



**Rotary Clubs of Sale**

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**Rotary District 9820**

Incorporated

**CLUB MEETING – APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 2021**  
**SPEAKER- PDG Don Ripper**

A dark blue poster with yellow and red geometric shapes (squares, pentagons, triangles) and wavy lines. The text is in yellow and white. It reads: 'CELEBRATE BEING TOGETHER', 'Rotary District 9820' with the Rotary logo, 'People of Action', 'CONFERENCE & DINNER', '1ST MAY 2021', '3.30PM', 'NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL, 100 CLYDE ROAD, BERWICK', '\$70.00 PER HEAD', and '2 COURSE MEAL INCLUDING BEER, WINE, SOFTDRINK'. At the bottom is a logo for 'Rotary Opens Opportunities' with the tagline 'Rotary Opens Opportunities' below it.

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**RSVP:** 24th April 2021 including any medical dietary requirements to  
Jane Moore [jane.moore@rotary9829.org.au](mailto:jane.moore@rotary9829.org.au)

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Club members gather around as President Philip cuts the 100 years of Rotary in Australia cake. From left Lisa Burgess, Michael Page, Alan Lewis, Elisabeth Hutchinson, Dom Macraild, Laurie Jeremiah, Robert McKimm, Graeme Dyer, Sandra Houghton, John Cartledge, Kerry McMillan, Adrian Rijs, Carmel Webb, Philip Davis, Ted Pickering, Keith Miller. Photo taken by Jeanette Henwood.

President Philip welcomed members including our speaker for the night PDG Don Ripper. He thanked Chairperson Lisa Burgess for organising this night on which we celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. He announced that the funding agreement for the Wetlands Trail is almost complete.

Thinking about local Rotary history, President Philip said that he is trying to gather together all the important Rotary memorabilia from Sale and Sale central clubs, and asked if anyone knows where to find the charter for Sale Central.

Lisa then introduced PDG Don Ripper noting that his involvement in Rotary has been very extensive since he joined the Rotary Club of Sale in 1988. He has been club president (twice) and secretary (for 4 years).

Don has served District 9820 as District Governors Personal Representative, Assistant Governor, and Governor, and has also been on the Foundation Committee and District YEP committee. For the past two years Don has served on the District Leadership team as International Advisor and as a Rotary Mentor to the Victorian Police Leaders Mentoring Program.

Currently he is a director of Australian Rotary Health and Publicity and PR Director on the Host organizing committee for Rotary International Convention 2023 to be Held in Melbourne. Don has also been extensively involved in the Fellowships of Rotary

Over fifty years Don has worked almost equal periods in the Airforce, The Oil and Gas Industry, Dairy Farming, Concrete products industry, Uniting Church Lay Administration and Adult and Community Education for the past 20 years as CEO. A former Local Government Councillor and Shire President, Don has always involved himself in Industry bodies at a National and State level, is a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Don and Jude have three adult children and six grand-children, and some how he finds time for Photography, Bushwalking, Sailing, Motor-cycling, Archery, Ornithology, Apiculture and Amateur Radio.



**PDG Don Ripper speaks on the history of Rotary in Australia**

Don began by reminding us of the beginnings of Rotary in February 1905 when Paul Harris founded Rotary in Chicago, Illinois as a vocational club in which he hoped to recapture the friendly spirit he had experienced in youth in small towns. The name 'Rotary' was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among member's offices. When the organisation of Rotary Clubs was founded in 1910, Paul Harris was elected the first president.

Rotary grew fast in the USA, then Canada, UK and Ireland. In February 1921 Rotary extended to Australia and New Zealand at the instigation of Paul Harris. He appointed two Canadians, James Davidson (JWD) and Layton Ralston, to establish clubs in Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington and Auckland.

They arrived in Sydney 22<sup>nd</sup> March, only to find it 'closed' as it was Easter/Royal Show week. They moved on to Melbourne where they had more success. They met Sir John Monash (famous war hero and administrator of the SEC), who agreed to accept charter membership of the proposed Rotary club. The Rotary Club of Melbourne was chartered on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1921 as the 1<sup>st</sup> club in Australia. It now has more than 250 members, and it chartered many new clubs including Sale in 1928.

The charter members of the Rotary Club of Melbourne included many of Melbourne's leading business and professional men, including John Latham, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and Sir John Gellibrand, Chief Commissioner of Police.

Davidson and Ralston returned to Sydney where the Rotary Club of Sydney was inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1921, and Wellington and Auckland followed on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June respectively.

