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**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**



## DG Neville John's Message



### *Rotary's Area of Focus for June: Fellowship*

***The foundation on which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood. - Paul P. Harris***

The proverb "Birds of a feather flock together" has been around in the English language since the mid-1500s. When applied to people, this phrase means that people who share similar interests tend to spend time with each other. Members of Rotary are like-minded people working together doing what we can with the time we have, to help others. Along the way we build friendships, some life-long.



June is **Fellowship Month** and Fellowship is one of the five core values of Rotary - the others being service, diversity, integrity and leadership. How fitting then that we have recently felt what this means with opportunities to enjoy each others company at events like the Shepparton District Conference, District Assembly, Club anniversaries, The Rotary Foundation Centennial Dinner, just to name a few; and there's more to come with the club changeovers.

Over the next month or so Rebecca and I look forward to a lot more of the same at changeovers, the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Kew, and the Echuca-Moama Steam Rally and Rotary Showcase on the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Rotary also have Fellowships that are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a



***DG Neville John and Rebecca***

common vocation or recreational interest. They each give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.



Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the international language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians — which now holds the distinction of being the oldest continuing fellowship. The scope of fellowships has changed significantly over the years, but their purpose remains the same: to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide opportunities to enjoy favourite recreational or professional activities. To learn about the fellowships currently recognized by RI, go to [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships).

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## DG Neville John's Message

### 100 Year Celebration of The Rotary Foundation

On Wednesday 31 May 2017, District 9800 hosted an amazing celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of The Rotary Foundation that attracted almost 400 attendees, a mix of Rotarians and Non-Rotarians from all over the State. To all those who attended and:

- Master of Ceremonies, Amanda Drury (former Youth Exchange Student);
- Speakers, RI Foundation Chair 2017-2018 Paul Netzel and Alistair Gee, Chief Operating Officer of the Institute of Economics and Peace;
- Artists from the Choir of Hard Knocks, Nicholas Jones, Jonathan Welch AM, Danielle Matthews, and the Essentials Band;
- Auctioneer Liam Jones;
- Event Organiser Alex Bialock;
- The Atlantic Group; and
- Philip Archer and the wonderful members of the Rotary Club of Southbank, supported by Sandi Fulcher and Barbara Adams.

You helped change the lives of hundreds of thousands of people for many years to come. Every one of you played a part in an event that has lit up the minds and hearts of all those fortunate enough to be there.

In January 2016, Rebecca and I attended the RI Assembly for incoming Governors in San Diego. The Foundation Centennial was mentioned so many times there was no doubt it was going to be a big deal, and Rotary District 9800 just had to organise something special. And we did!

Your participation in the Foundation Centennial Celebration year, whether it be in your cluster groups or your involvement at the celebration last week, was not simply a small contribution. We may think that what we do is small, but it's not, especially to those who receive our help. You will vaccinate children against polio, provide clean water to those without it and save the lives of mothers and children from poor maternal care. Add to that the peace scholars you will help train, the micro finance loans that will help a small villages develop their communities and the young children you will teach to read and write.



***It wouldn't be Rotary without a raffle:  
Rebecca and Mandy do the honours at the  
Rotary Foundation Centenary Dinner.***

The combined efforts of Rotarians and others through their donations and bequests will exceed AUD\$5 million in support of all of these things mentioned, because the funds raised will go through the Foundation and back to club projects of this kind. Add to that the personal donations and club Foundation functions throughout the year and we have truly risen to the occasion to ensure the wonderful work funded by The Rotary Foundation continues for the next 100 years. The year has not ended yet and there are still opportunities to register a donation or bequest to add to this special outcome. Just contact PDG Dennis Shore.

Rebecca and I thank you all most sincerely for being part of this 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of The Rotary Foundation. We are in awe of what Rotary can achieve and just love what you do as you show the meaning of **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

***"Friendship is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything – Muhammad Ali***

*Neville John*  
**District Governor 2016-2017**



## A Day at DIK

By DGN Bronwyn Stephens

**Margot and her grandson have quietly arrived at DIK every Tuesday and Thursday to volunteer for as long as I can remember....6 years now.**

I knew that they are from East Timor and I knew that she goes back for several months each year to care for family. She returns really thin and tired. Her grandson is in his late 20's and is severely autistic. Alfredo doesn't talk much to any of us but seems to live in his own world of clicks, strange sounds and skips and roams around the warehouse. He taps on his phone and does his own thing.



