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***November is Rotary Foundation Month***



Two wonderful opportunities to promote the amazing power of Rotary to the public have occurred in the last few weeks and days, with the *Lift The Lid/Hat Day* and *World Polio Day* in October. Research into the prevention of mental health issues and ending polio are not small things. Everything we do in Rotary means a lot to the lives of those we help, no matter how small we think our work might be. One person had the idea to conduct research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), under the banner of Australian Rotary Health; and one person had the idea to immunize the world to end polio. Every Rotary project starts with one person's idea, which is leveraged through Rotary's huge powerful network of Clubs, Districts, Zones and Internationally. We are a vocationally diverse organization with reputable core values and when we work together, we can do anything we set our minds to. A big **thank you** to all clubs and individuals who engaged in wearing funny looking hats and collecting funds in public spaces on Hat Day.



***DG Neville John and Rebecca***

It's not just about the money, but more about what we do with it and the lives we change through, and the public awareness of Rotary's role. The Purple Pinkie for Polio on World Polio Day has just been completed as we again create awareness of Rotary's primary role in eradicating polio from our world. This year there was a live Facebook stream from RI, which I found very informative and worthwhile. I've seen pink pinkies and purple ones, but the men have to lift their game because their nail polish colour clashed badly with their clothes. There are more public awareness opportunities ahead to showcase Rotary: stay tuned for what's coming up.



***"You can achieve almost anything if you're not looking for personal credit. You can plan, create, build for the future." – Clifford L. Dochterman***

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## DG Neville John's Message

### The Rotary Foundation Centenary - One in a Hundred Year Opportunity

The creator of what we know as The Rotary Foundation (TRF), Arch Klumpf, believed that we should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others. This year we celebrate the centennial of The Rotary Foundation, the engine room that funds many wonderful local and global projects that change the lives of so many for the better. TRF enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

100 years of 'doing good in the world' is a major milestone in the history of Rotary. November is Foundation month and many clubs are conducting events that showcase programs and projects that benefit from Foundation funding. Please make sure to invite the public and friends so that they get know why TRF is special. They may even want to join your club, or donate to TRF (just saying). Did you know that District 9800 has a webpage and Facebook page that is exclusively related to Foundation matters? Check them out at <http://www.district9800foundation.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/D9800Foundation>

**"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."**  
– Arch C. Klumpf

*Neville John*

**District Governor 2016-2017**



***Arch C. Klumph***



*"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds...we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."*

– Arch C. Klumph, December 1928

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# Responsible Business Award

## *By Philip Archer, District Director Membership*

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**A huge Congratulations to Stephanie Woollard, Rotary Peace Fellow and Member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, who has won a global award from Rotary International for "Responsible Business," to be honored at the UN Headquarters next month.**

As a Peace Fellow and now a new member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Steph is supported and mentored by esteemed Past President Bob Glindemann and legend in the world of Rotary Foundation Peace Scholarships, Bob Fels. This powerful team of Rotarians along with a visionary leadership team has accelerated Steph to centre stage. We all know what an impressive, quietly powerful and focused young woman Steph is and now the world will know too.

Stephanie Woollard is one of 6 globally recognized recipients who will receive the award on November 12 amid a gathering of over 1500 Rotarians, UN officials and NGO leaders at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.



***An open air literacy class in Nepal.***

Steph has created a number of award winning ventures both in Australia and Nepal. *Hands On Development*, Steph's tour company, leads cultural immersions to Nepal and indigenous cultural tours to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.

Steph's tours encourage local industry and employ locals to live their passion and share their homelands with inspired visitors.

Steph has created *Seven Women*, which has employed over 1000 disadvantaged women who manufacture Fair trade products for export to Australian and European markets. Steph and her team in Nepal have also created local industries in Nepal for marginalized women in the areas of agriculture and tailoring. **Trainings led by the enterprise such as literacy, skills trainings, health and gender awareness have impacted over 5000 women in total.**

"Businesses can be a strong force for good in our world when business owners take on a responsibility to uplift and empower their people and supply chains." Steph said.

She elaborated by saying, "There is so much that can be achieved with a good team, and over time I have gained great confidence that change is possible."

Steph with the help of Rotary is fundraising \$30,000 for her recent initiative to create the "Katmandu Cooking School;" which will conduct accredited training courses for marginalized women to gain skills in cheffing and hospitality. Operational costs will be sustained by tour groups and visitors participating in cooking classes led by the women.



***Stephanie Woollard with some habbv students.***

As a business owner and social entrepreneur who has navigated her way through working effectively across cultures. Steph's commitment is to build enterprises that lead change.



