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Zone 8 Public Image newsletter

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District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

In the aftermath of the tragedy of the Christchurch bombings, as each Club is invited to actively seek out peace scholar candidates I reflect on peace as our core value.

The taking of another's life is an anathema for everything we stand for in Rotary with our overarching motto "**service about self.**"

We wonder at the values that could lead an individual, organisation and ethos to believe its OK to murder even one person let alone to mass murder. All of us have been shocked and appalled at recent events, particularly the one so recently, in a house of worship - a mosque.



THIS IS YOUR HOME
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE
BEEN SAFE HERE

What can we do as Rotarians in response to this? Rotarians who stand for all in community - non political and non religious in our stance. Muslims in our District may well be feeling isolated, unwelcome and perhaps even in danger. We can be part of the solution.

I would suggest that a fitting response would be for all Clubs to contact their local mosque and offer a visit or to invite the local Imam to a Club meeting and extend the hand of friendship. How powerful and positive it would be, and what a statement of inclusivity for all Iman's in District 9800 communities to be phoned or visited by Rotary Club Presidents with a simple message of "we stand beside you and reject violence".

Congratulations **Dale Hoy** on your appointment as **District Governor Elect 2021-2022**. You will have time now to prepare for the support role of leading our District and think of how to creatively value adding to what our Club's are achieving in their areas.



What excitement is building for the **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)** camp which the Youth Committee is hosting this weekend. Thank you for all involved in preparations and giving your time to make the world a better place for youth.

Global Scholar interviews are coming around in the next month. This is an opportunity for individuals to extend and add to our world peace.

Model United Nations Assembly will see students adopt the roles of diplomats from all nations and negotiate peaceful solutions to the most challenging world problems.

Rotarians who serve tirelessly and selflessly for others will continue to create peace through acts of kindness, empowerment of others and sustainability measures. How liberating to be part of peace.

Bronwyn

International Women's Day Breakfast

This year's International Women's Day breakfast saw over 1,000 men, women and students participate in another inspirational event. The theme was **"Let's Work Together—Celebrating Difference"** and the panellists Dr Emma Burrows, Rob Hulls, Fiona Patten, Josh Bornstein and Kristen Hilton explored this under the moderation of Walkley Award winning journalist Catherine Fox. MC Josh Earl had the audience in fits of laughter.



A highlight of the morning was the announcement of Jenny Foster, Assistant Governor Calder Cluster and Past President from the Rotary Club of Essendon as the new Royce Abbey Champion of Change. She was thrilled to receive her ward from Past RI President Ian Riseley himself.



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Fantastic Rotaract Conference in Adelaide

More than 100 Rotaractors from Australia and New Zealand came together in Adelaide for a weekend of personal development and networking at the 2019 Australian Rotaract Conference (ARC). Held at the prestigious Adelaide Oval on February 9-10, the conference highlighted the gorgeous city of churches and sought to motivate Rotaractors for the year ahead.

Taken from the 2018-19 Rotary theme Be the Inspiration, the conference keynote speakers used their personal struggles with being labelled to show Rotaractors that by doing what they are passionate about, good things will come. Katrina Webb OAM spoke about her struggles with acknowledging her Cerebral Palsy diagnosis and how she went from trying to ignore her differences to winning gold medals at a Paralympics Games.



Likewise, South Australian Police Special Tasks and Rescue (STAR) Group Officer, Derrick MacManus, challenged the audience to adjust their mindset when things get tough by retelling his incredible story about being shot 14 times in the line of duty then returning to full duties just two years later. His message about being a risk manager and having those tough conversations before jumping into something resonated with lots of people in the room.

Founder of the Zarah Foundation, which helps women fleeing domestic violence, Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM spoke from the heart when he told his story about having to deal with his father killing his mother. "You can't be what you can't see," he said, meaning you should always be genuine when you pursue your passions.

Rotaract puts a great deal of emphasis on personal and professional development and the highlight of the conference was the eight Rotaractors who presented in breakout sessions. From how to sell your club and its projects to mainstream media, to how to identify your strengths, embracing your weird, discussing mental health and Service Above Self; the conference tapped into the immense talent already in the Rotaract community to inspire conference attendees.

The conference dinner, held at the Adelaide Zoo, was a chance for the Rotaract community to highlight incredible projects and events, and Rotaractors who have done extraordinary things since the last conference. The winners of the 2019 Rotaract Australia Awards were also announced at the conference.

The winners were:

- Rotaractor of the Year: Samantha Fewster (District Rotaract Representative for WA)
- Most Outstanding Project: Rotaract Club of Otway, Vic, & Rotaract Club of Adelaide City, SA
- Most Fun/Creative Event: Rotaract Club of the Hunter, NSW
- Highest Number of Volunteer Hours: Rotaract Club of Perth, WA
- Highest Fundraising Club: Rotaract Club of Perth, WA
- Best Engagement of the Community: Rotaract Club of Otway, Vic
- Most Outstanding Event: Rotaract Club of Perth, WA
- Highest Membership Increase: Rotaract Club of Katanning, WA

The conference would not have been possible without the continued support of Rotary clubs around Australia, which supported Rotaractors attending the conference. It is clear that the passion exuded by Rotary International president Barry Rassin has well and truly found its way to Australia.

