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APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

DG Neville John's Message



***Rotary's Area of Focus for April:
Maternal and Child Health***



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DG Neville John and Rebecca

Maternal and Child Health

For more than 100 years, Rotarians have joined together from all continents, cultures, and industries to take action in our communities and around the world.

With a commitment to achieving lasting change, we work together to empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and most important, advance the community. While Rotarians can serve in countless ways, Rotary has focused its efforts in six areas, which reflect some of the most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. The area of focus for the month of April is Maternal and Child Health.

Globally, an estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented. Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. Rotary members teach mothers how to breast-feed, promote immunizations and regular check-ups, distribute clean birth kits and train health workers in safe delivery of babies. Rotary programs improve women's access to skilled health personnel: doctors, nurses, midwives, or community health care workers. **The Rotary Foundation** reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

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DG Neville John's Message

Maternal and Child Health - continued: -

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Mobile prenatal clinics

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

Cancer screening

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer-screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a US\$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.



Maternity packs

In 2006 Fundasaun Alola began distributing maternity packs for Dili and Baucau hospitals with the objective of supporting safe hospital birth. Alola recruited staff at the Taibessi sewing center to produce the packs. Fundasaun Alola also trained. The maternity packs help encourage the women to give birth in hospital where they and their babies have the best chance of surviving childbirth and they can receive the care and advice they need for a healthier start in life.



A young midwife we all know ;-)

Tips For Success

- Ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health training programs.
- Consult Rotarians who are trained in maternal and newborn health care such as midwives, obstetricians, and gynecologists.
- Partner with outside organizations with expertise in maternal and child health.
- Be culturally sensitive to the community's beliefs surrounding contraception. By doing so, you will foster a good working relationship and better meet the needs of the community.

What You Can Do

- Provide education about and access to contraceptives for use in maternal health projects. Meeting the unmet need for contraception alone could reduce the number of maternal deaths by nearly one third.
- Provide birthing kits to health professionals.
- Support accredited training programs for health professionals.
- Promote good nutrition, including encouraging breastfeeding for most women.
- Provide immunizations and antibiotics. Measles, malaria, pneumonia, AIDS, and diarrheal diseases are the leading causes of death in children under five.

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DG Neville John's Message

The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration – 31 May 2017



Last edition I highlighted The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration and advised that brochures and bequest forms have been emailed to all Club Presidents. If you can come along you should, because the celebration of 100 years of **'doing good in the world'** comes once in a lifetime. It is an opportunity to bring your non-Rotary friends and corporate networks, to see and hear about the work of Rotary. We will also adding a 'Donate' button to the dinner website so that those who are unable to attend, can donate. You can now also nominate your club so that you are seated together.

A bequest campaign for The Rotary Foundation has not been conducted in our district for a very long time, and as you well know, the financial support that the Foundation provides the projects that our clubs develop is well spent. The Foundation deserves consideration of our support both during our lifetime and beyond.

If you have already identified the Foundation as a beneficiary in your Will but not advised them, contact Dennis Shore and ask him for a bequest pledge form, then fill it in and send it back. Because it's already in your Will, there's nothing more to do. Otherwise, complete and return a bequest form. If you need a legal Codicil template to take to your Solicitor, Dennis can provide that as well. So, if you are thinking of attending, book now on the following website:

<http://rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au/>.



The Atlantic is a great venue for celebrating. Put on your Sunday best and join us at The Rotary Foundation Centennial Dinner.

You will also read articles in this edition related to ending trachoma, and lowering the morbidity rate at childbirth in Timor Leste. These are just two of many projects initiated by Rotarians and clubs and supported directly or indirectly by **The Rotary Foundation**. I am so proud of the work that we do in Rotary and the outcomes we achieve. You know what I'm going to write next - that every Rotary project starts with one person's idea that they leverage using Rotary's powerful network. So, what are you waiting for, there's work to be done out there as we take this years theme of **Rotary Serving Humanity** to the community.

Neville John

District Governor 2016-2017

Donations in Kind Open Day

By Bob Glindemann, RC Melbourne

When communicating just what Donations in Kind at West Footscray can provide presents such a problem – how do we address the challenge? Why not throw open the doors and invite everyone along to see. Add scones and cream, tasty Somaliland nibbles and the essential sausage sizzle and see what happens.

That's just what we did on Saturday 8th April to celebrate the shipping of the 500th Container from the store and also mark the centenary of the Rotary Foundation.

Between 10 and 3 on a windy Saturday, over 160 Rotarians and friends from some 42 different Rotary Clubs came and saw what was on offer.

