



Understanding the Generations **Activating Our Younger Members**

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Reflections from the International Assembly 2018

Transferring from an international US flight to one that carried us home to Melbourne involved a bus ride across the tarmac in Los Angeles. Some of you will have experienced this. At night, in the dark, with the tarmac lights glowing red, green, yellow, blue and white it was quite beautiful. The bus was darkened. We were huddled together, quiet, and I was standing sharing a handhold pole with several others including a little child. Occasionally soft touches would flutter across the back of my hand. There was no embarrassment or ill ease. The fingers moved on to more exploring. Our bus sped on. A Qantas plane took off quite close by and astonished, I gasped. It was surreal and **utterly beautiful, evoking a longing for home. The child's voice in the stillness "daddy will this bus fly us home?"** A reply "Yes, its going to grow wings and fly us to Australia."

I reflected in those moments how interconnected the world is. This was explored by 2018 RI President Barry Rassin using an analogy of the sea. He lives in the Bahamas, surrounded by ocean. He watches it every day, the tide coming in and out. He thinks of people living on other islands and countries connected by water. A wave features in his theme. **"Be the inspiration"**

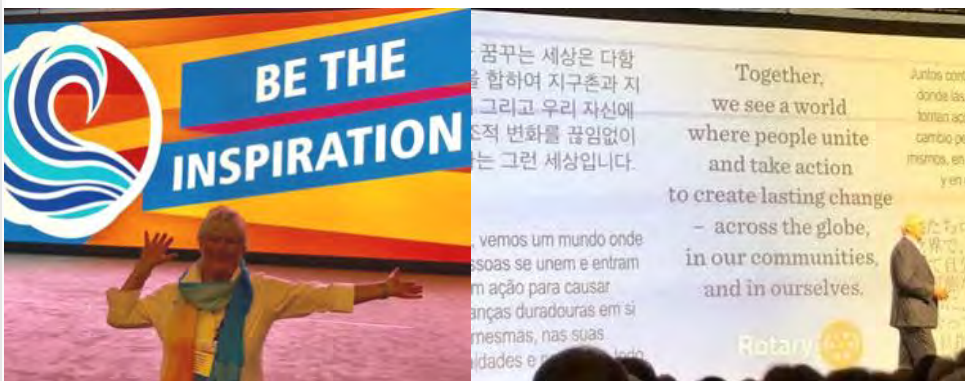
Rotary's 2018 theme was universally embraced by the 537 District Governor Elect's, Lebanon with Israel, Russia and China with America, all nations of the world united. Rotary united us with intents of peace, goodwill, understanding and our overarching motto Service above Self.

The transcript of RI Barry's theme message can be found at rotary.org/en/rotary-international-president-rassin-theme-2018



Barry urged us to hark back to our inner 3 year old imaginations and let them fly with **visions. Let's dream, inspire and create visions that translate to actions in serving humanity** - perhaps they will eventuate differently in the end to those we first imagined (a plane instead of a bus!)

During the week-long program there were general sessions shared by partners and DGE's and then targeted break out small sessions. All sessions were compulsory, and we were "clocked in". We started at 8.30 and finished at 6. I wouldn't have missed a minute. The speakers were inspirational, using stories of humanitarian service to underpin the message they were delivering. Always, the commitment to service of humanity was at the forefront.



A focus on the family of Rotary resonated. Respect for Youth and their leadership abilities. Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact inherently part of our clubs and not operating in silos. In other countries Rotary clubs have Rotaract members on their boards and this extends to District level.

Rotary's no 1 achievement but no 1 challenge was highlighted. Polio eradication is successful, the team that Rotary has with this campaign is effective, Zero cases in 2018 is wonderful, but the danger involved in this mission was brought starkly home knowing that two Pakistan immunization workers were shot dead on Thursday morning. Polio transmission in this final phase is only a plane flight away and it is crucial we continue supporting this campaign to its conclusion.

An update on The Rotary Foundation, our Rotary charity had it stack up as one of 2 best in the world. That is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to partner with corporates to get project funds. Charity Navigator in assessing financial health, transparency and accountability of over 9000 charities helps the public make intelligent giving decisions.



In 2017 it assessed The Rotary Foundation and gave it the highest possible score. For the 10th straight year it gave a 4-star rating. In 2017 The Rotary Foundation achieved a perfect score of 100 and was in the top two, number one positions with Charity Navigator.

Warren Buffet wisely said “we sit in the shade today because someone planted a tree”

We sit in the shade today in Rotary because someone planted Rotary trees.
It is time for us to plant trees.

Do we weigh the egos in our clubs against the challenges of the children of our world?
We will honour our past while retooling for our future. What an honour it will for our District Support Team to have an opportunity to assist as providing inspiration and strengthening for clubs.
What an utter honour it is serving as District Governor Elect for District 9800.
Thank you for the privilege to support you in this capacity.

The opening word of the International Assembly was “Ubuntu”. PDG Julie Mason used that word in her Club visits in the context “I am because you are”. The context it was used in for the International Assembly was “tribes coming together around the drum to celebrate, connect and engage.” Both contexts work for me.

From left

Zone 7&8 Coordinator & RI Director Noel Trevaskis with all 5 Victorian District Governor Elects and 2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley and Juliet.

Bronwyn Stephens (9800)
Malcolm Kerr (9790),
Anthony Stokes (9780),,
Russell Gurney (9810) and
Janne Speirs (9820)



District Governor Peter Frueh

Peace Month

February 23rd is Rotary International's 113th Birthday.

This month the focus is on Peace.

There are so many aspects of Peace:

- ♦ Inner peace and wellbeing of the individual
- ♦ Peace within our families and friends
- ♦ Peace within our local community and other communities in our nation
- ♦ International peace between nations



In this increasingly globalised world there are other aspects of peace we need to see, between different religions, different races and different belief systems. We might be one big family of mankind, but we seem to find many things to disagree on.

For over one billion people without enough to eat, or two billion people without clean water and sanitation, getting through each day is a challenge. Disease can devastate families and lack of access to education can prevent children from reaching their potential. Communities need to grow their local economies. These are the six areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation.

Almost all the big issues in the world are global and beyond the scope of any one nation, no matter how powerful, to fix. Rotary International provides a vehicle to address these issues and we can all Make a Difference. We need only pick one local or international issue which we have a passion for and look for practical ways to improve things, whether this is through supporting research, implementing known practical solutions or working with partners to find solutions. Successes can be shared with other clubs and districts, as well as being supported by our Rotary Foundation. This is how we leverage up our individual efforts to achieve great things and Do Good in the World.

