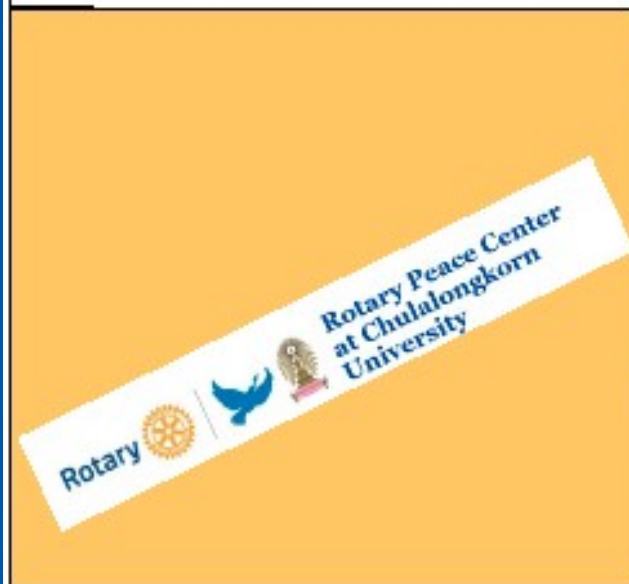


The **Networker**

*A publication for Rotarians
and all community minded
people.*



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Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Rotary International District 9800 Incorporated to be held at Donations In Kind, Shed 39, 401 Somerville Road, West Footscray on Thursday 8 November 2018 at 7:00pm.

The ordinary business of the AGM is –

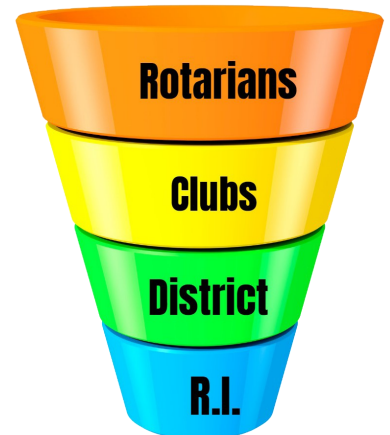
- (i) To receive a report on the activities of the District during the previous year and any other relevant matters;
- (ii) To confirm the appointment of the Office-bearers and the ordinary Directors of the Board;
- (iii) To receive the Financial reports of the District for the preceding year and to present that report to the meeting for adoption;
- (iv) To receive the District Auditor's report on the financial affairs of the District for the preceding year and to present that report to the meeting for adoption.
- (v) To appoint Baumgartners as the Auditor for 2018-2019.

Jane Pennington
District Secretary

District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

Mark and I are getting a little sad that we have only 17 more official visits to attend. Invariably I am asked by a hospitable Rotarian during these meetings what it is like to visit so many and do we tire of them. It causes a fascinating reflection of the journey and particularly focusing on the first slide of my presentation....that inverted pyramid.

Our unique service organization has this strength of each “team” as Bronwen Scarffe described Daleysford as being...not of a closed “club”and the strength of its autonomy. Exploring what it “means to be a Rotarian” at the top of the inverted pyramid of Rotary is breath taking for me in each visit.



Themes that members spontaneously leap to their feet and want to say such as community, making a difference, helping others, getting stuff done, lifelong friends, helping people I will never meet, being around good people, creating peace, having the opportunity to stand up and speak in front of others...and I wish I could record, bottle and encapsulate with everyone the essence of what Rotarians are sharing during these heartfelt moments.

Imagine with me...community members sharing our reflections all the while volunteering during our projects and joining with us in a simple meal, drink or snack and all ages of community together. Wouldn't they be compelled and inspired to want to learn more about this global movement of which we are so proud to be members of....Rotary International? For more about this approach to meeting styles that has Rotary International President Barry Rassin excited visit Rotary Days <https://my.rotary.org/en/why-and-how-host-rotary-day>

Another different interesting opportunity is the Victoria wide multi district conference. We will have our own Sunday morning District 9800 time within it, and also Saturday with all of Victoria and also co-sharing the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment Centre with Interact, Earlyact, a 18-30 year old youth forum and 3 bays of the exhibition space for “what Rotary does” project sharing in massive 3 bays of the exhibition halls of Jeff's Sheds! Registrations are very reasonable are only \$175 for early birds. For all information [click here](#)

Registrations before 31st October go in the draw for registration, accommodation and dinner to be covered for 2 people up to the value of \$1500. <http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/>. Thank you Yvonne Flynn, Peter Shepherd, Michael Lapina, Rebecca Heitbaum and Ian Hovey from our District for being an integral part of planning both the District 9800 conference and the wider celebration, and of course Mark Stephens who as Multi District Conference Chair is co-ordinating the whole amazing journey. Let's prepare to share with each other, Victoria wide Rotary and the public of Melbourne.