The day followed a separate "by invitation" the evening before for many of the organisations who generously provide many of the goods that the store has available. They saw the variety of hospital beds, medical equipment, school desks and chairs, computers and clothing that we had collected from them and were now destined for places like Nepal, The Philippines, Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

Everyone had the chance to see the container almost ready to go to a hospital in Somaliland for Rotary Club of Footscray, one being prepared by Flemington for a girl's orphanage in Sri Lanka as a library and of course the yellow 500th Container filled with goods for schools in Timor Leste.

There is no doubt from the many questions fielded on the day there are plenty of opportunities to be developed.

Importantly the challenge to raise the freight cost for the Foundation Container 500 funded was met with some surplus to carry over to the next one. Many thanks to all the Clubs and individuals who "got on board". We will be happy to still take contributions from Clubs who have not yet contributed.

If you didn't get the chance to visit last weekend, drop in any Tuesday or Thursday or look out for the next big Open Day set for Saturday 24th next year. We are making it an annual event.

DIK Cocktail Party <https://goo.gl/photos/c43QsuP6uNMHT5j7>

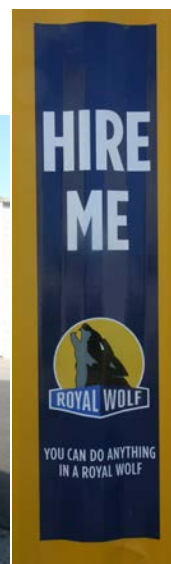
Open Day <https://goo.gl/photos/6v4t9W5BLcWb1HpL9>



DG Neville John welcoming guests, and thanking supporters and volunteers.

Below: The guests at the DIK Open Day. Helen, Laurie, Frank and Long finish loading the 500th container.

The Royal Wolf Logo on the container.



Good Reads Good Deeds Rotary Shop

By David Owen, Hawthorn Rotary

The Camberwell Rotary shop has changed its name. It is still at 654 Burke Road at the back facing the car park side. It is now the "Good Reads Good Deeds Rotary Shop".

This Boroondara multi-club enterprise was set up by DIK Inc clubs and Riverside cluster clubs. Its aim is to support the Donations in Kind store, which recycles equipment and goods and sends useful items overseas and to disadvantaged communities in Australia. It also supports Rotary Fair Trade enterprises in East Timor, Nepal and Laos, and Camcare, a not-for-profit, community based organization, which assists people from Boroondara and neighbouring areas who are facing personal hardship or difficult life circumstances.

A report by manager **Jill Forsyth** lists some highlights:

Thank you to all Cluster clubs for your support for this project, and for ongoing volunteering by your members. We would be unable to continue without this valued assistance. We are always looking for new volunteer help, especially Monday afternoons and Thursday morning working bees, and occasional weekend help, both Saturday pm and Sundays 11 am - 2 pm.

We have been trading profitably, and our priority is to donate \$1,000 to DIK every month, \$9,000 to date.

We have donated \$2,000 to Camcare who also supply us with volunteers, \$1000 to End Trachoma, 2020, and ongoing payments to fair trade enterprises in our district mainly Bright Futures in Nepal, Seven Women in Nepal, Mulberry in Laos, and Create-a-Job in Timor Leste, We also support Rhyder Cheshire, BSSG and Camcare Charity Cards, raising over \$15,000 in December for the above charities.

We are always grateful when Rotarians drop off goods to the shop. We sell anything collectible and useful, such as coloured glassware, vases, water glasses, china made in England, umbrellas, tools, current fiction, old cameras, (pre 1955), etc.

Just one or two beautiful donations from our members helps maintain the interest and quality of our shop stock.

The shop has an Easter promotion offering in particular many good books as potential purchases.



End Trachoma by 2020

Rotary Australia's Multi-District Project

Clubs around Australia support many worthwhile charities and projects. But EndTrachoma by 2020 is something particularly special for Rotary Australia.

Trachoma: Fast Facts

- Trachoma is the leading cause of infectious blindness in the world - 1.9 million are blind or severely vision impaired from trachoma, and 200 million are still at risk.
- Australia is the last developed country to still have trachoma.
- Australia's coordinated effort in treatment began in 2009, resulting in significant rate reductions from 21% to 4.6% in 2015.
- Without prevention however, trachoma will continue to persist. To stop trachoma transmission, and to stop trachoma bouncing back again, we must make sure that all children in affected communities are able to keep their faces clean, and have safe and functional washing facilities.



Why support EndTrachoma by 2020?

Here are your club's top 5 reasons:

#1 Rotary in Australia turns 100 in 2021

What a way to celebrate! Work together on a single Australia-wide project for communities aspiring for better lives.