## Responsible Business Award

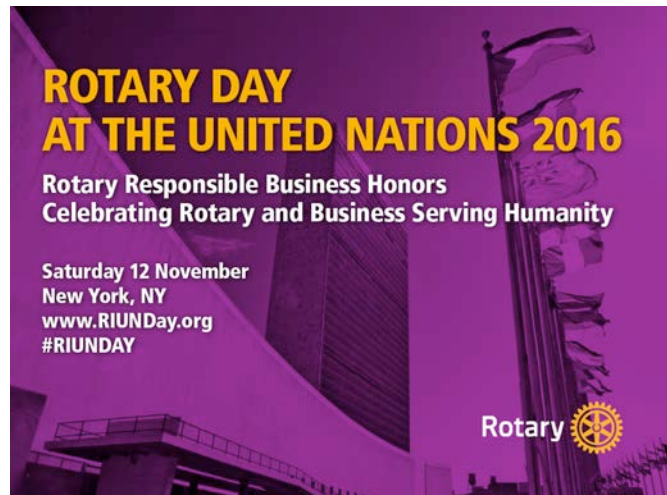
### DG Neville John adds a footnote:

*How difficult is it to sit on the most exciting news for almost a week! RI advised me that Stephanie Woollard had been successfully nominated to be honoured at the United Nations on 12 November 2016 at the Rotary Day at UN, which this year, highlights the role of building a better world. She will be one of only six individuals and two corporations recognised world-wide.*

*Stephanie grew Seven Women while completing first her undergraduate degree; then as a Rylarian and also when studying at Uppsala University as a Rotary Peace Fellow in 2013-14. During his year as RIPE, Garry Huang visited Uppsala for a District Conference, and asked Stephanie to stand so he could extol her virtues as Rotary Peace Scholar. In addition to speaking at many Rotary Clubs in Sweden, Stephanie spoke at a Norwegian District Conference, visited the RI Europe/Africa Office in Zurich where she was asked to give a presentation to all staff about the Peace Program and Seven Women, followed by a presentation to the International School in Zurich. Stephanie spoke to Clubs in Argentina and participated in Rotaract Conferences in Romania and Brussels.*

*Stephanie's vision and inspiration in creating Seven Women is having a sustainable impact that addresses the economic issues of a group that has been marginalised, discriminated against and given them the gift of dignity and a future, which has in every respect met the requirements for the Responsible Business honour.*

*It is with great pride and on behalf of all Rotarians that I congratulate Stephanie.*



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# The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charity

*By PDG Dennis Shore*

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In the annual Rotary calendar, November is designated "Foundation Month". In 1956, the year following the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Rotary the RI Board established "Foundation Week" in mid-November. In 1982 the opportunity for special focus was extended to "Foundation Month".

This year it is a pretty special "Foundation Month" falling as it does in The Rotary Foundation's Centennial year. Throughout this year we are looking to celebrate the amazing outcomes achieved through The Rotary Foundation and "Foundation Month" should be extra special in "Foundation Year".

Rotary as we know it, is so much an outcome of The Rotary Foundation that The Foundation does deserve its popular description as the "engine room of Rotary". The specific programs and priorities have changed over the years but the objective has stayed consistent – "to do good in the world".

World War II was the catalyst to define the elements that characterise the priorities of The Foundation even today. Included was the need for advanced study, which today is delivered through Peace Fellowships and Global Grant Scholarships. Elsewhere in this edition of Networker you will read the story of Steph Woollard who saw the value in applying (and succeeding) to become a Peace Fellow to leverage her capacity to "good in the world" through her *Seven Women* program and the potential to extend that program. Her concept of a "hand up, not a handout" is very consistent with what The Rotary Foundation seeks to do in its programs, in which sustainability is the core essential.

On the subject of Peace Fellows it is good to know that it just been confirmed that yet another Peace Fellow has been selected from D9800 to continue our unblemished record since our first Fellow (Tania Miletic) commenced studies in 2002, confirming the status of our district as the Black Caviar in the Peace Fellow Stakes. D9800 is the only Rotary district in the world to have successfully nominated a Peace Fellow every year since the program's inception.



*More than a year after Haiti's 2010 earthquake, temporary shelters line the roads northeast of Port-au-Prince. The Rotary Foundation's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund has collected \$2.2 million and funded nine Matching Grants and 78 projects.*

**Photo:** Alyce Henson© Rotary International

The whole concept of The Foundation from the outset was that it be funded from donations. Since 1992 the endowment fund originally envisaged became a reality when The Permanent fund Initiative was established to provide a stream of revenue to underwrite the programs of The Foundation into the future to support the annual donations that are funded through club and personal donations.

