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August is Membership Development and Extension Month



In the Rotary world August is Membership Month, but I say that every day is membership day! Now why would I say that? Well, I love all that Rotary stands for, has done, and can do and I know that once others know what I know they will want to join our Rotary movement.

The District Leadership has as its mantra, **"It's all about the clubs"**, and a key goal in the District Strategic Plan is to support you to grow and strengthen your club. You will know best how that is to happen and we will help.

To start the ball rolling for this year I have set a target of 3000 members for our District by the end of June 2016. This means that we recruit over 600 members and retain our existing members. This aiming high and the launch of the campaign of **A Member a Month** will challenge us all but those friends, family members, business colleagues, people who we relate to in very day life deserve to hear and know about all about Rotary so that they can have the option to enhance their life by making a difference to others.

The **District Success Seminar**, a joint effort from our District Public Image and Membership Committees, enabled those in attendance to hear



about current initiatives in marketing, public image, and membership recruitment and retention at international, national and District level. Zone Coordinator Jessie Harman talked about the Zone Membership Plan and how this can assist you, Wendy Gaborit, Rotary International Public Image Coordinator shared information and opportunities as to how we can enhance our presence in the community and Jonathan Welch, Conductor and champion of the Choir of Hard Knocks, as well as entertaining us affirmed the need for club champions or ambassadors in, matters related to Rotary.



Dr Jonathan Welch and DG Julie, hamming it up at the Success Seminar.

Philip Archer, District Director Membership and Adrian Nelson, District Director Public Image and Communications then launched our **District 9800 Club Ambassador Program** with Himanshu Kaushik from Essendon North Rotary and Belinda Grieve from the e-Club of Melbourne announced as the first of what we hope is many Club Ambassadors.

Breakout sessions facilitating discussion on topics such as Women in Rotary, attracting Gen X and Y to Rotary, Multi Cultural Rotary and Experienced Rotarians transitioning to the Rotary of the Future provided an opportunity for the sharing of great existing practice and new ideas.

So what happens next? Philip and Adrian and their teams are available to you, so please contact them and tell them how they can help you be a **Recruiter 4 Rotary**! I think that we all have those Membership Moments in our Rotary lives, those times when we could have talked more about why we enjoy Rotary, the benefits we get from giving, the friends that we have made whilst implementing those meaningful club projects, the lives that we have changed for children in remote areas of the world. We do know that people will support causes, if not join clubs, and your Rotary initiates amazing support for worthwhile people and disenfranchised groups, so please invite someone every week to support **your** cause and before you know it that person will want to dine with you often as a Rotarian!

If you recruit four such people before the end of October a sum of \$1000 is coming your way as a club so that you newest members can then initiate a response to a perceived need in the community. This is empowering for the new members and will almost guarantee that they then bring more people to enjoy Rotary in your club.

Already Bendigo, Wyndham, Southbank, Albert Park, Fitzroy and Melbourne have recruited four new members. Many other clubs tell me that they will be claiming their money soon so I am a happy District Governor!

My message is.....**Every Moment can be a Member Moment so be a Recruiter 4 Rotary.**

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor 2015-2016



Top: The panel: Jessie Harman, Philip Archer, Wendy Gaborit and Adrian Nelson.

Lower: Everybody got involved in the discussions at the Seminar.

More photos at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/SuccessAugust152015?authkey=Gv1sRgCPSIobbA6fGfGQ>

Bike Rides a Bonding Agent

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Many Rotary clubs are thick with retirees but don't do much to bond them together.

In contrast, Canterbury RC has been running weekly bike rides of about 35km on Tuesdays for more than five years, with great results in comradeship and health.

Max Holland 68, the club's newsletter editor, says up to 10 go on the rides, and their average age is 70+. Oldest is more than 75. The group includes three non-Rotary friends.

"Our club meets on Monday evening so we get together to set up the route," he says. "The big need is to get a tail wind!"

The group's homes are well dispersed but it's easy for them to unite via trains. As preferred by MetLink, they use the rear door of the last carriage which has the extra space for all the bikes.

A typical ride starts at the last station on the line as nearly all the end stations are near a bike path. There is a brief coffee break after about an hour of riding, then a couple of hours later it's time for a senior's meal at a hotel or at an RSL.

A recent trip started at Craigieburn, and came back along the linear Broadmeadows Valley Park and then beside the Moonee Ponds Creek, re-boarding the train at Strathmore after enjoying an excellent senior's lunch at the Cross Keys Hotel.