#2 Australians working for Australians

Some of our Indigenous Australians still have health as poor as in many developing world slums. We can do something about this!

#3 2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley is calling for your support

It's barely once a decade that a Rotary International President is Australian. Ian, from RC Sandringham Victoria, wants us united on this centenary project.

Make sure your club has seen Ian's call to action at <http://tinyurl.com/z44fmb4>

#4 We coordinate with and fill gaps among every trachoma organisation in Australia

Every dollar you donate prevents unnecessary blindness by improving the hygiene and health of our least advantaged, remote Indigenous Australians.

#5 Importantly, let's rid Australia of trachoma!

How can Australia be the last developed country with trachoma? Together, we can join the World Health Organisation's global effort to eliminate trachoma by 2020.

Our Australian Centenary project needs your support on the ground to mobilise Rotarians and communicate the value of our project to clubs and communities.

We are currently recruiting District Trachoma Champions to engage club support across Australia to **EndTrachoma by 2020**. If you are interested in working with us, with Rotary International President 2017-18 Ian Riseley and Zone Director Noel Trevaskis, with Rotary clubs around Australia to Make a Difference to communities within our own country, and make history in Rotary Australia, check out our website www.endtrachoma2020.org.au, contact your District Governor, or email info@endtrachoma2020.org.au now.



Tank is gone – no ‘Furphy’

by JOHN LEWIS, Shepparton News AUGUST 11, 2016

Shepparton blacksmith John Furphy might not be so amused to know that the humble water cart he designed in the 1880s is now so valuable it has become a target for thieves.

Mr Furphy was, by all accounts, a God-fearing man of strong morals.

It was his idea to place the rhyme “Good, better, best — never let it rest — till your good is better — and your better best” on the plate at the end of the tank.

Over the years, the tanks and plates have become valuable collector’s items. A Sydney collector at a Lockington clearing sale in 2014 paid \$20000 for a commemorative Furphy water cart end.



Look on eBay and you’ll regularly find tank ends selling for up to \$4000. So it’s no real surprise to find that a Furphy water tank has been stolen from a public space — appropriately named Furphy Park.

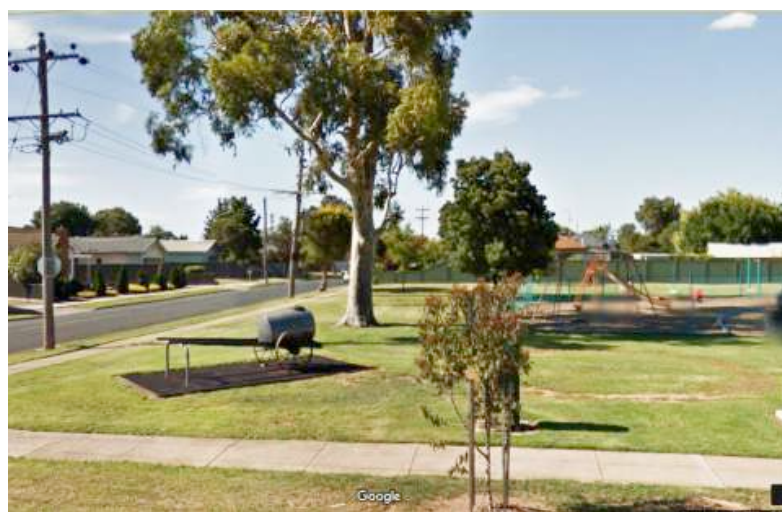
What is remarkable is the physical effort and planning that must have been employed by the thieves. Cast-iron water tanks are not easily carted off — so either lifting machinery or a lot of muscle power was involved. It seems authorities have little chance of tracking the historic item down because there is no confirmed date of the theft, no witnesses and no trail of evidence. We can only hope that divine justice would have at least delivered a strained back or two during the thieving process.

It is indeed a shame that some people have so little sense of community that they are prepared to remove a piece of public property for their own enjoyment. No doubt the stolen Furphy tank now adorns somebody’s garden or backyard, or is on its way to an auction house.

There is, however, a lesson here. We live in different times to the bygone era of trust and enjoyment for all when it comes to public monuments. It is now obviously every man for himself, and anything that is not bolted, welded or permanently locked down deserves to be stolen.

Undoubtedly all those diggers who queued behind the Furphy carts for refreshment would have raised a laugh or two about the item being a target for thieves. But they were not to know the fondness which the years would bestow upon Australia’s humble symbol of honest hard work, sacrifice and practicality.

We hope the new owners of the stolen tank appreciate these qualities, but somehow we doubt it.



Top: A Furphy water cart.