Having been to quite a few funerals this year of outstanding Rotarians, I draw inspiration from the eulogies delivered by their families and Rotary friends. What a great opportunity we have to help those less fortunate than ourselves and to do it with others who have a positive outlook to life.

Peter Frueh
District Governor 2017-2018
February 2018

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace>



Engaging our Millennials in Rotary



Amanda Wendt, Director of Public Image and Communications for District 9800 and member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, recently received a very special invitation from incoming Rotary International President-Elect Barry Rassin to **deliver a keynote on 'Understanding the Generations, Activating our Younger Members'** in San Diego at the 2018 International Assembly.

She spoke about ways to attract, engage and activate millennials in Rotary. Amanda said the key is how Rotary sells its value proposition – an unparalleled platform to make a difference - to a generation who are ambitious, highly engaged in social causes and genuinely wanting to change the world. She encouraged everyone to start telling millennials that Rotary is one of the original social enterprise incubators in the world and is the perfect partner for those who want to make an impact.

This was a very powerful and timely message for all District-Governor Elects and senior Rotary leaders as recruiting younger members and ensuring their succession through our organisation is vital to the long-term sustainability of Rotary.

Amanda received a standing ovation for her presentation and feedback from around the world has been overwhelming positive, with many commenting on the valuable content, world-class delivery and her passion for Rotary.



Amanda reported it was wonderful to see Bronwyn and Mark Stephens in the crowd and to receive such tremendous support from the Australian and New Zealand delegation.

As an extra treat, the person who introduced Amanda to Rotary over 10 years ago, now lives and works in San Diego and sat front row for her presentation. A wonderful reminder of the internationality of our organisation and the lifelong friendships we make along the way.

You can watch Amanda's presentation here:

<http://video.rotary.org/AkY/qs4-understanding-different-generations-amanda-wendt/>

http://images.rotary.org/rotary_images/#/

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS FOR DISTRICT 9800 ROTARIANS

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who have been honoured in this year's Australia Day Awards.



Peter Campbell JONES AM
Rotary Club of Melbourne since 2007. For significant service to the tourism and hospitality sectors, particularly through event management, as an advisor, and to the community

Quinto SCALZO AM

The Rotary Club of Melbourne since 2001. President, 2016-2017. President Elect, 2015-2016. Director, 2010-2012. Member, Indigenous Issues Committee, since 2003. Chair, New Horizons Committee, current. Chair, Welfare of the Young Committee, 2008-2009 and Member, 2001-2015. Member, East Timor Committee, 2004-2013.

For significant service to the food retailing industry, and to the community through support for a range of charitable organisations.



Don Joseph CULLEN, OAM
Rotary Club of Brighton North 2007-2017 PHF Founder and Chairman, Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc
For service to the community through a range of roles.

Therese Yvonne McKENNEY OAM

Rotary Club of Altona since 2013. President 2017-2018. Hobsons Bay art Show Coordinator 2015-2018. Assistant Governor 2012-2013, 2015-2016

For services to service to the community through social welfare organisations..



Alan Merton SAMUEL, OAM
Rotary Club of Glen Eira since 2010. President 2013-2015, current Secretary. Royce Abbey Award. JP
For service to the community of Glen Eira through a range of organisations.

Chris WANG, OAM

Rotary Club of Melbourne. Chair, International Fellowship Committee, current. President, 2006-2007. Vice-President, 2002-2003. Club Director, 1999-2001. Past Events Chairperson. Member, Board of Directors, 1999-2001. Paul Harris Fellow, 2001; Sapphire Pin, 2010 For services to the community through a range of organisations



Making a “World of Difference” in Cambodia

On the 5th of January 3 families set out on World of Difference’s “Family Humanitarian Tour” of Cambodia.

“Helping people in Cambodia was a real eye opening and humbling experience for me. It made me really appreciate my life. Teaching English and interacting with the children was a real highlight for me. I cannot wait to go back in the future and help some more!”
Kynon 18

This year the World of Difference tour provided us with the opportunity to visit and work in many remote villages throughout Cambodia where you don’t get to visit on your standard tourist holiday. During these visits we saw how Rotary is making a World of Difference in health, clean water, hygiene, education and sustainable development. More importantly we got to work and play with the Cambodian villagers as well as:

- donate 32 pushbikes to 32 school children who usually had to walk more than 10 kilometres to and from school every day
- donate 200 school books and pens to the monks who taught in one of the remote schools
- donate 22 laptops to a NGO school in Battambang
- teach the school children some English
- challenge the local school children to a game of soccer and volleyball
- supply medicine to 3 medical centres
- drill for water and install a water bore pump
- donate \$500 to the Wildlife Alliance Cambodia who rescue and reintegrate back into their natural habitat wildlife in the Southeast Asian tropical belt
- donate \$1,000 to one of the ethically run orphanages



In addition to the humanitarian work we had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the Cambodian culture, visiting many of Cambodia’s beautiful sites, including seeing Angkor Wat at its best at sunrise, the Phom Kulen holy mountain where we visited the huge reclining Buddah, were blessed by monks and swam under the waterfall, we travelled too Battambang and witnessed a million bats fly from their cave at sunset, we visited Cambodia’s dark past - S21 and the Killing Fields - which was emotionally draining and confronting, but important to see and consider, we visited the inspirational Wildlife Alliance where we met and fed Lucky the elephant as well as many of the rescued resident animals – the chatter of the gibbons was a classic - and we finished the tour with a bit of R&R on the beautiful beaches of Rabbit Island.

World of Difference promised “A unique opportunity for families to challenge themselves and enrich their lives through humanitarian work. After this tour, you can expect your children to return from Cambodia more open minded and resilient, with a new perspective on life!”. After completing the tour, I can tell you that they were right. The tour enabled us all to reflect on our own beliefs and values and to grow through the process, an experience that was made all the better by touring with our children and grandchildren. A World of Difference tour really is a life experience that should be on everyone’s bucket list!



World of Difference tours are available to Rotarian's, non Rotarian's, family groups, corporate groups, schoolies, university groups and schools who are looking for an exciting alternative to the World Challenge tours.

