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Rotary's new learning centre is live at [Rotary.org/learn](https://Rotary.org/learn)

**ShelterBox** has a Response Team in Indonesia, working with local government and local Rotarians. The Rotary support is being led by Past Governors Eva Kurniarty and Al Purwa. Together, we are delivering aid to families in Lombok who have lost entire homes and we hope to be able to add to this with tents and tarpaulins. This aid will assist local families to start to rebuild their lives. On the ground, Rotary teams will be helping our **ShelterBox** Response Team to deliver relief to those families in desperate need. As **ShelterBox Australia Chair**, and a Rotarian, I am proud to see our two organisations joining in our efforts to assist the people of Lombok. This is the true essence of the Rotary-**ShelterBox** partnership

ROWLEY TOMPSETT  
Chair





# District Governor Bronwyn Stephens



It seems a long time ago now..... perhaps 3 or 4 years, since my first lady of Rotary, Joan Daniels, invited me to a Christmas Party. Never would I refuse Joan anything. She is my mentor.

When we arrived at the building there was an enormous **Rotary wheel** above us and the building was named "**Rotary House**". I was amazed. I had never heard of this building.

The Managing Director, Eric Wright greeted us warmly. He calls Joan "**Rotary Royalty**".

Inside, each apartment door was named for a donor. Most of them Rotarians or Rotary Clubs. I learned the history of the place and why it was built. I learnt that one person's idea started it all off; John Oppie as his child had leukaemia. Bernie Lamers (Rotary Club Preston) co-founded the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry then planned, project managed and fundraised tirelessly for BMDI/Rotary House. For that and his other humanitarian service he has been named this year as the first Zone 8 Rotarian Of The Year.

Then the District Governor of that year 1992-93 made it his focus. He appointed a committee chaired by John Martyres. In that year Clubs raised over \$1 million towards what was then known as the **Bone Marrow Research Institute** associated with Rotary Melbourne Hospital.

Then 1993-1994 District Governor from my own Club Rob Dunn said it was the most important project he had undertaken in his Governor year, and that he and Past District Governor Gordon McKern continued to encourage Clubs to raise \$2 million to earn naming rights of Rotary House.

Gordon's monthly newsletters are full of Club reports of fundraisers each month, pulling together with this District wide initiative.

So that was the beginning of it all.

Now, the **Fight Cancer Foundation** keeps it running, largely with proceeds from the **Red Ball** and a few Rotary Clubs stay helping.

Rotary has an opportunity to be part of the future too, as District 9800 has signed a collaboration deed to assist with the redevelopment of a new building.

**BMDI Rotary House is located at  
4-12 Blackwood St, North Melbourne**



*Pictured: top, Eric Wright with Joan Daniels.  
Below: PDG Gordon McKern  
at BMDI Rotary House*

## Rotary House Appeal – Help Families Fight Cancer Together

**Rotary**, in partnership with **Fight Cancer Foundation**, has made an enormous difference to the lives of people living with cancer since 1990. District 9800 helped fundraise \$4M to create a world-class Cancer Research Centre in Melbourne, which continues to produce results that improve the outcomes of cancer patients around the world.



Again in 2003 Rotary took up the cause of families fighting against cancer by throwing its considerable weight behind **BMDI Rotary House** in North Melbourne.

The centre comprises 13 self-contained apartments for regional, rural and interstate families who must travel to Melbourne to access specialist cancer treatment.

Close to three major treating hospitals, more than 70 families find a home away from home at **BMDI Rotary House** each year, helping to alleviate some of the financial and emotional stress and uncertainty brought by a

diagnosis of cancer. Most importantly, it keeps these families together during the toughest battle of their lives.

The need for comfortable, affordable accommodation for rural and interstate families requiring treatment for cancer is high. **BMDI Rotary House** is always at capacity and the waiting list of families desperate for a safe place to stay for up to six months is long. What happens to these families if they can't access accommodation like that of **BMDI Rotary House**? They might spend their life savings on motel rooms, couch surf or decide to skip the treatment they need – all due to the prohibitive cost of accommodation.

**Rotary House, Rotary** and **Fight Cancer Foundation's** ambitious new project, aims to provide more families going through cancer with a home away from home. With 30 custom-built apartments that cater to the specialised needs of people recovering from a bone marrow transplant, each year the new facility will provide almost 11,000 nights' accommodation to families who need it most.



Your support and that of your clubs will make a real difference in the lives of families fighting against cancer – and help them face it together.

You can donate to the Rotary House Appeal by visiting [www.fightcancer.org.au/donate](http://www.fightcancer.org.au/donate) and all donations are tax deductible.

BMDI Rotary House is located at 4-12 Blackwood Street, North Melbourne..



**Fight Cancer Foundation™**  
*Giving hope. Saving lives.*

## Interactors Sparkle at MacRobertsons' Girls High School



Krystal sparkles like her name, and she inspired me with her email that she shared out of the blue. It was the longest email I think I've ever received. They say that emails are reserved for oldies like me.

Krystal said that she loves everything about **Rotary**. She says that it is the best kept secret she knows, and she can't understand why.