Lower: The Furphy Park before the cart was stolen.

Maternal and Child Health in Timor

By Derarca O'Mahony, President, Friends of Baguia

Leopoldina Gutterres has expressed deep concern for the health of women and babies in the more remote rural villages of the Baguia Sub-District.

Leo herself is the Principal of the Junior High School in Baguia town, as well as the Director of 9 Primary schools most of which are located high up in the remote mountain villages on Mt Matebian. Leo says that often these village women – who generally give birth at home – do not want to walk up to 3 or 4 hours to a health clinic with a new born baby. This is especially so in the wet season, which in Baguia can last for more than half the year. So they stay at home with their baby. These village women are often living in extremely basic huts and may not even have a bowl in which to wash their baby and cannot afford basic things like baby soap. They may have washing detergent powder and will use this to wash themselves, but the baby will not be washed. This lack of hygiene is a significant factor in illness and potentially death in young babies.



A feast in Baguia.

Leo was asked what would be needed to look after the baby and her initial suggestions were for the following items to be given to new mothers:

- Baby soap, and normal soap for the mother to wash (but it may be better to just give a bigger supply of baby soap and mum can use too)
- A wrap and clothes for newborn (the nights are very cold in the mountain villages)
- Small plastic bowl to wash the baby
- Small plastic bucket and dipper to allow the water to be gently showered over the baby.

Leo's idea is that the distribution of these packs could be done through two ways. Firstly, the health clinic located in Baguia could distribute these to new mothers. However, Leo feels that while this is a good idea to work WITH the local Health system, she thinks it may miss the women who are **"most in need of this support"**. She has proposed that Baguia establishes a system with the Principals of the remote rural village schools to inform her of new mothers and then packs can be carried back to the villages by teachers when attending teacher meetings or students can be asked to act as "porters" to deliver packs to the villages.

The items suggested for the pack can all be obtained in the Baguia market which is held twice a week. Some goods are brought by traders from the large town of Baucau, so there is always the opportunity to put in an order for specific items that are required in greater quantities. The advantages of purchasing items in Baguia, is that the money directly stimulates the local economy and items are significantly cheaper to purchase in Timor-Leste than in Australia. If an item needs to be made (such as disposable nappies or baby wraps) then we could provide the materials (maybe from a Rotary Container to Timor) and pay them a small fee to make the item.

Rotary should be aware that families in rural areas like Baguia normally comprise of a minimum of 6 children and can often be up to 9 children – so there is no lack of new mothers, only a lack of resources to adequately allow them to care for their newborn infants.

The **Friends of Baguia** is an Australian volunteer community group formed in 2004 to foster friendship, support and cross-cultural exchange at a grassroots level with the people of Baguia. It assists with the transfer of knowledge, skills and resources. **Friends of Baguia Website** <http://baguia.org.au>

How to spend less time managing club data

By Chelsea Mertz, Rotary Service Connections

Does your club manage members and officer updates online? Did your district buy a club management system for the clubs in your district, such as DACdb, but your club uses a different vendor, like ClubRunner?

At Rotary International, we now provide clubs with the ability to use multiple vendors. What this means is that if your club is using a different system from your district leadership, you can select the district's vendor as a secondary vendor. Your vendor would remain the preferred, primary vendor which would be able to view and update club data. The secondary and any additional vendors would have view-only access to club data.



As a club, you are the owner of your club membership data. But with the multi-vendor abilities you can determine who handles your data. Your district will still be able to “view” your club’s membership, but they will not be able to update your information.

So how do you get started? Choose a licensed vendor and establish an account through the vendor’s website. (Your club will be subject to the vendor’s terms and policies.) Once you have an account, you can have a club officer integrate it with Rotary’s database.



Over 14,000 clubs are already integrated directly with RI’s membership database using tools provided by our licensed vendors. These tools help you keep your membership and club officer information up to date, connecting it to RI in real time. To find out more, visit our [Community Marketplace](#). You will find tools to help you manage your club so you can spend less time on administrative tasks, and more time developing and taking part in service projects.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



The nonprofit Midwives for Haiti’s new off-road vehicle makes its way through the countryside for its first mobile prenatal clinic, which will reach expectant mothers in remote areas. Customizing and delivering the vehicle cost more than \$70,000. The project 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.

Photo: Alyce Henson© Rotary International



Collaboration in Maternal and Newborn Health

Every day about 800 women worldwide die from complications related to pregnancy and child birth. This equals 1.5 times the number of passengers fitting into an Airbus A380 or 2.5 times the number of passengers in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. 99 percent of these maternal deaths occur in developing countries and most of them are preventable.