Rotary for me allows a person to take an idea to help another person, a community or the whole world... and for like minded people to join them to make it happen.

Bronwyn

District 9800 Peace Fellowships Program

District 9800 has continued the unbroken success of nominating candidates for **Rotary Peace Fellowships**. For 2019, Catherine Harris has been accepted for the Masters Degree Program at Duke University in North Carolina and Martin Allison for the Certificate Studies Program at Chulalongkorn, Thailand. Anggia Anggraini was selected as an alternate for Chulalongkorn if someone doesn't accept.

Congratulations must go to Bob Fels and Rob Helme from the Rotary Club of Melbourne who facilitate and mentor the candidates in their application process.

I am thrilled to be offered a **Rotary Peace Fellowship** to study a **Masters of International Policy Development** at Duke University in North Carolina in the USA. After applying last year and narrowly missing out, I will now commence the program in August 2019. These studies will assist my further development in the field of international humanitarian logistics, which has kept me busy over the past 12 months.



I've been working for the **International Federation of the Red Cross** in the Pacific Islands, which has included deployments to Tonga after Tropical Cyclone Gita in February this year and on-going support to Vanuatu Red Cross as they respond to assist people from the island of Ambae who have been forced to permanently evacuate their homes due to an erupting volcano.

While these disaster operations have kept me busy, I've also been running humanitarian logistics training in Tuvalu and the Cook Islands contributing to logistics preparedness for future disasters.

I'm looking forward to joining the **Rotary Peace Fellowship** program in 2019 which will allow me to further develop my skills to work in increasingly diverse and difficult disaster, crisis and conflict settings in the future.

Catherine Harris had an early introduction to Rotary through **RYLA** {Rotary Youth Leadership Award} via the Rotary Club of Brighton. Her tertiary education was obtained from the University of Melbourne where she completed a four year Bachelor degree in Public Policy and Management as well as a Diploma of Creative Arts.

She was a volunteer in Tonga as a Communications and Training Officer in 2008 but her professional life has mostly been associated with the **International Federation of the Red Cross**, firstly as a volunteer in 2009 as a State Planning Officer helping to manage disasters, including the Victorian bushfires at Wye River and the Hazelwood mine fire. She also participated in **Cyclone Yasi** relief work in 2011.



She went on to work with Red Cross as an International Volunteer partner in 2013, recruiting and training volunteers for long term international development assignments across health, logistics, disaster management and community development in programs run in Vanuatu and the Philippines.

In 2015 she became the **International Logistics Officer** for **Australian Red Cross** contributions to International disasters, firstly based in Melbourne and then expanding her role to include logistics management of 13 Red Cross Societies across the Pacific Island region from 2016, with her base being Fiji. This role also included co-ordination with the World Food Program in the region.

Marty Allison joined Victoria Police Force at a young age and has worked in the Crime Squads, the western and north western suburbs of Melbourne and assignment to Western Australia Police Service to investigate the death of a career criminal with links to the criminal underworld.

Marty's current role is in Wyndham as he attempts to change the narrative in Wyndham about crime and youth from new and emerging communities, while trying create employment opportunities from people from those new and emerging communities.

Engagement with new and emerging communities shifted Marty's thinking as he realised that he was able to positively influence the causes of conflict (crime in this instance) and help build more sustainable and resilient communities.

The summer of 2018 was a resilience test for the Wyndham community. African Australian youths in Wyndham reached national notoriety with media comments attributed to the Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs which were viewed as divisive by African Australian community leaders and most of the broader community. The national media spotlight focussed on African Australian youths for the whole summer and the impact on the community is still felt today.

It was this experience that inspired Marty to successfully apply for 2019 Peace Fellowship, Rotary Peace Center program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Marty is excited to learn from others in the program and draw upon their experiences to learn new negotiation skills; learn about different cultures; enhance his leadership skills; and unravel conflict, whether at the local level or international level.

Marty is very excited about being involved in the Peace Fellowship program and grateful for the support provided by Rotary District 9800 during the application process, in particular Professor Robert Helme.

Marty is married with three adult children. In his spare time Marty leads an elite Australian football program as head coach for 18 year old young men that compete in a national competition.



Rotary partnership with MBBI enhances peace building efforts



Rotary and **Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI)** have entered into a service partnership to help enhance our club and district peace building efforts.

Rotary has worked with MBBI – an impact organization founded on the principle of people-centered peacebuilding – since 2013 to advance our common goals for peace. This new partnership will enable Rotary members to train with MBBI to sharpen their mediation, dialogue and other conflict transformation skills.

Mediators Beyond Borders International's mission is to build local skills for peace and promote mediation worldwide. Recognizing that the only lasting peace is the one built by those involved, MBBI can help clubs and districts advance their peace and conflict prevention/resolution objectives by delivering services and enhancing skills for community assessments, trauma-informed peacebuilding, post-conflict reconciliation and recovery, cross-sector and network collaboration, project design, implementation, evaluation and peacebuilding leadership that prioritizes the elevation of women and youth as leaders.