If you would like to learn more about how you, your club, your local schools or members in your community can get involved, please email

barry.hickman@gmail.com

visit our website www.wod.org.au or Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WODHT> where you will find a chronology of what we get up to on these exciting tours



Implementing the learning from Peace Studies 2017



Between June and September this year I travelled to Bangkok and attended the Peace Studies Centre at the Chulalongkorn University on a Rotary International Peace and Conflict studies fellowship. There I studied with 23 fellows representing 19 countries. The fellows included a medical doctor, psychologists, university professors, aid workers, and lawyers, NGO and United Nations employees and a police Inspector from Kenya. Often the subject of domestic violence was discussed and I learnt about the hardships women face across the world.

Wendy from Guatemala, an Action Aid worker, spoke about the hardships women face in her country and the difficulties faced in even achieving basic educational levels.

Diana, from Brazil, who works for an organisation called 'Fight for Peace' talked to me

about her work in the slums of Brazil, which are controlled by gangs and her struggles to turn the tide of violence against women and violence in general. She is a very brave woman, who works in an area where even the police fear to tread. Abiola, a University Professor from Nigeria, is working towards changing the lives of woman in her country, especially those returning to their villages, after being abducted by the terrorist organisation Boko Haram. Eva, a medical doctor working for Caritas, provides free medical care to Afghan women who have resettled in Austria under a refuge program.

The women on the program outnumbered the men 15 to 8. The men on the program are also doing some great work, but I must admit the women are doing it better, which I am sure is no surprise to many of you. White Ribbon Australia's purpose is, **"Engaging men to make women's safety a man's issue too."** We men must do more.

As part of the Peace and Conflict Studies program we travelled to Cambodia for an eight day field trip. During a four year period between 1975 and 1978 two million people were killed in Cambodia. It is estimated that one million were killed by the Khmer Rouge and another million starved to death. A visit to the Killing Fields is an experience I will never forget. The systematic killing of babies and children in the presence of their mothers is something that I just cannot comprehend. I recently watched a movie titled. **"At First They Killed my Father"**.

It tells the story of a seven year girl and her siblings forced firstly into child labour working in the fields after their father was killed by Khmer Rouge soldiers. The young girl was identified as being strong willed and as such was trained as a child soldier. Cambodia is rebuilding but all around there is evidence of the struggles women and children face

So what do we need to do? Another book I have read on the Killings Fields of Cambodia tells the story of Seng (Sam) Kok Ung and his struggles under the Khmer Rouge. Especially his struggles to protect his family under very difficult circumstances:

He says, "In the end, I can say I am not a perfect human being. None of us are. But I just try to do the best I can with what I know. We need to care for each other, we need to look after our neighbours and friends and develop the bond of community so that, in the end, we do what we can to make the world a better place for all of us.

International Men's Day is recognised on 19 November. There are six pillars of International Men's Day, three of which are very relevant as we work towards ending violence against women. They are:

- To promote positive male role models,
- To improve gender relations and promote gender equality, and
- To create a safer, better world, where people can be safe and grow to reach their full potential.

As Sam Ung advises, "We must do what we can to make the world a better place for us all".

Wouldn't it be great if I could disband my Family Violence Team, there was no need to have White Ribbon Day's because we won the battle and eliminated violence against women. That is what we must aim for.

This article is an extract of a speech given at a White Ribbon Day function in Hamilton'.

Superintendent Peter Greaney, Division 2, Western Region, Warrnambool

From Sierra Leone to Chulangkorn via RedR



Jean Noel Melotte was selected as a District 9800 Peace Scholar in 2017. He has **several years' experience in disaster management and recovery planning**, including working with Australian Red Cross and various United Nations Agencies.

Through these experiences, he has met and worked alongside a wide variety of dedicated actors who represent the very best of the humanitarian field. He has also been consistently impressed by the resilience of women and youth in various parts of the world, even in the face of devastating disasters that shake the foundations of their social fabric.

While working in cash aid programming, where he aims to deliver aid in more innovative and flexible ways, he has recently become more involved in developing aid programs that are gender sensitive. This includes examining how to mitigate inequalities in aid distribution and reduce gender bias. The end goal is to craft interventions that are more sustainable and relevant to the needs of affected people.

Jean Noel hopes that his studies at the Rotary Peace Centre will allow him to deepen his understanding of established practices in the field of conflict analysis and peacebuilding. It will also permit an opportunity to study in-depth a current conflict and interact with a variety of practitioners as we brainstorm potential solutions to complex issues.

Jean Noel will be studying the key drivers of the Rakine state conflict in Myanmar which has taken on a renewed importance in light of the recent humanitarian crisis in the area. In addition to underlining the layers of what drives the conflict he will be looking at what are the potential connectors, areas where international actors could foster greater collaboration, or push greater understanding/dialogue.

This is his first post to us:

I am now in Bangkok in my 3rd week of the course. It is truly inspiring to be interacting with the world's leading experts in this field along with practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds. We are still in the initial phase of learning the basic concepts of conflict analysis but we will soon progress to applying this knowledge to domestic and international case studies.

Our class will study a resource based conflict in northern Thailand and another ethnic based conflict in Indonesia.

Sierra Leone was an excellent experience in that it provided a close look into the challenges and opportunities associated with inter-agency and inter-governmental collaboration. My agency's focus on gender and protection issues positioned us to advise key players on a regular basis on the evolving needs of the most vulnerable and attempt to proactively address gaps in aid provision.

I have attended a couple of Rotary events here and should be visiting my club soon. The challenge of course is that they run their meetings entirely in Thai.

Jean Noel Melotte



100 fellowships for fully funded university training in peace and conflict resolution, are now available

Through application of their training, study, networking, and practice Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution.

Many go on to careers in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, peace education, media, international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank, and grass roots organisations working in communities.

Rotary International is committed to this program. Since 2002 more than 1,100 graduates have been trained.

THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Internship/field study expenses
- Bursary for living expenses

TWO YEAR MASTERS DEGREE

Up to two years of fully funded graduate study at an internationally recognised program in England (University of Bradford), Japan (International Christian University), Sweden (Uppsala University), or United States (Duke and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

THREE MONTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Designed for mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution. This fully funded course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok offers a mix of theory and practical skills in both a classroom environment and in the field.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships must have the following:

- A strong commitment to peacebuilding demonstrated through professional and academic achievements
- Excellent leadership skills
- Proficiency in English
- For the master's program, a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of full-time relevant work experience
- For the certificate program, a strong academic background, plus five years of full-time relevant work experience

HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.