At Krystal's school – MacRobertsons' Girls High she has 22 projects on the go in her Interact Club. {These 22 mini-projects are part of one large project, the Amazing Race}

They are all promoted around the school using posters and social media. All of the students know so much about Rotary and the good work we do.

We had a cup of coffee together with Kerry Kornhauser and she suggested that all of the great work that we do should be advertised. If we do a community project, why isn't a picture of it then put on a billboard in the community and celebrated? Why isn't it acknowledged on social media? I couldn't answer her; but could only agree.

We discussed all of the graffiti art and how Rotary projects would make great graffiti art. Wouldn't it be great to commission local youths to celebrate community projects, decorate spaces and acknowledge what local Rotary Clubs are doing in their community?

Krystal and her cohort are in year 12, moving from Interact to Rotaract. As they transition we welcome them via the Youth Forum in February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 and will celebrate with them.

Krystal will present at the Rotary conference her thoughts and show a video. Krystal is one of the over 200 Interactors in District 9800. Rotary membership is in good hands.

Picture:

Krystal Ha, President of the MacRob Interaact Club with Vice President Vi Huynh, piling stationery into the boot of Lucy Douglas from Rotary Port Melbourne's car to send to DIK



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*



# Rotary Leadership Institute Inspires and Connects

Over two Sundays in August 2018, Rotary Club of Southbank members Lilian, Sally & Jasmin attended the **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** in South Melbourne where they undertook the four part course.



RLI is aimed at potential club leaders, as well as those who wish to build their Rotary knowledge, and provides Rotary education and leadership training in a facilitated discussion format. It was noted at the outset that having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership.

An effective Rotary leadership must also have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is going and a vision of what Rotary can be. None of them were pleased to learn that it took a 1987 US Supreme Court decision for women to be allowed to become members of Rotary however they all acknowledge that Rotary has certainly come a long way since and the amazing impact it has had in society since its first gathering in 1905.

On day one of the two action packed days, they pondered the above-mentioned questions over RLI Parts 1 & 2 which focused on growing & strengthening the club with the sub-topics of My Rotary Club and Members, Teams & Leaders. Where they learned about the history of Rotary, how to create and contribute to a forward thinking, healthy, vibrant and innovative club and strategic planning and received training on leadership.

On day two they completed Parts 3 & 4 where they learnt about the Foundation and Increasing Humanitarian Service and enhancing public image and awareness.

Lilian, Sally & Jasmin have been inspired by the RLI training and look forward to discussing their new ideas and insights with the club at the next meeting.

Of particular interest was the extensive resources available on My Rotary, how to apply for grants for projects and the matching grants program, all of which have the ability to help clubs make a massive impact.

All in all it was a wonderful two days where our members got to connect with members from other clubs in District 9800 and share stories and inspiration and have the company of the lovely Rotary leaders Julie & Lesley. We are looking forward to a successful year at SouthBank and District 9800,



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## Interested in attending a Rotary Leadership Course?

2019

Rural 9:30 - 2:30

PART 1&2 9th September 2018

PART 3&4 23rd September 2018

Metro 9:30 - 2:30

PART 1&2 Sunday March 24th

PART 3&4 Sunday March 31st

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/page/district-workshops>

# Mentoring International Graduates

Past District Governor Euan Miller D9520 and former member of the Rotary Club of Essendon runs a program under the **g'day[sa]** banner where international graduates from tertiary institutions in Melbourne are placed in clubs for up to three months as volunteers for club projects. This is a win-win situation for the student and the club.

All these graduates have completed courses in vocations that have chronic skill shortages here so that allows them to start their careers in Australia. Rotarians have networks which help to gain the students a job.

Euan works with these students each year in September at both RMIT and through Study Melbourne – a State Government agency that sources International students for study at all Melbourne institutions.



He teaches them, through interactive workshops, Australian business culture and the soft skills necessary to get a job in Australia. All profits from the program go to **The Rotary Foundation**.

The students are placed in clubs close to where they live so they can easily get involved in club projects. This means that clubs in and close by the CBD gain most of the students. The students find the friendship offered by Rotarians incredibly rewarding and around 20% of the students join the club as Rotarians.



There is no obligation on any club to take a placement and usually only one placement at a time is offered so the graduate gets maximum support. Euan stresses it should not be seen as an official vocational or youth project. It is best kept informal and the natural friendliness of Rotarians provides the informal mentoring required and invariably gives leads to possible career starts through the extensive networks members have.

Euan will approach clubs individually.

Euan is also Chair of Rotary Down Under, Membership Director for District 9520 where he reversed years of membership decline last year with a radical program and a member of the steering committee for the new merged district 9510. He will be back in Melbourne during Cup week, if any club is looking for a speaker.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Euan at: [euan@gdaysa.com.au](mailto:euan@gdaysa.com.au)



# Rotarians—People of Action in Lombok

**Immediate Past President** of the **Rotary Club of Malvern**, **Shayne Nash** was taking a well earned holiday in Bali when the earthquakes struck in Lombok. He and his wife were safe in Bali but as he says; 'I did what every member of our club would have done in the same situation. I had the phone number of the best person in the Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak to call, so I called it and did what I needed to do, to be the most effective.'