MBBI and Rotary members can work together to save lives today and one day, eradicate violent conflict around the world. This partnership connects Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary alumni with resources to take action, locally and globally. Rotary members play a key role in building connected communities. Connected communities are safer communities, and safer communities are more prosperous communities.

MBBI equips clubs and districts with skills they can use to prevent and transform violent conflicts by:

- **Training** Rotarians and Rotaractors to be Peace Conversation Facilitators
- **Engaging** Rotary alumni as project leaders and liaisons
- **Assisting** with community assessments for peace and conflict prevention/ resolution projects, a required component of some Rotary global grants
- **Linking** the family of Rotary to peacebuilding networks and resources around the world

[Read the partnership factsheet](#) for more information on how clubs and districts can build peace in partnership with MBBI. [Connect](#) with MBBI to support a safer, connected, and prosperous world one community at a time.

IMPACT

Together, MBBI and the family of Rotary combine resources to save lives today, and, one day, eradicate violent conflict around the world.

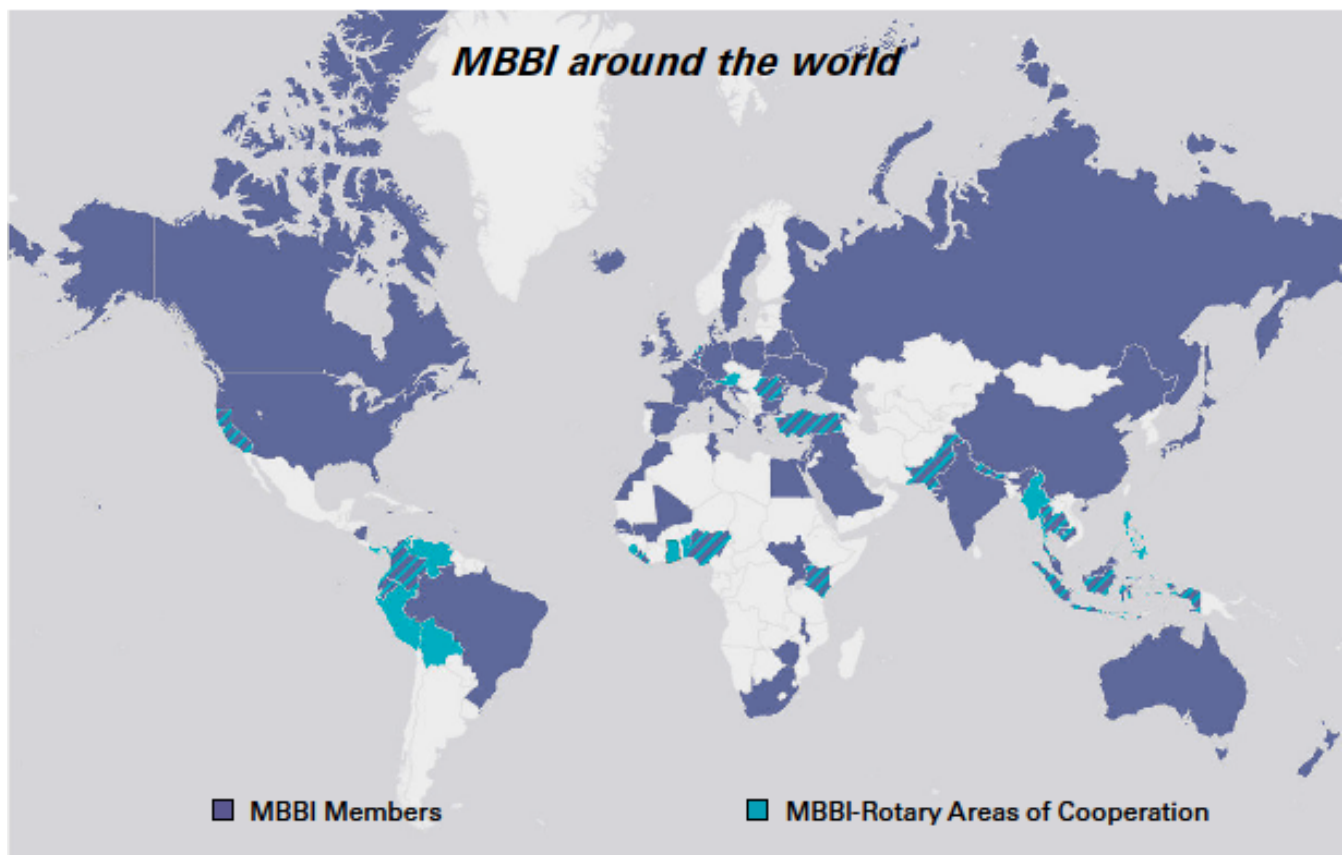
INSPIRATION

The family of Rotary plays a key role in building **connected** communities.