With the worldwide start of its Future Vision Programme on 1st July 2013, Rotary International took up the challenge of accelerating progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 5, with the area of focus 'Maternal and Child Health'. The Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development (RFPD) - one of Rotary's official resources for this area of focus - joined forces with the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) to combine two important factors in improving maternal and child health: FIGO's medical expertise, Rotary's network and RFPD's experience in implementing successful maternal and newborn health projects.



Photo Distribution of Contraceptives during Community Dialogue

The collaboration between FIGO and RFPD was sealed with a Memorandum of Understanding at the end of 2012 with the aim of promoting and supporting best practices that sustainably reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity.

Monsignore Prof Obiora Ike from Nigeria, CEO of Globethics.net Foundation, said in 2016:

"...what we teach others, that is what matters. It is not what we have but what we give to others that matters. It is much more about sharing with others that matters.

"I have found out that we cannot in our world tolerate a system where irresponsible reproduction of human beings continues to be a way of life. The Catholic Church preaches and teaches responsible parenthood.

"It is in the books, it is in the Vatican Council: Parents should only bring into this world as many children as they can responsibly take care of. To bring many children and tell the world you take care of them, is not only irresponsible, it is even a sin. Many people do not even know.

"You have to teach them that sexual activity can lead to a child, therefore you must take care. You must teach them natural family planning, you must teach them other family planning methods that exist so that they are in a position to make a choice.

"To be able to make a choice, that is the value of freedom."

Doctor showed 'breathtaking arrogance

By Joanna Menagh, ABC News

A Perth doctor has been found to have acted "reprehensibly" and "engaged in professional misconduct" in his treatment of a young cancer sufferer who died after her parents took her overseas for natural therapies.

Alastair Nuttall had a 45-minute consultation with 10-year-old Tamar Stitt in September 2009 during which he told her parents a malignant tumour on her liver, which had been diagnosed the month before, had shrunk.

He also provided a fitness to fly certificate.

Later that night, Tamar and her mother flew to El Salvador where she was treated with red clay and diet of fruit and vegetables, but died two months later.

Dr Nuttall's consultation with the Stitts came on the eve of court action by Princess Margaret Hospital doctors who wanted to force Tamar's parents to allow their daughter to undergo chemotherapy.

Medical staff had determined chemotherapy would give Tamar a 30 to 50 per cent chance of survival.

A 2014 inquest into Tamar's death [found her death may have been prevented](#) if she had undergone chemotherapy. It also found her parents did what they thought was best for her at all times, but were misguided.

The inquest led to the Medical Board of Australia taking action against Dr Nuttall in the State Administrative Tribunal.

The Tribunal has now published its judgement, which labels Dr Nuttall's conduct as "reprehensible" and finds he behaved in a way that constituted professional misconduct.

"Doctor Nuttall lacked the necessary expertise and experience to treat the patient or to express an opinion on the patient's cancer," the judgement said.

"The fact that he proceeded to do so in the circumstances, let alone without consulting PMH, demonstrated breathtaking arrogance and a complete disregard for the standard of medical practitioners and for the patient."

The Tribunal also found Dr Nuttall "endorsed" the continuation of the natural therapies when he should have said there was "no scientific basis for such alternative treatment".

"Timely advice from Doctor Nuttall may not have changed the outcome. However ... Doctor Nuttall had probably the last chance to save the patient's life. He conspicuously failed to do so."

Dr Nuttall is a general practitioner who has conceded he had at no stage prior to the consultation with Tamar treated any patient for the same condition.

Dr Nuttall's penalty is yet to be determined.



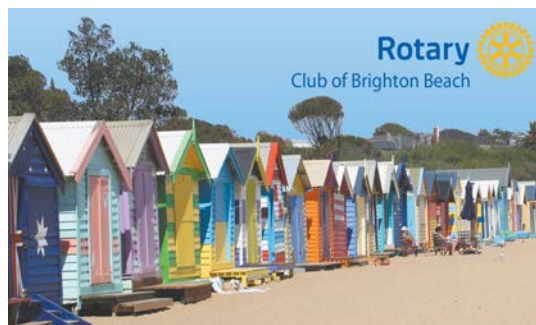
Tamar Stitt died after her parents rejected conventional cancer treatment.

This article is included in this issue of "The Networker", (which focuses on Maternal and Child Health), to point out that even in advanced western societies, children's rights to appropriate medical care can be violated. -- Editor.

Clarice's Comments

Lots of lovely events advertised in this "Networker"; big birthday parties for Flemington and Kew Rotary Clubs, Fundraisers, Art Shows and a Rotaract Trivia Night. How I wish I had more time to attend them all!