What he did was found out where and how to get some **water filters** to the people in the affected area. He then contacted our Club President and we quickly released some funds to help purchase as many as we could, and they were transported to the area.

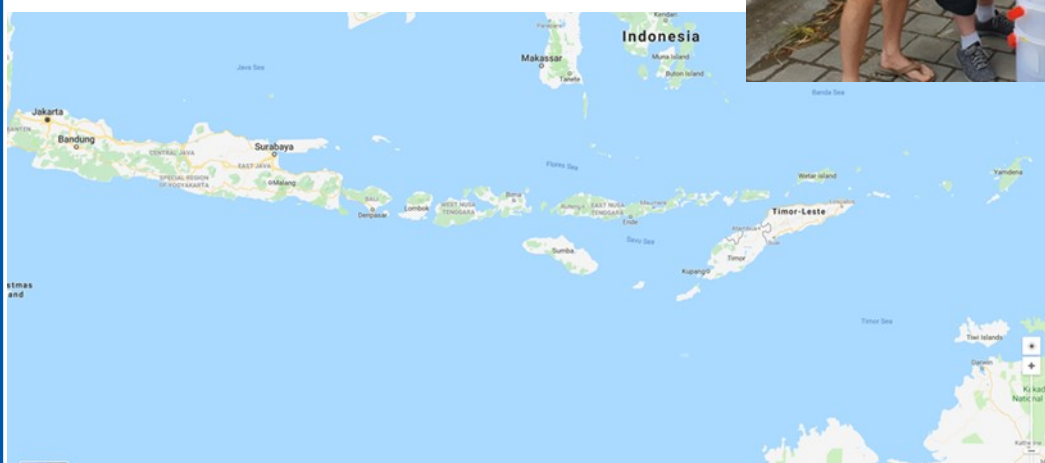
I think this is an amazing demonstration of Rotary '**Doing Good in the World**' where and when it is needed.

Thanks to the funding provided by the Rotary Club of Malvern, 9 water filters have been delivered and installed on the island of Lombok Indonesia, east of Bali, following the magnitude 7.0 earthquake. This means 230 families affected by the 3 recent earthquakes are now able to have a source of clean potable water.

Each water filter can produce 20 litres of potable water per hour. The lifespan of the filters is 3 years.

The filter system can use any water source, except for sea water. Well water, and river water are the preferred water sources for the filters, and thanks to recent rains, these sources are available.

Unfortunately, the number of people affected is growing. This is partly due to volunteers being unable to get to remote villages in the northern parts of Lombok island.



Shayne Nash is 2nd from left

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# Roy's Years of Service for Laos

Roy Garrett 74, is a Rotary Central Melbourne stalwart getting results year after year thanks to skills, contacts and persistence.

Roy's work has created four brick and steel primary schools and one high school extension in remote hills of Laos.

Roy has financed the school construction by taking parties of Rotarians and friends through Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, with a surcharge of \$1000 a head for the projects.

An industrial chemist, he retired last year. He was an executive of a cement joint-venture in southern Vietnam (Hon Chong and Saigon) from 1996-2001 and knows and relates to the region.

Each Laos primary school is a standard two rooms totaling 14m x 7m plus a 2m veranda, with a colourbond steel roof. Initially the job cost \$15,000; today \$25,000.

"Old-style schools were just bamboo shelters with no windows or doors, a dirt floor and insect intrusion," he says. "In the wet season it was impossible for kids to keep books, paper and themselves dry and mud-free, so they often stayed home. They love their school now."

Roy leverages other's expertise. The original scheme in 2012 was with a family foundation run by Rod Fraser, then principal of Ivanhoe Grammar, and his wife, Sandy, a golfing mate of Roy's wife Annie. "I got Rod to address our Rotary club meeting but no-one donated, so I went for tour surcharging," Roy says.

Through Rod Fraser, Roy teamed with a Laotian builder/entrepreneur Somnuek. "He's 100% reliable," Roy says. "At first I wondered if our money would survive. But Somnuek knows how to deal with officials there – teachers even wear military uniforms – and to get projects mostly in on time. The climate is the main enemy."

In 2012 Roy's party found a small boy Nonh crying on the step of his Ban Heu Yen home, with his disfigured face and nose. All the other kids had gone off to play. Roy's club members raised \$4000 personally at a single meeting. By working with Pnomh Penh Rotary, Cambodia, and medical volunteers, Roy got two operations for Nonh with good results.

"Our reward is knowing that education is Laos kids' pass to the future," Roy says.

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**Pictures from top:** Roy Garrett, Somnuek and RCM past-president Frank O'Brien  
Roy with two uniformed Laotian school teachers.  
Primitive Laotian classroom with about 60 kids then the Kids in their new schoolroom



# 2018

## Sir John Reid Community Service Award



*More than 1.5 million volunteers are making an important impact across Victoria in building our communities, services, and connections.*

The Rotary Club of Melbourne (RCM) wishes to pay tribute to those dedicated achievers, and encourage others to follow their lead through the Sir John Reid Community Service Award.

This award is a permanent memorial to Sir John Reid, who served the RCM for over 45 years, being its President in 1953-54. Since its inception in 1987, the Award has been given each year to honour an individual in the Victorian community whose volunteer service is judged to be worthy of special notice.