Connected communities are **safer** communities.

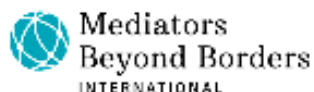
Safer communities are **prosperous** communities.

Connect with MBBI to support a **connected, safer, and more prosperous** world — one community at a time.



Connect with your community and those around the world

www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org



Mediators Beyond Borders International and Rotary International are service partners in peacebuilding and mediation. MBBI is a registered charity and is independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

Women in Rotary - International Women's Day Breakfast - 7th March

Planning for next year's **Rotary International Women's Day Breakfast** is well underway and as part of the planning, the organising committee is seeking support from Clubs and Rotarians to publicise the event.

It is important to showcase this Rotary event which attracts a diverse audience (800-1200 attendees) and recognise our sponsors for their generous support.

PUBLICITY BOARDS

We are looking for volunteers who can facilitate access to sites/homes on main roads where real estate Publicity Boards can be erected during February 2019. Please help us and support this Rotary event by asking family, friends and neighbours if they would be willing to 'host' a Publicity Board.

To nominate a Publicity Board location, please contact Judy Newgreen for more details - judy.newgreen@gmail.com

VCE STUDENT PARTICIPATION

With a commitment to investing in the next generation's understanding of the value of celebrating difference, each year we allocate 100 student tickets, and they are snapped up fast!

If your Club would like to support the attendance of a few VCE students to attend our Rotary showcase event - **International Women's Day Breakfast** on Thursday 7 March 2019, tickets can now be purchased at the special student price of \$50.

For more details and a letter of invitation, please contact Dorothy Gilmour - gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com

Michelle Crawford
Rotary Central Melbourne
michelle.crawford@concernaustralia.org.au

Women *in* Rotary 

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (“IFFR”)

Melbourne Fly-In Visit



Flying Rotarians from all around Australian and New Zealand enjoyed a fun packed visit last weekend to our beautiful City of Melbourne enjoying fabulous weather whilst doing lots of touristy “things” culminating with a dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Kew.

Attending the dinner was our own District G governor Bronwyn Stephens and the World IFFR President Phil Pacey, the Australian IFFR President Andrew Mladen, together with President Mark Bourke and Past Australian IFFR President Mike McFarlane also from Kew Rotary.

The always entertaining speaker was Retired Squadron Leader Lloyd Knight who happens to be a member of both the Rotary Club of Kew and IFFR; he spoke about his years in the RAAF flying fixed wing and helicopter in Korea and Vietnam plus his flying exploits for Esso and CASA as an Examiner of Airman.



Sharing great food prepared by Kew RSL in its new facility an evening of good fun, lots of fellowship and a hint of frivolity was enjoyed by the 60 guests attending.

For more information on Rotary Fellowship including IFFR please contact Mike McFarlane.
On oasisoz@bigpond.net.au

A Sea of Orange at the Melbourne Marathon

Sue Murphy, a dear friend of the late Del King had an idea. As District Governor Bronwyn Stephens says, *“Rotary for me allows a person to take an idea to help another person, a community or the whole world... and for like minded people to join them to make it happen.”*

Well, we did. A large group of Rotarians, Del’s family and friends decided that we would use the Melbourne Marathon as a springboard to fundraise for **Rotary Bone Marrow Donor Institute House** through the **Fight Cancer Foundation**.

Wearing orange singlets emblazoned with the Rotary Club of Flemington name, the Rotary logo and **#Team Del**, they ran, jogged, walked and persevered through the varying distances around Melbourne on Sunday. Of course there was a lot of chat, laughter and some huffing and puffing but the friendship and camaraderie was out in full force. Top effort from Peta Wykes **42k**, Brett Sidebottom **21k**, and Charlie Wykes, David Cann, AJ McConville, Sean McConville, and Jodi Seiveright in the 10k.

Around \$2000 has been raised on the Fight Cancer Foundation site with more through individual competitors and thanks to the efforts of Del’s parents, Pat and Peter King. It’s not too late to contribute!

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/fightcancer/teamdel>



Pictured below: Pat & Peter King;

AJ & Sean McConville:

Kate & Bronwyn Stephens



Police and Rotary nexus gets results

VicPol Senior Sergeant Sarah Carmichael, a mother of three, was concerned that parents were hazy about child safety laws in cars. She also noticed many badly-fitted child restraints. How could parents be better educated? she wondered. Sarah found the answer through the Victoria Police/Rotary Leaders Mentoring Program (LMP), which is now into its 12th successful year.