DIK is really good for the people we help who receive the goods that are donated. It's really good too for us volunteers. Past District Governor Ross Butterworth has a phrase "psychic capital". So if you could do with a dose of this wonderful positivity or "psychic capital" Laurie would love a hand. Email him on [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com)



***Left: Alfredo with jigsaws.***

***Above: Paul Kildea of RC Port Melbourne getting plenty of "psychic capital".***

***Below: "The Boss" Laurie with an inventory bound for South Sudan***

We are all allowed to be who we are at DIK, us motley bunch. We find our space and coexist, finding our level and doing what we can. I sort books. Its my meditative space away from planning, thinking and talking. A huge tub of books arrived with several jigsaw puzzles in pieces jumbled up in the bottom of the tub. I was bereft. It was beyond my capacity to sort them all out. In the bin with them? Alfredo walked past. "The Boss" (Laurie) had suggested to Alfredo would he like to help with a job – without making eye contact Alfredo had answered one word "no" and on he walked. I pointed to the jumbled mess of puzzle pieces. "Alfredo, can you help me please?". It was the first communication we have ever had. He sat and within 10 minutes had all the jigsaws solved. Up he got and on he walked. Margot and I had a big hug.



## 2017 Anzac Awards

*Press Release – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

**The National President of the Returned & Services League of Australia, Robert Dick congratulated The Rotary Club of Camberwell on being awarded the 2017 RSL ANZAC Peace Prize.**

He said: “The Rotary Club of Camberwell was selected by the RSL ANZAC Awards Committee for the award of the ANZAC Peace Prize in recognition of their inspirational secondary schools project the “*Seeds of Peace*” Program.

“The Program, together with the *Seeds of Peace* Book, is a motivational initiative designed to promote peace, engagement and awareness of the Centenary of ANZAC while it educates young Australians to become influential advocates for peace in their peer group and beyond.

“The ANZAC Peace Prize is awarded by the RSL to recognise any outstanding effort by an Australian citizen or group, who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace”.

Mr Nick Pane, the President of the Rotary Club of Camberwell responded:

“This is a wonderful honour and recognition for our Club, and the first time that any community Rotary Club has ever won this prestigious award in almost 40 years since its inception.

“All Rotary projects commence with the idea of one individual, and this one was no exception. The drive, enthusiasm and passion of our member Adrian Campbell was the motivator and driver of the project; had it not been for his determination and perseverance this project would not have happened. The highest praise must go to Adrian.”

The Project Leader and instigator of the *Seeds of Peace* Program and book, Camberwell Rotarian, Mr Adrian Campbell replied:

“It’s a humbling experience to receive this national peace recognition – what started as a simple idea to promote peace in our local secondary schools at the time of the Anzac Centenary, blossomed into a multi-faceted peace program that engaged many local students and schools, and reached all the way from Camberwell to Gallipoli and back to Canberra.



***MHR Josh Frydenberg (centre) with President Nick Pane and Adrian Campbell of Camberwell Rotary Club.***

“I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this project success, particularly the Camberwell and Boroondara Rotarians, PDG Dr Murray Verso, the Australian Government Anzac Centenary Grant through our local MHR, Josh Frydenberg, the Turkish Consulate in Melbourne, the participating schools in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, and importantly the magnificent 7 Seeds of Peace student ambassadors and their leaders – they are the voice of peace in their generation.

“Lest we forget – peace at home, and peace in our world”



## Farewell to Brighton Beach

*By PP Kieran Cromie, RC Brighton Beach*

**On Tuesday, 23rd May, 2017 Brighton Beach Rotary, which was Chartered 22 years ago by Brighton and Brighton North, had its farewell dinner.**

The evening was a great success with their achievements over that period highlighted by a number of speakers including DG Neville John, PDG John King, PDG Iven Mackay, and President Linn Maskell. 120 people from a number of clubs, the majority or Charter members, and most Past Presidents were in attendance.