Recently it was good to have independent verification that The Rotary Foundation sits at the top of the list as one of the world's most respected charities. Charity Navigator is an organisation that evaluates charities for their integrity and effectiveness. The Rotary Foundation was one of a handful that ticks all the boxes and has a 100% rating in all the areas of financial performance, accountability and transparency. Rotarians might be surprised at the ratings of some of the major and well known charities!

When it comes to deciding on club contributions to The Rotary Foundation or a personal contribution to the Every Rotarian Every Year Centurion program you know that every dollar is well spent. More importantly as a club you can get to decide how to spend your money through District or Global grants to really make a difference.



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# The Long Road to Bangladesh

**RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) Southern Region covers Rotary Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820 and 9830, spanning across the states of Victoria and Tasmania. The Donations-in-Kind store in West Footscray serves all those Districts, and receives contributions from even further afield.**



A project started at a District 9820 conference two and a half years ago to assist a hospital in Bangladesh has finally delivered a container of goods. Janne Speirs (D9820 International Chair 2016-7) reports:

*"Exciting news from Bangladesh this week!! After lots of 'toing and froing' and general holdups, the container of goods for the hospital at Joyrumkura has finally been cleared from the port at Chittagong and embarked on its 12 hour road trip to the north of the country where it has been welcomed with excitement and thanks by the hospital administrators and staff. They are touchingly grateful for what we as Rotarians here in Victoria have been able to do for this very poor area in terms of improved medical equipment and therefore care. I have attached some photos and an excerpt from the cover letter sent to me during the week by my chief contact Tarun Daring.*

*"My personal thanks are extended to all the Clubs who assisted in this International Project. Having visited the hospital in 2013 and been familiar with it through its entire 50 year history due to my father, PDG (D950) Bill McFarlane's involvement with the country since 1964 I could think of no better way to assist than by bringing to bear the incredible reach and resources of Rotary, DIK and the generosity of Rotarians in D9820."*

Hospital Interim Executive Director Tarun Daring adds: *"your supports have made us possible to increase the medical care and service facilities in our hospital and we are greatly happy with your love and care."*



# From Reluctance to RYLA Leader

## How RYLA can be a Life Changing Experience

*By Susannah Ostojic*

**In 2013, I joined the Rotary Youth Leadership Award family. I had been undertaking some fieldwork in the ministry of a member of the East Kew Rotary Club, who approached me with an ‘amazing opportunity for someone like you’.**

Ambivalent and even reluctant wouldn't begin to explain how I felt about going on a camp for a whole week with a bunch of strangers, but I reasoned to myself that it would look good on my Curriculum Vitae.

Arriving at the bus pick-up on Sunday morning, I just wanted to turn around and walk home. I felt like I had made a huge mistake. What was I getting myself into? Why were there people dressed in suits? And why were they forcing us to play get-to-know you games on the bus? What kind of camp was this???

My experiences at RYLA have taught me that I am a capable, intelligent, and worthy person who has the right to be seen and heard, and is able to make a difference to my communities. It has made me happier in every aspect of my life, just from the recognition of this simple fact.

RYLA enabled me to identify my core values, which I have since used to lead me throughout the completion of my undergraduate studies into research, as well as into fulfilling employment and further community work. These values continue to guide me, to keep me grounded, and to make the choices which continue to fulfil me.



***Susannah and friends, drumming up their enthusiasm.***

I can happily say my first feelings about RYLA could not have been more wrong. I mean, sure, it probably does look good on my resume! But it has meant so much more than just an award to impress potential employers.

I can honestly say that RYLA has changed my life. The skills and techniques it has given me are one thing, but the biggest change for me is my confidence.

One of these values I identified as being core to my being is Service, one that I know resonates with Rotarians worldwide. It is this value that encouraged me to come back to RYLA as a member of the team. This is my second year as a team member with the program, and I hope the second of many to follow! And it is my continuing involvement with RYLA that continues to inspire and develop me as a person.

To me, one of the most amazing things about RYLA in District 9800 is that it is the only RYLA (that we know of!) that is entirely run by past participants of the program. I don't know if I am able to put into words the meaning that has for all of us, participant or team member.

The feeling of trust and respect that we have, and the meaning we are able to impart as team members to participants, is deepened with the knowledge that *we have all been there*. It is a beautiful relationship, and one that I know on behalf of all of the RYLA family I can thank you for.