With her mentor Marjorie Gerlinger (a District 9800 stalwart), they started a local community engagement program in Greater Dandenong incorporating the community, local groups, council and professionals. The program included free restraint checking sessions and replacement of any damaged restraints. It wasn't just seat fitting, Marjorie says. Parents also learnt that small children may need booster seats after age 7 its height and length, not age that matters.

The 11th LMP Graduation Breakfast was held at RACV on September 25 by the founders Rotary Central Melbourne. There were fifteen mentor and mentee pairs in attendance, as well as members of Victoria Police Command, led by Deputy Commissioner Wendy Steendam. Cross-district Rotary members came as well.



President Neville with Sarah Carmichael and Connie Overton,



Deputy Commissioner Wendy Steendam with Therese Robinson and DGN Phillip Archer

While other Victoria Police leadership programs have come and gone with changes in Commissioners and Governments, the Rotary initiated program is the longest running VicPol leadership program. Starting in District 9800, it has spread to four other Rotary districts 9780, 9790, 9810, and 9820.

Other LMP projects include mental health first-aid for youth; building resilience among Korean youth; Karate lessons for disabled students; GPS trackers for cars at risk of targeted theft, and police re-engaging with students at risk of leaving school early.

Rotary is responsible for mentoring Senior Sergeants, and business leaders mentor Superintendents and above. All three Deputy Commissioners and most Assistant Commissioners have been mentored.

The LMP Steering Committee is chaired by Assistant Commissioner Kevin Casey, head of Victoria Polices People Development Command. Other Steering Committee members include four senior police members, three business leaders and three Rotarians. Business mentors hail from the accounting, legal and finance professions, as well as from industry and infrastructure. Many of the top companies in Melbourne have been involved in the program.

The mentoring involves one or two meetings per month, where police mentees can safely discuss personal or professional issues and seek guidance or career planning. They also learn new management and community-outreach skills. Mentors encourage participants to seek new perspectives, develop communication and leadership, whilst also reflecting and questioning assumptions about themselves and others. Kevin Love from Rotary Central Melbourne is on the LMP Steering Committee. He says, Police are good at solving problems and getting straight to the point. But formerly they did so largely in a lifetime policing context. This program helps them develop skills in working with community groups and particularly volunteers.

Tony Thomas
Rotary Central Melbourne

Race Day Chairs given a new life through Rotary Recycling

Through a project with the Rotary Club of Flemington, Moonee Valley Racecourse with CleanEvent have found new homes for almost 1,000 chairs no longer needed at Moonee Valley. Allan Bruno of the Rotary Club of Flemington collected and delivered most the chairs with assistance from club members, Clean Event staff and other volunteers.

The chairs, most in good condition, have been donated to a number of charitable enterprises, where they will continue to provide much needed seating. Some chairs were sold for a very small cost.

One of the charities assisted is the **Friday Night School**. The Friday Night School provides tutoring for children from the Richmond housing estate who are refugees from Ethiopia, Somalia and other developing countries whose parents do not have the English language skills to assist them. <http://www.ignatius.org.au/ministries/75-friday-night-school>

The school is staffed by volunteer tutors who come from Genazzano, Xavier and Sacre Coeur Secondary Schools, also retirees, university students and other professionals. From a modest beginning in 1996, the school now operates from St Ignatius' Parish Hall in Richmond and supports around 200 students each week. In addition to tuition, the school provides some financial assistance for textbooks, desktop and laptop computers for some families, and teaching for parents. This is a project supported by the Rotary Club of Camberwell.



Rotary District 9800, Past District Governor Don Jago of the Rotary Club of Camberwell was ecstatic at the offer of chairs for this service, which is totally voluntary and provides a much-needed tutoring service for students from a range of multicultural backgrounds.

Pictured from left: Allan Bruno, Rotary Club of Flemington with Patrick Docherty and Don Jago of the Rotary Club of Camberwell delivering a trailer load of the chairs.

The second organisation benefitting from chairs was **Servants Community Housing**. This organisation has been operating affordable accommodation and safe housing for those on low incomes for over thirty years in the Hawthorn and Kew areas. They provide a structure in which vulnerable individuals—many of whom suffer from long-term mental illnesses—can live in relative comfort. <http://www.servants.org.au/>

A truck load was donated to the Western Emergency Relief Network {WERN}. WERN provides emergency household goods to families in need in the Western suburbs who require support due to trauma, separation, natural disasters, and to new migrants and refugees. These chairs will be a great addition to their stock which is low after a tough Winter.

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/community-service/wern>

Scouts Victoria also took chairs for the Carlton and Berwick Scout Halls.

A further collection, this time of approximately 120 red and beige chairs, is anticipated in the coming weeks.

Rotary Recycling and Connecting Communities. If interested contact Allan Bruno allan.bruno@bigpond.com



Pictured from left to right: Allan Bruno, Rotary Club of Flemington with Amanda Donohoe, CEO of Servants Community Housing and Don Jago of the Rotary Club of Camberwell with the chairs donated to Servants.