Max says. "One of our group, past President Gerry Cross, joined us two years ago and found it taxing at first but now he says he's got better strength, balance and fitness. There are hundreds of kilometres of separate bike paths in Melbourne and we stick to these trails. We've never had an accident."

The rides are recorded and mapped by the iPhone app MotionX with photos and a map of the route posted to the club members' only Yammer social network.



***Photos: Gerry Cross in the lead, Darebin Creek trail
South Morang trail
Lake Caroline, Caroline Springs***

Canterbury RC nabs a youngster

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

At 20 years of age, Brett Riley at 20 is a hard-working young recruit to the Canterbury Rotary Club. He joined in July 2014 and is currently the Youth Services Director.



Photo: Brett tobogganing in Harz Mountains, Germany, during his Rotary Exchange year.

"I'm making good friendships with members who treat me as their equal," Brett says.

He enjoyed assisting in the development and consolidation of the Youth Program at Canterbury RC under Sue Clifford, the previous Youth Director. Once he was given the opportunity to put the 'Youth' in Youth Services Director, he relished the trust the club's board gave him to support the projects run in the district. He relishes supporting district-run programs such as Youth Exchange, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) and NYSF (National Youth Science Forum).

Brett first experienced Rotary when he was selected to go on a Rotary Youth Exchange to Bremen, Germany for a year. He became a 16-year-old German student experiencing a whole new language, culture and way of life. As a part of the Youth Exchange, Brett regularly attended the weekly Rotary meetings of the host club.

"I enjoyed 'trying' to converse with the German Rotarians and ask them what they do. Learning German was pretty intensive," he adds.

On his return to Melbourne he joined Rotex, an organisation designed to mentor and support other students going through the Youth Exchange program. After one year strengthening the marketing and communication program, he became President.

Brett led the organization for two terms from 2013 to 2014 and was also a member of the District Youth Exchange committee, where he provided advice to the committee on ways to improve students' experiences.

After completing Year 12, deciding university wasn't for him, Brett grabbed an opportunity for full-time work as an Administration Assistant for an aged care software provider. Three months ago, he switched to a demanding job working for an insurance Builder as a Repair Coordinator, managing repairs to properties damaged by storms. "It's long hours but I make time for Canterbury Club's Monday night meetings," he says.



Why do mothers die? A Rotarian's mission to reduce maternal mortality

By PDG Dr. Himansu Basu, MD, PhD, RI Technical Coordinator on Maternal and Child Health 2013-16

My world stopped when I was 15 – my mother died after her seventh childbirth (I was the eldest). The pain and misery in the years that followed were unimaginable. Since then, I have been asking myself the question – “Why do mothers die?”

I entered medical school, specialised in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and did full time research on pregnancy haemorrhages. My interest in childbirth-related mortalities did not wane, but I did not get real answers to my question.

Then I became a Rotarian. I wanted to utilise my hands-on vocational efforts for service, but the opportunities at that time were limited.

In the 1990s, global organisations like the U.N. challenged the world to address this question in the form of Millennium Development Goals. Global organisations and governments put a lot of funding towards improving hospital facilities and started promoting institutional childbirth deliveries but progress remained slow.

Two events in 2010 helped me find an answer to my question. First, my district, 1120 (England), became part of the Future Vision pilot. This opened the door for service through hands-on vocational efforts and advocacy through a global grant-sponsored Vocational Training Team. Second, I had the good fortune to chair an international collaborators meeting on maternal mortality in Delhi focused on why mothers die in low resource settings. The combined results were fantastic.



PDG Dr. Himansu Basu

GLOWM (Global Library of Women's Medicine) and MAF (Medical Aid Films), Laerdal, Department of Health and Family Welfare, National Health Mission and of course our own Rotarian Doctors Fellowship and Rotarian Action Group on Population Development.

India remained our challenge. In spite of massive efforts by the Indian government, maternal mortal-



The concept of Calmed (Collaborative action in lowering maternity encountered deaths) developed during the next three years with the help of important collaborators including FIGO (The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics),

ity reduction in India was slow. Still today, the life-time risk of a woman dying at child birth is 40 times higher in India than in the UK. India has the highest annual number of maternal deaths (about 55,000). Ironically, most are preventable.