***Continued over: -***



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## ***From Reluctance to RYLA - continued: -***

Very few people are lucky enough to be given the opportunity I and others have been given by Rotary. The opportunity to be challenged in a safe environment, to make 90 new friends in one week, to gain such intensive and skilful training by inspiring individuals, and to find our passions. This is the reason I come back – to continue to offer this opportunity to other young people like me, who may not believe this is possible for them. I cannot thank Rotarians enough for your support, not only for me but on behalf of every person who has been able to attend RYLA – your support literally changes lives.



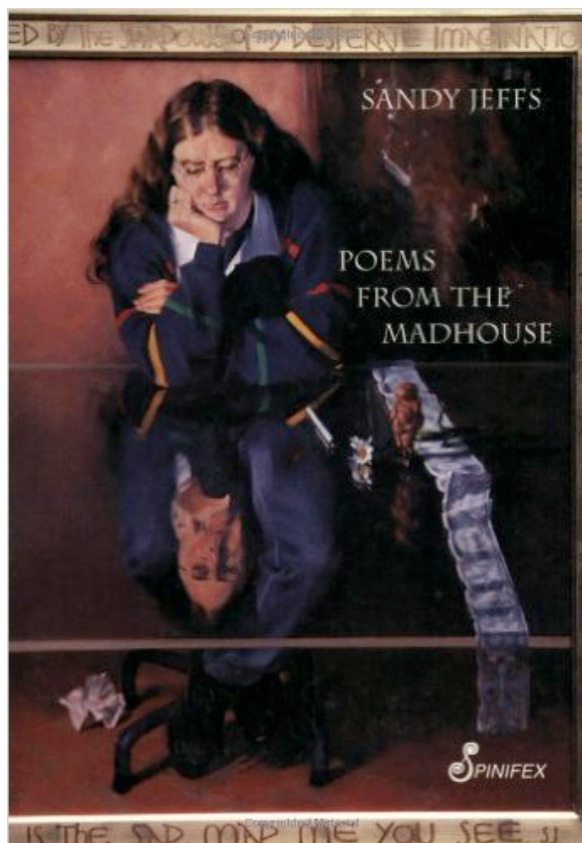
*Susannah Ostojic was a RYLA participant in 2013 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kew. This is Susannah's second year on the RYLA team giving back to RYLA and Rotary. Susannah studied a Bachelor of Arts at LaTrobe University, majoring in History and Archaeology and has volunteered for a number of organisations, including Girl Guides Victoria and raises money for a number of charities including World Vision.*

*For any further questions or to discuss our RYLA program contact the District 9800 RYLA Chair, Stuart Cardell on 0412 448 420 or email: [stuart.cardell@rotary.to](mailto:stuart.cardell@rotary.to)*

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## **Façade** *By Sandy Jeffs*

We played happy family  
presented ourselves as normal  
sanitised our image  
deluded ourselves with lies.  
Something was rotting in our family.  
Playing happy family  
was a full time job.  
Going to school  
with the screams and punches  
playing themselves over in my mind  
while pretending to be happy  
was a killer.  
Something was rotting in our family.  
Mum stayed indoors for days  
powdered her bruised face  
nursed her battered body  
sent me on messages  
made up excuses.  
He brought her cups of coffee  
pretended nothing had happened.  
Something was rotting in our family.  
Yet still I pretended to be happy.  
In the end my heart watched  
in dazed disbelief  
while my family rotted  
knowing no one could smell the stench.



*Sandy Jeffs is a prize-winning poet and author who has lived with schizophrenia for 35 years.*  
<http://www.news.com.au/national/sandy-jeffs-on-what-its-like-to-live-with-schizophrenia/story-e6frfkvr-1225797214783>

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## Australian Rotary Health

Hat Day and newly created mental health research campaign, Lift the Lid, have both proved to be quite successful yet again in 2016. On Friday, October 7, we saw Rotary clubs, businesses and other groups right across Australia, enthusiastically donning their weirdest and wackiest hats to support mental health research.



Some went to their local Bunnings store or railway station to collect donations from the public, while others held themed trivia nights, morning teas and fundraising dinners.

We are very grateful for the support and donations that have been received so far and expect they will continue coming in throughout Mental Health Month and the rest of the year.

To say thank you, we have compiled some photographs from Hat Day and Lift the Lid to create a short video. We invite you to watch it on our YouTube channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMEQnMSVNPg>

Feel free to continue sending through photos from Lift the Lid and Hat Day to: [jessica@arh.org.au](mailto:jessica@arh.org.au) for a special mention on our Australian Rotary Health social media pages.