Garden DesignFest – coming soon!

Attention garden lovers!

The first weekend of **Rotary's Garden DesignFest 2018** will be held in rural areas on 10 and 11 November.

Gardens in rural Victoria (Ballarat, Bendigo and Macedon area) will be open on 10th and 11th November and gardens in the Melbourne Metropolitan area and the Mornington Peninsula will be open on 17th and 18th November.

Why not join us on a one-day **Garden DesignFest** organised bus tour to selected gardens?

Going on a bus tour is a great way to see several gardens in one day with lunch, garden notes and a **Garden DesignFest** ticket if you want to visit other gardens the next day, included!

Find out more at: <http://gardendesignfest.com.au/bus-tour/>

Garden DesignFest is a biennial event organised by the Rotary **Clubs of Kew, Brighton North and Central Melbourne**. **Garden DesignFest** has raised \$530 000 for Rotary and other charities since it began in 2004.

This year's main charity is **End Trachoma by 2020**. Australia is the world's only developed country with trachoma, an infectious eye disease that can be prevented with good hygiene practices.

Find out more about the gardens open during **Garden DesignFest** at: <http://gardendesignfest.com.au/>

Mornington Peninsula garden

One of the properties to be open on the Mornington Peninsula is a wonderful garden at Balnarring Beach designed by Clint Leaver.

The designer's objective was to satisfy the client's greatest wish which was to feel like he was at a resort when he was on the property! Features include a spa garden/rainforest area and a children's garden near an observatory.



The children's garden is an area where a group of families can spend an afternoon and evening enjoying the stars. Wetlands were created to relocate the wild ducks from the swimming pool and deal with the large amount of water collected from the site. The storm water is now retained and released slowly into the main water supply, the run off from the croquet lawns is treated and the local wildlife has an area to enjoy.

Anne Cobham
Rotary Club of Brighton North
anne.cobham@bigpond.com

Youth Suicide Awareness

The **District 9800 Endorsed Youth Suicide Awareness project** has been providing scholarships for teachers, police officers and other professionals for more than twenty years and has been engaged in Increasing awareness and advocacy within the Rotary community.

A brief update on Youth Suicide:

1. In 2015, more Australian young people aged between 15 and 24 died by suicide than by any other cause, including transport accidents. In fact, suicide accounted for one third of all deaths in this age group. (ABS 2016).
2. Young men are overrepresented, as are young people who have experienced mental ill-health. So too are those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.
3. When comparing 2005 with 2015, we find a doubling of the number of young women who died by suicide.
4. For both young men and young women, the rates are at their highest in ten years.

How do we as Rotarians respond to these statistics? These tragedies?

In partnership with the Centre for Adolescent Health and the University of Melbourne, we invite you to attend an information session:

Royal Children's Hospital
Sunday, December 2nd
10.00am and 12.00pm.

We will meet in the foyer (near the reception desk) around 9.45 to be welcomed and shown to our meeting room. You will be given some useful resources to take back to your Club which we hope will assist you in increasing awareness in your own Rotary communities.

Expert speakers from the Centre for Adolescent Health will talk about current work being undertaken to improve the health and well-being of young Australians.

There is no cost for the event, and morning tea will be provided.

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 40 participants, so please advise by return email or phone as soon as possible.

Phil Wheatley OAM
Chairman
Youth Suicide Awareness Committee
Rotary Club of North Brighton
wheatley22@bigpond.com



Enter the 2019 Rotarian photo contest

Do you have a great shot from a club project or fundraiser? Did you capture a memorable moment at the convention or during an international trip? Enter your images in The Rotarian's 2019 photo contest and you might see them in the pages of the magazine. You may enter up to three photos taken since 1st January 2018.



The contest closes 15 December 2018, so submit your great photos now. Winners will appear in the June 2019 issue of The Rotarian.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/enter-2019-rotarian-photo-contest>

2018 WINNERS

Anthony Riggio

The guards at the mosque in Rabat, Morocco, stand like statues, but add a human dimension to the incredible designs.

Santosh Kale

At the Wari Festival in Pandharpur, India, these women's faces express joy, playfulness, and personality.

Maureen McGettigan

A farmer tills his field in Bagan, Myanmar. The light at this time of day was breathtaking.



1st Place
ANTHONY RIGGIO



2nd Place
SANTOSH KALE



3rd Place
MAUREEN MCGETTIGAN

You have less than 60 days! Shot or find your best image now.

International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians Melbourne Festival 20th - 25th January 2019



The International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR) is one of the most popular of all Rotary Fellowships with a membership now touching 1350.