Rotary Foundation sponsored Vocational Training Teams played leading roles in implementing the Calmed model. Using hands-on approaches, modern technology and a “train the trainer” model in two states in India, the team led skills trainings in managing emergencies at childbirth and raising awareness of childbirth related issues in the villages and urban communities. Monitoring and evaluation is an important component of the Calmed programme.



1st Calmed programme

In Sikkim, India, where the programme was first introduced in 2013, our vocational training team of six doctors from the UK trained 13 local Ob Gyn staff members who became master trainers after stringent pre- and post-test assessments. The local master trainers have since trained over 200 doctors, midwives and health activists in the practical management of emergencies at child birth. Following the introduction of Calmed, the maternal mortality ratio was halved in just over 12 months.

2nd Calmed programme

Invitations from the government and local Rotary clubs led to a second vocational training team to visit Gujarat in 2014 and train 26 master trainers. More than 40 doctors and midwives were then trained and the training cascade continues with outstanding results.

As we move forward, we are planning to take a team this year to Madhya Pradesh, India, for the third Calmed programme.

We are also working with India's government to establish skills trainings and development centres where selected local master trainers (rather than vocational training team members from England) will



be responsible for training future master trainers. This will offer a sustainable, realistic local solution to eliminate preventable maternal and new born deaths.

We would not have been able to move forward without the constant support, encouragement and stewardship of Rotarians at all levels, from the clubs to districts, RIBI and RI, including past Rotary International Presidents, Directors, Trustees, and many officers (past and present). Our collaborators remain fully supportive.

It has taken more than 50 years of searching, but I am glad I have found the answer to why mothers die and more importantly, how we can save mothers and babies from dying or experiencing complications from childbirth. We have found a solution that works.

Read more about the [Calmed programme](#) and [contact me](#) if you would like to support this vocational service effort.

Pledge your support now and join the Calmed revolution!

Ian Riseley is selected as 2017-18 Rotary President

Australian accountant Ian H.S. Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, was selected by the Nominating Committee and will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenges from other candidates. Riseley has been a member since 1978, and has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs. He received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to the Australian community.

- [Read more about Riseley's selection](#)
- [Learn about Rotary's leaders](#)



Rotary on the Air

"Rotary In Action", the hour long radio program has been broadcast every week of the year since July 4, 1995 (every Tuesday 4-5pm). The program on 96.5 Inner FM consists of interviews, Rotary news and music.

Six Rotarians from three districts are involved, with Jane Stott (RC Yarra Bend) and Jill Weeks (RC Hawthorn) representing District 9800.

This week Jill's guest (or co-host) was Gabe Hau, who is the AG for Riverside cluster.



Are you a Rotary Superhero?



Through their clubs, Rotary members have the power to lead others by example. In his latest post on Rotary Voices, Evan Burrell, a member of the Rotary Club of Turrumurra, New South Wales, Australia, writes that Rotarians are like modern superheroes. All through August, we're celebrating Membership and New Club Development Month with posts by members who explain how they are making a difference.

- [Read Burrell's post](#)
- [Tell us your story on Facebook](#)
- [Discover a dozen ways to make a difference](#)

Donations in Kind



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Rotary Donations In Kind

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(A Multi-District Store)



Annual Report 2014-15

Another Record Year

Tasmania and Victoria comprise the Donations In Kind Southern Region. There are two major Stores, in Geelong and West Footscray, that are part of a national network. It is a recycling operation that specialises in reuse. It collects the goods that our community no longer requires and gives them to people in need for free. The Stores are run totally by volunteers. Most of the goods go to developing countries, but they also support local projects.

Calculating the financial results is easy, but the real value is in the people we help. How do you measure the effect of equipping a school and giving the students the chance of a better future? We provide young people with computer skills and improve their employment prospects. We continue to equip hospitals with vital equipment and ship hundreds of hospital beds each year.

Thank you to our donors

It is a pleasure to work with many responsible organizations that make the effort to dispose of their surplus goods in this caring way. We truly live in a lucky country and our communities surplus goods are often ideal for developing countries and allow us to greatly improve the lives of the recipients. Our one regret is at times the offer of goods greatly exceeds our ability to raise shipping funds.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Our volunteers, Rotarians and members of the public come from a diverse background, but all provide valuable service. Some are regulars, some are casual, others come for a Club working bee, but all are welcome. They have different passions and interests; some know the people who will receive goods, others are more interested in the recycling aspect. They all enjoy the pleasure of working with people who care and who are prepared to make a contribution. A special thanks to members of the partner Districts.

