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From the Editor ...

We make a slight detour with this edition of *Networker*, a new format for November, Rotary Foundation month.

Clubs across the District are celebrated, with news from every Cluster of Clubs. There are many events coming up in November and December, and some are also listed in our new "Classifieds" section.

There is a great range of stories, from pirates to pop-up fashion. We reprint an article from *The Local News* about Daylesford's French exchange student Cassandra Esquerré and we celebrate some recent big events for clubs, including Woodend's Halloween Festival, Yarra Bend's Emergency Service Awards, and the Chadstone Craft Market.

But if you read nothing else, read about the internationality of Rotary and how by building goodwill and better friendships with our Turkish Rotarian friends, we commemorate ANZAC Day.

Our Contributors



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



Clarice Caricare prefers the informal job descriptor of "Girl Friday", for reasons known only to herself.



Cathie McMillan of Canterbury Rotary joined a Medical Mission to the Philippines.



Our peripatetic philosopher, Tony Thomas certainly gets around.



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



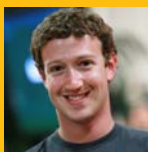
Philip Rowell of Brighton North Rotary is a well-travelled Rotarian.



Philip Archer is involved in the Membership Development Plan for Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.



District Director of Public Image, Adrian Nelson is known for making a spectacle of himself.



Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook, the source of many of our photos.

Our Foundation, Your Bank, My Charity



Julie Mason

Rotary District 9800
Governor

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When visiting Clubs and talking about the Rotary Foundation, I have declared that, in fact the Rotary Foundation is my charity of choice, as I know with absolute certainty that all money given really makes a difference in the lives of others here and abroad.

**“It’s easier to take than to give.
It’s nobler to give than to take.
The thrill of taking lasts a day.
The thrill of giving lasts a
lifetime.” Joan F. Marques**

I liken our Foundation in some ways to a bank, in that every year our District Clubs give a substantial amount of money that in due course comes back to be spent by you through District and Global Grants on projects that change and enrich lives. When you have an idea for a new project, I want you to think Foundation Funds and Rotary Australia World Community Service, and I want you to call John Wigley, District Director Foundation and Rowan McClean, District Chair international Service, to get the best advice and support available to kick start this project! We have money available and I want you to access it!

In your District we have some amazing ongoing education programs that are funded through the Rotary Foundation. Since 1965 our District has been involved in the Group Study Exchange where each year we have enabled teams of young professional people to spend time in another country to learn more about their profession, the cultural mores of the country and the work of Rotary at an international level. The consistent feedback has always been that the team wanted more time devoted to the vocational aspect of the exchange and now hence the rebadging of the name to Group Vocational Exchange with a planned visit to the Philippines in February / March 2016. Under the leadership of Past District Governor Ian Knight we are known in the world as early adopters of the new program, Vocational Training Team as our District Team has now conducted seven visits to Timor Leste to provide training that is saving lives of both mothers and new born babies.



On this Sunday immediately after the dreadful situation in Paris, I can't help but think that the work done in our District to secure successful applicants for the Rotary World Peace Fellows Program must continue. We are recognised as a Peace Builder District with an unbroken record of successfully selecting one or more Peace Fellows every year since 2001. This due to the magnificent work of Bob Fels and now current committee Robert Helme from the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Never has it seemed so important to maintain a commitment to working to achieve a peaceful world though the funds provided by our Rotary Foundation.

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Foundation Programs Important in your Club

Now is the time to share the programs and projects that have been initiated by your club as a result of funds from the Rotary Foundation. I ask that every club promotes a project on the Club Facebook page and share with the Rotary District 9800 Discussion Group Page. For those who tweet, how about a short tweet about a success story? Let's tell the cyber world about our success stories and the difference we have made through the use of funds from our Foundation/ Bank.

For me, a reminder of the power of Rotary became very evident on 10th of November when I experienced a moving ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance, preceded by a gathering of Rotarians from Goksu in Turkey and from around Australia who came together at the Seeds of Peace Sculpture to celebrate a long standing relationship between the Rotary Club of Balwyn and Goksu that began fifteen years ago in 2002. Dinner that evening followed and the history of what started as the Rotary Presence in Gallipoli Project, and was then formalised in an Alliance with Sister Club status was shared. Over time, a Group Study Exchange experience, an art exhibition in 2009 involving artists from Turkey and Australia, several visits by hundreds of Rotarians to both Australia for Remembrance Day and Turkey for the Anzac Day Commemoration kept this amazing program relevant for fifteen years. The work of Owen Tassicker and Banu Tulumen in sustaining this project can never be underestimated. Life-long friendships have been forged and a centenary of peace and respect eventually emerged from such a terrible battle in Turkey. Rotary is amazing and I believe we can glean hope and learn from the positive attitude shown in this project to help us develop and maintain respectful relationship in this troubled time.