Melbourne has the honour of hosting this festival from January 20 next year. We will follow in the footsteps of previous festivals in Christchurch (2017), Nottingham (2014), Vapi in India (2012), Durban (2010), Colombo (2007) and Hunter Valley (2004).

Registrations include 185 players from 9 countries and 85 non-players. Cricket games will be played at Caulfield Park and East Caulfield Reserve from Monday January 21 through to Friday January 25.

On Wednesday 23 there will be a game at the spiritual home of Australian IFCR at Strath Creek which is 70k from Melbourne.

A novel feature of this festival is that players will play in mixed teams. The spirit of cricket and the fellowship of Rotary will be assured across all competing countries.

The Opening Dinner at the MCG on Sunday night January 20 will have one of Australia's leading sports commentators as guest speaker. The Friday night Closing Dinner will feature leading cabaret performer, Marney McQueen.

All in all, it will be a great week of cricket, fun, entertainment and fellowship.

Festival details: <http://rotarycricket.org>

Festival email: rgroom@iinet.net.au

Australian IFCR enquiries to Doug King, email: kingdoug12@gmail.com



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Activity Report Month July - August 2018

Containers Shipped YTD

Units = 20' container

District	Club Containers	Units	Club Assist	Units	DIK Store	Units
9800	Timor Leste	3			Timor Leste	2
	Nepal	2			Tanzania	4
9820	Vanuatu	1				
Total YTD		6				6

**Containers shipped
2000 – YTD
543
Value of Goods
\$54.2 Million**

Laurie and the Team have done a great job in the first two months and we are well ahead of the same time last year. At the moment there are 21 active and potential projects in the system, which is more than six months work. It's a challenge particularly for space. Ideally we need to ship a container each week / six container units in a typical month, but this is easier said than done. Loading the containers and complying with export regulations is easy, but the import conditions for each country vary and a lot of boxes have to be ticked before the goods leave Australia to ensure there are no problems when they arrive. Getting permission to import goods and knowing the conditions is essential before Clubs begin to gather goods, but we have to be flexible and help Clubs and accept donations when they are available.

The critical thing is for Clubs to register their project as soon as they decide to do a container project.

If you are not in the queue it is difficult to provide the support you require.

Mark the date in your diary - DIK Open Day Saturday 23/3/2019

If you have been to an Open Day you will know how enjoyable they are. They are one of the few occasions where Rotarians from different Districts can get together and exchange ideas. They are also a great Membership opportunity and everyone who comes will be impressed.

It's never been easier to equip a school

The Balibo Project Partnership is a group of thirteen Clubs from Australia and New Zealand who are committed to improving Education and Health in the Balibo area of Timor Leste. There was an area with no school and in typical Rotary fashion they worked with other groups who share the same passion and raised the money to build a school. The new building required equipment most of which the Store was able to supply. With help from a Rotary Foundation District Grant a container load of equipment is on its way.



Don't worry the equipment is on the way

2018 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

COTA Senior Achiever Award Mrs Valerie Broad OAM, 81 from Kangaroo Flat
Nominated by the Bendigo Youth Choir



The Bendigo Youth Choir was founded in 1984 by its current Artistic Director, Valerie Broad. It is a not-for-profit organisation, supported by expert music staff who volunteer their time in developing the singing skills of young people, and their life skills in general.

The choir nominated Valerie for this award for this work, which has enabled hundreds of young people to develop an interest and expertise in music.

In addition to this work, Valerie is also recognised for her work with **Rotary** to develop respite centres for people with a disability: for her long-time commitment to Bendigo Carols by candlelight.

Val was also commended for her fundraising role following Bendigo's Black Saturday bushfires in 2009 and for her advocacy for regional performing arts spaces. She is Past President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

\$10,031,467

A staggering \$10,031,467 (as of 21st September) has been raised through the Fighting for our Farmers Appeal which was launched on Channel 9's The Today Show on 2nd September. Over 50,000 individual donations have been received and processed by the RAWCS team at Parramatta.

In addition to this, many Clubs and Districts have conducted their own Drought Appeals and have supported families in country areas through hay runs, provision of essential food and supplies, and even dog food (below).

Sincere thanks go to all Rotarians and friends who have participated. This has certainly raised awareness of Rotary in Australia in our community!



Youth Exchange Program Secretary sought

A Secretary to support the **Youth Exchange Program** is urgently required. Please consider who may assist in the committee and contact Gabrielle Morgan 0419 398 506

Email: loftandmorgan@ozemail.com.au for further information.

Training will be provided by the extremely experienced Peter Lamping who, having performed the role for many years, is ready now for a well earned rest.

Stepping beyond the club and your own Team of Rotarians to support others adds a new dimension to volunteering and more friends. It also brings knowledge back to your Team. Youth Exchange is an invaluable program and integral to Rotary's avenues of service.

Would some-one be interested in this exciting opportunity?