Results

20' container units shipped	98
Countries supported	16
Volunteer hours	17,000
Value of goods shipped	\$6,566,000
Total contribution	\$7,483,000



Business Expenditure

Labour cost	\$0
Rent and operating costs	\$80,000
Cost to the value of goods shipped	1.2%



Containers to 15 Countries

Cambodia, Chile, Fiji, Ghana, Kenya, Philippines, PNG, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu



Volunteer Contribution

\$ 490,000	Value of volunteer labour
\$ 427,000	Store and shipping costs
\$ 6,566,000	Value of goods shipped
\$ 7,483,000	Overseas aid contribution



Goods Recycled

3700m3 / 85% of donations reused and given to people in need

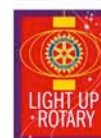
8% Paper recycled
3% Metal recycled
4% Landfill



Without Donations In Kind most of this material would have become landfill

Rotary Donations In Kind provides a wonderful opportunity to transform surplus reusable goods that our community no longer needs into treasures that enhance the lives of many people. We welcome partners in this endeavour and look forward to your continuing support.

More information: www.rotarydik.org . DIK Inc. Footscray Store contacts: Laurie Fisher or Bob Glindemann. Phone: 0428 550 574 Email: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com



You can read the full Donations-in-Kind Southern Region Annual Report at <http://www.rotarydik.org/files/DIK-2014-15-AnnualReport-Final-Store.docx>

Rotarian Singles Fellowship

By Madu Bishnu, e-Club of Melbourne

The Fellowship was started in 2009 by Marlene Daniels of Rotary Oakland in US with the thought that after becoming a widow she became lonely and wanted a fellowship just for Singles, not Rotarians who come as Single in RI Conventions. She immediately started working on it and the Fellowship was chartered in 2009. The dues are \$20 lifetime. Currently we have 302 members from 50 countries and most of our members are from US.

We meet every year during RI Conventions and we have a booth, we have an Annual General Meeting and since the past three years we are having breakout sessions which is Chaired by Tris Tristram from UK and I am a co panelist along with other Fellowship.

In earlier RI Conventions we have had cruises, we eat dinners in restaurants together most of the evenings and we have Rotarians staying in same hotel and even sharing rooms to cut down on costs.



Photo: Madu at the RI Convention in Lisbon

Welcome New Members

The Rotary Club of Albert Park is proud to announce two new members: **Sandra Walker** was inducted into the club by President Chris Catchlove on Wednesday 5th August, and **Doug Gilleen** was inducted on Wednesday 29th July. Doug was a former member of the Rotary Clubs of Leeton 1974-1982, Finley 1982-2002, and Seymour 2002 -2015.



Three “soon to be Rotarians” of the nascent Caroline Springs Club were spotted at the Success Seminar: Reg Eustace, Dee Nguyen and Wendy Gadsby, flanked by Adrian Nelson and Philip Archer



DOING GOOD

SCHOOLS VIDEO COMPETITION



Doing Good Schools Video Competition

By Adrian Nelson, District Director, Public Image and Communications

At last Saturday's inaugural District Success Seminar, we launched our new district-wide video competition for schools. The idea is pretty simple - Rotary Clubs invite your local schools and students to create a video of less than one minute duration with a story about your club.

What that story is depends upon you and what the students find interesting. They may wish to interview your 60-year member, perhaps come to your local fundraising market, or even use some of your photos of your international service project to demonstrate the great work you do. It's an opportunity to teach these students about Rotary and for them to demonstrate their skills as budding Spielbergs to promote your club. They will be amazed by the great stories your Rotary Club has to tell - and of course you can guide them towards the stories you like the most!

All video entries will feature on our District YouTube and Facebook pages, with one video from each club being shown at our Bendigo Conference in March 2016 for the Cluster Presentations. Once they have been made, your club can use the videos how you wish - at your own club meetings or on the internet.



The name of the competition is modelled on Rotary International's "Doing Good in the World" video series which can be viewed on YouTube. Watch some of these great videos about Rotarians "Doing Good in Ghana" or "Doing Good in Fiji". Our videos of course will have different names - "Doing Good in Hawthorn" or "Doing Good in Wyndham".

The "Doing Good" School Video Competition is now open, with entries closing 20th November 2015. Visit the Rotary District 9800 website or Facebook page and follow the links for more information. Application forms will be available soon, but at this stage, start talking to your local schools to start the process. You can also download flyers on our District website to post locally and place your club's own local contact details.