Remember, it is never too late to support us in our endeavor to help the 1 in 5 Australians suffering from a mental illness every year. Donate today: <https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/donations/donate-now/>



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## ShelterBox helping Mosul refugees

ShelterBox, Rotary's project partner for disaster relief, and ACTED, a French nongovernmental aid agency, have teams in the city of Irbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, 53 miles (85 km) east of Mosul. They have been working since July to get aid supplies ready so they can respond quickly as the battle to retake the city from ISIS unfolds.

[Learn more about how ShelterBox is helping](#)  
[Follow ShelterBox on Facebook for the latest updates](#)





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## Harnessing a Bright Idea

**When solar industry expert, Mark Twidell sat down to dinner with renewable energy investment specialist, Rory Lonergan just over two years ago, little did they realise what their conversation would spark!**

At the Letefoho East Timor Support Inaugural Fundraising Dinner in August 2014, they heard about the charity's drive to renovate the Letefoho Senior Highschool, and were moved to help. Mark and Rory learned that the students at the school were gaining their first experience with Information Technology via the LETS Computer Project.



Unfortunately, the school had no electricity connected, and laptops had to be transported back and forth from the church hall for charging. The renewable energy industry gurus had the solution – harnessing free power which Letefoho has in plenty – the power of the sun. Mark and Rory hatched a plan to use only donations from companies in the solar sector.

Their wish-list included everything needed for an eight kilowatt solar system – enough to power two large homes:

- SMA, a leading German inverter manufacturer, donated two inverters.
- Solar Juice, one of Australia's leading solar companies delivered all of the solar panels for the project; the mounting racks, cables and all of the clips and connections to hook up to the SMA inverters.
- A private donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) funded the bank of batteries needed to store surplus power generated.
- Sydney-based RFI Technology Solutions agreed to supply the bank of eight large batteries and associated equipment at cost.

Transport firm, DB Schenker transported all of the solar equipment – a total of 1,160 kg from Melbourne to Sydney (as well as the batteries from Seven Hills in Sydney's west).

Bob Glindemann from Rotary Donations-in-Kind in West Footscray, Melbourne then arranged the shipping of the solar equipment to the capital of East Timor, Dili. Rotary Donations-in-Kind is a multi-club and District activity, and is a major recycling, volunteer-run organisation.

After an exhaustive search for a qualified and experienced installer, Mark and Rory were put in touch with an electrician, Jeff Coulter and his son, Julian. Jeff works for Power Water in the Northern Territory where he trains electrical apprentices. On 23 October 2016, they travelled to Letefoho to complete the installation of the solar system.

Sometimes the best ideas emerge from conversations around the dinner table. That's exactly what happened with this idea, which is shedding a light on education in Timor Leste, bringing with it the hope of a brighter future for the developing community of Letefoho.

The benefits extend beyond just the LETS Computer Project: it also provides electricity to the classrooms, staff rooms and offices.



Full story: <https://www.lets.net.au/lets-solar-project.html>

*LETS (Letefoho East Timor Support) is an initiative of the Catholic Parish of the Lower North Shore, Sydney.*





## Clarice's Comments



What was on your mind when you were a teenager? When Stephanie Woollard was 19, she came across seven disabled women living as outcasts in a tin shed in Nepal. Since then, her "Seven Women" project has influenced the lives of thousands of Nepalese. Congratulations Stephanie, on your well-deserved Rotary and United Nations recognition. Helping others was far from my mind, at nineteen.



I dropped in to the Donations-in-Kind Store in West Footscray the other week, thinking I was in for a quiet time. But what congestion: over twenty children from Gisborne Primary School, the Interact Club, were busy sorting clothing to be sent overseas. Sorting the colours and sizes of shirts, under Helen's watchful eye. They were certainly efficient, and were all enjoying the experience of volunteering, and they were learning a little about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. Well done, Gisborne Primary School!

On the topic of DIK, do you know wizards live there? In a cosy cave, four computer wizards perform mysterious actions on recycled computers. Every now and then, loud music extolling the virtues of a certain football team from the western suburbs are emitted from the cave, to the bewilderment of most volunteers. Strange creatures, those wizards!



**Clarrie doing a burn-out.**

Alan of the Rotary Club of Daylesford wrote:

*"Thanks for the plug in*

*Networker for the Goldfields Rush Postie bike tour, however your photo shows a bicycle our tour is on Honda CT110 postie motorcycles"*

Thanks for the feedback, Alan. I hope the replacement photo is appropriate, although I suspect the front tyre is not inflated to the recommended 175 kPa. Please have lots of fun on the Goldfields Rush, and send us a report with some action pictures. I hope the official scrutineers are on the alert for ring-ins, as I overheard my nephew Clarrie and a trail-bike friend conferring: they were whispering about upping the compression ratio by shaving a bit off the head, boring it out to 125cc, using high octane racing fuel and Michelin racing tyres.