A special mention must go to the Rotary Club of Salisbury, SA, as a gold sponsor, and the Rotary clubs of Gawler, Galwer Light and Adelaide, SA, as silver sponsors. Overall, the 2019 conference was a huge success and we can't wait for the next Australian Rotaract Conference!

District 9800 Drought Relief in action

Last year in response to the terrible effects of the drought across many parts of Australia, District 9800 established a Disaster Relief Committee. The main aim was specifically to encourage and assist clubs in our district to support drought affected communities of NSW, Queensland, and Victoria.

Supported by DG Bronwyn Stephens, the District Support Team and District Board the committee was established as allowed under the District Rules and Bylaws. This stipulated the Chair and Co-Chair roles were allocated to myself as DG Elect and Community Service chair David Bourke respectively. It was clear from early conversations that we had a high level of support, interest and knowledge from AG Eastside Barry Hickman and AG Goldfields South Cliff Downey who both agreed to join the committee. With his excellent work establishing the National fund in partnership with Channel 9, the National Farmers Federation and Rotary, DG Nominee Phillip Archer also supported the committee with advice, contacts and experience.

The first activity was the establishment of a **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)** account to receive tax deductible donations from the community, Rotarians and business. This account is titled '**Rotary District 9800 Drought Relief Fund (RABS)**' and is shown on the RAWCS website as project ID 28-2018-19. Donations can be made at <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/28-2018-19>. To date we have received approximately \$80,000 from many individual donors, clubs and community organisations.

Next, we applied for and received a \$250,000 parcel from the 2018 National Drought Relief Appeal. This has improved the amount of support we were able to offer clubs who in turn have supported communities and families struggling with drought conditions. Several clubs have made use of these funds and there is more available. I encourage clubs to get involved in the drought relief efforts.

The committee developed and released the Drought Relief Support Plan and details were posted on the D9800 website and communicated to clubs via the District bulletin and newsletters. The plan included;

- ◇ D9800 Rotary clubs link with a Rotary club in a drought affected area in line with the Adopt a Town project www.adoptatown.org.au
- ◇ Clubs collaborate on activity/project in the community
- ◇ Develop a plan to support the community
- ◇ Utilise local business where possible
- ◇ Work Rotary to Rotary to Community
- ◇ D9800 Rotary club visit to the town/ Stay in their hotels / Eat in their restaurants and Pubs / Shop in their shops.
- ◇ D9800 clubs and Rotarians gain a true appreciation of the difficult conditions being experienced
- ◇ Local and D9800 Rotarian develop bonds when working on the project.
- ◇ Forge lasting relationships

The results have been amazing with several clubs completing projects that have achieved all that we could have hoped for and more. Here is a small outline of what has been achieved.



Cobar NSW has been supported by Eaglehawk with an allocation of \$80,000, and Castlemaine with a \$20,000 allocation from the D9800 fund. These clubs have also contributed money to the projects.

Support has been provided in the form of multiple visits, provision of hay, a trailer of dog food, community vouchers, essential grocery item packs, and other community support. The RC Cobar have expressed sincere appreciation for the great partnership of the Eaglehawk Rotary Club and District 9800 for the fodder project and also for the wonderful support from the Castlemaine Rotary Club.

There was also this message from DGE Graeme Hopper in NSW; 'sincere thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Eaglehawk and Castlemaine at Bendigo in Victoria for the marvellous assistance to Cobar farmers with Fodder and grocery supplies. These Clubs banded together with the Rotary Club of Cobar to get these essential supplies to farmers missing out on other fodder support delivered to the District.

A total of 12 trailers loads of good quality fodder totalling some 444 large bales have now been delivered to struggling farmers around Cobar from the Victorian Clubs in the past 6 weeks as part of the project. Rotary getting the job done without the fuss'.

RC North Balwyn were allocated \$35,000 to support drought relief efforts in the St Arnaud area of Victoria, with the goals of reinvigorating the local economy, mental wellbeing programs and inspiration in the form of local business vouchers, and family orientated community events.

Club President Nino Sofra recently commented, of his excitement and pride at the club's decision to support Drought Relief. Supported also by Balwyn Rotary Club, they distributed 800 x \$50 vouchers through the Rotary Club of St. Arnaud. These vouchers have the potential of delivering a seven-fold multiplier effect. We will participate in a series of projects over a period of time to help the community in providing a holistic approach to meeting their needs.

The club also supported the Young Farmers Harvest Festival with ten members and partners attending supporting setting up and selling raffle tickets, beer and wine. It was a great afternoon. Nino stated; 'We want to let them know they are not alone. These are the reasons we should be proud to be Rotarians'.

Several other Rotary clubs (Keilor, Canterbury, Laverton Point Cook, Point Gellibrand and Bairnsdale) have been involved in similar programs in Queensland, NSW and Victoria and you will learn more about these in future editions. There are funds remaining in the D9800 account for your club to be involved in supporting drought affected communities. Please consider being part of this wonderful effort and make lasting connections across Rotary and Australia. More information and the application form are available on the district website <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/d9800-drought-relief/introduction> Also please contact any of the committee members would be pleased to hear from you if more information is required.

