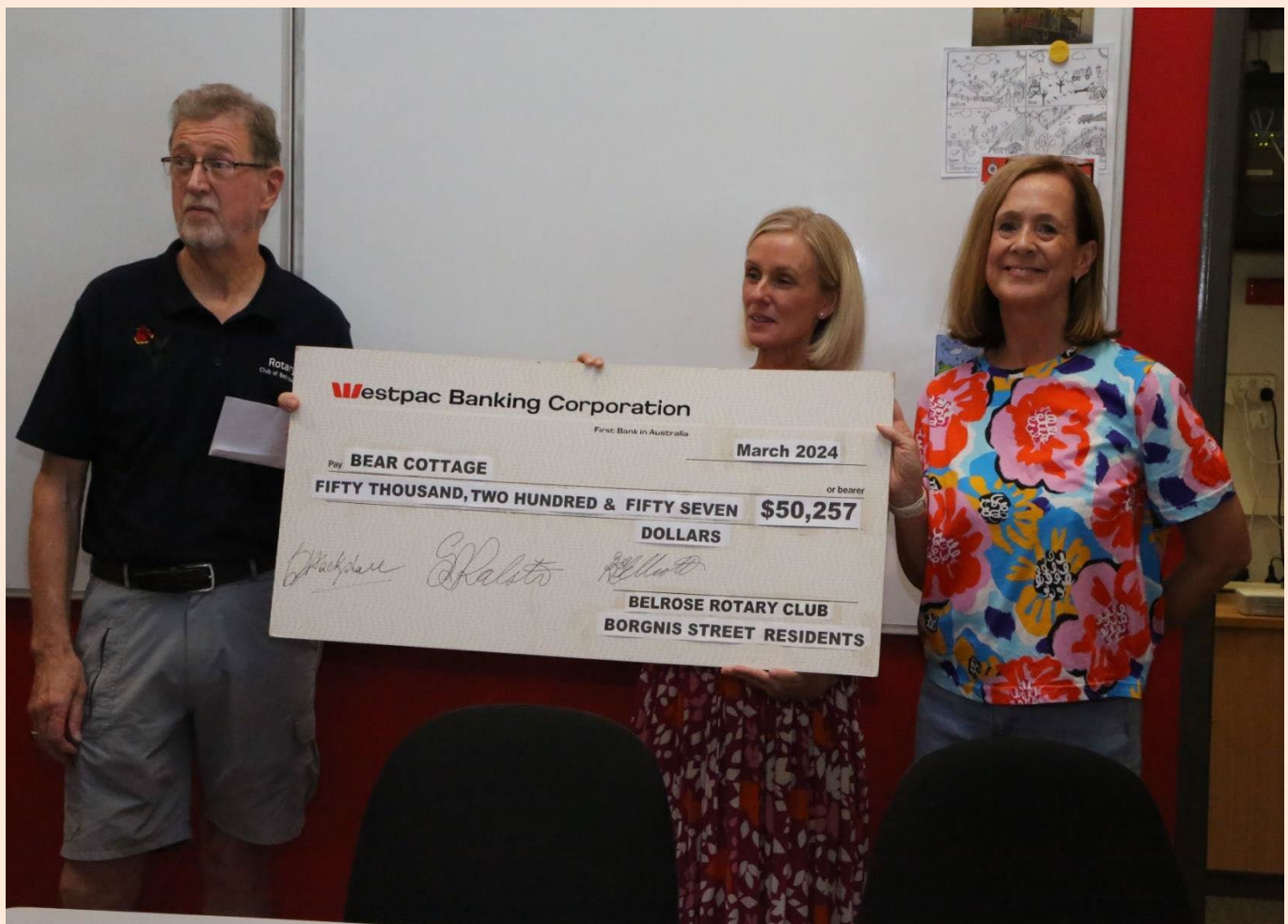


CLUB BUZZ

21st March 2024

Rotary Club of Belrose – CONGRATULATIONS on a fabulous effort!



Rotary Club of Carlingford

Save the Date – Pavilion Theatre Wednesday 3 April

Theatre for a Cause - raising funds for Parramatta Domestic Violence refuge.

To members & friends of the Rotary Club of Carlingford

We are pleased to invite you to join us for a comedy and lots of laughs for all to enjoy at:

Pavilion Theatre,
Castle Hill Showground,
10 Doran Drive,
Castle Hill.