The generosity of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has made it possible for the RCM to make a significant grant of up to \$10,000 to the organisation where the awardee has volunteered.

To nominate a candidate, please download the instructions and nomination form on the Club Awards page at the RCM website (or use the short URL: [goo.gl/1jsCbo](http://goo.gl/1jsCbo)). The Awardee will need to attend the RCM's lunch meeting at the Melbourne Sofitel on the 7th November 2018 to receive the Award.

To be considered for the award, nominees must:

- Have made an outstanding contribution to the local community in Victoria.
- Have volunteered their services to an organisation(s) without remuneration for a substantial amount of time.
- Normally not be a Rotarian and has not previously received major awards to recognise their contributions.

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2017 awardee Jim Markovski spends most of his personal time with the Redskins Basketball Club. With Jim's encouragement and support for over 23 years, this club has evolved from a small group of twenty at-risk young people to over 400 members. Jim has helped to enable Redskins players to realise their true potential and become productive members of their communities.

[www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au](http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au)

Nominations must be received by  
5pm, 14 September 2018



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# Rotary Connecting Youth in Glen Eira and Ogaki

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira has recently coordinated a successful visit of a Student Delegation from the City of Ogaki in Japan.

Ogaki and Glen Eira have a sister city relationship, as does Ogaki West Rotary with Glen Eira Rotary.

The Club's involvement followed a request made by the Ogaki International Exchange Association, during a visit by 3 club members to Ogaki's Anniversary celebrations and Festival in May this year.

The Association was keen to send 9 Ogaki Junior High School students for a 6-day visit to Glen Eira to share the school and home life of similar level Australian students.

Consequently, Rotary was able to interest and involve Glen Eira Secondary College to host the students on school days and to select families prepared to accommodate the visitors during their stay.

Other arrangements included a Civic Welcome by the Mayor of Glen Eira City, attended by District Governor Bronwyn Stephens, weekend activities by host families in and around Melbourne, and a Rotary Barbeque for visitors and host families.

It was pleasing to find that before departing, the Delegation and the College Principal agreed to consider making bi annual exchange visits and thus cement the bonds between Ogaki and Glen Eira.

All in all, a most successful project.

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## **Pictured from top:**

Students at the Japanese Garden built in recognition of the Glen Eira Council and City of Ogaki "sister city" relationship.

At the Civic Reception with Mayor Cr Tony Athanasopoulos  
Ogaki Junior High School students singing to group.

Exploring Aussie food at the BBQ.

Glen Eira Rotarians, host families and visit students from Ogaki with their teachers.





## Welcome to our new Rotarians ....

The **Rotary Club of Caulfield** welcomed Anthony Breslin, artist, who joined them at their Changeover Lunch. Anthony has worked with the club over a long time and we are very happy to have him joining with us and see a great future for all in a very beautiful way.



The **Rotary Club of Keilor East** celebrated their 35th birthday on August 13th with the induction of 8 new members—former members of the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central which sadly relinquished its charter in June.



President Ginny Billson welcomed each of them with a warm smile, a friendly greeting and handshake and the Rotary emblems. They bring a wealth of experience and community support which will further strengthen the club. Welcome and congratulations to them all:

From left: President Ginny Billson with Athena Vass, Barbara Rafter, Michael Donnelly, Terry Badenhope, John Rafter, Dawn & Jack Watson and IPP John Youngs.

## Polio Update .. And call for donations

### Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

14 August 2018

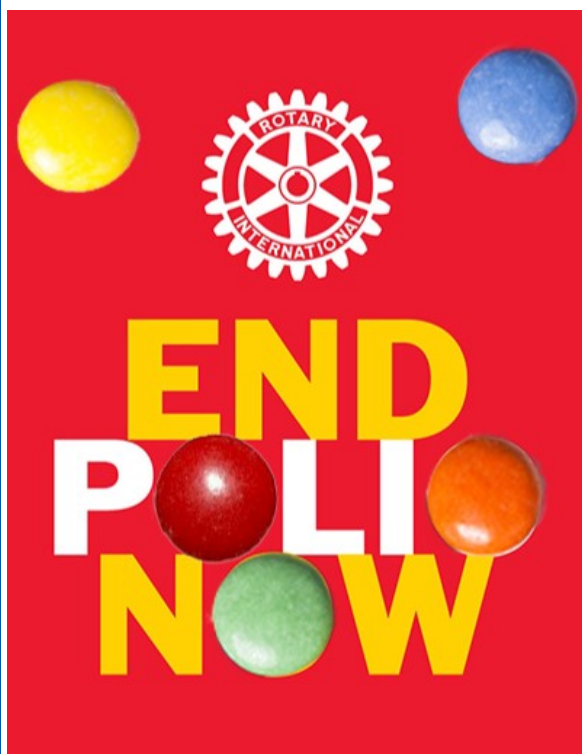


14 cases of polio  
in 2018 to date.



22 children were paralysed by polio  
in 2017 in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

[www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)  
#EndPolio



<https://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/page/polioplus-giving>





# *Be the Inspiration ... through Disc Golf*

I discovered Disc Golf whilst recently holidaying in the United States. Our relatives have a house that backs onto a local park where I discovered some local fellows engaged in a game throwing 'frisbees'. I followed them down through the park where I caught up and spoke to them.