President Linn Maskell presented PDG John King with an additional Sapphire to his Paul Harris Recognition, in appreciation of his support over many years.

Lino Giudice an Opera singer entertained the audience and rounded off the evening with the appropriate "Con te partiro" (Time to Say Goodbye) followed by "Auld Lang Syne".

The majority of Brighton Beach's 16 members will transfer to either Brighton or Brighton North along with most of their current projects, so the good work of this club will continue.



***President Linn Maskell with PDG John King***

***"Time to Say Goodbye" - Lino Giudice***

***Assembled former presidents of Brighton Beach Rotary Club.***

## District 9800 Training Assembly

District Assembly was once again held at Tabcorp Park in Melton on 21st May, and everything went smoothly, thanks to the organisational skills of Melton Rotary Club.

The succession line of District Governors was clearly seen as PDG Julie Mason introduced DG Neville John, then DG Elect Peter Frueh and DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens, while DG Designate Grant Hocking loomed in the background.

DGE Peter Frueh introduced his Board and District Leadership Team: Mark Stephens' photos of these can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2e31rwuev6cikaq/AACZzGTqWMQVZg-GZLROUBSRa?dl=0>

The breakout sessions were as informative as always, with several recurrent Assembly attendees admitting that they learn something new about Rotary every year.

We can be assured that club officials will be as well informed and trained as in previous years: it looks like 2017-18 will be another vintage year.



***Above: - The District Leadership Team***

***Left: - The G - Train:  
A succession of District  
Governors, past, present and  
future.***

*Photos by Mark Stephens*



## Rochester Pie and Port Night

*By Bryan Griffiths, RC Rochester*

**Saturday May 6th saw a number of Rotarians, partners and friends descend on the Rotary Club of Rochester to help them celebrate 2017 Pie and Port night. Held in the historic Rochester Courthouse Clubrooms with the ambiance of a cosy well-maintained open fire, some 52 people celebrated this event.**

Complimenting the open fire, fresh baked country pies, with an assortment of tastes and flavours, along with soothing beverages to cleanse the palate only added to increase the buzz in the room as fellowship was extended around the room .



***DG Neville John presenting the Attendance Trophy to President Bryan Griffiths***

Prior to drawing of the raffle during the evening a DVD was played outlining the background to, along with the importance of ROCAN, a project that is District supported.

Attending for the first time also, past A G Eastside Therese Mckenny from Rotary Club of Altona gave a short informative talk describing fund raising efforts previously carried out , in support of the information portrayed in the DVD . All proceeds of the raffle were for the benefit of ROCAN, with the sum of \$595 raised before and on the night.

Visiting Rochester for the first time were possibly, whilst maybe not the youngest , though certainly the smallest was two people by the name of Rotary Nev and Rotary Rita. Although they travelled to this function under the roadsafe steerage of DG Neville and Rebecca, these two persons appeared to take to country hospitality in a very big way . Not just content on a Saturday evening in town, the thrill of further fellowship after seemed to come into their minds.

Managing to escape the chaperone confines of our DG, they escaped and headed out for the night, finding their way to my home, picking up fellow party goers on the way. (Though it is highly suspected a visiting past A G was involved in aiding and abetting their escape.)

There was nothing I could do except offer them fellowship and warm lodgings for the night. Although the chance of a big fine in the name of Foundation, for harbouring them could be coming for my involvement.

Rita and Nev found transport the following day out of Rochester, last heard of visiting bars, shops, offices and Rotary Clubs, all in the name of fundraising for the Rotary Foundation. We thank them for their efforts in this Year of Doing good in the World.

Attending Pie and Port night for the first time District 9800 Governor, Neville John had the utmost pleasure in presenting to the Club, the perpetual attendance trophy awarded to Rochester at the recent held District Conference. As Club President, I accepted this trophy on behalf of Club members and supporting partners .



***Rita and Nev dropping in to sample the pie and port.***



## Students Today - Leaders Tomorrow

*By Thelma Hutchison, RC Glenferrie*

**Glenferrie RC sponsored four students from two schools to attend the Model United Nation Assembly (MUNA) at Camp Getaway on the weekend of May 26 – 28, 2017.**

MUNA simulates the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two senior students from each of a number of schools represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world political and social concern. Resolutions are determined in advance on topics including: World Security, Environmental matters, the Middle East, Human Rights, Trade and Commerce, Health and Education, and the United Nations.