REVIEW: The entire application online at www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships

SPEAK TO: A Rotarian that you know

CONTACTS: Rob Helme at helme@bigpond.net.au or 0402 299 492

Charles Allen (Peace Fellow alumni 2010) at lloura.peace@gmail.com or 0457 504 495

Bob Fels at robertmfels@gmail.com or (03) 5989 2455

DISTRICT 9800

District 9800 has recruited and mentored more successful Rotary Peace Fellow applicants than any other district, worldwide.

On-line applications for study require District endorsement and close on 15th May 2018.

Is there someone that you know who might benefit from this program? Please circulate this flyer to them.

Friends of Rotary—That is GHFoR

Launched in 2017, the Graduate House Friends of Rotary is a gateway to the world for our resident members. Ligia Velez, Parisa Shiran and Ximena Tolosa-Alvarez volunteered for the fundraising BBQs organised by the Rotary Club of Carlton. Here is Parisa's story.

Attending Rotary Club of Carlton fundraising BBQs has been an incomparably superb experience in so many ways. Although each person goes for a short period of two hours to sizzle some sausages, and hand them out to people, at the end of the day we raised a substantial amount of funds which will make a difference in the lives and communities of people in Carlton. It is such a wonderful feeling to be part of this. The BBQs are also very good opportunities to practise teamwork, and organisational and communication skills in addition to being energised by the comradeship which runs through the whole project.

We talk about the news of the day in Australia and around the world, each person sharing their perspective on these matters. But there is always laughter and amusement as the conversations never fail to include plenty of humour. For me, helping out at the BBQs is an exhilarating experience which helps me do my own work better.



Phillip Morrissey, Betty Kitchener, Nick Constance and Parisa Shiran at a BBQ.

I have also been attending some of the Rotary Club of Carlton events at Graduate House. I was honoured to be invited by Carlton's President Mr Norman Tickner to attend the Rotary Christmas BBQ and Mr John Elligate invited me to Rotary Carlton's Christmas lunch. Attending these celebrations and meetings have helped me learn more about the customs and traditions of Rotary, seeing first hand the amazing love and positive energy at the heart of the club, and learn some Australian folk music and songs. I feel thankful to all the members and their families who have created the very enjoyable time I have had in my *Journey with Rotary* so far. It is difficult to name all of the individuals here or to go through details of all those delightful and informative experiences—one of my favourites is of Ian Ada explaining Australian idioms and expressions and their historical origins. So I would like to say thank you to all Carlton Rotarians who have very warmly welcomed me into the club and into their homes and shown me around Melbourne.

Anne and Ian Ada took me on their journey to Healesville Sanctuary as part of the *Welcome to Melbourne* program. It was my first time travelling outside of Melbourne and incredibly refreshing to see some of the natural scenery and native animals of Australia and get a sense of the bigger, much greener Melbourne I am living in. I was also very **kindly invited for Christmas lunch at Ross and Jane's home. I had a relaxing evening off books, laptop and writing.** It was energising when I got back to my studies the next day, and learnt how Australian families celebrate Christmas. Thanks everyone for the unique, fun and instructive time I have had.

As a literary person, I cannot help but finish with a quote from one of my favourite writers, Mary Ann Evans (1819-1880) known by her pen name George Elliot.

"What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

This has appeared to me to be the vision of Rotary and so it is with great enthusiasm, knowing that my volunteer work might make life less difficult for someone, that I joined the Rotary Club of Carlton to do some good in the world.

I believe very strongly that more young people should be encouraged to be part of Rotary in order to both learn from the insights and enriching experiences of Rotarians and to contribute to the many valuable Rotary community services.

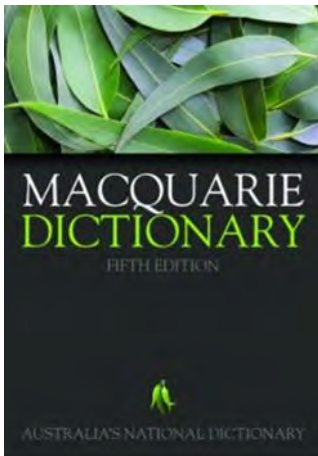
<https://www.graduatehouse.com.au/learn-here/publications/>

Dictionaries for DiK

This “win win” is so unusual I am following it up after our meeting at Donations in Kind last night. It is a great opportunity to connect with their schools with the gift of a beautiful and very special offering, all the while supporting our Donations in Kind store.

In my opinion and from what school professional friends tell me, if Rotarians come to a school with an open and receptive willingness to get involved, there are exciting ways to be of help in the school community.

For example, Phil Rowell and his friends at RC Brighton North help in the class rooms listening to children read. Phil listened to a little boy last year for an hour a week and his reading levels shot from 6 to 21. Homework clubs, breakfast clubs, environmental awareness programs and of course our youth scholarship and programs are all exciting possibilities. These then create friendships between Rotarians and teachers, parents and the possibilities go on.



These brand new dictionaries (with a complimentary digital edition) donated by OfficeMax have a retail value today on the internet of \$90.

This fifth edition of the Macquarie, measuring a new awareness of environment and fragility, will mark a turning of the tide in our consciousness, in the span of our response, in the way we give voice to place – and place to voice.

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce,
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

What a stunning gift to take to a School Principal as a conversation starter between a Rotary Club **and a School, particularly at the start of the school year. In the left of the fly leaf will be Rotary's** four way test, and on the right a fitting acknowledgment of the gift from the Rotary Club to the school.

Clubs can contribute what they will for such an elegant and eloquent tome. Every dollar they do will fund running costs of their own Donations of Kind warehouse. Sales on the Open Day 24th February.

We have 120 dictionaries donated by OfficeMax and if Clubs were to purchase them for \$50 each **\$6000 would be in DiK kitty...if Clubs were to purchase them for \$100 each \$12000....WOW! That would be a month's operating costs covered.**

Bronwyn Stevens
District Governor Elect
Rotary Club of Melbourne South

Don't forget to RSVP to Laurie Fisher and advise how many are attending from your Club. This is also a great opportunity to invite prospective members, community members and potential suppliers.