This play is on Wednesday 3 April 2024. The Rotary Club of Carlingford looks forward to seeing you for a night of excellent theatre at the cost of \$30 per person. **Cash** payments will be collected on the night .

Caravan

By Donald McDonald Directed by Bernard Teube



Hell is other people. Stuck in a caravan.

From actor and playwright Donald Macdonald comes a quintessential Australian comedy that takes a light-hearted look at relationships, ageing ... and the holidays that should never be taken.

Parkes Robinson loves his "luxury" caravan almost as much as his wife Penny. Eager to show it off, Parkes invites their good friends Rodney and Monica Rice, and single gadabout Pierce, on a two-week vacation at a secluded beachside spot. But a storm is on the way – and we're not talking about Pierce's much younger new girlfriend Gwendolyn.

Trapped by horrific weather in the cramped caravan, the best friends, (and Gwendolyn), attempt to enjoy their holiday with the help of a libation or three. But in the confined space, heads are banged, tensions rise, indiscretions are revealed, relationships crumble and the laughs begin.

We will be serving cheese and wine in the foyer before the play, as approved by the Board of the Pavilion Theatre.

The doors will be open from 7:30pm, with the play starting at 8:00pm. As those who have attended previously will know, parking is extremely easy. For those who are uncertain about directions, the theatre is in the Castle Hill Showground precinct, off Showground Road at Castle Hill.

Can you please let us know how many of you and your friends are coming by **Thursday 28th March 2024**? We look forward to seeing you there!

Fay Kitto

Roary Club of Carlingford

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*****The Pavilion Theatre is a registered COVID Safe venue with the NSW Government. We have enhanced health and hygiene measures in place to keep our visitors to the theatre safe.***

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Rotary Club of Macquarie Park



Our Rotary fundraising goal from this event will benefit local Rotary projects.

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DOGS DAY OUT

EVENT DETAILS:

Sunday 5th May
10.30am – 3.00pm
Santa Rosa Park –
Entry
Quarry Road
Ryde

Dog Competitions

- Best Dressed / Fancy Dress
- Lookalikes (Dog and Owner)
- Best Hairdo (Grooming)
- Best Trick

- Competitions
- Training & Advice
- Stalls
- Fun for everyone

#dogsdayout #dogevent
#dogsdayoutmacquarieparkrotary



Dog Competitions to be held and judged on the day will include many categories for dogs and dog owners. Each category will have a \$5.00 entrant fee payable.

Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains

ROTARY CLUB OF LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS

What you see is just the tip of the iceberg



Membership Chair: Bruce Bailey - 0419 753 996
www.lowerbluemountainsrotary.org.au

Rotary
Lower Blue Mountains

Rotary Club of Gosford North



Monday 25th March at 5.30 pm to be held at Mingara Recreational Club. Tickets include 3 course diner and drinks.

MC is the fabulous Marney McQueen and the entertainment is by 9 time Golden Guitar Winner, Duncan o Toombs, including performances by our young Central Coast YIPA graduates and engaging discussions by our Guest Speakers.

For more information and booking, click on the image above.

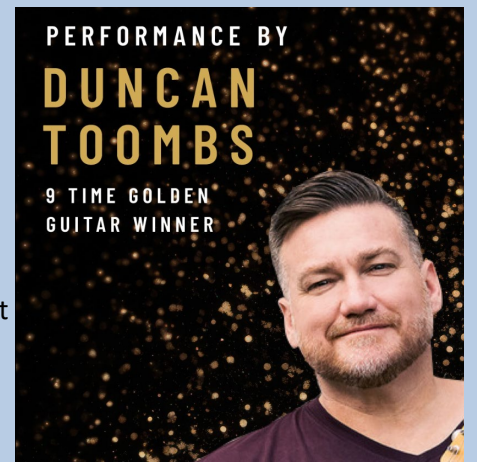
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9 TIME GOLDEN
GUITAR WINNER



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39. Attend international conventions and connect with Rotarians from around the world.



The Rotarian Minute



The Rotarian Minute

Did you know?

