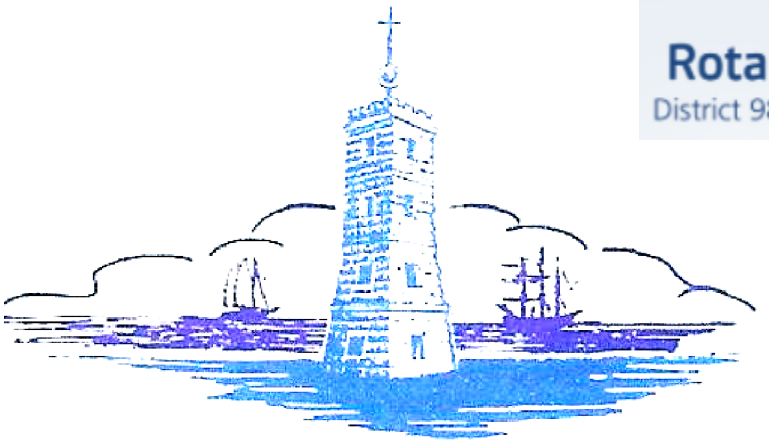

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Education & Literacy Month

Hello fellow Rotarians & friends. Welcome to another edition of the bulletin as we continue to meet via Zoom while we wait for our Road Map out of this pandemic.

Apologies: Peter Gray, Irena Celan, Angela Grogan

Presidents Announcements

- **2021//22 District Conference** will be held 30 April/1 May 2022.
- Rotary Club of Altona City will be holding their **Teachers Award Night** on the 18th October. As it is a Monday night we will be supporting the awards night & therefore will not be meeting as a standalone club on that night.
- **Morning Tea with The DG** is starting up again & members are invited to join in. 18th September(This Sat) 10.00am to 11am
- Some **Writing Workshop** spaces available for Monday 20th Septembers & Wednesday 22nd September. 5.30 – 7.30pm The workshops provide an opportunity to lean more about how to write our Rotary stories in the most impactful way. Register Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/BTPWX

Rotary Walk With Us campaign.

PDG Murray will be taking part in the End Polio Walk again this year. His aim is to walk 50 km throughout October**.** The **Rotary Walk With Us campaign** throughout October is a fun way to raise awareness and funds to *End Polio Now*.

Using Rotary's friendly website (www.rotarywalkwithus.org), you can register to walk and set distance and fundraising goals. Alternatively, you can donate to someone who is walking. For the walkers the total distance you have set for the month is accumulated over the entire month of October. So, you can walk when, where and with whom you want in a COVID safe way. Each walk is logged on the website along with all donations. **It's easy.**

Members are encouraged to join the walk &/or support Murrays fundraising efforts **.**

Zone 8 Conference

Murray, Jo & Damien attended the Zone 8 virtual conference on the 11th & 12 September and were impressed by the quality of speakers. Overall the conference was very inspiring & showcased what wonderful projects Rotary is involved with. 180 District 9800 Rotarians attended the conference which was the highest number of Rotarians in any District.

Jo has kindly provided the following summary of one of the talks at the Zone 8 Conference:

At the weekend Zone 8 conference there were many inspiring speakers. One that stood out for me was a fellow Kiwi, Dr Robbie Francis Watene, who spoke about The Lucy Foundation. This organisation is committed to empowering people with disabilities by working with local communities to promote education, employment and a culture of disability inclusiveness through environmentally, economically and ethically sustainable trade.

Robbie was born with a physical disability. She learned to walk on an artificial leg that became familiarly known as 'Lucy Leg'. Robbie is the first to admit that she grew up in a world of privilege and opportunity. But things could have turned out very differently – a thought that hit home after she recently returned from working as a disability rights monitor in, what she describes as, some of the darkest places on earth. In the words of Kiwi singer Brooke Fraser:

"Now that I have seen, I am responsible."

In 2013 Robbie was given the opportunity to intern for an international disability rights group in Mexico. Having witnessed firsthand the shocking conditions many people with disabilities are forced to live in, she decided to become an active part of the solution. So in 2014 she and her friends co-founded The Lucy Foundation.

In 2016, The Lucy Foundation established a team on the ground in Pluma Hidalgo – an isolated coffee-farming village, high in the mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico. The aim of the Pluma Coffee Project is to transform the global coffee industry by developing a sustainable value chain of coffee that is not only good for the environment, the community, and the economy, but is also inclusive of disabled people, from farmer to consumer.

So why coffee? Coffee is a good source of seasonal income for farmers in this remote region of Mexico where poverty is high. Coffee is the economic backbone of Pluma Hidalgo with many families having a small number of trees in their backyard. The Foundation works side-by-side with these coffee farmers and their families to help improve their crops and promote inclusive economic opportunities within the community.

The coffee beans are shipped to New Zealand and roasted by organisations who support disability rights, inclusion and diversity. Together with the Foundation's partners, they have helped to create what is believed to be the world's first entirely inclusive value chain of coffee – from farmer (Mexico) to consumer (New Zealand).

While the team in Mexico is working incredibly hard to produce coffee that is good for human rights, the environment, the economy AND is inclusive of people with disabilities, the team in New Zealand is also busy looking at ways to create inclusive and accessible employment and education opportunities for people with disabilities.

Trivia Quiz

Our meeting finished with a trivia quiz put together by President Stanley based on Trivia in Western Australia. Needless to say our best quiz masters were stumped by the questions. I think the scores were Nil all.

Dates to Remember

Rotary Altona City

HOBSONS BAY TEACHER AWARDS

Monday 18 October

Keynote Speaker: Susie Cole

"Rotary's Youth Menu"

Susie will showcase Rotary's menu of youth activities that literally open up a world of opportunities for adventure, growth & confidence development for young people everywhere.

Susie is a Rotary "Champion of Change" and a State Awardee for Volunteer Leadership, and is currently a presenter on the Rotary & Community Service Radio Show on 94.1 fm.

Invitation to online ZOOM meeting:
Monday, 18 October
7.00 to 8.00 PM

Book early– RSVP by 13 October 2020

ZOOM link will be sent upon RSVP

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES:

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www.altonacityrotary.org.au

Cost: Free

Join us for
Morning Tea with the DG
10:00am to 11:00am
Saturday 18th September

Register your attendance at:
https://www.trybooking.com/BUCYL

Rotary District 9800 SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

The District News Letter has been circulated seperately

DATE	AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS	TIME
Mon 18 September	Morning Tea with the DG	10.00 – 11.00AM
Mon 20 September	RCW Meeting, Zoom	7.00pm
Mon 20 September	Report writing Workshop	5.30 – 7.30PM
Wed 22 September	Report writing Workshop	5.30 – 7.30PM
Mon 27 September	RCW Meeting, Zoom Marisa Uwarow Hobsons Bay Youth Services	7.00pm
Mon 4 October	Meeting to be confirmed	7.00pm
Mon 11th Oct	Meeting to be confirmed	7pm
Mon 18th Oct	RCAC Teachers Award Night (Zoom Meeting)	7pm

September Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

Nil

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