Whatever that all means.

A special thanks to those who wrote to say how much they loved "The Mad Woman in this Poem" by Sandy Jeffs, and asked for more. So I've included another of her works, "Façade" for you. Four volumes of poetry, and now her memoir have given Sandy a significant public profile. Her capacity to write with honesty and humour about the realities of living with Schizophrenia touches people's hearts. 'I feel as though I am speaking for those who have been silenced by the illness,' she says.

You can read more about Sandy and SANE Speakers at <https://www.sane.org/people-like-us/312-sandy>



And don't forget to tell me about your new members, when you send me your news: [clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au](mailto:clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

**See you later - Clarice.**



**Stephanie Woollard, speaking at a Paul Harris Breakfast.**



**The "Wizards" at DIK.**



## Welcome New Members

Brendan Watters, Rotary Club of Gisborne, reports that on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> District Governor, Neville John inducted a record FIVE new members, including the club's first Corporate Member, Aussie Gisborne Pty Ltd. DG Neville congratulated the club on the successful membership drive and noted that almost a third of its members are women while trending towards a younger demographic in the club.

Photo: ***L to R: Philip Nuske, Michael Barnard, Pres Sam Turner, Ian Faircloth, DG Neville John, Dawn Faircloth, Andrew Twaits.***



The Rotary Club of Gisborne may have even more recruits in their sights: they recently combined with Gisborne Secondary College to hold an excursion for 51 students as part of an INTERACT project. Students assisted in packing containers for Donations In Kind in Footscray.

Photo: - ***The children packing clothing at DIK.***

### RYLA in Action

Students challenge their personal bests at the climbing wall during the 2009 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend sponsored by District 6450 in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, USA. More than 80 students learned more about Rotary International and participated in outdoor activities that develop skills such as team building, problem solving, leadership, and communication.

Photo Monika Lozinska© Rotary International



## The Rotary Foundation

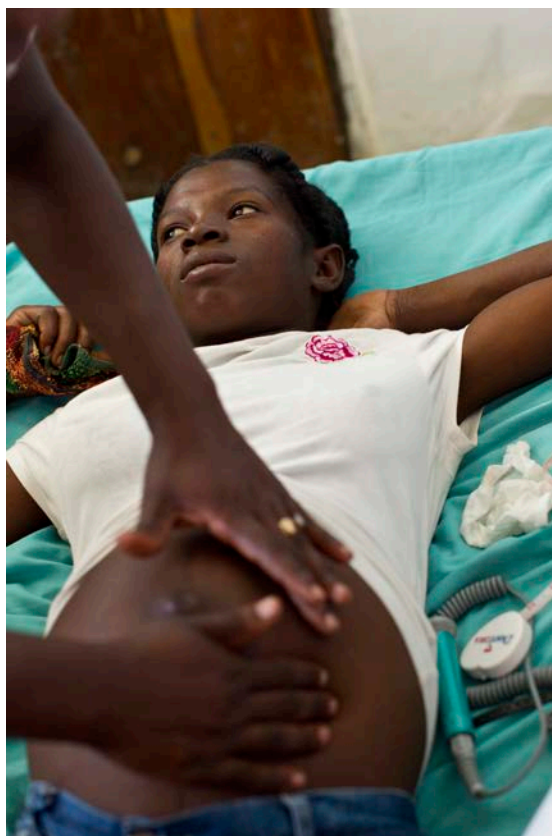
The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Your club or district can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary [contributions](#).

**Photos:** A volunteer midwife examines the belly of an expectant mother during a mobile prenatal clinic in Darlegrand, Haiti. More than 50 women, most of whom had not yet received any medical care during their pregnancies, attended the clinic. It was made possible by Midwives for Haiti's new off-road vehicle, which can reach expectant mothers in remote areas.

After a long day at a mobile prenatal clinic, the off-road vehicle heads home. The customization and delivery of the vehicle cost more than \$70,000 and was funded by the Bon Secours Health System, The Rotary Foundation's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, the Interact Club of Hermitage High School, Virginia, USA, and the Rotary Clubs of Bon Air, Henrico North, and Western Henrico County, all in Virginia, USA.