For me as a Rotarian, keen to find a way to connect with our local communities with a 'hands on project' that would broaden our ability to connect with a younger generation, I believe that Disc Golf is that opportunity that we have been waiting for, and should be embraced by Rotary with both hands, and carry it forward just for that purpose.

This Rotary year, Rotary International President Barrie Rassin, is encouraging Clubs to "Be the Inspiration.

I believe that Disc Golf will provide us with the opportunity to do just that for the betterment of our Clubs and our communities. Barrie wants us to engage in a free community project in our communities, and my proposal is that we have a 'Come and Try day' with Disc Golf. It's certainly an easy way for Clusters to be involved and there is support that Rotary can draw on already in the community. (Google - Disc Golf)

I'm old enough to know that when I was about 10 or 11 years old I saw the introduction of Basketball into Australia. It was carried along by the YMCA over the years to where it is today, a brilliant National sport played by thousands and strongly supported in our communities. We are well placed as an Organisation to carry Disc Golf forward from a number of perspectives including, friendship, socialization, fitness - being active, healthy living benefits - targeting obesity, supporting all sections of our community, and promoting Rotary as the organisation to be engaged with to support the community.



Disc Golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world with 7000 courses now found in more than 30 countries. It is played with similar rules to traditional golf, except instead of hitting a ball into a hole players throw special golf discs from a tee area, into an elevated target basket.

Golf Discs are not like your regular Frisbees, but instead are made with durable plastics in a myriad of model types, engineered for different purposes. Participants use distance drivers, fairway drivers, mid-range and putters when playing, selecting a particular disc depending on the challenge of the hole and wind conditions.

It's a healthy lifetime sport, perfectly suited for people of all ages and abilities and is enjoyed both individually in competition and played casually with family and friends.

Disc Golf courses are permanent, self- sustaining facilities found in public parks, camps, schools and on golf courses. Participants bring their own disc or hire them locally and play together with family and friends, or individually at a time that suits them.

Disc Golf is a passive sport which provides low impact, aerobic exercise – all whilst connecting people with nature. As a sport suitable for all generations and socio-economic backgrounds, Disc Golf helps to diversify the recreational opportunities available for local communities. It takes only 1 hour to learn but a lifetime to master.





A Disc Golf course can be installed just about anywhere and requires as little as 3 to 5 hectares. Disc Golf utilizes space and activates an area, but doesn't need to be exclusively for the sport. Most Disc Golf courses are usually made up of 9 or 18 holes. These can range from short courses in local parks with an average hole length of about 60 metres, right through to longer courses with hole lengths over 150 metres.

Disc Golf came to Australia in 1980 but developed slowly and as recently as 2012 there were only 20 courses nationally, moderate growth of less than one course per year. However in the past 5 years Disc Golf has exploded. The amount of courses has tripled with more than 60 courses found in most states across the country. With access to golf courses opening up to new areas, participation in the sport has also risen, with a steady increase in the participation of the sport at around 30% each year.

The City of Joondalup in Western Australia provides a great example of how Disc Golf can be implemented into a community. Introduced into Chichester Reserve it's estimated that since its installation in 2016 the course usage is between 25 and 50 people every day. The demographics of these participants varies greatly, with ages ranging from 5 to 80+ years, for both females and males. They state that approximately 12,000 rounds of Disc Golf was played by local and visiting community members, with approximately 25% of these participants completely new to the sport.



This course has hosted numerous events organised by local clubs including free community 'come and try days' run by touring professional players. The course has also served to host government led active living initiatives, including programs aimed specifically at engaging local senior citizens.

Skate parks and playgrounds are predominately suited only for youth engagement. Disc Golf's accessibility and appeal to participants of all ages and abilities broaden its use deep within the community.

Matched with its low installation and maintenance costs, Disc Golf provides a high return on community benefit, relative to its modest investment.

Greg Penno

President

Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale

Source, [www.discgolfpark.com.au](http://www.discgolfpark.com.au) 'Disc Golf in Bendigo' by Andrew Ferguson and Jackson Adams.

## *The Future is not what it used to be ....*

Early August this year while I was enjoying some quite northern sunshine, Apple just as quietly become the first trillion-dollar company in history. The first question people would ask, is "Is it over valued?" Although this article is definitely not about giving financial advice, unfortunately it is massively undervalued\*. And it is unfortunate because the reasons why it is so undervalued point to some very disturbing trends.

Let me explain and firstly let's get back to the holidays. Being on holidays we tend to visit the local souvenir shops, and I am always tempted to buy some crocodile emblazoned t-shirt. As I lift it off the rack my wife quickly takes it off me and reminds me that the minute we hit Melbourne I will never wear it again. Although she does not always win the argument, she is right and the t-shirt ends up yellowing in the cupboard until such time it is mercifully despatched in a charity bin. Over the years she knows my habits better than I do.