Our students were: India Guerrieri and Luke McCracken from Swinburne Senior Secondary College representing Colombia; Devika Moss and Liam Ho from Auburn High School representing South Korea. Students are provided with the resolutions and the country they will represent a month in advance. They familiarize themselves with the country and the resolutions to be debated and wear the national dress of their country in all the daily assembly sessions.



***Seventeen Schools were represented at MUNA in 2017.***

MUNA is a terrific event, enabling students to improve their public speaking and debating skills; encouraging them to make sympathetic and informed comments on world problems; and sharing their opinions and friendship with students from other schools.

The debates I saw on Sunday were intellectually stimulating, delivered with style and in accordance with proper process and rules; and included much humour and empathy.

A special thank you to our member Newton Langford, District MUNA Committee member who has worked tirelessly over the last few weeks assisting with the management of MUNA applications, liaising with schools and students and contributing very effectively to an extremely well run event.

Thank you also to Carol Benson, Brendan Rice and Rob Hogan for assisting with transport of our students for the event.

## Rotary Fellowships

*By Adrian Nelson, District Director Public Image and Communications*

For most Rotarians, the face of Rotary belongs to our fellow club members. It's the weekly meeting, fundraisers, projects and social activities where we catch up and have fun. Yet despite the diversity within our own clubs, sometimes we have other interests that maybe aren't shared by our fellow club members, or perhaps only a few.

That's where there is benefit in being part of a broader global organisation. Rotarians join together outside their clubs to form fellowships with other Rotarians who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. These Rotary Fellowship groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

There are Rotary Fellowships for:



***Join a Rotary Fellowship and something magic may happen . . .***

4x4 vehicles	E-Clubs	Magicians	Rotary Means Business
Amateur Radio	Editors and Publishers	Magna Graecia	Rotary on Pins
Antique Automobiles	Educators	Marathon Running	Rotary on Stamps
Authors and Writers	Environment	Military Veterans	Rowing
Beer	Ethics	Motorcycling	Russian Culture
Bird Watching	Esperanto	Music	Scouting
Bowling	Fishing	Old and Rare Books	Scuba Diving
Canoeing	Flying	Past District Governors	Shooting Sports
Caravanning	Genealogists	Photographers	Singles
Chess	Go	Police and Law	Skiing
Computer Users	Golf	Enforcement	Social Networks
Cooking	Health Professionals	Pre-Colombian	Table Tennis
Convention Goers	Home Exchange	Civilizations	Tennis
Corporate Social Responsibility	Honorary Consuls	Quilters and Fiber Artists	Total Quality Management
Cricket	Horseback Riding	Railroads	Travel and Hosting
Cruising	Internet	Recreational Vehicles	Wellness and Fitness
Curling	Italian Culture	Rotary Global History	Whisk(e)y
Cycling	Jazz	Rotary Heritage and History	Wine
Doll Lovers	Latin Culture		Yachting
Draughts (Checkers)	Lawyers		

Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships> for more information.





## Welcome New Members

The Rotary Club of Flemington has inducted two new members this year.

President Del King inducted Cody Bettanin, a Real Estate Agent with Nelson Alexander in Flemington in November. Cody grew up in Pascoe Vale where his father was involved in property. He attended Strathmore Secondary College and was a keen athlete particularly in football. After brief stints owning a clothing store in Moonee Ponds and working as a finance broker, Cody has ended up where he was always meant to be, real estate. Cody is married to Whitney and they are expecting their first child soon.



In May, President Del King inducted Chris Brock, a financial planner and friend of Cody Bettanin. Formerly a primary school teacher in the Moonee Ponds area, Chris completed his Certificate IV in Mortgage Broking and is now involved in Mortgage Broking and Financial Planning. Chris works at Inovayt Finance and has been a finalist in the Firstfolio Broker of the Year Awards and the Better Business Awards.

Cody and Chris have already assisted several club members with property and finance business and have brought a new wave of energy and enthusiasm into the club.

## Clarice's Comments

Wasn't the Rotary Foundation Centenary Dinner a ball? Our group had a fantastic evening: the organisers certainly delivered on their promises.