E-mail publicimage@district9800.org.au if you have any specific questions. We can't wait to watch how clubs are "Doing Good" right across our District!

Letter from Timor



Daryl Mills, Rotary's "Man in Timor" reports on a playground that was sent via Donations-in-Kind from a Catholic School in Ringwood to Dili Rotary Club, quite a long time ago. It was apparently held in store while a kindergarten was built, and Daryl has received a lovely letter of thanks.



Dear Rotary club Dili,

Warm Greetings,

Thank you for the lovely gift of play ground that you sent to Esperanca Kids . Your gift brightened kids day, and it continues to brighten our play ground

If right now this letter could express our real gratitude to you, then you probably might heard many kids shouting in joy and laughter saying : Obrigado....!!!

I don't know, whether are you fully understand how enormously sweet blessing that you have gave for us, especially for the children, or not?

If only your eyes can see, how cheerfully and happily the children with play around.

If only your ears can hear, how they are gigling-laughing while jumping from one side to anotherside of the monkey bar!

If only your heart could be embrace by their warm hugs. If only, If only you would understand how God has been using your life to touch others life in a real way. Indeed, you have been blessing us in a special way, It was so nice to be remembered by you! Your thoughtfulness means so much to me.

Warmly

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How nice it is, to hear how the work of the volunteers at DIK is appreciated by those in real need. At the lunch break on Thursday, Nurse Jenny Foster presented Laurie Fisher with a book: "Unsung Heroes of Cambodia", which gives recognition to volunteers and their work.



A DOZEN WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Adapted from Global Outlook in The Rotarian

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

Make the most of your membership. Here's how:

- 1 Learn more about [Rotary Global Rewards](#), a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services – travel, hotels, car rentals, dining, and entertainment. Visit the [Member Center](#).
- 2 Identify a need in your community and work with your club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
- 3 Learn how to [apply for a grant](#) to implement a project.
- 4 Know a young leader? Tell him or her about Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.
- 5 Explore other clubs. Did you know that you're welcome to attend any club's meeting, anywhere in the world? Use the [Club Finder](#) tool or download the Club Locator app to find a meeting when you travel.
- 6 Try a new role. Clubs need leaders. Take the first step and ask where your club needs help.
- 7 Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It's the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary. [Register today](#).
- 8 Be part of history and help eradicate polio. [Find out how to support PolioPlus and join the movement to end polio](#).
- 9 Use the resources in the [Rotary Brand Center](#) to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
- 10 Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
- 11 Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), LinkedIn, [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), Flickr, and more. [Join the conversation](#).
- 12 Support The Rotary Foundation. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world. [Learn more](#).



Share your story of why you joined Rotary on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/rotary/photos/a.366443499551.211988.7268844551/10154114161234552/?type=1&theater>

CONFERENCE 2016



Be a gift
to the world

12TH - 13TH MARCH | BENDIGO

In March 2016 Rotary District 9800 aims to provide a world class conference in Bendigo, the heart of our Rotary District.

In beautiful Bendigo the conference will focus on inspiring international, national and local speakers. The weekend will be fun, relevant and provide insights into programs and projects that through partnerships develop resilient, harmonious communities. Rotarians will be informed, entertained and dined whilst networking and sharing ideas to improve communities at home and abroad

WHAT IS THE 2016 CONFERENCE ALL ABOUT?

INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

With growing community concern in regard to the ethics of organisations operating within their communities and internationally; the Conference will explore both the relevance of Rotary's own 4-way Test and the need to influence ethics as a cornerstone of leadership, personal and professional development in vocational, educational, community, youth and business settings.

GOLDEN ROTARY MOMENTS

Rotarians have achieved many remarkable feats – the near eradication of Polio throughout the world, bringing fresh water and sanitation to millions previously lacking access to such amenities as well as countless projects within local communities. The 2016 Rotary International District 9800 Conference will showcase the achievements Rotary has made in the past year with our partners o make the world a better place

FUN, FELLOWSHIP and NETWORKING

On Friday night there will be an optional Welcome Cocktail Party, Saturday night will feature the Gala Dinner and on Sunday night there is to for Club / Cluster dinners. The Monday public holiday will provide an opportunity to choose or several of the local Bendigo tourist attractions to visit before heading home.