Personal Giving

Rotarians are indeed generous people, giving time, energy, ideas and money to worthwhile initiatives. We are also encouraged to be fit and healthy so the quote above made me smile and prompts me to promote the notion of personal giving to the Rotary Foundation. A small coffee now costs me \$3.80 and is gone in a flash, whereas \$2 a week enables us to become an Every Rotarian Every Year, and makes a life changing difference to the children I saw in Cambodia! There are many ways to give personally to the Foundation and I have to share that the least painful is to leave some money in your will.....well maybe not least for my two sons!

Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World.

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason, District Governor

“There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up” Bernard Meltzer

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Gallipoli Centenary

The Turkish Return Visit

by Philip Rowell 2015 Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour Participant

The Rotary Club of Balwyn, which has conducted ANZAC Tours to Gallipoli over a thirteen year period, hosted a group of 21 Rotarians, partners and children from its Turkish sister club, the Rotary Club of Goksu, Istanbul to Melbourne for a wreath laying commemorative service at the Shrine of Remembrance on 10 November 2015, being the anniversary of the death of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, and a very special national day for all Turks.

The group was welcomed by not only Balwyn Rotary but also many other Rotarians and partners who have previously visited Turkey, and Gallipoli, on Rotary ANZAC Peace Tours, some attending from as far away as Queensland, the ACT and the NT.

The group initially congregated and placed poppies in the Seeds of Friendship memorial sculpture in the gardens beside the Shrine. This recently dedicated memorial sculpture commemorates the strong bonds of friendship that arose subsequent to the end of WW1 between Turkey and Australia. The well-known words of compassion and reconciliation penned by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1934 are inscribed in the base of the memorial sculpture, which is also known as the Australian Turkish Friendship Memorial.

A wreath laying service was then held within the Sanctuary of the Shrine with wreaths being laid by the current Presidents of each of the Goksu-Istanbul (Aysen Aras) and Balwyn (Anthea Rutter). Rotary Clubs.

That evening Balwyn Rotary hosted a dinner for their Turkish guests at which there was in excess of 110 Rotarians and partners present to further celebrate the great friendship that exist between the two nations, notwithstanding language barriers.

The leader of the Turkish group Banu Tulumen spoke eloquently of the great friendships that have evolved from the trips to Turkey over the 13 years, of which this year's was the last. She received a standing ovation when presented by IPDG Murray Verso with a Paul Harris Fellow Double Sapphire.

Murray also presented Owen Tassicker of Balwyn Rotary, whose idea it was to create the tours program, with a Paul Harris Fellow Triple sapphire.

As Banu said – this is not farewell, but closure on an outstanding example of the internationality of Rotary.



Raisings pop up for Richmond Rotary

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Richmond Rotary Club, Melbourne, has a 65-employee clothing chain as a supporter. Women's fashion store Motto Fashion has donated well over \$150,000 to the club and Rotary Foundation in about the past five years.

Motto co-owner and designer Faye Browne says the partnership started because Richmond Rotary ex-President Trevor Pang of Premier Trading is a co-tenant at the Crown St., Richmond premises. And

Faye says, "He kept inviting us to join. We couldn't spare the energy that Rotarians put into their good works, so helping them raise funds was the next best thing.

"Rotarians are amazing and what we really like is that 100% of what we give goes straight to the charities involved."

Over the years Motto has given a small and variable percent of total sales to Rotary Foundation. Richmond Rotary, with 35 members, has now become a big beneficiary because Motto offered samples and prototypes for Pop Up sales. The sales have grown to three times a year. Items fetch from \$5 to \$40 each and earn the club \$12-15,000 a year.

Faye says, "Lots of businesses have surplus and leftovers cluttering their premises, and usually they wind up in a charity op-shop. Your Rotary clubs ought to do more prospecting for stock for pop-up sales."

Motto likes its Rotary donations to go to Australian women's causes. It also donates to specific charities, including breast cancer because Faye recovered from an episode recently.

