



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, here we are again – I feel like I'm in a time loop – things keep repeating themselves ! I hope you are all okay and keeping busy. The finer weather certainly helps lift everyone's spirits.

It was very disappointing to be given such short notice last Thursday of the lockdown . Since it was to start at 8 .00pm ,we had no alternative but to cancel our meeting at the last minute. Thank you to all the members that called me to make sure I was aware of what was going on. My apologies to our Speaker Tony McKenna. We look forward to hearing your talk at another meeting soon.

This week will be having our August Board meeting on zoom at 6.00pm on Tuesday evening. Any member is welcome to attend. Please contact Secretary Greg Every for the zoom link. Of course if there is any matter you would like the Board to discuss, please contact me or any other Board Member and we will include it in our Agenda.

Our meeting next Thursday will also be on zoom at 6.00 pm. Our Speakers are from Team Med Nepal. Last time they spoke to us I found their presentation to be really inspiring. I hope as many of you as possible will join us.

Yours in Rotary
Lynda



Next Meetings

Thursday August 12

Jason Cox, Harry Botta

TeamMed Nepal 2021

Chair: Mark Perelaer

Cash Desk: Roy Downes, Greg Every

Thursday August 19

Amy Bulter

Matt's Place

Chair: Richard Jones

Cash Desk: Peter Flude, Kerrie Geard

Thursday August 26

DG Visit

Chair: Liz Tanzimat

Cash Desk: James Glenwright, Denise Grocke

Thursday September 2

Simon McKeon AO

TBA

Chair: John Sime "

Cash Desk: Megan Glenwright, Bridget Hage

Venue is VGC, 6:50 for 7:00 unless otherwise noted.

Covid rules apply as advised.

Were available more detail of the speakers topic an be found in the Club Calendar on our website.

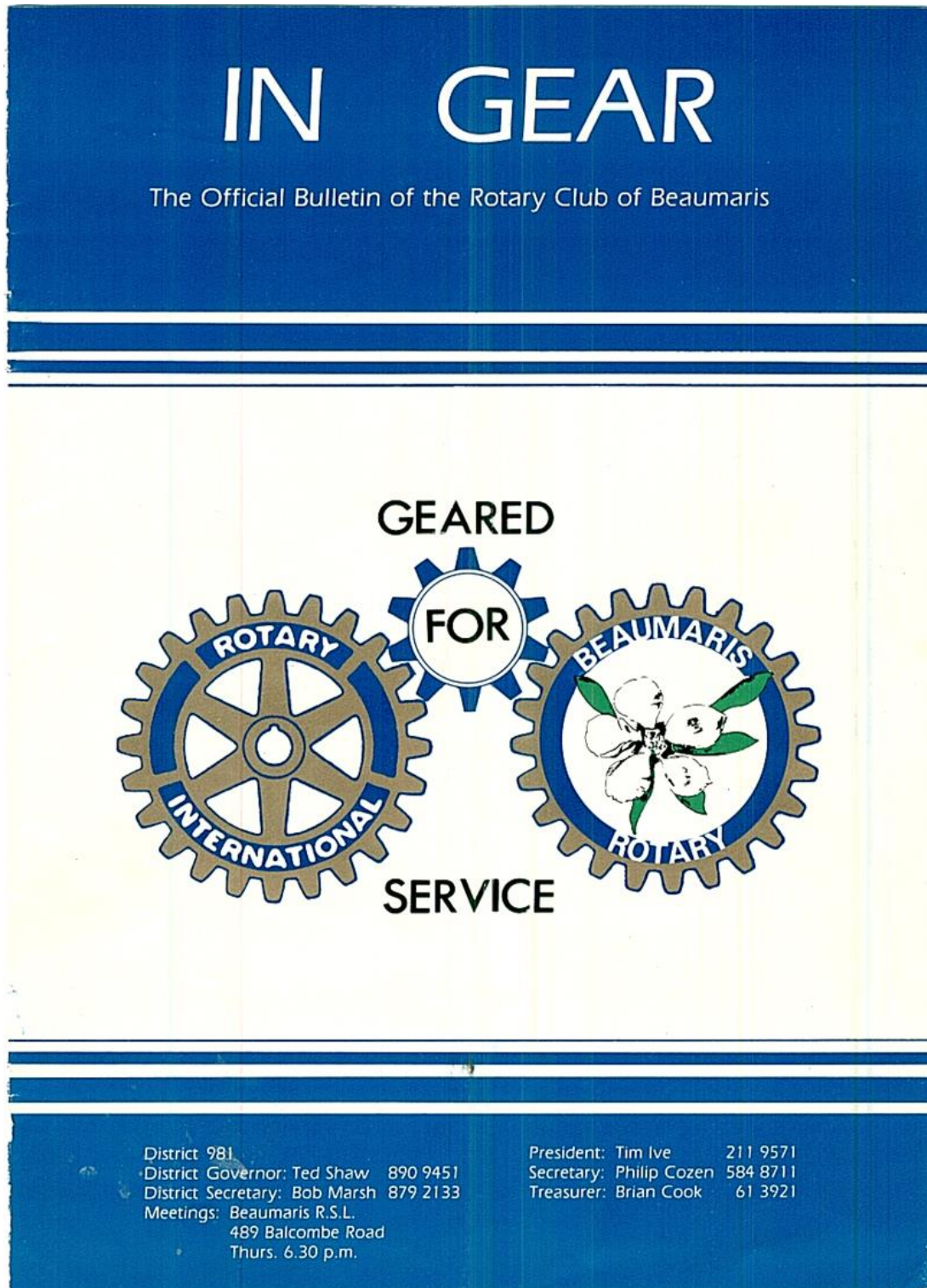
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Editors Comments:

When the usual source of content suddenly disappears what do you do? Just reduce the page count or reach in to the archives for a bit of nostalgia. On this page you will find the cover of the first In Gear approaching 36 years ago. On the following pages you will find an extract from one of my first In Gears as editor ten years ago. Similar style of speaker but the apparent pressure on fund raising is thankfully a thing of the past.

On the final page is the sort of good news storey we need just now. From being a refugee in Afghanistan via Iran to President of a Rotaract Club in Wollongong.



This Weeks Speaker; Tony Kent
Topic; Cooperation in Development (CO-ID) - Rural Schools in Bangladesh

Tony Kent is Deputy Chair of CO-ID.

Overview

- Co-operation in Development (CO-ID) builds and runs schools in Bhola Island, one of the poorest areas of Bangladesh
- We can build and run a school for 300 students for just \$8000 per year
- 43 primary schools running
- Founded by Fred Hyde A.M.



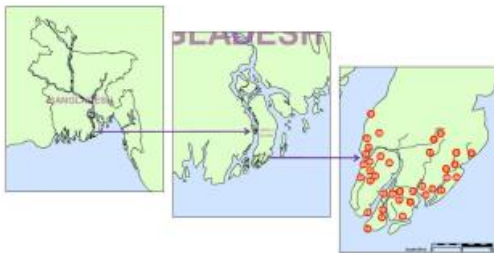
"Member of The Order of Australia" and can include AM after his name.

To date, CO-ID has helped to educate more than 50,000 children in 43 local schools. CO-ID (Co-Operation In Development) is a very humble little charity and reflects the down-to-earth nature of Fred Hyde. Today, Fred and his volunteer team have seen the evolution of a remarkable charity concept grow into an exciting education and training network unlike any other in the region.



Tony Kent

Bhola Island location



Fred Hyde, the founder and driving force behind CO-ID originally hails from Queensland. He is spending his retirement years away from the golf course and easy life in the sun, teaching us how to stretch foreign aid dollars as far as they will go. All the way to Bangladesh in fact, with CO-ID.

As far as charities go, CO-ID may be low key, but it's incredibly effective at getting results, thanks to Fred's leadership. In recognition of his tireless work over the years in Bangladesh, Fred was awarded a great honour -



This achievement is even more amazing when you consider that at 91 years young, Fred still spends 6 months of the year on the ground in Bangladesh running CO-ID. He pays his own airfares to Bangladesh as well as other living expenses. When he is back in Australia he appreciates some of the finer things not available on Bhola Island, such as bread and butter and a three minute warm shower.

Tony emphasised that CO-ID operates on a purely volunteer basis with 98% of funds raised being spent on the ground. Many of the schools are supported by schools in Victoria and the direct

link provides a strong inspiration for local students and parents in their fund raising activities. Seven schools in Victoria, including St Leonards and Deacon Hill College, have founded and funded eight schools. The Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central supports the Dokin Fakira School.

UNESCO believe that six years of schooling are required to achieve lifelong literacy but leaving school early is a constant challenge in a subsistence farming region. Therefore CO-ID is starting pre-schools to increase early education as well as vocational training for 12 year olds to combat the pressure to leave school early.

Donations of \$8000 + \$2000 per year can build and operate a pre-school while \$8000 will support a school for a year.