DONATIONS IN KIND



OPEN DAY 2018

Join with us to formally open and celebrate the move to
the new shed - Shed 39!

400 Somerville Road West Footscray

Saturday February 24th 2018

From 10.00am to 3.00 pm with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 1.00pm

It's a celebration so tea and coffee will be available throughout the
day with the traditional sausage sizzle for lunch.

*You and your club can help us by "buying" a full bay of racking for \$1500
or a double pallet space for \$150. Our objective is to replenish the coffers
with the \$10,000 that this additional racking cost us.*

Please RSVP for catering purposes to dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com
Laurie Fisher 0428 550 574



Australian Rotary Health Scholarships Closing soon



It is intended that Australian Rotary Health will provide stipend and incidental support for a postgraduate student who is undertaking full time research in the areas below.

Applicants must be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or New Zealand citizen, and not be under bond to any foreign government in order to be eligible. Evidence of citizenship (citizenship certificate, birth certificate, and passport) or residential status must accompany this application.

For details and application forms follow the link:

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/research/current-research-opportunities/general-health-phd-scholarship-opportunities/>

All PhD Scholarship Applications closing date is Friday 23rd February 2018

<p>Australian Rotary Health/ Rotary Club of Gisbourne Funding Partner PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating <i>Multiple Sclerosis</i> (Australia-wide)</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Sandy Bay 'Michael Chivers' PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating <i>Cholangiocarcinoma</i> (<i>Bile Duct Cancer</i>) (Australia-wide)</p>	<p>Australian Rotary Health/_Rotary District 9830 Funding Partner PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating Cardiology (Australia-wide)</p>	<p>Australian Rotary Health/ Rotary Club of Kew Funding Partner PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating Prevention of Food Allergy in Childhood (Australia-wide)</p>
<p>Rotary District 9650 'Jack Wilson' Kidney Research PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating Improving Long Term Out- comes of Young Children who are Kidney Trans- plant Recipients (Australia-wide)</p>	<p>Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville Inc Kushagra Singha Fox G1 Research PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating <i>Research into Fox G1</i> <i>Syndrome</i> (Australia-wide)</p>	<p>'Ronnie Goldberg & Rotary Ride for a Cure' _PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating <i>Prostate Cancer</i> (Victoria)</p>	<p>Australian Rotary Health and Rotary District 9800 PhD Scholarship</p> <p>investigating <i>Mental Health of Young</i> <i>Australians</i> (Victoria)</p>

End Polio Now 2017 Update

The global fight to eradicate the world of the polio virus is getting ever closer to achieving its goal. The report from Rotary International, provides a very useful summary of what has been happening.

rotary-ribi.org/upimages/distreps/1010/814/NovemberDecember2017.pdf

At year end the number of cases due the Wild Polio Virus in 2017 was 22, a little higher than had been reported at the time of publication. That was a significant improvement from the 37 cases in all of 2016 and importantly there were no new cases from Nigeria. 14 of the 22 infections were in Afghanistan and 8 in Pakistan.

There is also some news that is less positive. The number of cases of the Circulating vaccine derived virus increased from a negligible 5 cases to 91. This spike mainly relates to the total breakdown of infrastructure and difficulty of access in Syria (74 cases up from 0) and 14 cases in the DR Congo (0 previously). The good news is that the wild polio virus is still under control in those countries.

Clubs and Rotarians are understandably suffering from **“Polio funding fatigue”** but we are so close and our promise to the children of the world has not yet quite come to pass. Our district will provide some of our District Designated Funds as a tangible contribution and we thank those clubs and individuals who have also supported the appeal. As we get closer to the end of the Rotary year we would ask clubs to do what they can.



2017-18 Fundraising Goals	Progress
US\$1,500 per club (US\$50 million total)	Total Contributions (as of 10 Dec) US\$18.9 million
20% or more DDF from all districts (US\$10 million total)	DDF raised: US\$4.1 million
US\$5.0 million in Major Gifts	Major Gifts: US\$5.4million

<https://www.facebook.com/EndPolioNow/videos/10155891110659837/>

Remember that every dollar contributed is matched 2 to one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dennis Shore
Past District Governor
District Director, Foundation

A campaign graphic for 'End Polio Now Make History Today'. It features a purple background with yellow and white text. At the top left, it says 'END POLIO NOW' in white on a red background. Next to it, 'MAKE HISTORY TODAY' is written in large yellow letters. Below this, a white box contains the text: 'From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be matched (up to US\$25 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.' To the right of this box, it shows 'YOUR DONATION US\$25 + BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION US\$50 = TOTAL CONTRIBUTION US\$75'. At the bottom, there are four icons with text: '150 VESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS' (yellow vest icon), '75 VACCINE CARRIERS' (blue carrier icon), '600 PURPLE FINGER MARKERS' (purple marker icon), and '600 PURPLE FINGER MARKERS' (purple marker icon). At the bottom left is the Rotary logo, and at the bottom right are the links 'DONATE ROTARY.ORG/CONTRIBUTE' and 'LEARN ENDPOLIONOW.ORG'.

SLIDE TO SRI LANKA

It is estimated that 300 playground each year in Victoria are replaced, with the old ones going to scrap. Many are in good condition. Playgrounds in Sri Lanka are rare. SLIDE TO SRI LANKA is a joint District Approved Project between our District 9800 and the Rotary District of Sri Lanka, District 3220.

The task isn't difficult! A playground from Greater Geelong Council has already been shipped and reassembled for community use at the *Sputnik School* in Kurunegala!

The plan is to expand this program to involve other Councils and many playgrounds.

How can your club become involved?

By coordinating the removal of a designated playground in your area! The playgrounds being selected bolt together and so can be readily dismantled, shipped and reassembled in Sri Lanka.

It requires a club member to apply WD40 a couple of times in advance of removal and to map/photograph/code the pieces to facilitate correct reassembly by a Rotary team in Sri Lanka.



Disassembling can be completed in half a day by a team of 6-10 leaving just the uprights to be "eased out" by the contractor installing the replacement playground.

The MG Car Cub of Geelong volunteered to do much of the manual work for Flemington Rotary.

A 40ft container costs about \$3000 to ship and is estimated to hold 5 playgrounds. It is likely that much of the cost could come from the councils in lieu of the labor cost of removing and disposing of the playground.

When the container arrives in Sri Lanka, their Rotary District team will take responsibility for the clearance, transport and installation of the playgrounds.

