

Pres Leonie Smith

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Club's Website and Club's Facebook

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Tonight; Louise Murphy (Australian First Responder Foundation)

Louise will join the meeting via Zoom

Please advise if you wish to also join the meeting via Zoom

Future Programs:

March is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month

2 March; Anthony 'Ash' Brennan, Private Screening of the documentary 'We Are Conjola'; 1h and 46 minutes, followed by Q&A

Members, partners, family and friends, a **\$10-dollar charge** to view the documentary. **Early start, 5:45 for 6:00pm. Numbers are needed**

9 Mar; Local SES presentation; Jo West-Field and Tracy Provest

16 Mar; TBA

23 Mar; Ron Rutter; Fighting Fires and Saving Lives

Club's Calendar

23 Feb		Rotary's 116 th Anniversary,
6 Mar	Sat	Bunnings BBQ
19-21 Mar		District Conference, Bathurst Convention Centre
2021		
10 Apr	Sat	Comedy Night , at DLC
		RSA holders needed, please
8 May	Sat	Bunnings BBQ
23 May	Sun	Swap Meet
26 June	Sat	District Changeover, Young

PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Ed Zonneveldt on 0407 958 516,

edzonneveldt1@optusnet.com.au by NOON on Monday.

If your attendance is in doubt, please apologise and if you turn up, the caterer will not mind extras.

Birthdays: 23 Mar; Peter Culham, 24 Mar; Trevor Schofield, 27 Mar; Glenn Rowen, 30 Mar; Jeni Wilkins, 31 Mar; Dale Wilford.

Anniversaries: 23 Mar; Rotary, Sylvia and Jeff Franklin, 28 Mar; Kerry and John Hozack.

16 February 2021 Meeting;

President Leonie welcomed members and guests, Robert Baldwin, Claire Davies, Tim Trescowthick Guest Speakers Fiona, Alan Stasiukynas and Suzanne Freund.

President Leonie informed members that nominations for the Shoalhaven Emergencies Service Awards are now open and close on 31st March 2021. PCYC Life skills booklet money has been sent to assist with the publishing of this booklet.

Bushfire recovery Committee Chairperson John Goggins On the progress of monthly payments to families at Conjola. John also spoke on the generosities of communities both local, NSW and Australia wide, and the generosities of Rotary clubs throughout Australia and International in donating money, time, goods towards the recovery of the Community after 2019/20 Bushfire season.

Swap Meet John Payne informed members of the plans for the Swap Meet to be held on Sunday 23rd May at the showground. More details to follow.

Secretary PP Dale Wilford informed members of the invitation to the Probus Changeover dinner, discussion for a combined service club dinner is underway.

Community Service Director Yvonne Young informed members of Toiletry kits are ready to go and Milton Public School are getting their students to write letters to students of the schools where our kits are going, also have approached District on cost of sending kits Alice Springs. Upcoming dates for Bunning BBQ's are Saturday 6th March and Saturday 8th May. Watch for the roster in your emails.

Vocational Service report Director Bernard Jones informed members of the award for Apprentice of the Year looking at 1st July for the presentation of the award.

Almoner Bill Harris informed members of the passing of Janey Cameron father Doug, thoughts are with the Family at this time. Brian Wilkins is going well after his recent stays in Hospital.

Guest Speakers Fiona, Alan Stasiukynas and Suzanne Freund from Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention and Awareness Network (SSPAN). Informed members of their role with the network. It was set up in 2007-08 in the Shoalhaven after a spike in suicides in the Nowra area by Weslight.

SSPAN is operated by volunteers and receives only grant money from Governments to operate the service.

The committee members are made up by community organisations including Lions, Rotary and members of the emergency's services. Part of the program is in the schools and setting up a safe place for students to go if they need to whilst at school.

SSPAN has received \$28,000 in a grant to achieve to project in the schools. SSPAN also run events for Mental Health awareness in the community, have introduced a "Blue Card" for community members, the "Blue Card" was created by students attending a RYPEN camp a few years ago.

This year SSPAN started Care packs and distributing throughout the Nowra area to people who are in need. Spoke on the First Aid Mental Health program, encouraged members to promote and attend the program.



Thank you, Yvonne Young, for the meeting's report.

End of Report

'SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES'

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT ANNOUNCES 2021-22 PRESIDENTIAL THEME

Extracts from an RI website article, by Ryan Hyland

Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the **Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar**, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, **Serve to Change Lives**, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors- elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"

Membership has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. He challenged the incoming governors to be catalysts in their districts to help increase membership to 1.3 million by 1 July 2022. Mehta's Each One, Bring One initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months.



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