Breakout sessions will be a feature of the Conference as well as the Rotary Marketplace; both providing an opportunity to learn more about Rotary and the projects of Clubs in District 9800

ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS

There are several activities scheduled in Bendigo on the same weekend as the Conference so we urge you to book your accommodation or to ask your OnToConference Chair to arrange a block booking of rooms

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conference website: <http://rotaryconference.org.au/>

Conference Video: https://youtu.be/_eNnF3dGboY

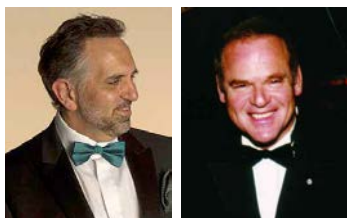
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/D9800Conference>



Notices and Events

THE MASTERCLASS AND
CONCERT PROGRAM PRESENTS

Kogosowski and Chindamo *From Chopin to Chindamo*



Joe Chindamo, Australia's formidable jazz pianist and internationally acclaimed composer, joins Alan Kogosowski, Australia's great classical pianist and international recognized authority on the music of Chopin, in an exciting concert combining classical and jazz - and showing that perhaps there's not that much difference after all.

Sunday 13th September, 3pm



"Monash University Peninsula Campus is committed to community engagement. This includes engagement with the Frankston City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, local schools, hospitals, industry and the community at large. As part of this engagement we are showcasing a number of performances, classical, jazz and musical theatre at our George Jenkins Theatre under the guidance of renowned concert pianist Mr Alan Kogosowski. This initiative will be part of the innovative 'Masterclass and Concert Program', and will include masterclasses to students from area schools in conjunction with the gala performances, which will be open to everyone in the community. You will not be disappointed."

Prof Leon Piterman AM

Pro-Vice Chancellor

Peninsula Campus Monash University



"You will not be disappointed."

Prof Leon Piterman AM

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Aug 25 – Sept 13, 2015

EXHIBITION RUNS
Tues 25 August – Sun 13 September 2015

THE BRESLIN GALLERY
254 Neerim Road
Carnegie
Gallery hours:
Tues-Sun 8.30am-4pm

OFFICIAL OPENING
Saturday 29 August 2015, 3.30pm

Exhibition will be opened by
Alan Kogosowski, Concert Pianist.
Alan will be giving a brief talk on
"Influences between Music and Visual Art"
followed by a short piano recital.

sponsors



Design: Community 9800 1415

For information or tickets call 9532 7593
Tickets \$25 Concession \$20

This concert is proudly supported by Monash University



DOING GOOD SCHOOLS VIDEO COMPETITION



OUR DISTRICT'S BIGGEST PUBLIC IMAGE INITIATIVE THIS YEAR

WIN \$1000 FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS NEAR YOUR ROTARY CLUB

You can make your Rotary Club look amazing by simply telling the stories your Club already has.

Our aim is for every Rotary Club in our District produce a short video of less than one minute. All video entries will feature on our YouTube and Facebook pages, with each short video shown at our Bendigo Conference in March 2016 for the Cluster Presentations.

Entries open August 2015 and close 20th November 2015.

We recognise that not every club has the technical expertise to do this, so we have created a competition for local schools - as the students **do** have this expertise! - for our "Doing Good" Schools Video Competition. You just need to contact your local schools to invite them to be part of it.

The story could be about an interview with a member, your life-changing international service projects, or a local fundraising effort. School students will be amazed about what stories Rotary has to tell.

For more information visit our Facebook Page: Rotary District 9800 or e-mail publicimage@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Rotary District 9800

Stay informed on Rotary events:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Bendigo Concert

After a \$30m makeover, the old Bendigo gaol, now the new Ulumbarra theatre, is the main venue for our District Conference next year.

We now have an early opportunity to get a taste of what "life inside" will be like in advance. The Rotary Club of Bendigo South are hosting a fundraising concert on **Sunday 27th September** at the Ulumbarra theatre featuring Australia's First Lady of song, Marina Prior, together with the Victoria Welsh Choir. Members and friends of Rotary District 9800 are invited to "do some time" at this special event.

Marina Prior and the Victoria Welsh Choir appear at 2pm, Sunday September 27 at Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo. Tickets on sale now at www.gotix.com.au or phone the box office on 5434 6100. Entry is \$40 or \$36 with concessions and \$20 for children.



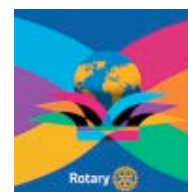
Charter of Rotary Club of Caroline Springs

28th August, 2015, 7.30pm till late

Slices Restaurant, 2 Lake St., Caroline Springs.