Richmond President Nia Holdenson says member Andrew Michaelides offers his furniture showroom for the sales. The club's Friends of Richmond Rotary group does the main work and about five club members help. The sales need no marketing other than email, word of mouth and an A-frame sandwich sign outside. "People just pour in from 9.30 opening," Nia says. "We get enough stock and sizes to suit anyone."

Motto is the nine-store family business of Faye and John Browne, along with daughter Lauren French. It gets substantial sales from its on-line presence at **motto.com.au**



MOTTO FASHION CHAIN OWNERS ORGANISE SAMPLES FOR RICHMOND ROTARY'S NEXT POP UP SALE. LEFT TO RIGHT: JOHN BROWNE, MOTTO; NIA HOLDENSON, RICHMOND RC PRESIDENT; FAYE BROWNE, MOTTO AND THEIR DAUGHTER,

Tigers pounce on Bendigo

By Matthew Scott, Regional Networker Correspondent

Usually there's a fair bit of goodwill in the room at any given Rotary event, and things were no different as Richmond Football Club President, Peggy O'Neal pounced on the Bendigo Club for a special evening being hosted in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo South and Bendigo.

Over 110 Rotarians, friends and football followers packed the Bendigo Club to hear Ms O'Neal speak about her career and how a lady from the USA came to be president of an Australian Rules Football Club. Living only a few kicks away from the home ground in Richmond, Ms O'Neal saw volunteering at the Club as an avenue out of the high stresses of her day job.

Over time, and having spent 10 years on the Club board, Ms O'Neal became Club President. Her current tenure at the Club linked well with the ideals of Rotary recalls Bendigo Rotary Club President, Larrie Winzar.

"We learned that whilst a Premiership is the pinnacle of success for a football club, it is certainly not the only measure of success. There are many KPI's! With a fantastic culture within the club, strong corporate and community values and a wonderful team of professionals, Richmond is a football club that embraces inclusiveness and has genuine compassion for those who are part of this AFL football club," Ms Winzar said.

Throughout the course of the evening, which involved several raffles and auction items, over



PEGGY O'NEAL WITH BENDIGO ROTARY PRESIDENT, LARRIE WINZAR AND BENDIGO SOUTH ROTARY PRESIDENT, TONY PLANT.

\$4000 was raised to support the building of the new Annie North family violence refuge being constructed in Bendigo.

In making the community aware of the plight of family violence, Ms O'Neal touched on how professional sporting bodies can be instrumental in changing public perceptions and attitudes in a positive way.

"Peggy very eloquently explained how she viewed sport as a great vehicle to implement positive change and improve social values throughout the community. She mentioned the Richmond Football club's contribution towards the Alannah and Madeline Foundation as one great example. Also Peggy

highlighted one of her other roles as the chairman of the State Government committee-Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation," recalled Bendigo South Rotary Club President, Tony Plant.

Those in attendance on the night would certainly agree that Ms O'Neal was an ideal role model not only for women in the community, but also the wider community in general. Demonstrating how one can maintain a busy professional life, yet be so connected to their community is an example everyone could learn by.

The evening concluded with a very successful raffle and auction.

Super Swim - help cure Melanoma

You can help cure Melanoma by Swimming at this year's Super Swim!

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Keilor, Tullamarine & Keilor East, the Super Swim supports the Melbourne Melanoma Project and Local Charities.

When: Sunday 29th November, 2015 - 6am - 6pm (Registration from 5:30am)

Where: East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor

Super Swim . . . what is it?

The concept is simple - teams get together to swim as far as possible for 12 hours whilst raising money through sponsorships/donations. For participants, the swim is a chance to take part in an exciting team challenge and have fun competing against other teams, whilst raising money for charity.

Teams are awarded points for the most laps swam and most money donated. Team with the most points receives the huge Silver Cup to hold for one year plus a team trophy.

A trophy for the fastest lap during the lunch break, presented by a well known sporting star.

Teams

A maximum of 20 members per team is suggested.

Entry fee \$25 per person, which includes free souvenir T-shirt.

Facilities

East Keilor Swimming Pool is an indoor 25 metre pool, heated to 27 °C.

Also on the day . . . Refreshments, giveaways, raffle prizes and lots more!

Get Involved!