**Photos:** Alyce Henson© Rotary International





## Notices and Events

### Senior's Award

The Rotary Club of Melbourne is calling for nominations for the Senior's Award for 2017.

This is an Award made annually to a person over the age of 60 years whose outstanding service in a voluntary capacity is adjudged to have made a positive difference to the lives of older people. The Seniors award which was created to recognize the contribution of a man or women, 60 years and over who has given outstanding service in a voluntary capacity to older people.

The Nominees should:

1. be 60 years or over,
2. satisfy the principle of Service above self,
3. be committed to making a difference for older people,
4. be a role model for older people,
5. present a positive view and purpose on growing older and have hands on experience,
6. would be a volunteer in their role as an advocate for older people.

The Nominee may be, but need not necessarily be, a Rotarian.

**The award consists of a Citation and Certificate of Recognition which are presented at a lunch meeting usually in February. The awardee is invited to tell their story in an address to the Club.**

Nominations containing full details, profile or the CV of the nominee and how they address the above criteria, **should be received by 30th November 2016** by email or post to:

Robin Syme at [rhysyme@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rhysyme@yahoo.com.au), 0412 448 133.

or Rotary Club of Melbourne, Ph: 03 9654 7242, Fax (03) 9650 7373,

<mailto:office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au>



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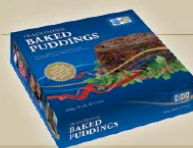
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### Western Emergency Relief Network

WERN is currently seeking donations of blankets.

If you can help out contact PDG Ross Butterworth on 0411 228 311.

[WERN](#) accepts donations of good condition household items such as:

Bedding: Doonas & Covers, Pillows & Covers, Linen i.e. Sheets, Towels & Blankets. Kitchen Items: Kettles, Toasters, Crockery, Glasses, Cutlery, Pots & Pans etc. Furniture: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's, White Goods: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Heaters & Fans

If you'd like to donate items call Ross as above or 0476104736 to organise a pick up.



### Celebrate with us in Atlanta

Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10-14 June 2017**. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

- Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now.
- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. [Purchase tickets](#) for only \$26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. [Visit the HOC site](#) to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



### Art In Action – Cityscape in Elsternwick (free event)

10 am to 3.30 pm **Sunday 6 November** – Elsternwick Plaza.

Observe artists in action in an urban environment. Artists will spread out from Elsternwick Plaza, near Elsternwick Station and down Glen Huntly Road to Orrong Road and surrounding areas between 10am and 3.30 pm on Sunday 6 November. Children welcome to participate in colouring in pictures.

Then visit the Exhibition of works created on the day and vote in the People's Choice Awards with a chance to win a Voter prize. Exhibition at Glen Eira Gallery Annexe **Saturday 26 November to Sunday 11 December**. Weekdays 10am to 5pm and weekends 1pm to 5pm. Details ph 9568-7190 or [gleneiraartistsociety.org](http://gleneiraartistsociety.org) Cityscape Day and Exhibition are hosted by Glen Eira Artist' Society Inc and proudly supported by Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc, Glen Eira City Council, Elsternwick Main Street committee and Bendigo Bank Community Bank (Caulfield Park Branch).



### Camberwell RC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Hawthorn Town Hall 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Black Tie Preferred Cost \$75.00 per person Closing Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October

**Online Payments, please visit:** [www.Camberwellrotary.org.au](http://www.Camberwellrotary.org.au)

John Steven, Ticket Secretary Email: [johnsteven@bigpond.com](mailto:johnsteven@bigpond.com) Mobile: 0419 556 797





## Notices and Events

### ROTARY PEONY HARVEST PICNIC

Romswood Farm [www.romswoodfarm.com.au](http://www.romswoodfarm.com.au) is situated in the Macedon Ranges and is approximately 15 minutes from Woodend. **SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER** This is a Rotary Club of Melbourne Fundraiser in support of the End Trachoma Now Project. Groups members friends children and friends are all welcome. Picnic with activities including tours and flower picking are planned. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/MUPL>  
**To read about the Trachoma Project** [click here](#).  
Enquiries to Cynthia Edgell 0407 982 292 or Bernie McIntosh [Email](#)



### Trash and Treasure Market

Its Spring and what better time to get moving and clean out those cupboards! But hold on.... don't throw your unwanted items away... why not help raise some funds for your club by taking a stall at the first ever St Kilda Tras'N'Treasure Market on the 9th October. Your trash could be someone else's treasure and the money you raise can help your club do great work in your community. Just jump on the website at [www.stkildamarket.org.au](http://www.stkildamarket.org.au) and start collecting your goodies. The market is also a terrific way for community groups you know of in your area to raise much needed funds - so feel free to share with one and all. **Sunday 13 Nov & 11 Dec - 9am - 1pm**  
Where: Car Park in Marlborough St, St Kilda East  
Bookings: [www.stkildamarket.org.au](http://www.stkildamarket.org.au)