But one notice saddens me: the Farewell Dinner for Brighton Beach Rotary Club. It has been a great little club for many years, doing great work: especially their clean water programmes in the Philippines. And who could forget their numerous Group Study send-off and welcome functions? While I'm sure many members will continue as active Rotarians, we will miss Brighton Beach RC at Milano's. I'll see you at the wake, I hope.



What a great effort by Wyndham Rotary Club, who recorded their highest fundraising effort so far. Their 10th annual fun run enabled the club to donate \$28,000 for equipment in the new Critical Care Unit at Werribee Mercy Hospital. They sent me this lovely photo, so real I could almost smell the liniment. Well done, everyone at Wyndham!

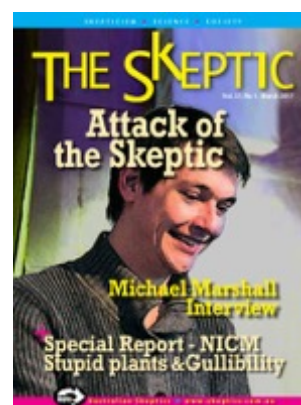
Barry Minster (Rotary Kew, right) was spotted recently at Government House with his wife Judith. Apparently he was there to receive an OAM for service to the community, particularly through support for charitable organisations. We add our congratulations, Barry.



The April "Networker" focuses on Maternal and Child Health. We don't normally get "political", but I do get hot under the collar when I hear about "alternative" medicine, and especially when I hear of children who suffer as a result. Hence the article in this issue, as we rarely discuss the rights of children to have appropriate health care.

On a similar topic, the March 2017 issue of "The Skeptic" is out. It features a major interview with arch skeptical activist Michael Marshall, a report on the National Institute of Complementary Medicine resorting to 'alternative facts' and its apparent contradictions in policy.

You can read about "The Skeptic" magazine here:
<http://www.skeptics.com.au/the-magazine/>



That's all for now.
Clarice.

Notices

A NEW ROUND OF MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

Earn a \$1,000 grant for your new members to invest in a new Community Project for your Club: Simply induct four members between 1 January and 31 March 2017 and the \$1,000 grant will be presented to your New Members to use as seed funding on a project of their choice!!! A maximum of 10 grants are available.

All clubs in our District are eligible to receive this grant including those clubs that qualified for the previous \$1,000 grants in 2016-17. Full details are contained in the attached flyer. [Download Membership Grant Guidelines](#)



CELEBRATE WITH US IN ATLANTA

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MARKS 100 YEARS OF DOING GOOD. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee, I'd like to personally invite you to the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, where we'll commemorate 100 years of Doing Good in the World.

When you register, purchase a ticket for The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party on **14 June** in the House of Friendship. Thousands of us will come together with President John F. Germ to celebrate our accomplishments and mark this important milestone in the city where it all began.

You've been to the Rotary Convention, but you won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

Make it even more special by bringing a friend! Register by 31 March to take advantage of the preregistration discount.

- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



Western Emergency Relief Network

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. Furniture: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's. White Goods: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Fans & Heaters.

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



The Rotary Fair Trade Store

in Camberwell Junction is a combined project of Boroondara Rotary clubs, raising funds for DIK, the D9800 Donations in Kind Store, and local humanitarian charities such as Camcare.

It is located at the **rear** of 654 Burke Rd, Camberwell, (enter from the car park). Open from 10 - 4.30, 7 days a week. Specializing in good quality collectibles and books, the store welcomes useful donations from Rotary members and families who may be downsizing, or spring cleaning.

Volunteers are always needed in customer service, any day. It also runs sorting days on Thursday mornings and Monday afternoons for corporate or club involvement.

To get involved, please call Carl on 0418 328 499 or Jill on 9882 7724



Events

The Rotary Club of Flemington's 30th Birthday.

The Rotary Club of Flemington welcomes Rotarians and friends to come and celebrate the Club's 30th Birthday.

The Boathouse, 7 the Boulevard, Moonee Ponds

Wednesday 19th April 6.30pm for a 7pm dinner

\$50 per person for a 2 course meal, drinks at bar prices

RSVP by 10th April superrelish@gmail.com



Wedding Expo 2017 at Encore

Sunday 30 April - 10am – 4pm Gold coin donation

Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing.

An Expo for those planning a wedding in Melbourne's West is being held on 30 April. All proceeds raised are going towards the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing for use on their community and international projects.

We look forward to assisting you on the day with your wedding requirements and thank you for your support.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rotaryclubhopperscrossing

Visit our website at www.hopperscrossingrotary.org.au.