You can help out by swimming, sponsoring a swimmer, donating cash or prizes, or volunteering for the event. For more information, contact us today:

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Following her dreams to discover Australia

CASSANDRE Esquerré is busy getting her head around being able to chat in class and having to wear a school uniform and she definitely does not like Vegemite. The 16 year-old talked to Dora Kelly about what it's like to be an exchange student from France.



DK: Why did you want to come to Australia?

CE: Good question. Australia is a country which makes me dream since a lot of years ago. I don't know why exactly. I want to discover a new culture and as Australia is one of the further countries from France. I think the culture should be very different than mine. Moreover, the landscapes are so different, I wanted to see that once in my life. I could go to a lot of countries for this year but, I don't know, for me the Australian culture seemed the most interesting to discover for a year.

DK: What did your family feel about you coming here?

CE: At the beginning my family didn't want to let me go but when they understood that it was seriously one of my dreams to discover a new country for a long time, they supported me. Now, I know that it wasn't easy for them to let me go to the other side of the world but they are proud of me because this is like a challenge and, they are just happy for me to make my dream come true. They also know that this year will be very beneficial for me so, this is why they let me go I think.

DK: Did you choose Daylesford?

CE: I didn't choose Daylesford. When I wanted to go on an exchange program with the Rotary International, I had to choose three different countries and after that, the Rotary chose for me my final destination, my city and my host families. Now, I know that I will stay around Daylesford during my year and I am so happy because I love this town.

DK: What are your thoughts/ impressions so far? What's good, what's bad, what's strange?

CE: Well, I think nothing can be strange, just different. Since I arrived in Australia, for now, nothing was bad, I like everything I did since my arrival. I go to school in Daylesford Secondary College in year 11 and a lot of things are different. In France I can't speak with my friends in class, I can't have my phone with me, I can't stand up when I want for example, here it is the opposite and at the beginning it was very "strange" (as you said...) for me because I wasn't accustomed. The same for the school uniform, I don't have to wear a uniform in France so the first day at school, I had the impression that I was dressed up with curious clothes.

DK: Oh, do you like Vegemite?

CE: Vegemite... What can I say about Vegemite? No, I didn't like it! Too salty for me, I cannot understand people who eat it for the breakfast! Maybe I didn't eat it as a real Australian eats it. I have to try again but try once was enough for me I think...

DK: Where have you been so far?

CE: For now, I have been in Melbourne, a very different city than Paris, I loved it. To the MCG and in Caulfield Racecourse, it was amazing. Also, I take dance lessons in Ballarat. The rest of the time I go to Daylesford or Eganstown where I live.

DK: What's a typical school day for you in France?

CE: I start school at 8:30 am most of the time and have classes until 5pm. That's crazy I know, our school days are very long... At school, the next year I will study biology, physics and chemical, mathematics, philosophy, English, Spanish; history and geography and another biology class - more specialised. After a day at school, we have a lot of homework so, we don't have a time to do something else

or have a job for example, this is impossible. This is why I can say that here in Australia, I love school. It could be the only time in my life where I can say that I love school but that's the truth.

DK: What do you hope to gain from the experience?

CE: From this experience, I hope to become more mature, to know more about myself. I would like to be able to have another point of view about the world and don't think that French culture is the only way to live because all cultures are different to each other. And of course, I hope I will improve my English.

DK: How's the Australian accent?

CE: I think Australian accent is very strong so, sometimes even when I know the original words, just because of the accent I can't understand when people speak. Moreover Australian people have a lot of sayings or they cut words to speak faster so, it is not easy for me.

DK: Have you felt homesick yet?

CE: Just once, but not a lot. One day I missed my sister so, I didn't feel very well this day but it was just a little bit. In France, my family and I are very close so before to go to Australia I thought that I will be homesick a lot but strangely I am not at all. Thanks to internet I can text my family everyday so I don't have impression that I am far of them.

DK: Thanks for your time. Sounds like it's all going to plan. Oh, anything else you would like to add?

CE: Not really, just tell to the students who are interested to go on a gap YEAR after college or on a exchange program as mine and who are not sure that they have some apprehensions, that they shouldn't hesitate. One year is very short when you would like to discover a new culture and, if they don't do it now maybe they won't be able to do it in the future so, go. That's an amazing experience that more people should try and this is very beneficial to have work in the future when you had an experience like this one.

