

# The District 9800 Foundation Giving Tree

June 2018

## Highlights

### Fellow Rotarians and Supporters of The Rotary Foundation

A number of the District Foundation Committee will be attending the Rotary Convention in Toronto, so our planned end of year bumper edition of *The Giving Tree* will not happen this Rotary year. But, do not be dismayed as there will be a big edition early in the new Rotary year to share the successes of the 2017-2018 year with supporters of The Rotary Foundation in 2018-2019 including the successful grants and projects funded and supported by Your Foundation.

On behalf of the District Committee I would like acknowledge the generous support from Clubs and individuals over the 2017-18 Rotary year in support The Foundation's mission of doing good in the world and to making a "real" difference.

Thank you

Dennis Shore—District Rotary Foundation Director 2017-2018

## Grants News

Look out for a detailed report in an upcoming edition of Networker. This will detail all Global and District Grants. It is pleasing to see the amount of effort our District 9800 clubs make to translate these grants into meaningful outcomes for the local and international Communities.

## Global Grants Scholars

Congratulations to our 2 Global Grant Scholars for 2018, selected from an impressive field of candidates



**Scott Bolton** is a secondary school teacher with a difference and will undertake his Master of Education in School leadership at Harvard University in the USA.



**Kate Brown** is a lawyer with experience in human rights and international law. Kate plans to undertake her LLM at the prestigious Duke University School of Law, Durham, USA.

## Save the Date! Events for 2019

### Enhance your 2019 Conference

Rotarians are excitedly looking forward to the Multi-District Conference to be held in 2019.

Your Foundation is pleased to announce that a **Peace Conference** will be held on **Friday 15 February 2019** immediately before the Multi-District Conference, with a significantly discounted fee for conference attendees. The proposed conference theme is **Peace through Service: the Road to Harmony**. Details will become available soon at: [www.rotaryconference.org.au](http://www.rotaryconference.org.au)



### More dates to save:

**02 November 2018:** Annual RC Central Melbourne Paul Harris Breakfast

**29 April 2019:** Grants Seminar – Metro

**06 May 2019:** Grants Seminar - Bendigo

## Polio Update

Sadly there has been something of a setback this year.

However, compared with 30 years ago when PolioPlus started, the present situation is a tribute to the great work of Rotary and its partners in fighting this insidious disease. Ten cases of polio have been reported this calendar year (eight in Afghanistan, two in Pakistan), compared with five for the same period last year. And there are rumours that cases have now been found in Venezuela. Nevertheless, the need for continuing financial support from clubs remains a priority.

**The DDF match incentive program was launched to encourage club giving for polio, with some success but less than hoped for. The situation was greatly assisted by the innovative Star Carnivale event staged by RC Albert Park. Sales of Rotary water bottles and District ties/scarfs have also assisted fund raising for polio eradication within District 9800.**

**Breaking News:** It is intended to extend the End Polio Challenge program into the next Rotary year under the same terms as this year and hopefully over 2018-2019 there will be more opportunities for Clubs / Clusters to raise additional funds to contribute towards ending Polio. **Making a Difference:** as an incentive the district match will be doubled for this year. This will result in DDF contributions up to the maximum of A\$50,000 that was set as the challenge amount. This means each dollar that was raised through a special effort will translate into \$15 to fight polio. Club giving will translate to \$7.50 for each dollar contributed.

**Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who have joined the fight so far.**

### And on the subject of polio:

congratulations to **PDG Ian Knight OAM**, who was the recipient of the prestigious PolioPlus Pioneer Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution in his year as District Governor in 1987-88, which was the start of the PolioPlus program. Ian was one of only 39 recipients of this award worldwide. In our next issue we will provide more details about this award, but more importantly, the achievements in 1987-88 towards eradicating this insidious disease.

## What can you and your club do to End Polio??

One of the many successful fund raisers held last Rotary year to raise funds and rise to the **Challenge** was a "booked out" movie night organised by the members of the e-Club at the Yarraville cinema.

**Contact our District's Polio Ambassador, Rotarian Susie Cole** from the Rotary Club of Prahran to learn more about how you can involve your club in a fund raising activity to contribute towards Ending Polio. You won't miss her in those red boots!!!

**Seeing Red in Toronto:** Many of our District attendees at the Rotary Convention in Toronto will be there in their End Polio Tees to tell the world that **Rotary District 9800 Australia** will be **Fighting Polio to the Finish.**