Time To Draw the Line

Great news! Friends of Baguia (supported by Hawthorn Rotary) is hosting a special one-time screening of the film **Time To Draw the Line**, **Tuesday May 2nd**, 7pm at Palace Cinemas Como.

This film is about the campaign for a fair go for East Timor and that nation's desire to settle its long running boundary dispute with Australia.

Friends of Baguia president Derarca O'Mahony will be introducing the film, which includes footage of our projects. It is a great film to update yourself on this issue.

To reserve your tickets, please visit the Demand Film Event Page

<https://tickets.demand.film/event/1539>



Sumba Eyes in Your Hands

Dinner Dance is supporting the Sumba Eye Program with entertainment by the Backbeat Prophets Blues Band

Friday 5 May at 7:00pm Cost: \$70.00 (Drinks at Bar Prices)

MCG Kew, 397 Barkers Road, Kew (Melways Ref: 71 A9)

Enquiries: Trevor Mackey 0408 285 382 or tm.bm@bigpond.com

RSVP: 01 May 2017 Please advise dietary requirements Full booking

arrangements on TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/263117>

All proceeds of the Dinner and Auction event will be used to further the amazing work being conducted by dedicated teams of surgeons, optometrists and nurses



Rochester RC PIE AND PORT NIGHT

Saturday 6th May 6:30pm for 7:00pm at the Old Court House Moore Street,

Rochester \$30 per person

RSVP Monday 24th April

Please enclose payment with your snail mail reply to Secretary Heather Watson (Pie & Port), 80 Pascoe Street, Rochester, 3561

ph: 0439 842 177 email: ghwatson1@bigpond.com

or use electronic banking 633 108 ac 1321 85521 and please label Pie & Port



Events

Disaster Aid Conference 2017

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills – at the Dandenong Club, Corner Stud and Heatherton Roads, Dandenong **Fri 5 – Sun 7 May**

It is a great opportunity to:

- meet the directors, staff, volunteers (including our Disaster Aid Response Team members – DARTs – who will give some “in field” reports) and fellow Rotarians;
- be updated on our activities and our plans, including more international partnerships with Rotary clubs and others around the world;
- see demonstrations of our aid items, the SkyHydrant™, Sawyer filters, and FlatPak tanks;
- become a DAA representative in your Rotary District.

\$100 registration charge includes two nights’ accommodation, meals and refreshments from Saturday through to a light lunch on Sunday.

Registration on Disaster Aid Australia website. <http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au>



MS Global Dinner "Kiss Goodbye to MS"

Wednesday May 10. 7.00 pm for 7.30pm start

Fredricks, 980 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon

\$50pp Includes 2 course Dinner Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival

Drinks at Bar Prices "Wear something red"

Guest speakers: Dr Laura Dumas, Jacob Taurins & Virginia Billson: "Living with MS"

Entertainment: "Amy, Daisy, Maddie and Dancers" RSVP by May 6, 2017 to:

Barry Coleman 0427852062 or barry@barrycoleman.com.au

Martin Taurins 0407564389 or taurins3@vegas.com.au



Gateway Rotaract - Trivia 2017

Please join us for a night of fun, laughs, and trivia: **Saturday 13th May** at 6:30pm for a start of 7:00pm at the Pascoe Vale RSL. 40 Cumberland Rd, Pascoe Vale.

TICKETS ARE: \$15 each, \$60 table of 5, \$100 table of 10

Dinner bookings must be made with the bistro (if looking to have dinner).

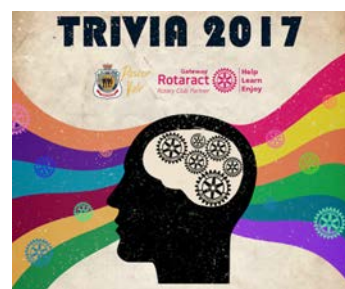
Snack foods can be brought in on the night but is limited to baked goods/lollies/chips. If you want the night to be hassle free and support charity why not pre-purchase some table snacks at \$20 for 5 people

The proceeds of the evening will be going towards Third Hand India, a humanitarian aid service working on combating hunger, homelessness and poverty in India. Our theme for the evening will be Bollywood, so dress in your brightest colours. Best dressed prize up for grabs!