Since then, Rotary in Australia has grown to 21 districts, 1,100 clubs and more than 30,000 members. And there are 1.2 million Rotarians in 167 countries. For a long time, Rotary was an exclusively male organisation (up to 1985), and many resisted the idea of opening up to women members. It has taken a long time but Rotary International will have its first female International President in 2022/2023 Jennifer Jones from Canada.

From the beginning community service was important. For example, in Melbourne an early project was the establishment of Claremont Home for the Elderly. Also, sponsorship of 'Life Line' telephone counselling service (with Wesley Central Mission), the development of Cross Roads Youth Service, the establishment of a heart risk reduction clinic at the Baker Institute at the Alfred Hospital, and support for Very Special Kids. Rotary successfully advocated for the apprenticeship scheme in Victoria from as early as 1935.

Rotary has looked beyond Australia in International Service. For example, in 1991 to 1995 the Australian-Vietnam Health Care and Education program. Group Study Exchange Program of the Rotary Foundation emerged from a goodwill study tour of young professional men to Papua New Guinea undertaken in 1962 by Frank Newman of the Melbourne club.

In 1993 Melbourne hosted the Rotary International Convention in 1993. 22,000 Rotarians and partners attended, including 14,000 from overseas.

Don recommended for those wanting to find out more about Rotary in Australia “Service above self in the antipodes” – Rotary in Australia and New Zealand 1921 – 2014 by H Paul Hellingham, thesis submitted in fulfilment for the Degree of Master of Arts (Honours) November 2016, Charles Sturt University.

Don finished up by showing the short promotional film Rotary100 Downunder. President Philip thanked PDG Don. Ted Pickering won the raffle.



**PDG Don Ripper and President Philip with the cake**

Then, the beautiful Rotary 100 Birthday Cake was cut and then enjoyed by all those present. Thanks, Lisa.



**President Philip Davis with PDG Don Ripper and chairperson Lisa Burgess**

## ROTARY HISTORY

### Friendship Trees: Paul Harris' Lasting Symbol of Goodwill

As Rotary's president emeritus, **Paul Harris** travelled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife, Jean. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.

“Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany — in its metropolis — Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance.”

Ever since, Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

Later in his tour of Europe, Harris also planted trees in Estonia, Norway, and Sweden.

Planting trees became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In “My Road to Rotary,” Harris recalled, “With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will.”

Other Rotary presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted

trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris' suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their Chicago home and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.



Paul Harris and members of the Rotary Club of Tallinn, Estonia, at a tree planting in 1932.

To see a film of Paul Harris planting a Friendship Tree and other slides, go to the link below.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-friendship-trees>

## **FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April- club dinner meeting, speaker Adrian Rijs on 'flour'**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May- guest speaker CEO Wellington Shire David Morcom**

Any queries re future meetings contact Adrian: Mob. 0408 517 062 (Text or call) Email [arijs47@gmail.com](mailto:arijs47@gmail.com)

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**Articles for next Bulletin need to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

***Next Rotary meeting-  
Tuesday 27th April 6.00pm Sale Greyhounds  
You must book with Adrian by midday.***



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Callinan	Gerard	Jenny O'Neill
Cartledge <sup>PP PHF</sup>	John	Liana
Castle	John	Pam
Davis <sup>Pres PHF</sup>	Philip	Elizabeth
Dyer <sup>OAM PP PHF</sup>	Graeme	Alida
Exton <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Rod	Gillian
Henwood <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Jeanette	
Houghton <sup>PHF</sup>	Sandra	
Hutchinson	Elisabeth	Alan Lewis
Jeremiah	Laurie	Helen
Lewis <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Alan	Elizabeth
MacRaild <sup>OAM PHF</sup>	Don	Meg
Mani <sup>PP</sup>	Raj	Tracey
McDonald	Andrew	Leanne
McKimm <sup>PP</sup>	Robert	Kathy
McMillan <sup>PHF</sup>	Kerry	Don
Miller <sup>PHF</sup>	L. Keith	Gwen
O'Brien	Danny	Vicki
O'Connor	Nicole	Patrick
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Pickering <sup>PP</sup>	Ted	Margaret
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Ripper <sup>PP PDG PHF</sup>	Don	Jude
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Smith <sup>PHF</sup>	Mike	
Smolenaars <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Daniel	Norissa
Smyth <sup>PP PHF</sup>	Laurie	Jill
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Strauss <sup>PP</sup>	Rachel	David
Thomas	Jenni	
Tulloch <sup>OAM PP PHF</sup>	David	Judy
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Versloot <sup>PHF</sup>	Andy	Debbie
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Wilson	Shae	Ben