The initial focus for placement will be the Jaffna Area that is still recovering from conflict a few years ago.

Need to Know More?

Contact Peter Cribb at Flemington Rotary Club ptcribb@gmail.com OR 0410 548 543

I will also be on the International Stand at the District Conference on the Saturday.

Peter Cribb
Past President



Rotary Prahran made Australian Rotary History as we "Marched with Rotary at Pride"

The crowds waved & took pictures, many said "look, it's Rotary!" as we demonstrated in a real way our firm support of diversity, inclusion and our LGBTIQ members and friends.

Prahran Rotarians Christie Gronow, Sarah Flannery, Jason Ball, banner bearers Steve Jasper & Dave Clark & Susie Cole were joined by Rotarians DGE Bronwyn Stephens, Steven Aquilina, Grant Godino, DG Peter Freuh, AG Caroline Ord & many others from all around Victoria and NSW in this colourful, fun & super hot march.



This was the first time in Australia that Rotary had marched at Pride & the third time in the world (after San Francisco & London), great kudos to Rotary Prahran & the team to lead the way!

Watch the video made by Rotarian James Mepham by clicking the link.. <https://vimeo.com/253103697>

Susie Cole
PP Rotary Club of Prahran

Canterbury Rotary joins the Peninsula Health collection for Donations in Kind

For the past five years, Peninsula Health has been donating medical equipment that can no longer be used in Australia to Rotary Donations In Kind, to send to medical facilities in third world countries.

Judi McKee, a Peninsula Health Clinical Risk Manager and a member of Frankston North Rotary is the one co-ordinating the hospital's donations to poverty stricken regions and war zones.

"Donations In Kind is really about the fact that in western countries we have a lot of equipment that becomes redundant that in other countries doesn't even exist because of their impoverished state," explains Judi.

Equipment that no longer meets Australian standards for a number of reasons is collected by Rotary and then shipped in containers overseas to where it is needed most.

"It's hard to imagine but you go into countries where somebody without a limb is mobilising around on a couple of wheels on a board and then they are given a decent wheelchair. For them, it's just an absolute treasure and can change their lives."

"In the past Peninsula Health has donated anaesthetic machines, operating equipment, hundreds of beds, over bed tables, lockers, paediatric cots, X-Ray machines, resuscitation material, walking frames, wheelchairs and kitchen equipment and many other items that have been invaluable," says Judi.

Rotary Club Members pick up the donations from Rosebud Hospital.

Left to right: Neil Williams, John Richards, Wayne Kitchin, Gerry Cross and Tony Spring.

Early last year a donation by Peninsula Health was sent to equip a new hospital being set up in the Philippines. Peninsula health provided beds, ward furniture and surgical equipment which are now being put to good use.

The Rotary Donations in Kind team visited Frankston and Rosebud Hospitals on 19 January to pick up 60 over-bed tables and a variety of items such as out of date dressings and surgical equipment which no longer meet health services standards.



"I can't tell you how much and how grateful we are for the amount of equipment we get from Peninsula Health," says Judi.

"It's about making a difference and the knowledge that good equipment is not wasted. We all need to continue to think about people living in these poorer countries that have so little and in many instances do not have the power to change their circumstance – western countries like ours can do something about it."



Support for Balibo—it's not what you do it's the way that you do it

Rotarians believe that everyone in need deserves our help, but we can't help everyone. Our priority should be to use our resources to achieve the best results, particularly for overseas projects. Other organizations share our objectives and if the mix is right, more can be achieved by working together than separately. For most overseas projects focusing our support in one area for an extended time will produce the best results.

It is easy to justify support for Timor Leste as it is the poorest country in our region. The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne found an organization that were already established and had a good rapport with the community. They formed a partnership with the Balibo House Trust. It was easy to identify problems and solutions, but the resources of the two groups are limited. The solution was to develop a range of projects that Rotary Clubs and others could assist with. It became the Balibo Project Partnership with the principle that any Rotary Club could join at whatever level they wished for as long as they wanted.

Last year Rotarians from four Districts and three States were partners and the project had great support from another Partner Palms Australia. They supplied their second volunteer who lived in Balibo for two years in the accommodation unit we helped to build and who provided the link to the local community.

Please have a look at what Rotary has helped to achieve. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/7p8hmjx8z74fjma/Balibo%20House%20Trust%20and%20Rotary%20Jan%2031.m4v?dl=0>

Our current major project is to build an Early Learning centre in Belola four kilometres from the nearest Primary School. **It's a different approach to a common problem in developing countries, offering preschool and grades 1 and 2.** This provides the education the children need until they are strong enough walk to school.

If you are looking for a project please consider supporting an existing establish project where you can make a difference immediately and get maximum value for your effort, contact DIK or RAWCS. If Balibo is of interest there are many exciting projects that need support, please contact David Dippie 0408 174 773 OR solatube@bigpond.com

Volunteering for Mental Health

Rotary Central Melbourne's newest member Dr Lynne Webber has a job the public knows little about. Her role in the State Department of Health and Human Services is to research and find ways to reduce the use of chemical and physical restraints on people who have multiple disabilities. There are about 2000 such people in Victoria, aged from 6 to 65.

Many have combined intellectual disability and other disabilities, such as, epilepsy and mental illness. She says, **"The vast majority are given chemical restraint, such as sedatives and other medicine. Our goal is to help disability services make sure any restraint is a last resort and then only short-term."**

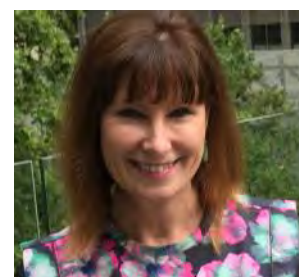
She cites one case of a young man who was born with multiple disabilities including blindness, paraplegia, cerebral palsy and epilepsy. He grew up knowing only institutional care.