Welcome to our newest Rotarians ...

The **Rotary Club of Richmond** were pleased to induct their newest Honorary Member. Daniel Nguyen is a councillor with the City of Yarra, having been elected in October 2016 representing Melba Ward. He is the 2017-2018 Mayor and is Yarra's youngest councillor at age 29.

Professionally, he is the Executive Officer of Tarwirri, a membership body for Indigenous law students and lawyers, working towards contributing to the awareness of legal and policy issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Victoria. He also volunteers in a number of other legal capacities



The **Rotary Club of Wyndham** inducted two new members this month. President Alan Davidige welcomed Rakesh and Monica, pictured here with fellow member Craig Wright.



The **Rotary Club of East Keilor** inducted two new members at their combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Keilor at Donations in Kind last week. They are Debra Sloggett (Midwifery) and Deborah Akers (Solicitor).

Deb Sloggett is no stranger to DIK. She has helped sort medical equipment on many occasion and has packed containers for her wonderful Care4Cambodians project.

She is pictured with Cherrie Osborn and President Ginny Billson.

President Ginny Billson and Deborah Akers.



Around the Clubs

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira had their first day on the **"Nourish"** roster to prepare and serve meals for people in need at Alma Park in St Kilda. The weather was beautiful and we spent the evening serving meals and drinks to a lovely group of locals who are doing it tough. Along with Nourish members from Orange Sky were at the park providing showers and laundry services where needed. It was inspiring to see so many members of our community working together to help our neighbours.

Joan Luscak, Secretary



The **Rotary Club of Malvern** were out in force for the Malvern Police Station Open Day. Yvonne Flynn had everyone well organised as they initiated the new BBQ thanks to Barry Smith.



The **Rotary Club of Toorak** held a stand promoting their **Recycled Sound Project** at the **Victorian Seniors Festival**. They were joined by E-Club member Caroline. Do you have any unwanted hearing aids lying unused in drawers? Do you know anyone who needs hearing aids who is between 26-65 who do not receive government assistance? Go to www.recycledsound.org.au to find out more.



Rotary Club of Eaglehawk organised the car parking for the Vegetarian Festival at the Great Stupa recently. Robert Hansford, Seamus Haugh, David Kaye, Geoff Adcock, Doug Harrison and Mick Costello did a great job and raised almost \$1500.



The annual cycle **Around the Bay** was held last weekend to raise money for the Smith Family to help disadvantaged kids **Balwyn Rotarian** Jim Thompson tackled the 101km and is seen here being encouraged by President Di Gillies and Rob.



The E-Club Mats for school children in India

Memory lane time - Were you 'warm' in the classroom at primary school? I bet most of you were! The **Rotary E-Club** has started a crowd funding campaign to raise \$480.00 to buy Indian school students blankets for winter. Did you know many Indian students are educated on dirt floors in winter? Help the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne buy them blankets. The E-Club has commenced a crowd funding campaign to raise \$480 to buy Indian school students blankets for winter. Even \$5 or \$10 will greatly help. Donations through secure Paypal only.

OR CLICK HERE - <https://chuffed.org/project/keepwarmatschool>



VALE

The Rotary Club of Essendon North advises of the passing of Past President Dr. Kevin Sleigh.

Kevin commenced his medical life in General Practice in Essendon where he had grown up and after twenty years became an early member of Occupational Health and Safety in Medicine. Sympathies are sent to his wife Val, their children Nicholas and Caroline and their families.



ShelterBox Trek on the Larapinta Trail NT

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Throughout the trek you will have the opportunity to learn about how **ShelterBox** operates in the field and the impact the aid you provide has on those affected by disaster. As well as having 22 ShelterBox deployments under my belt, I have over 25 year's experience as a professional photographer, so you're likely to pick up some photography tips too!

Please share this email with friends and family members that might be interested in this amazing opportunity.

Mike Greenslade, CEO ShelterBox Australia

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Deafness Foundation

The Deafness Foundation are offering grant opportunities with applications open until 31 October, 2018.



Grants Program for Projects positively impacting for people who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired. Grants may only be awarded to organizations, not to individuals

Education Encouragement Awards for Deaf or hearing impaired students at both Secondary (Year 11 or 12 in 2019) and Post-Secondary in 2019. These are valued at \$2000 for Secondary and \$3000 for Post-Secondary. Education Encouragement Awards are given to individuals.

The guidelines for both programs along with the Application / Nomination forms in word format may be found at <http://www.deafness.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/E002-1-National-Education-Encouragement-Award-Guidelines-May-2018.pdf>

Past District Governor 9810 Jennifer Coburn can be contacted on 03 9738 2909 for further information.


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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29TH, 2018
GUEST SPEAKER: PDG MURRAY VERSO
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MCKENZIE ST WEST, KANGAROO FLAT
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