustainable Development Goal, are “safely managed” facilities. At this level, not only does a household have access to its own toilet, but the waste is safely collected and treated. “Now we’re talking about the full cycle of what happens to your faeces,” Gwynn says. Safely managed facilities solve many of the problems caused by shared facilities such as a pit latrine in a slum. That pit latrine may be lined and have a nice slab on it. But it fills up fast, and the way the waste is collected and disposed of is unsafe — somebody has to go into the hole and bring the waste out, and then it is dumped into a nearby river.

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Balla and Gwynn stress the importance of a needs assessment — a step that is required by The Rotary Foundation for any [global grant application](#) — to determine where a community lands on the sanitation ladder and where residents aspire to be. The community needs to drive the project in order to arrive at the most sustainable solution.

Globally, two out of five people used safely managed sanitation services in 2015:

- 39% Safely Managed
- 29% Basic
- 8% Limited
- 12% Unimproved
- 12% Open Defecation

While the Foundation will not fund projects on the “unimproved” rung of the ladder, Rotary clubs that are interested in doing sanitation projects should be wary of jumping too many steps at a time. “We don’t always have to aim for the ultimate rung on the ladder, which is ‘safely managed,’” Gwynn says, although she notes that the final goal is to get there. “But sometimes it’s much more feasible and affordable to go one or two rungs up the ladder at a time. Behaviour change is very difficult if you take too big of a jump.”

Balla also advises against chasing perfection. “Even in the United States, your toilet gets blocked sometimes. Perfection doesn’t exist,” he says. “It’s about continuous improvement. If you chase perfection, you’ll never start your project.”

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Birthdays & anniversaries this month:

3/01/1955
Tony Carter 66

4/01/1947
Brendan Kincade 74

4/01/2002
Darcie Coppard 19

6/01/1950
Janine Stacey

11/01/1964
Jason Coppard 57

13/01/1940
Nola Blythe

14/01/1959
Judy Rees

27/01/1949
Glenys Tenison-Woods

Rotary's 4 Way Test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Coming Events/Save the Date!:

Monday, March 15, 2021



Macca has advised that we have booked our 2021 corporate charity golf day back at Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club for Monday, March 15, 2021!

Mark it in your diaries!

More information to come!

Please confirm with either Crackers or Macca your volunteering availability for the day A.S.A.P.

Stay tuned for 2021 date!

Children of Ghana Charity Ball

Mornington Race Course

Tickets: \$149 per head

Looking for sponsors, donations and full club attendance

Director's Reports:

Treasurer:

Accounts as of 12-1-21:

The General Acc.

\$9210.78

Community Acc.

\$17030.22

- Treasurer Shars

Finance and Fundraising:

62 sleeps to go and the Golf Day is on again!

A meeting to update planning etc is scheduled for Thursday, 14th January at 6pm.
Venue is Peninsula Kingswood in Skye Road.

More info to come.

- Director Macca

On the Lighter side:

HE THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS THE DUMBEST KID EVER. BUT IN REALITY WHAT THE BOY DID IS GENIUS.

A young boy enters a barber shop...and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store.

"Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!"

Dad: I want you to marry a girl of my choice.
Son: No!

Dad: The girl is Bill Gates' daughter.

...Son: Then okay.

Dad goes to Bill Gates.

...Dad: I want your daughter to marry my son.

Bill Gates: No!

Dad: My son is the CEO of World Bank.

Bill Gates: Then okay.

Dad goes to the President of the World Bank.

Dad: Appoint my son as CEO.

President: No!

Dad: He is the son-in-law of Bill Gates.

President: Then ok.

This is BUSINESS

MAN GETS OUT OF A SPEEDING TICKET BY SAYING THIS

A man is speeding so a cop pulls him over. He admits he committed a robbery so he sped. The cop calls for backup but they find nothing. The man replies, "I bet that liar said I was speeding too!"

What in the World:



Java, Indonesia.

On this day in... January 13:

Event: **1610** - Galileo Galilei discovers Callisto, 4th satellite of Jupiter. **1908** - Henri Farman becomes the first person to fly an observed circuit of more than 1km, winning the Grand Prix d'Aviation. **1942** - Henry Ford patents a method of constructing plastic auto bodies. **1975** - Henry Kissinger hints at military action against oil countries in case of "actual strangulation of the industrialized world" in the wake of oil shock. **1976** - American inventor Ray Kurzweil and the National Federation of the Blind unveil the Kurzweil Reading Machine, the first omni-font optical character recognition system.

Births: **1955** - Paul Kelly, Australian singer-songwriter (The Messengers). **1966** - Simon Shelton Barnes, British actor (Teletubbies-Tinky Winky). **1967** - Annie Jones, Australian actress (Sons and daughters, Neighbours). **1977** - Orlando Bloom, English actor (Pirates of the Caribbean, The Lord of the Rings). **1999** - Nasa Hataoka, Japanese golfer (Women's PGA C'ship 2018 runner-up).

Deaths: **1979** - Marjorie Lawrence, Australian soprano. **2009** - Nancy Bird Walton, Australian aviator. **2013** - Rusi Surti, Indian cricketer (Indian slow lefty, hat-trick for Qld 1969). **2015** - Ronnie Ronalde [Ronald Charles Waldron], British entertainer and world-famous whistler.

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