For 20 years he needed splints to prevent his only form of communication, which was self-harm. **She's really pleased that he's now been without this restraint since October 2014 and there's an amazing improvement in his well-being.**

Lynne's recreation is surprising: she's a mad enthusiast for the Argentinian tango.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Lynne 0419538929
Email Lynnewebber@gmail.com

By Tony Thomas
Rotary Club of Central Melbourne



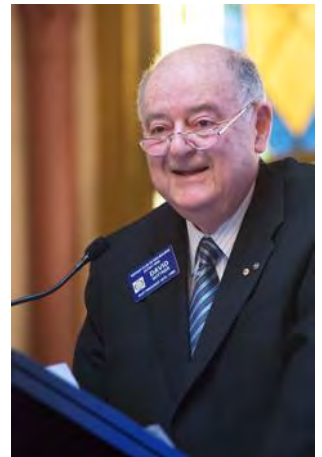
VALE DAVID WITTNER AM

David Wittner was inducted into the Rotary Club of Melbourne on 22 July 1964 at the comparatively young age of 31. He was a member for over 53 years.

David was an active member from the outset and great contributor through committee service with a particular passion for Club Fellowship. He has always stepped forward and often taken the responsibility of Chairmanship, a role at which he was highly skilled.

He served as Director of the Club in 1970-72 before being elected Vice President in 1977-78 and President in 1979-80. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne in May 2013.

In July 2014 there was a special part of the programme to mark the 50th anniversary of him joining the Club.



Notable achievements of his Presidential year included:

- review and reform of the Committee structure of the Club. The new structure served the Club for the next 25 years.
- the fundraising for the provision of a small bus to the Melbourne City Council for work with the elderly
- the fundraising for a bus for Caulfield Hospital for patient transport to the Claremont Rehabilitation Centre
- the provision of funding of \$6000 for the Station Street Project for formally institutionalized youth.
- the granting of a donation of \$3,300 to Yooralla for Rotatrikes.
- the initial work for Melbourne to host the 1981 Rotary International Pacific Region Conference. The Conference was highly praised for attracting 4,400 delegates from 19 countries.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne made David a Paul Harris Fellow in the 1987-88 year, and a sapphire PHF in the 1995-96 year. These awards in part recognized the vital contribution made by David as the Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the Rotary International World Convention held in Melbourne in 1993 with 21,000 delegates.

David was responsible for the 25 committees charged with the detailed arrangements. David and Rosette (at their own expense) attended the Orlando Convention in 1992 to encourage attendance in Melbourne the following year. The Melbourne Convention was an overwhelming success.

In 2007-08 David was made a Paul Harris Multiple Sapphire 2007-08 the first ever at Rotary Club of Melbourne (with John Kendall).

No one works alone in Rotary. Most work is conducted through committees and it is leadership and teamwork that bring success. David had the ability to lead from the Chair listening to all views and settling on a course of action which engaged the team. He was an immensely talented man who was relied on for wise counsel and planning par excellence.

It is these talents that ensured the success of three major projects for which David was able take much credit, and as mentioned in his Multiple Sapphire response:

- Lifeline - Baker Medical Research Institute Heart Risk Reduction Clinic \$450,000
- Cross Roads Centre with the Salvation Army \$200,000
- Claremont Homes for the Elderly in South Melbourne \$450,000

In recent years David was instrumental in establishing the Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation a **legacy project which significantly enhanced the Club's ability to raise money for community projects.** More recently David was an integral committee member and contributor for the planning of Rotary 100 in 2021.

The whole of David's service to Rotary stemmed from his belief that Rotary's leadership and contribution to society are a tangible sign of the concern that individuals have for others in society. In this light David strove to increase membership and to strengthen the Rotary Club of Melbourne to enable it to maintain and enhance its contribution to the local and international communities. His belief in the fellowship of Rotary as a vehicle for Community Service was unwavering and reflected in his participation and leadership as Group Captain of Toorak **1 for many years, Captain of Groups, active and potent member of the Club's Golfing Fellowship, and near 100% attendance at District Conferences.**

David served as Board Member of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund from 2002 to 2005.

David and his family hosted a Rotary Exchange student in 1973.

David attended several World Conventions and many District Conferences.

In 1994 David was invited to present the Sir Angus Mitchell Oration to the Club. This address honours the memory of the first Australian to serve as World President of Rotary International.

At that time David commented on the future of Rotary:

"To the doubters, I ask the question: If Rotary, through its Foundation, did not finance projects like ridding the world of Polio, who else would have – or could have? If you accept that Student Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and Group Study exchanges are worthwhile because of the immense goodwill they generate, who else but Rotary could make them happen? By its actions, Rotary answers the question. It is as relevant today as it has ever been. And for most of us, it is why we joined Rotary and remain a member of this club"

We are privileged to have known, and worked with, David. He has been described by some as a pillar and an elder statesman of the Club, and by others as a sturdy foundation of the Club.

Either way, we will miss him.
Our sympathies go to Rosette and the Wittner family, and our prayers are with them.

Mary Barry
President
Rotary Club of Melbourne



Honour Our Fallen

Honour Our Fallen is a newly raised not-for-profit organisation (registration pending) formed to honour and preserve the memory of those deceased military personnel, buried in Australia, who served our Nation in all conflicts and theatres since the Boer War.



In partnership with local Schools, who will research and locate ex-Service personnel graves in local cemeteries, in any area and thereafter, on each Anzac Day beginning in 2018, place an Australian flag on each gravesite or memorial plaque.

We request all veteran groups, historical, community, ex-Service associations and schools through member newsletters, and individual families and friends of deceased veterans, to individually complete a simple **"Flag Request" form to assist us in our research and commemorative activities.**

Honour Our Fallen was launched on Remembrance Day, 11th November 2017, through media announcements and via correspondence to a number of Government authorities requesting their assistance, with positive results to date. The program will allow us to implement our plans in concert with the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1.

Commemoration will include Army, Navy, Airforce, Nursing Corps, Women's Services, Merchant Seamen and Peacekeeping personnel from all conflicts dating back to the Boer War.

Honour Our Fallen's mission is to perpetuate the memory of all deceased veterans and to build pride in our community, particularly our youth, in the virtues of service to our Nation and respect for those who died protecting our freedom and way of life. This in turn should lead to greater recognition and respect for those presently serving in uniform, in particular, a feeling of acceptance on their returning from overseas duties.

Go to honourourfallen.com, complete a Flag Request form and press submit.
We do the rest pre ANZAC Day 2018 in all requested areas of the Nation.

Rick McCarthy OAM
Director
Honour Our Fallen

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International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians



Cricket Match Warrnambool, Victoria Friday 16th March 2018

All Rotarians attending the conference are invited to play in this cricket match at Dennington Oval.

Tony Plant, who is a member of the fellowship, is organising the match. He would like to see as many conference attenders as possible take part.