From the Rotarian year 2025/2026, there will no longer be an annual presidential theme



Rotary Club of Manly - Lese Oalai School Toilet Project in PNG Gulf

Click on each of the images below to view videos on YouTube



Summary: The Lese Oalai junior school in the Gulf Province of PNG, is responsible for education of local children from grades prep to 3. There are 560 children currently attending, but this is likely to grow. Literacy rates in the Gulf Province are only 4.1%. The Lese Oalai village school was built in the mid 20th century and is now derelict and quite unsafe to use. Flooding rains from the Owen Stanley Ranges have left the school derelict. The Rotary Clubs of Torquay and Bayside Geelong seek to provide the opportunity to rebuild the school facilities and continue providing education materials and equipment in collaboration with Donations-In-Kind (Geelong), the Peter Nathan Loko Foundation, the Rotary Club of Boroko (PNG) and the PNG Gulf Association of Queensland.

Challenge: The school buildings need to be replaced and the teachers accommodation needs to be refurbished. The total funds required to purchase these materials is AUD\$500,000. As well the "pit" toilets attract water borne diseases, an uncomfortable smell from the toilets, unhygienic, and need to be replaced. The heavy rain brings with it dead tadpoles and worms washed onto the school grounds. When the school grounds are dry, the unbearable potent smell means school is closed until further notice. There is no power or water delivered to either the school or the town.

Solution: The community has been trying to rebuild this school for decades, but requests to the government have not been answered. The community are committed to build it themselves, but cannot afford construction materials. Our fundraising will help them do that. The Rotary Club of Manly (D9685) is enthused to apply for a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation to replace the current "pit" toilets with an array of composting toilets, with separate facilities for boys and girls, and for handicapped children; this will be for both the junior school and senior school, 1,000 pupils in all. The Rotary Club of Brisbane Taylor Bridge is likewise preparing an application (using WASHRAG support) to provide fresh drinking water not only to the school, but also to surrounding villages.

Long term impact: We hope that our improvements to this school will not only impact the otherwise forgotten 560 small children of this area, but will also function as a template to provide a ripple effect out to other likewise unsupported school facilities in the Gulf Province. Lese Oalai and other villages in the Gulf Province are only a swim away from a land-link to Queensland via the Torres Strait Islands. If we don't help them educate their children, their problems will become our problems.

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Torquay, District 9780

Endorsed by: Rotary Club of Boroko, District 9620

Other Partners: Peter Nathan Loko Foundation Rotary Club of Boroko (District 9620) Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong (District 9780) Papua New Guinea Gulf Association of Queensland Rotary Club of Manly NSW (District 9685) Rotary Club of Brisbane Taylor Bridge (District 9620)

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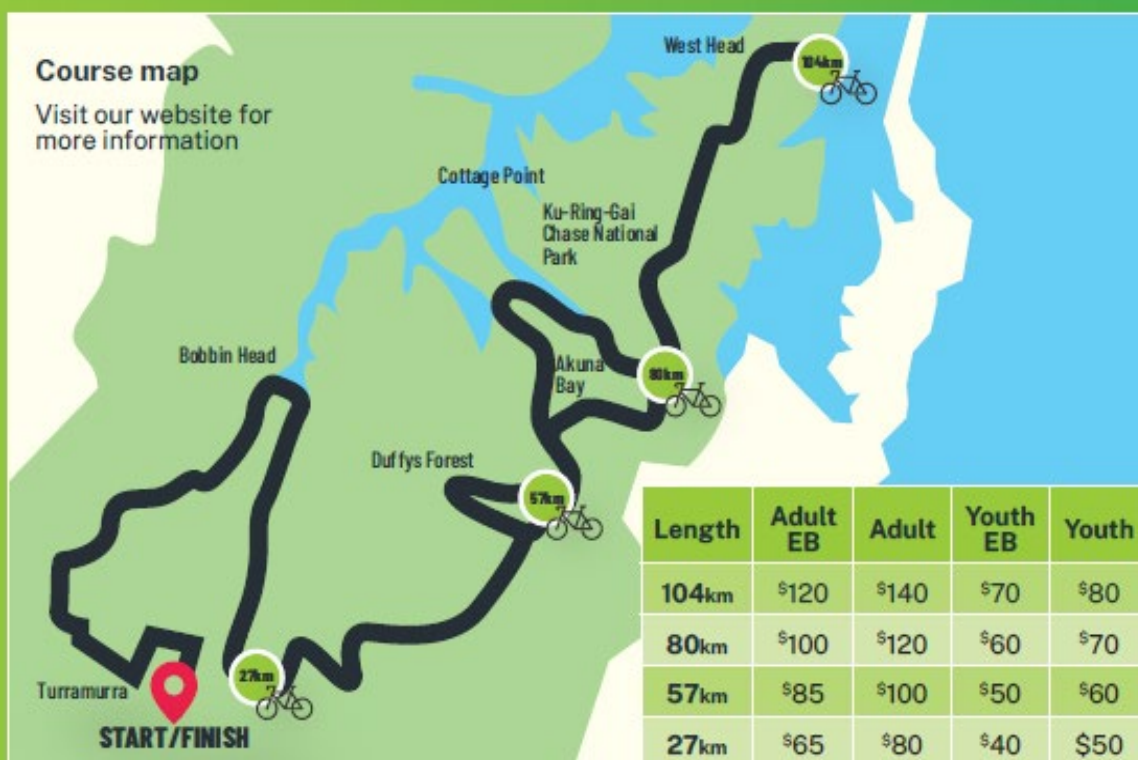