Let's look at the GPS systems so useful when you are on holidays. Have you got one of the new generation GPS systems? They can usually get you to your destination quicker than your intuition. Why? Because they are no longer old-fashioned programs that calculate the shortest route from A to B they are now self-learning algorithms. While you are busy negotiating the traffic, the algorithm is busy getting information from other cars and traffic reports around you and is adjusting the route accordingly to give you the quickest way. And if you follow your intuition instead you will soon realize that your new GPS will beat your intuition most times and get you to your destination quicker and perhaps safer than you can.

Apple, IBM, Google, Facebook, Microsoft own not only GPS algorithms but thousands of others, and although they were initially created to solve a problem for you, they are now just as interested in pushing an agenda. They are learning your habits so they can predict what you are likely to do and not likely to do better than you can.

Let's consider face recognition devices. While you are reading an article or your emails, an App may be also reading you. And although in a week or two you will forget what you have read, the algorithm certainly would not. It will remember what your eye lingered on and what you found not interesting. If you had other devices connected to you at the time it may have measured and recorded other biometrics. If you want to check how much information Google has got on you just follow the exercise at the end of this article.

The algorithm will not take long to figure you out better than you can. You can see where this is heading. Whether it will be Microsoft's Cortana, Apple's Siri or Google's Voice, we will soon realise that although they may not make the perfect choice for us, they will make a better choice than us. As we get more improved outcomes from these algorithms we will continue to abandon more of our choices to these ever-knowing algorithms.

You can start to see why Apple stock is undervalued, because we now are only opening up our wallet to it, soon we will just hand the whole wallet over. What's more concerning is that we will likely also hand more of our identity as well. What started off as a Siri, or a Google Voice suggestion may become our master with our full blessings.

This is not all algorithms will do, and this is where we and I mean particularly we as members of an organization like Rotary need to pay special attention. A study conducted less than 5 years ago predicted that by 2033 that is in 15 years' time about half (47%) of all jobs could be better and more cheaply performed by algorithms. We are not only talking about self-drive vehicles and taxi drivers becoming obsolete, we are talking about information providers like doctors, lawyers and cancer specialists.

IBM has an algorithm called Dr Watson, it already can outperform an MRI specialist by reading a scan with 90% accuracy while the specialist can only get it right 50% of the time.

The specialist is likely to read the scans of a handful of patients a day at most. Dr Watson reads scans from many thousands of patients everyday around the clock and around the globe.

Dr Watson will not go on holidays, nor need a break and will remember and learn from every one of those millions of scans already analysed and from those coming in every day. Who are you going to trust to look at your scan in 15 years' time if it is already beating the specialist now?

GP's and lawyers who mainly dispense advice face the same future. What will the 47% of the population re-train themselves to do? And that's not even the right question the real question is what will they re-train themselves to do that an algorithm cannot do better?

Many will find that this hurdle is too difficult and will need the state to support them. What happens as more and more join their ranks? Will they become too much of a burden for the state? Will the state reduce their benefits? This to me points that the gap between the haves and the have little will just get much wider. When large numbers of people feel they have been left behind they can be easy targets for more extreme versions of Trump, perhaps a more radical Mussolini will emerge to promise them some illusion of the past, when things were better. It is a worrisome thought.

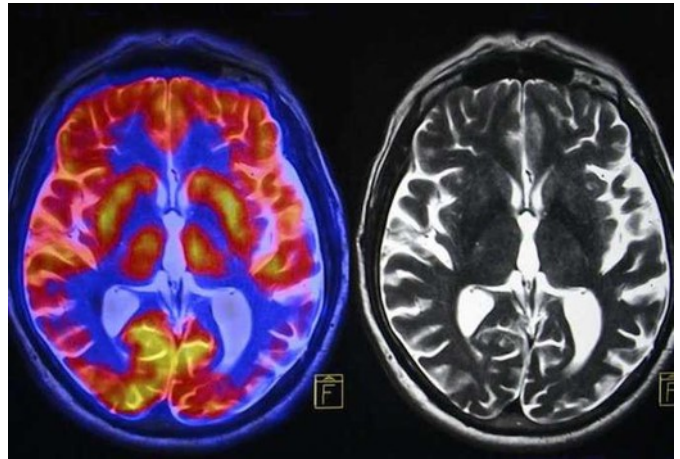
This avalanche of technology is changing the very landscape where governments operate, who have neither a map of this new landscape much less a rudder to guide us through it. I believe that an organization like Rotary should be more visible and highlight these issues and ask governments to take a good hard look and plan for this future, because the future is not what it used to be.

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20 August 2018  
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Ref: Homo Deus. A brief history of tomorrow. Yuval Noah Harari  
<https://www.bookdepository.com/Homo-Deus-Yuval-Noah-Harari/9781784703936>  
\* Note just in the first 3 weeks of August Apple's valuation went up by another \$50 Billion.

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  2. On the "**My Activity**" banner, choose More Other **Google Activity**.
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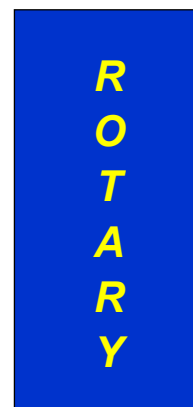
# Rotary Shopping Bags Inspiring Conversations

Many of you will have read the article in this month's RDU that highlighted the problems and the need to eliminate single use of plastic bags and then praised a Rotary Club that produced its own reusable bags.