The picture below shows a boy (on the left) passing the coordination test used to tell if he has reached the age (five) when he can enter the school. This is used in a region where birth records are non existent. The boy on the right has a year or two to go!



Coles are running this promotion from August 11 to October 18.

We can help the Beaumaris Interact Club to raise funds for the school by collecting vouchers from Coles stores.

We will let you know more about this in future weeks.

Please Remember;

Fund Raising Director Clare is looking to organise a Big Event. Not sure whether it will be Gala, a Monster raffle or an Online Silent Auction. But whatever the final form she will be needing donations of items to be sold.

So put your thinking caps on. What can you donate which can raise mega dollars; or better still what can you get non Rotarians to donate (why should we have all the fun).

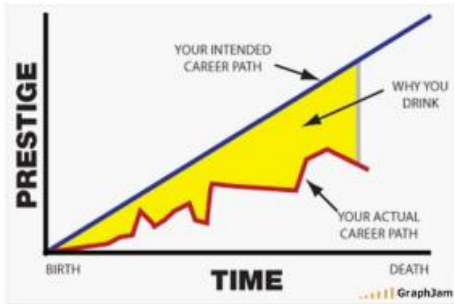
Remember the more we raise the more good we can do; so go for it.

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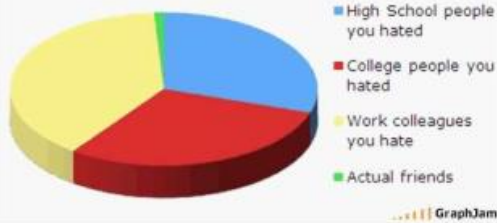
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Membership	Denise Grocke
Youth	Michelle Butt

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Richard Potter	Tony McKenna
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Vivienne Zoppolato	

Indigenous - Chair **David Hone**

Robert McArthur	Chris Mara
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Membership – Chair **Denise Grocke**

Soula Deville	Malcolm Sawle
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Club Service **Chris D'Arcy**

Almoners	Julie Reith, Gail Anderson
Archivist	Malcolm Sawle
Attendance	John Beaty
Financial Reviewer	Tony Phillips
Club Protection Officer	Ken Mirams

Newsletter, Website, Facebook

David Lea
Megan Glenwright
Chris D'Arcy
Adrian Culshaw
Bridget Hage

District Officers

Assistant Governor for Monash A Cluster	Chris D'Arcy
District Compliance Officer	Ken Mirams
District Indigenous Support Committee	David Hone

Bayside Charity Golf Day

Peter Flude	James Glenwright
Jim O'Brien	Richard Jones

Farmers Market – Chair – **Chris Mara**

Ken Mirams	Liz Tanzimat
James Glenwright	Charmaine Jansz
Julie Reith	Vivienne Zoppolato

Wollongong woman Zeinab Azimi shares story



When Zeinab Azimi was 12, her mother moved her and her five sisters to Australia in search of a better life.

Miss Azimi came from Iran, where her parents had earlier arrived as refugees from Afghanistan.

As a refugee family in Iran, she said, they had to renew a permit every year or be

sent back to Afghanistan. They also weren't allowed to study or work; if they went to school, they could be expelled at any time.

Then, when she was about eight or nine, her father died. Her mother wanted better for her family, so applied to the Iranian immigration office to find another home. After two years - "It was a very big struggle," Miss Azimi said - they were given approval, and told they were moving to Australia.

The family was placed in Wollongong, the city Miss Azimi continues to call home. Upon moving to Wollongong, she said, she found the community warm and friendly - she recalled people

saying hello on the street, in stark contrast to being treated "like trash" back in Iran.

She knew no English when she arrived, so spent a year at the Intensive English Centre at Warrawong High School.

She graduated from high school in 2018, and now works full-time as a cabinet maker.

Miss Azimi is also the treasurer and incoming president of the **Illawarra Rotaract Club**, an offshoot of **Rotary** for young people.

The Illawarra group was established by Miss Azimi and other young people from refugee backgrounds who were involved with the organisation SCARF Refugee Support.

About two years ago, Miss Azimi said, she attended a **Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening** camp after learning about it through SCARF.

She said she "learnt so much" from the camp and upon returning, she and other young people decided to form the **Rotaract Club**.

The club is involved in a range of projects to help the Illawarra community and beyond, including beach clean-ups, providing mobile face-washing stations for Indigenous children in remote communities, blood donation, and mental health initiatives, among others.