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Rotary Club of Springwood - POCKET PALS TO TURKEY

– a story of hope, creativity and frustration and friendship. Written by Deborah Wood a Friend of the Rotary Club of Springwood Inc. Blue Mountains

Background: My inspiration for the Pocket Pals was evoked by seeing the heart wrenching footage on the evening news of Mesut Hancer holding the hand of his 15year old daughter Irmak. Irmuk died in February 2023, close to the Quake's epicentre in the South East corner of Turkey.



This photograph was included in an article of Rotary Down Under (March issue) accompanying the story of Rotary support in the Earthquake region.

I believed that we could energize our distress for the victims of this Earthquake by sending something which may comfort children of this region.

Paramedic Murray Traynor of the Springwood Ambulance Brigade was part of the 72 member Australia's Disaster and Response Team who flew to Turkey in the C17 from RAAF Richmond on February 13th. On his return, Murray spoke to the Club of his experiences and this presentation reinforced my belief that we really could do 'something' to make a difference.

The concept and my pattern for the Pocket Pals were included in the March 2023 District Newsletter and it caught the attention of Rotary knitters initially. Soon I was receiving Pocket Pals knitted by individuals also members of other Clubs: Rotary Clubs, The Brown Owl Knitting Group of Springwood and the Happy Hookers of Lithgow who contributed crochet Pals. The Wool Inn in Penrith donated yarn. Pals knitted by family members, neighbours, old friends, and new friends were all welcomed. Non-knitters generously donated so yarn and stuffing could be purchased.



Not all Pocket Pals arrived as finished Pals. There was also a great sense of industry and achievement from a very small, extremely loyal team who sewed and stuffed to create the finished Pals. Approximately 50 knitters were involved plus administrative assistance to produce the poster accompanying the Pals.

A total of 1300 Pocket Pals were knitted. The next step was finding a contact in the Earthquake region. This proved to be very difficult and time consuming. Attempts were made to liaise with Rotary Clubs in Turkey, and then I approached Christine Owen District Governor 9685 – resulting in this wonderful email.

Dear Deborah,

I am writing to you happily with reference to dear Janka's below email.

My name is Ayse Mine, I am the District Executive Secretary of District 2430 Turkey for 2023-2025 and also my club's past president (RC Samsun, 02430).

Since February 2023, that devastating earthquake we experienced in the southern & eastern Turkey in cities tied to our district 2430, I have been actively engaged in post-earthquake projects that Rotary Turkey has undertaken successfully. was one of the site team members during Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek and RI Directors Faiz Kidwai's visit to Hatay as well. This is how I know very well the possible ways to let your lovely help reach the earthquake victim children in the area.

Here is my suggestion to you - we will be having a hand-over ceremony on the 26th November in devastated Hatay!

We have achieved a Global Grant project, called WE WILL SURVIVE - MOBILE KINDERGARTEN hosted my club RC Samsun, my district D2430 and supported by more than 40 Rotary Clubs around the world incl. USA, Switzerland, Italy, Romania, Turkey (other earthquake devastated cities) and 8 other districts around the world.