Using a Rotary Supermarket Bag gives us the opportunity to show people that Rotarians care about the planet and to highlight some of our great programs. It also makes us visible in our daily activities which will increase Rotary Awareness, the first step in increasing Membership. If we buy the bags in bulk they will be the same prices as they are available from the supermarkets.

At the moment it appears that no one is prepared to take responsibility to order the bags nationally and give all of us the opportunity to buy them, so the Gateway Cluster is going to lead the way.

We will order a bag made from the same material as a typical \$1.00 Supermarket bag that is slightly larger and with a plastic base insert that makes them stronger and easier to fill. The cost depends on the volume we order and the bags come in cartons of 100.



If we order 5000 the cost is \$1.45 each, at 10,000 the price is \$1.25. Most members will buy a pack of four bags for \$5 -6.00. They can also be used as part of the Guest Speaker gift, a bag containing Rotary information for potential members and for other promotional activities.

We already have Club orders for 400 and if most Clubs invest \$250 and order 200 we will have no problem reaching the 10,000 target.

Imagine the effect of a few thousand Rotarians promoting Rotary each day. If 1% of the time someone asked you about Rotary as a result of seeing your bag the effect would be outstanding.

1000 Rotarians having a conversation with a person every four months = 3000 opportunities to get someone involved in Rotary.

If you would like to order some bags please advise David Dippie [solatube@bigpond.com](mailto:solatube@bigpond.com) now.

## Did You Know?

The District **RYPEN** team is looking for people who would be interested in joining the committee to help with the organisation of the two **RYPEN camps** and to support the **Rotaractors** who run the camp program. If you are interested, or you know of someone in your club who might be interested please contact the **RYPEN Chair** Suzanne Zammit (email: [suz.zammit@gmail.com](mailto:suz.zammit@gmail.com)).

**PICK MY PROJECT** <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/>

A number of Rotary Clubs are sponsoring projects within their local municipalities.

Go online to support those in your area:

Rotary Club of Bendigo 'Bridges in Song'

Rotary Club of Brighton Sandringham Festival

Rotary Club of Flemington Community Mosaic Project

Rotary Club of Werribee Wyndham community arts project – Water Tower Mural

## DID YOU KNOW?

The District Directory is available as a download from the District 9800 website.

Login to download or search for a member.

A pdf telephone list of District and Club executives is also available



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Download the Club Runner APP from iTunes or the Google Store and have all the District information at your fingertips.

# Vale



The **Rotary Club of Kew** mourns the death of Past President and Paul Harris Fellow member Dr Edward (Bill) Pick. Bill joined the club in its Charter year and was President 1981-1982.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Melbourne** mourn the passing of our friend and colleague Edward (Ted) Billson. A Rotarian for over 20 years and Paul Harris Fellow, Ted was a great supporter of the Club and the Rotary International Foundation.

The **Rotary Club of Balwyn** advised members that former member Gregg Bosaid has passed away in France at the age of 68. Greg was a member 1992-1995 and retired to France. Former Club treasurer Ian Jenkins met up with Greg's family on a recent trip.



Deafness Foundation

The **Deafness Foundation** has advised of a number of grants now available. They are:

1. **Grants Program** for Projects positively impacting for people who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired. Grants may only be awarded to organisations, not to individuals.
2. **Education Encouragement Awards** for Deaf or hearing impaired students at both Senior 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.

Both initiatives are available to applicants throughout all States and Territories of Australia.

As Rotary Clubs have strong connections to their local communities, many may be inspired to develop an innovative project with a partner or as a club in their own right to address a need related to deafness or hearing loss.

<http://www.deafness.org.au/grants-awards/financial-grants-program/>

<http://www.deafness.org.au/grants-awards/education-encouragement-awards-2/>





### ROTARY MOONEE VALLEY NRG (Next Rotary Generation)

Come to the launch of the new Satellite Club for Rotary in Moonee Valley. Join in the discussion with speakers of local and international projects, including but not limited to, Rotary's Donations in Kind, Children First Foundation, Days for Girls, Seven Women (Naps), Footy4All. Learn more about Rotary connected projects including leading the way to "End Polio Now".  
Join the "PEOPLE OF ACTION"  
All Rotarians, and anyone with an interest in making a difference in our community and beyond, are most welcome. Please invite your friends!