Philip Archer noted: *"The event was a huge success due to the committed Rotarian community and its extended family. We got to celebrate the amazing achievements, spread awareness but also raise \$5million – well over the \$1million target."*

What a great effort by everyone involved: DG Neville graciously thanks them in his column.

And wasn't Mandy Drury a star? She showed such poise and ability: we only had time to exchange a few laughs, as it was such a busy evening. Our "Networker" staff photographers had been given the evening off duty, to enjoy the entertainment, but I got a couple of nice shots from the back of the room. Here's Mandy introducing the Choir of Hard Knocks, and Jonathon Welch with Danielle Matthews hitting the high notes of "The Phantom of the Opera". How did people cope before iPhones?

I was driving to work this morning when I saw a parked RACV van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.

That's all for now.  
Clarice.



## Notices and Events



Rotary  
Club of Brighton



# 2017-2018 District 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCH

Sunday, 25 June, 2017

The Rotary Club of Brighton invites you and your partner to join **District Governor Neville John** and **Rebecca** and **Incoming District Governor Peter Frueh** and **Anne** in an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment



**When:** Sunday 25th June, 11.30 for 12 noon.

**Venue:** The RACV City Club, 17th Floor,  
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000

**Cost:** \$79 per person (includes wine, beer, soft drinks, two course lunch and entertainment)

**Dress:** Lounge Suit

**Bookings:** [www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events](http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events)

Central location with excellent access to public transport. Parking on site at cost of \$21.40 per vehicle.

**RSVP: 13 June, 2017**

**Enquiries: Lauren McMaster**

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## Notices and Events

### RC Melbourne Thomas Baker Oration

Dr Ziggy Switkowski will make the 2017 Thomas Baker Oration in commemoration of the entrepreneurial and philanthropic ninth President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. Dr Switkowski's inspiring topic will be "Our Digital Lives in the 2020's".

**7 June**, 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm LaTrobe Ball Room at Sofitel Melbourne  
\$45 per person Normal business attire  
RSVP by 2 June to (Jo Mavros)  
[office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au](mailto:office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au)  
[www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au](http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au)



### RC Kew 50 Year Celebration

President Bob Slater and the Board of the Rotary Club of Kew request the pleasure of your company at a lunch to celebrate **the 50th anniversary of the Charter of the Club** to be held at the Kew Golf Club 120 Belford Rd Kew East  
**Friday 16 June** at 12.30 for lunch at 1.00



Cost \$30 per person includes 2 courses and some beverages  
Your reply to Murray Chessell, at [mchessell@bigpond.com](mailto:mchessell@bigpond.com), or 0400 005 190, by 22 May would be appreciated.

### District 9800 Changeover Lunch

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**25th June, 11.30 for 12 noon**  
RACV City Club, 17th Floor, 501 Bourke Street, Cost: \$79.00 per person (includes wine, beer, soft drinks, two course lunch)  
RSVP by 13 June. Bookings: [www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events](http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events)  
Dress: Lounge suit

Enquiries: Lauren McMaster Phone: 9514 3430

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Central location with excellent access to public transport. Parking on site at cost of \$21.40 per vehicle.



### Our Contributors



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*Tony Thomas frequently contributes to "The Networker", and blogs at [quadrant.org.au](http://quadrant.org.au) (usually outrageously)*



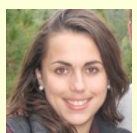
*David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. Keep an eye on this man!*



*Dennis Shore was D9800 District Governor in 2012-13, and he is now District Foundation Director.*



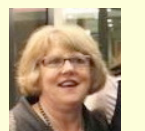
*Our Glamorous Girl Friday Clarice replies to the letters we receive at "The Networker".*



*Torey Van Oot covers the world for a site that serves 175 million millennial-minded women.*



*Del King is a former GSE Team member, and is now the President of the Rotary Club of Flemington.*



*Chris Richardson of Essendon North RC is the enthusiastic District Chair of Interact.*



*Dr Murray Verso of Williamstown RC was District Governor of D9800 in 2014-15*



*Faye Kirkwood of Caulfield RC is an enthusiastic fan of saving the world's bees.*