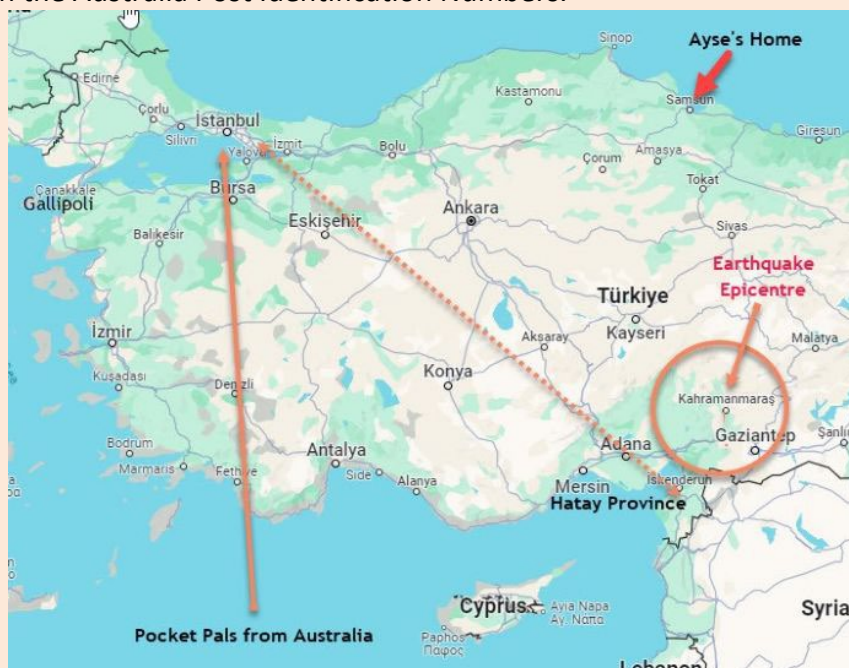
On the 26th of November Sunday, together with the participation of many district governors, PDGs, DGEs, Rotarians from USA & Italy, Mayor of Hatay municipality, local people, press, earthquake victims and mostly the children living in container cities in the are, we will be HANDING OVER the MOBILE KINDERGARTEN to HATAY and on the same day we will organize CHILDREN WORKSHOPS. Hundreds of earthquake survivor children will be gathered in a special place Called HATAY EXPO by the municipality found this special ceremony and organization.

This could be a perfect timing to distribute your lovely and thoughtful POCKET PALS to those children. As you have a lot, the rest may be distributed to kids as the mobile kindergarten visits other areas day by day. If you think this works best for you, I will be your contact person and I can handle the distribution here.

In my private career, I own a kindergarten and in this sense, I believe you found the right Turkish Rotarian to cooperate....After all they say; when we have each other we have everything! We are grateful for all your efforts and positive thoughts..

All the best, Rtn. AYSE MINE ERGUN, District Executive secretary, 2023-25 02430 TURKEY

Now, the next phase of the adventure... The goal was to fly the Pals to Turkey and Volkan Ekmecki, himself an earthquake survivor, agreed to store the Pals until distribution could be arranged. Transporting solutions for the Pals proved to be very difficult and eventually with the support of President Frank and personal contributions from Club members, the Pals were packed into 6 boxes and were posted 01 November to Mr. Ekmecki. The boxes were easy to track through the Australia Post Identification Numbers.



Asye and I were very hopeful that the Pals would arrive in time for the presentation in Hatay. Sadly, this was not to be. Our Pals were held up in Australian Customs for a couple of weeks. We then lost track of the boxes. We have no idea when they left Australia or when they arrived in Turkey. Asye and I exchanged many, many emails and we discovered the International Couriers had re-assigned different consignment numbers, making tracking the Pals very difficult. Turkish Customs also demanded payment to release the boxes which had been separated into three lots of 2 each. Somehow they slowly filtered their way through Turkey to their destination.

The wonderful news of the ARRIVAL of all the Pocket Pals was shared in an email from Asye dated 26th December, more photos arrived 24th January showing children receiving their Pals. The last photo was taken in February – a year since the Earthquake, THE DREAM REALISED!

I would like to thank the Community Director Rotary Club of Springwood Inc, (my husband) for his encouragement and the dedication and energy of Ayse, in making this a reality!