You are invited to the Charter Night of the new Rotary Club of Caroline Springs on 28th August 2015. The Invitation and Booking form is attached and you are encouraged to attend and support the newest Rotary Club in the world.

http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/images/Caroline_Springs_Charter_Invitation.pdf



Stay informed on Rotary events:

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ROYAL MELBOURNE
Monday 5th October 2015

**PLUS THE CHANCE TO
WIN A BMW**

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Join us to celebrate International Day for Older Persons

6 October 2015

60, there's still work to do! – tickets now on sale

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission and COTA Victoria would like to invite you to hear from our distinguished panel of speakers who have made their mark before and after 65 years of age and join the conversation about the value older workers bring to our workplaces. Moderated by journalist Geraldine Doogue, this event will dispel some common myths about older workers and celebrate their experience, contribution and insights.

Date
Tuesday 6 Oct 2015
7.15am–9am, includes breakfast

Venue
RACV Club, 501 Bourke St
Melbourne

Tickets
Single \$75 (\$70 early bird)
Standard table \$690 (\$650 early bird)
Corporate table \$750
Sponsorship opportunities available

Book now – idopbreakfast.eventbrite.com.au

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2015 International Day of Older Persons Breakfast Tuesday 6 October, 2015	6 there's still work to do Venue: Level 17, RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street Melbourne
AN EVENT BY: Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission	COTA VICTORIA

Panel:

	Moderator Geraldine Doogue TV/Radio presenter
	John Cain Former Premier of Victoria
	Andrea Hull Chair ABC Advisory Council
	Harrison Young Non-Executive Director at Commonwealth Bank of Australia
	Lois Peeler Principal, Worowa Aboriginal College
	Peter Couzens Chairperson, Adult Parole Board

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR COUNCIL ON THE AGEING (COTA). COTA Victoria has been the voice of older Victorians for over 50 years who continually strive to ensure that the contributions of older people are proudly recognised and acknowledged within our community.

Editorial

How nice it was to hear of the success of Donations-in-Kind, and about the Rotary Singles Fellowship from Madu Bishnu: it sounds so much fun. But after all, "The Networker" is **YOUR** magazine, about **YOUR** successes.

While Tony Thomas contributes frequently, we'd love to hear from more Rotarians. Tell us about your projects and adventures: misadventures also, if you like. We hope to produce an entertaining magazine for all, but you, dear readers, all have stories you can tell.

We only have space to cover a few of the upcoming events, so we encourage you to keep up-to-date on Notices and Events at the District Website:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Dates for your Diary

RAWCS Southern Region Information and Training Weekend

"AN INVITATION TO ALL" District 9820 has the honor of hosting the 2015 RAWCS Southern Region Information and Training weekend, incorporating all Victorian and Tasmanian Rotary Districts.

29th and 30th AUGUST. At The Latrobe Valley Convention Centre in Traralgon. See more at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future#sth.ash.Psl43H0j.dpuf

The 2015 Rotary Success Conference and Youth

Summit will be held at the Hellenic Club, Canberra on **5 – 6 September 2015**. This conference is an affordable conference as the price of \$120 per person covers, morning teas, lunch, afternoon tea and the Saturday night dinner. It will commence at 8.30am on the Saturday morning and conclude at 12.30pm on the Sunday.

Register now at:

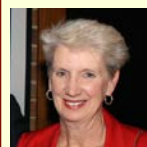
<http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/success-conference.html>

2016 Rotary International Convention, Seoul

28th May to 1st June, 2016 It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures.

<http://www.riconvention.org>

Our Contributors



District Governor Julie Mason of Wyndham RC is Principal of Baden Powell College.



Our peripatetic philosopher, Tony Thomas certainly gets around. Like Debbie, he has just done Dallas.



David Dippie of Keilor reminds us of the great work they do at the Donations-in-Kind store.



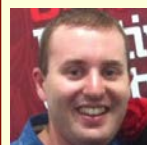
PE Bryan Griffiths, of Rochester Rotary Club, sends us some great articles from the country.



Madu Bishnu of the e-club of Melbourne, is Secretary of the Rotarian Singles Fellowship.



Photographs by Alyce Henson frequently appear in Rotary publications.



Matthew Scott of RC Bendigo South is our roving reporter in the deep north.



Director of Public Image and Communications Adrian Nelson is renowned for his spectacular spectacles.