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Halloween Festival

The Woodend Rotary Club held the best Halloween Festival yet for the Woodend Community. 1000 people attended, with great costumes and plenty of fun. Thanks to Fairhurst Conveyancing, MRSC, Coles, NewWrap costume hire for Fairy Floss and Popcorn, Blackbird Cakes, Colliers, Cori from Woodend Bakery Cafe and the scout groups for supporting the event. Woodend is a wonderful place. To see it live in action, watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/144249902>



Chirnside



BUSY FEET MELTON WINS "BEST WALKING ENTRY" AT DJERRIWARH FESTIVAL 2015. PROUDLY SPONSORED BY ROTARY CAROLINE SPRINGS

Medical Mission to Philippines

Written by Cathie McMillan



The team leader for our group of 22 was Gerry Cross. Gerry works year round to source decommissioned hospital equipment for Donations in Kind (DIK). Several container loads of equipment have been sent to Masbate. The last container arrived while we were present in Masbate. Hospital beds, operating room microscopes, dialysis equipment, IV poles, 4 wheel walkers and dental chairs just to name some of the equipment that arrived. The microscopes were immediately put to use in cataract and pterygium surgery for the recipients of our screening. It was amazing to be on the ground to witness the equipment arriving and being put to use immediately!

Eye screening:

- 4682 students screened
- 1461 cases of impacted wax
- 171 ear infections
- 74 perforated bodies

On our last day on Masbate we were suffering the effects of the typhoon up north. Our day of 'Island hopping' was

cancelled. Instead I think we experienced one of the best days on the mission. We visited several projects of Rotary, RODEONET (a voluntary group established 2 years ago similar to SES) and government projects.

RODEONET run a fantastic feeding program in a very poor Barangay (suburb) of Masbate. Once a week they provide the kids of the area with a nutritious soup. We were able to participate in

I was again privileged to join the Rotary Club of Canterbury for their 19th Medical Mission to the Philippines. The purpose of the mission is twofold:

1. To screen mainly adult eyes for preventable causes of blindness (mature cataracts and advanced pterygiums)
2. To screen the ears of primary school age children for infections, impacted wax and foreign bodies which may impact on the hearing and therefore the ability of the child to learn

Again this year we travelled to the Province of Masbate. This is the third time the mission has worked with the Rotary Club of Masbate. The relationship between the 2 clubs has grown significantly over the past 3 years resulting in some amazing outcomes.

the program by serving the soup. It was heartwarming and heartbreaking all in the same moment.

Eye screening:

- 1500 people screened
- 200 cataract surgeries
- 80 pterygium

We also visited the local government biosand water filter project. These are the filters our club or, more specifically, Greg Vero was heavily involved in getting up and running in the Philippines. The local government are now committed to manufacturing and distributing the filters to some of the poorer parts of the province and to disaster prone areas. They have seen excellent results in the reduction of water borne diseases such as diarrhoea.

Finally we visited a National Housing Authority project. Houses are being built to accommodate families from very low lying disaster prone areas. The houses consisted of one room approximately 3.5ms x 3.5ms. Imagine your family living in a space that size!

I thoroughly enjoyed my time away working on this mission. It was an extremely rewarding 12 days where I was privileged to work with a great group of Rotarians from Canterbury and Masbate, Orthoptics students, volunteers and children of local Rotarians. We experienced the heat, humidity and seeming chaos of the Philippines as well as surviving a typhoon and an earthquake!

Batman

Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast

Come and hear one of Melbourne's pre-eminent Medico's discuss what happens when they – 'put you to sleep'

Hosted by Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise.

Tuesday 24th Nov 2015, 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am, The RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, City
Tickets \$65.00 per head or \$600 for a table of ten

RSVP 16th Nov 2015

Guest Speaker:

Professor Kate Leslie is a specialist anaesthetist and head of anaesthesia research at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She is the chair of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Clinical Trials Network and a member of the ANZCA Research Committee and ANZCA Foundation Board of Governors.

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*Funds raised will be donated via
The Royal Children's Hospital

Port Phillip

Crisma arrives in Melbourne

Crisma Lohu from the Solomon Islands has now arrived in Melbourne with Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC). She will be undergoing heart surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital and is accompanied by her mother, Caroline Seu Pitakaka.

Crisma and her Mum are being hosted by Helena Wimpole from the Rotary Club of Glenferrie.

The Rotary Club of Albert Park has had a long history of involvement with ROMAC, and this year five of the District 9800 ROMAC Committee members are Albert Park Rotarians.