This will be an ideal opportunity to introduce newcomers to our wonderful fellowship.

The game will commence at 11am and conclude in time for all to attend the conference opening.

Please advise Tony about your participation in the game as soon as possible on 0408 590 589 or by email to anthony.plant@bigpond.com

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Around the Clubs Welcome new Rotarians

Welcome to Lynne Webber, recently inducted to the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne.



Welcome to Rosina Pollino, recently inducted to the Rotary Club of Melton.



Jan Eriksen was recently inducted to the Rotary Club of Brighton. Welcome Jan.



Patrick Doherty, President of the Rotary Club of Camberwell welcomed two new members last week; John Walmsley and Vijay Susarla, who are both experienced Rotarians



The Rotary Club of Canterbury inducted 3 new members last week. Pictured here with President Rob Simpson are George Dolezal, who amongst many things, is a church minister; Janet Hay, who has been a most dedicated volunteer at the Rotary Shop for several years; and Ryan Bartlett, a personal trainer operating from a studio in Canterbury Road.



Around the Clubs In our District

Five intrepid Rotarians led ably by Rotary Club of Camberwell's Don Jago ventured into the wilds of Waranwood on Thursday 1st February to take possession of a load of redundant medical equipment and supplies. (Redundant for Australia, that is). The equipment and goods are destined for the Third World via Rotary Donations in Kind where they will soon be helping to improve and save lives.

From left: Ron Lear, Justine Paragreen, Peter Matthews, Don Jago, Andy Steinike (DIK) and Peter Allen.



The City of Boroondara Australia Day awards were bestowed on several local citizens including Yarra Bend Rotary member Anne Brown a special commendation for volunteering her professional skills supporting Guide Dogs Victoria for the past seven years.

Congratulations to Bernie Smith, Past President of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn was recognised as the Boroondara Community Volunteer of the Year on Australia Day. The Volunteer of the Year Award was for Bernie's work behind the development of the recently established North Balwyn Men's Shed.



The Rotary Club of Canterbury has exhausted many of their members and volunteers recently with the relocation of the Rotary Sustainability Store and Bookshop from the Camberwell Market Carpark to High Street, East Kew, just a few doors down from the Harp Hotel.

The moving process has been lengthy and difficult. Helpers from our Club included one of our new members Janet Hay, with Gerry Cross, Bob Falconer, Graham Bishop, Sue Osborne, Michael Chong, Steve Wylie, John Braine, Doug Hawley, Andrew Mastrowicz and Chris Ely, a Friend of the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

Huge thanks to all volunteers who assisted and especially to the co-ordinators of the move - our Club member Janet Hay and Jill Forsyth from the Rotary Club of Kew. We look forward to the opening of the new shop in a few weeks



<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/inner-east/rotary-sustainability-shop-in-camberwell-junction-set-to-move-to-new-home-in-kew/news-story/9a912d8dc4dadfc0bb4c85a120fa4c97>



GALA CHARITY GOLF DAY FOR AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn is holding a Gala Charity Golf Day at the Kew Golf Club on Friday 23rd February 2018 to raise funds for Youth Mental Health through Australian Rotary Health.

The Kew Golf Club is located in Belford Road in East Kew, in a spectacular parkland setting beside the Yarra River. The course is easily accessible, 15 minutes from the Melbourne CBD and just off the Eastern Freeway.

An Ambrose competition with a shotgun start will be followed by fellowship and a gourmet barbecue lunch. There will be prizes for the overall winners plus the longest and straightest drives.

The cost will be \$100.00 per head (for golf, meal and coffee to start), and the main beneficiary of the funds will be Youth Mental Health which has been identified as a focus area following discussion in the local community ; this money will be directed to Australian Rotary Health.

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn is seeking support from Rotarians throughout D9800 for this major Community Service Project, while enjoying excellent golf and good fellowship at Kew Golf Club.

For more details contact Greg Matthews on 0419597780 or greg1144@bigpond.net.au.

Rob Head

President ; Rotary Club of North Balwyn





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Proceeds to support prevention of mental illness research and other Rotary health programs

Friday 9th February
Gisborne Golf Club
Daly St, Gisborne

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Gentsomes - Modified Team Stableford
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Saturday, 24th February 2018
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm, at the
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\$55.00 per head
2 course dinner & dessert
Drinks at bar prices

Please advise us of any dietary requirements

Rotary Albert Park Charity Golf Day & Dinner Invitation

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Thursday 1 March 2018
Albert Park Golf Course, Albert Park Lake
Guest Speakers—Neale & Terry Daniher

<u>GOLF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DINNER PROGRAM</u>
11.15 am Registration, BBQ, Putting Competition	6:15pm Dinner—Greenfields Restaurant
12.30pm Tee-off / Shotgun Start	7.00pm Guest Speakers
5.00pm Finish (approx.)	7.30pm Auction
5.30pm Golf Winners Presentations	8:00pm Conclusion

☐ Team of four (4) Players \$600 ☐ Individual Player \$150 ☐ Dinner & Guest Speaker Only \$55

** Limited number of Golf Carts available * *Sponsorship Opportunities also available **

Registration & Payment: Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/346036>


Enquiries: Chris Catchlove **Email:** chris@foodservex.com.au **Mobile:** 0418 557 238 **RSVP:** 21 Feb



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Our Contributors



District Governor Peter Frueh is busy completing club visits, preparing for the District Conference in just 11 weeks time and enjoying the excitement of the festive season.



DGE Bronwyn Stevens is continuing to work very hard at Donations in Kind, relocating and sorting items in the library and stationery section; preparing for her trip to District Governor elect training in San Diego in January and enjoying the excitement and fun of the Christmas season.



PDG Dennis Shore is District Foundation Director



Barry Hickman is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Brighton, a Board Member of Violence Free Families and



Rob Helme is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and a member of the Peace Scholar Program.



Mary Barry is President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne.



Jean Noel Melotte is a District 9800 Peace Scholar currently studying at the Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn university in Thailand.



Peter Cribb is Past President of the Rotary Club of Flemington, and Project Chair for the Playgrounds to Sri Lanka Project.



Inspector Peter Greaney completed the 3 month Peace Scholar program at Chulalongkorn last year. He is in charge of the Western Area Division of Victoria.



Susie Cole is Past President of the Rotary Club of Prahran, and District End Polio Now Chair