**Thursday 30 August**  
Dinner 6pm-7pm (Optional) \$15 Parma & Pot (or wine)  
7pm-8:30pm Discussion

Cross Keys Hotel, 350 Pascoe Vale Rd, Essendon

Supported by District 9800 Rotary Clubs of Essendon, Essendon North, Flemington, and Kellie.  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kellie. East Corporate Sponsor Cross Key Hotel

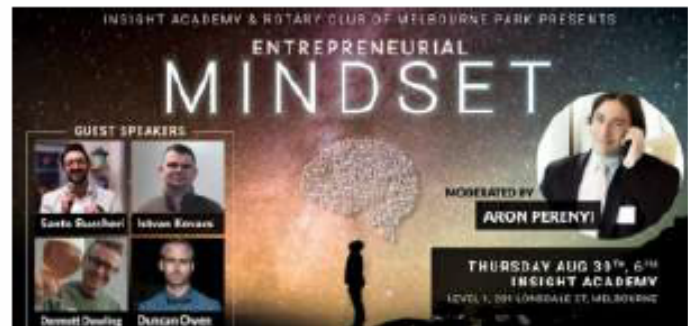
## ROTARY MOONEE VALLEY—NRG (Next Rotary Generation)

Launch of the Gateway Cluster Satellite Club at the Cross Keys Hotel, 350 Pascoe Vale Rd, Pascoe Vale

Thursday 30th August 7pm-8.30

\$15 Parma & a Pot with Guest Speakers

RSVP [jenfoster1517@gmail.com](mailto:jenfoster1517@gmail.com)



## ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE PARK

### presents Entrepreneurial Mindset

Thursday 30th August 6pm at the Insight Academy, 209 Lonsdale Street

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/entrepreneurial-mindset-tickets-48721180362>



## ROTARY CLUB OF ALBERT PARK MOVIE FUNDRAISER

**About Queen of Katwe** The powerful true life tale of one girl's determination to escape from poverty in Uganda by becoming a chess champion Queen of Katwe is based on the inspirational true story of young Ugandan chess champion, Phiona Mutesi (captivating newcomer Madina Nalwanga).

<https://www.windsofhome.com.au/pages/2018-queen-of-katwe>

## VOLUNTEERS - SOLAR SMILES TIMOR LESTE

The volunteer itinerary for November's trips to Timor Leste has now been prepared.

Team One: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of November

Team Two: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of November

They have jobs to suit everyone's skill sets.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/000000004551/en-au/files/homepage/solar-smiles--timor-leste/7-DAY-ITINERARY.pdf>



Please join us for the evening of light conversation to help raise awareness and support for breast cancer research.

**Date:** Tuesday 25th September 2018

**Time:** 6:45am to 9:30am

**Venue:** Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club  
744 Western Hwy, 3004 Werribee VIC 3046

**Cost:** \$60.00 per head

includes a hot breakfast buffet, coffee and tea, door prizes, morning Early Bird discounts, and a raffle for a \$1000 donation.

**RSVP:** 21st September 2018



\*There is a 10% discount on the ticket price for all members of the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand.

For a complete list of speakers and more information, please visit our website: [www.rotarypointgellibrand.com.au](http://www.rotarypointgellibrand.com.au)

## ROTARY CLUB OF POINT GELLIBRAND PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST

25th September, 6.45-9.30am Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club

[Rotarypointgellibrand.com.au](http://Rotarypointgellibrand.com.au)

## Coming Events ..... <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Events/Cards>

### **Does Your Club Need A Face Lift?**

Promoting your Rotary Club is easier with a creative brochure Display your Club 's strengths, projects and new member opportunities!

PDG Julie Mason and Kerry Kornhauser would like to help your Rotary Club to create such a Club brochure.

Please promote our workshop amongst your Club members and encourage a member or two to attend this workshop on Wednesday October 3 @ 10.00am

Bookings

[kerry.kornhauser@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.kornhauser@gmail.com)

## Workshop it, Photoshop it, Brochure it Design The Best Club Brochure

- Give your Club the edge
- Attract more men and women to your Club

**JOIN US :**

**Wednesday 3 October 2018**

**10.00am – 1pm**

**Baden Powell College, 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit**

**Bookings Essential: [kerry.kornhauser@gmail](mailto:kerry.kornhauser@gmail.com)**

**Rotary**   **BE THE INSPIRATION**

### **A Taste of Brazil - Not to be missed.**

Welcome to Rotary Youth Exchange Student Jade Reis Costa

Come and sample Brazilian Food and Music.

Menu will be prepared by Roberto & Carla Ortiz

Friday 31st August, 2018

7pm

\$25.00 per head

Venue ilantro Function Room

rear of Holmesglen campus . South Road, Moorabbin

RSVP

27/8/18

[geoff@ggassociates.com.au](mailto:geoff@ggassociates.com.au)



# Flem-Ken Festival of Arts and Ideas GALA OPENING



Nelson  
Alexander



Come and celebrate the first night of the Festival  
Auction of Art and Silent Auction  
Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> - 6.30 to 8.30 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-flem-ken-festival-of-arts-ideas-2018-opening-gala-tickets-49276075067>



Invites you to a very special breakfast with

## Marga Hewko

All the way from the Rotary Club of Chicago  
(the club where it all began)

*Bloom Where You Are Planted*

Marga knows better than most that the opportunity to serve is what you choose to make of it. She is a seasoned speaker on all things Rotary, having presented at a number of District Conferences around the world, at the Zone Institute in Darul in 2017, and the International Assembly this year. Marga will be speaking at the Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference in Hobart just before coming to Melbourne - her only speaking engagement in Australia after leaving Tasmania. Don't miss this rare opportunity.

19 September, 7.00 AM for 7.30 AM start  
Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street, Box Hill.



Bookings through TryBooking. Seats are limited  
so book early to ensure you don't miss out.

<https://www.trybooking.com/416688>



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