High seas pirates and Rotarians

By Tony Thomas RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

AVAST there ye lubbers and hoist the Jolly Roger! It's Saturday afternoon in Melbourne. Sunlight dances over Port Phillip Bay as a ferry-full of excited kids dressed as pirates sets sail from the Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown.

But a second boat flying the skull and crossbones pulls alongside - crewed by scary, eye-patched Rotarians disguised as Black Beards and Captain Hooks.

The kids bombard their foes with water balloons. They win and sail to port to claim their treasure and goodies and celebrate on a bouncing castle.

Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand – a boutique club of just 25 - has been running its Pirates' Day for Kids With Cancer and Challenge kids' charity for more than a decade.

Member Mick Trezise, a Williamstown charter boat skipper, started the Day. He's also head cook at Rotary's Camp Getaway near Bendigo every November, when the club hosts a youth leadership weekend for 70 Somali and other kids from Melbourne's West..

Richard McKay, another past president, regularly hosts a dads' weekend for fathers of young cancer victims at his Murray River property in Mathoura, NSW. Then the dads go on a stress-busting fishing trip on Mick Trezise's boat Vortex.

The "Gellibabies" club raises \$60-80,000 a year, especially for Challenge, even though its winter meetings drop to only a dozen members. The raisings are mainly from its Jalna Big Bay Swim (\$25,000 plus), Pink Ribbon Breakfast (\$10,000-plus from 160 guests) and sausage sizzles.

The Big Swim of 3.2km attracts 250-400 contestants, including world-ranking swimmers like Chloe McCardel, who's the Swim's "ambassador" and non-stop triple English Channel crosser last August. Other supporters



have been Michael Klim, Daniel Kowalski, Nicole Livingstone and Sam Sheppard.

President Stephen Los, 31, runs a graphic arts studio in Footscray and has made over the club's social media presence.

"Rotary International has re-branded well but lots of clubs need to re-invent themselves for broader appeal," he says.

"Activist groups with single causes are popping up everywhere but Rotary gets better results because it's more efficient per hours of members' input".

The Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand meets 7pm Tuesdays at the picturesque Royal Yacht Club, Nelson Place, Williamstown. New members welcome.



Chadstone Craft Market



The Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern held the Chadstone Craft Market at Malvern Valley Primary School on Saturday 14th November.

The Craft Market & Carnival featured a range of homemade products, including:

- preserves
- candles & soaps
- homewares
- children's clothes
- jewellery
- fairy floss
- handmade cards
- cushions
- scarves
- beach towels



Beachside

Cityscape Artists Day

The Rotary Club of Caulfield works in conjunction with the Glen Eira Artists Society (GEAS).

On November 8th, the annual Cityscape en plein air painting day took place on Koornang Road, Carnegie, under the gaze of some glorious sunshine and light breezes.

Local artist Kate Birrell's set up was very simple this year...Arches watercolor paper, Indian ink, a couple of pens and some watercolor pans...and a vegemite jar for water, with works to be exhibited in two weeks time.

It was great watching people's reactions as they walked along the street.



Boroondara Emergency Services Awards

On Wednesday, 28 October, Yarra Bend Rotary held the second annual Boroondara Emergency Services Awards with an audience of almost 80 people. The evening, held at the Hawthorn Arts Centre, was very successful and presented a very positive image of Rotary and Yarra Bend in particular.

One of four Presidents of local Rotary Clubs in attendance commented that his Club would take a table at any future event.

The MC for the evening, Jonathan Shepherd, from the Rotary Club of Kew, welcomed a raft of VIPs, including, Craig Lapsley, Commissioner, Emergency Management Victoria, who was the keynote speaker. Plus, John Pesutto, local member for Hawthorn, Coral Ross, Mayor of Boroondara, Joe Buffone, recently appointed Chief Officer of the CFA, DG Julie Mason and, a number of senior officers from each of the four emergency services servicing Boroondara.

The focus of the night was on the 4 winners from the respective emergency services who were each presented with a certificate and medallion that commended their exemplary service, which resonated with the Rotary motto of "Service above Self".

The recipients were, Leanna Rosier,

Ambulance Victoria, Darren Davies, MFB, Peter Duncan, SES and, Joe Conner, Victoria Police. The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the overall winner, Darren Davies from MFB, who was presented with the perpetual trophy and a cheque for \$5,000 to be used for equipment, training or welfare.