### Rotary Foundation Centennial

Chirnside & Hobsons Bay Cluster Dinner to celebrate the Centennial: **Monday 14 November** 6.30pm for 7.00pm, at the Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville. \$45 for a two course meal. Drinks at bar prices. **RSVP Date:** 7th November 2016  
**Contact Details for more information:** PDG Murray Verso: 0417 595 217.  
Email: [verson@netspace.net.au](mailto:verson@netspace.net.au)

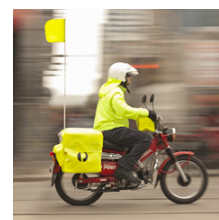
IPDG Julie Mason will facilitate a stimulating Q & A panel discussion with a distinguished group of Rotary Alumni (Peace Fellows, Global Scholars, Group Study Exchange team members & Foundation Grant recipients). They will discuss the impact Rotary has had on their lives. Your questions for the panel will be welcome.

**Panellists:** Jessica Trijsburg (Rotary Peace Fellow), Lien Trinh (Rotary Global Scholar), Del King (GSE participant) & PDG Dennis Shore (District Foundation Chair)



### The Goldfields Rush

The Rotary Club of Daylesford has developed a new, exciting fund raising idea. The "Goldfields Rush" is a fantastic way to see the forests of Central Victoria over 2 days of postie bike riding. The ride suits those with an adventurous streak, a willingness to get out of their comfort zone and a sense of humour. Based in Daylesford the Goldfields Rush is a mild on/off road tour emphasizing fun, scenery and regional produce. The first ride from **18th -20th November** 2016 is limited to 8 participants and costs \$ 950.00. We provide a fully registered Honda CT110 Postie Bike to ride for the tour, accommodation and all meals with an emphasis on our wonderful regional food, an orientation session to your bike and great riding. You will need a reasonable level of fitness, a motorcycle license, an approved full face motorcycle helmet and eyewear and appropriate rider attire. The second ride is from **18th-26th March** 2017 is limited to 20 participants and costs \$3750.  
E-mail your expression of interest to [goldfieldsrush@hotmail.com](mailto:goldfieldsrush@hotmail.com) or call 0407 197 138  
[www.goldfieldsrush.com](http://www.goldfieldsrush.com)



## Notices and Events

### Paul Harris Breakfast

Tim Cartwright – “Holding them to account”

Tim was appointed as the State’s Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor in August 2016. He will report to the Parliament annually on the progress against the Family Violence Royal Commission’s 227 recommendations, and on the implementation of the state’s Family Violence Action Plan. He has a degree in Criminal Justice from RMIT, and a Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Management from Monash University (School of Business).



**Tuesday 22nd November:** 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am at The RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street. Tickets: \$65.00 per head or \$600 for a table of ten (incl. GST) All Paul Harris Breakfast proceeds are used for Rotary Foundation programs. RSVP: 11th November. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Marjorie Gerlinger 0419 302 109 Email: [marbern@bigpond.net.au](mailto:marbern@bigpond.net.au)



### Rotary Trip to India

23 January - 10 February 2017

A Tour of India with a Rotarian as our guide. We will also be visiting Rotary Albert Park’s sanitation project.

Melbourne Mumbai Melbourne Flight plus 16 night accommodation w/breakfast. All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tour. Local English speaking guides.

\$3835 pp Twin Share \$4785 pp single

RSVP: ASAP: e: [ishwsh@gmail.com](mailto:ishwsh@gmail.com) m: 0423 663 694



### Our Contributors



*District Governor Neville John is a member of Central Melbourne Rotary Club.*



*Tony Thomas contributes regularly to “The Networker”, and he often has a story in “Rotary Down Under”.*



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



*David Rosaback AM was DG of D9800 in 1994-95. He is a Trustee of The Epworth Foundation.*



*Our Glamorous Girl Friday Clarice edits and replies to the letters we receive at “The Networker”.*



*Sandy Jeffs is an entertaining poet, educator and author. She lives with schizophrenia.*



*Philip Archer of Southbank Rotary Club is District Membership Director.*



*District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, always keeps the Networker team on their toes.*



*DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is a supporter of several projects in Cambodia.*



*Roger Thornton of Central Melbourne RC reports on the functions arranged for the Paul Harris Society.*