Email: gateway@rotaract9800.org.au or call president Michael on 0404 637 078

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rotaract.gateway

Third Hand India: www.facebook.com/Third-hand-1355028954523592/



Rotary Club of Brighton Beach Farewell Dinner and 22ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

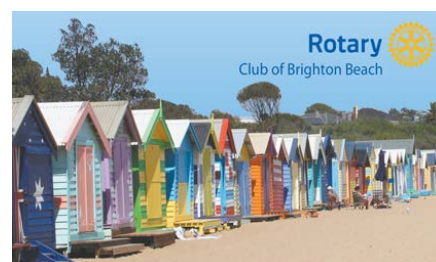
Tuesday 23 May at Milanos Hotel Brighton Beach

6.00pm for 6.30pm Cost: \$30 per head

RSVP: 14 May 2017 Contact: Keiran Cromie 0419 252 814

keiran@brightontravel.com.au

Book at www.trybooking.com/PQZL



Events

Rotary Club of Footscray Dinner/Art Auction

Saturday May 27th 5.30-6.30pm Pre-dinner drinks and viewing of Footscray Art Prize exhibition Footscray Community Art Centre 45 Moreland St, Footscray
7.00 pm Anniversary Dinner and Art Auction: Croatian House 72 Whitehall St, Footscray

Croatian House is a short walk from the Footscray Community Art Centre. A shuttle bus service will be available from 5-7pm between venues. Cost: \$75 Book online by 15th May: footscrayrotary80.eventbrite.com.au



Comedy for a Cause

The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park have teamed up with Comedy for a Cause to bring you a fabulous night of fun and friendship!

Saturday 27th May, 8.00pm, at Melbourne Bowling Club, 138, Union St, Windsor.

Money raised will help us to continue to make a difference through our passion projects, RYLA sponsorships, birthing kits and much more! It would be great to share the evening with at least 10 people from your club. This is an incredibly accessible event at only \$35 a ticket!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.comedyforacause.net/rcmp



Rotary Club of Kew 50 Year Celebration

President Bob Slater and the Board of the Rotary Club of Kew request the pleasure of your company at a lunch to celebrate **the 50th anniversary of the Charter of the Club** to be held at the Kew Golf Club 120 Belford Rd Kew East on **Friday 16 June** 2017 at 12.30 for lunch at 1.00

Cost \$30 per person includes 2 courses and some beverages

Your reply to Murray Chessell, at mchessell@bigpond.com, 224

Clarendon St East Melbourne 3002 or 0400 005 190, by 22 May would be appreciated.



HOSTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH INC

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL
630PM FOR 7PM START

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK CONTACT

TONY PLANT
0408 590 589
anthony.plant@bigpond.com
RSVP BEFORE 7TH APRIL

KANGAROO FLAT SPORTS CLUB
1c Station St
Kangaroo Flat

Event Speakers:

Peter Symons - Author of
Brain Fuel Depletion: Making Sense of Anxiety & Depression

Allyson Fonseca - Chief of Staff,
WIN News Bendigo

Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc invites you to Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on 27th April for an informative and entertaining evening supporting Lifeline Central Victoria & Mallee.

\$45 includes delicious two course meal with tea & coffee.



Comedy for a Cause

Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:
Rotary Club of Melbourne Park

8pm - Saturday May 27
Melbourne Bowling Club
138 Union St, Cnr Bowling Green St, Windsor
Tickets \$35 at comedyforacause.net/RCMP
18+ Only

Notices and Events

ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL DINNER



In 1917 Arch Klumph, president of Rotary international, proposed an endowment fund dedicated to "doing good in the world". The first donation of \$26.50 was made to the seed of the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to this vision and the extraordinary generosity of Rotary members worldwide, this fund has become one of the world's leading humanitarian foundations, spending more than US\$3 billion on Programs and Projects to improve the lives of millions of people worldwide.

With 100 years of service changing lives and improving communities, it's time to celebrate! We're bringing members of the community together with Rotarians from right across Australia for a Gala Fundraising Dinner in Melbourne, the home of Australia's first Rotary club.



The Rotary Club of Southbank is proud to host this Centennial Foundation Dinner and auction. Our corporate sponsors and the Australian Rotary Districts have set the challenge of raising

AU\$1,000,000 in contributions and bequests which will help set up the foundation for an even more exciting 100 years and beyond.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT

Share ideas, join leaders and take action to create lasting change

Wednesday 31st May

\$165 per person or \$1650 per table of 10

The Atlantic, Central Pier

161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

BOOK NOW at <http://rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au>



Our Contributors



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



Tony Thomas frequently contributes to "The Networker", and blogs at quadrant.org.au (usually outrageously)



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



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



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



Mike McFarlane is the President of the Australian Section, International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.



Lesley McCarthy is responsible for Flemington RC's excellent programme.



Kerry Kornhauser of Albert Park Rotary believes in "Women in Rotary" and that "Rotary is not just for blokes"



DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is just back from Cambodia where she does heaps.



Malcolm Baird of Brighton North is available for Club Presentations on Child Slavery.