This awards dinner is the Signature event of Yarra Bend Rotary, which was strongly encouraged to ensure the continuation of this recognition of those who do so much to preserve the health, safety and amenity of the City of Boroondara for the benefit of our community.



COMMISSIONER CRAIG LAPSLEY, YARRA BEND PRES JONATHAN WIBROW, JOE CONNER, VICTORIA POLICE, DARREN DAVIES, MFB, LEANNA ROSIER, AMBULANCE VICTORIA, PETER DUNCAN, SES, AND MAYOR CORAL ROSS

Rotary Club offers Mentor Training

In 2012 Yarra Bend Rotary saw a need to apply some structure and rigour to its Projects that have a mentoring aspect. This led them to develop a training course on the core skills needed for successful mentoring. This involves understanding the mentoring process, setting SMART Goals, active listening skills, questioning techniques and of course appropriate governance arrangements.

These and many other aspects of mentoring, including "matching" mentors to mentee needs are outlined in a six hour training package usually run over two evenings. Since 2013 a number of Rotary Clubs have taken advantage of the training offered by Yarra Bend including Hawthorn, Canterbury, Carlton and Kew resulting in excess of 150 Rotarians having enhanced their mentoring skills and knowledge.

The training sessions are interactive and are offered free of charge to other Rotary Clubs except for the costs of training rooms and minor printing. If you are interested email Yarra Bend's Vocational Service Director at matt.pollard@yarrabendrotary.com.au

SANTAS WANTED!

It's that time of year again and Susie Cole of the Rotary Club of Prahran is calling for friendly Santas with Working With Children Checks for a variety of locations and retail stores across Melbourne & regional Victoria (including Myer, Target & Harvey Norman stores).

It's a great opportunity for Rotarians to either earn fundraising \$\$ or some extra Christmas cash. Contact Angie on 0488 552 588 or go to the website santas-n-elves.com.au for more information.

BIRTHING KITS FOR EAST TIMOR

Did you know that approximately 385,000 women die annually in childbirth, and that developing countries account for 99% of these deaths?

Help us reduce these statistics by joining the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park on Sat 28th Nov to assemble birthing kits that will enable a clean birthing environment for women in need.

Each kit can save a life. Bookings can be made at remelpark.com.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Don't forget the special early bird offer closes 30th November!

Register now via the **District website** to save.

THE FUTURE IS NOW - TESLA MOTORS

Join the Rotary Club of Glen Eira on Tuesday 1st December at the Glasshouse (Caulfield Racecourse) at 6.30pm for a glimpse of motoring of the future.

Touch and look at a latest S-Model and learn about the revolution in electric and driverless cars.

rotarygleneira.org.au for bookings and more information.

BENDIGO CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE

The Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale is well down the track with its Annual Christmas Trailer Raffle.

If you see their trailer when it is out and about have a friendly chat to their sellers, particularly their raffle partners who are named on the tickets and who have specific selling days.

Traditionally each group receives between 2 and 3 thousand dollars for their efforts. In supporting this raffle you are also supporting the Rotary Club's fantastic partners some who have been with us year after year. They are usually small groups that struggle to raise sufficient funds to do the work they need to do. Go to the Club website for contact details.

www.clubrunner.ca/bendigostrathdale



MATTHEW SCOTT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH IS A DEDICATED ROTARIAN. AFTER LOSING HIS LAPEL PIN, HIS NEW TATTOO WILL ENSURE HE IS RECOGNISED AS A ROTARIAN FOR LIFE.

CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL PARK

Join the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern on Saturday 5th December for the annual Carols at Central Park, East Malvern.

The Club will host a BBQ again, so there's plenty to eat as you wave your candles and sing merrily on high.

ROTARY VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE

Nominations are still open for this year's Rotary Vocational Exchange (formerly Rotary Group Exchange) team to the Philippines.

Go to **District website** for more information.

TIBETAN FAMILY BBQ

The Tibetan Village Project Australia and RAWCS are hosting a Family BBQ on Sunday 29th November, between 11am and 3pm at Rickett Points BBQ area - next to Rickett Point Teahouse (Melways 86 B8). **RSVP 22/11/15 to Don at doncullen@gmail.com.**

SPEAKERS BANK

Looking for a speaker at your club? Check out the Speakers Bank on the **District website**.