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Want to know more about Peacebuilder Clubs?

Want to refresh the image of your club? Want to engage young people? Do you want to reinvigorate your club? Want to have some new ideas for projects? Then, you want to know about **Peacebuilder Clubs**.



Rotary International is focusing on peace, with a global partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, Peace Summits and the upcoming Peace Symposium at the Hamburg Convention. Of course, peace is one of the Foundation's areas of focus but, if you are asking why RI is focusing on peace, then perhaps a better question is: why should your club focus on peace? The answer may surprise you – your club is already focused on peace!

The truth is, for most Rotary clubs, most of the current or past projects have an element of peace building. Youth exchange is an obvious one where goodwill between countries are built through young people's understanding of another culture. A less obvious one is a water and sanitation project that enables girls to attend school when they have their periods; giving them equal opportunity to education. Planting trees is peace building as it creates a more peaceful environment for all. So you and your club are already peacebuilders in practice.

What are the advantages of being a Peacebuilder Club?

Ever tried to engage someone by saying, "would you like to do something about domestic violence?" or "youth suicide?" or "homelessness?" or "mental illness?" These are difficult conversations to have with anyone. Most of us would feel unqualified to even try to address these issues and we would not have a clue how or where to start. Imagine you starting that same conversation by saying, "I am in a Peacebuilder Club and we want to promote peace by working in the area of [youth suicide, etc]." It's a little easier to absorb because everybody wants peace and we all know that there are things we can do to make the world a more peaceful place, a little bit at a time.

Young people love the idea of peace and promoting peace so it gives your club a great opportunity to engage young people. Perhaps start an Interact or Rotaract Club, with a focus on building peace? The possibilities are endless.

By becoming a Peacebuilder Club, you can easily re-frame your existing projects as peacebuilding projects and it gives you a new opportunity to communicate with your community not just what you are doing but why – to build peace in our community – and everyone likes that. You can use peacebuilding as a starting point to get young people engaged with your club; perhaps by setting up an Interact or Rotaract club. Your members can explain to their kids or grandkids what they have been doing in Rotary – Peacebuilding. What an interesting conversation that would be!

It is easy to become a peacebuilder club. Click on this link to find out how:

<https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/how-to-become-an-active-peacebuilder-club/>

Did you know that District 9800 is a Peacebuilder District? Every club in our District can become a peacebuilder club. It is easy and we can achieve so much more if your club becomes a peacebuilder club too. The Rotary E-Club of Melbourne is the first club in Australia to be a Peacebuilder Club but we want many more clubs in Australia to join us. We want to tell the world Rotary is about building peace and your club is doing amazing things to promote peace.

Encourage your members to learn more about peace from the Rotary Peace Academy: <http://rotarypeaceacademy.org/>

Gabe Hau is the President of the E-Club of Melbourne and he would be happy to share ideas about peacebuilder clubs with you and your club. Contact him at ghau@optusnet.com.au



Anniversary of the Tathra and District Bushfires

District 900 and many clubs individually provided support for the community following the bushfires in and around Tathra twelve months ago. Past President Charlie Blomfield provided a report to PDG Peter Frueh and advised of a number of community events to commemorate the fires. He also reported that the disastrous events have really bonded the community and while many will struggle for years to come, the support and friendships that have been forged will also last for a long time.

Sunday March 17th was the anniversary of the fires that impacted Tathra so it is appropriate that I provide a final report on the progress to rebuild the community.

As previously mentioned most of the Rotary Clubs contributed to the Mayoral Appeal and this fund accumulated over \$1.57m. The seven persons Committee set up to distribute these funds to individuals included 4 community members, one of which is Bega Rotary immediate Past President Richard Galton.

- Stage 1 - Initial distributions of a "flat rate" has been made to people where their house was destroyed either as primary residence owned or renting (45 owners + 9 tenants).
- Stage 2 – Distributions has been made to people where there was damage to their property (87 owners + 14 tenants).
- Stage 3 – Further payments to those under Stage 1 above (45 owners + 14 tenants).
- Stage 4 – Distribution of remaining funds to those most severely affected by the fires (21 Owners + 12 tenants).

The Mayoral Appeal has now been 90% distributed to individuals with remainder shortly. I believe this confirms our early confidence the such an appeal is very effective in rural communities.

As previously advised, funds that were donated to Bega Rotary are being held and will be progressively used as we identify specific cases that other funds do not cover. Also, as previously indicated we have a long-term focus in this regard. The local Lions Clubs are taking a similar approach.

A summary of the current status

- The local Community Reference Group that was established after the fire organised and held an Anniversary Day last Sunday. The activities were strongly support and some of the external organisations that came to Tathra to assist immediately after the fires returned for the day. The attached document outlines the main activities last Sunday.
- Council continues to provide the "one stop" office to Tathra. This is specifically to assist people work through the recovery process for emotional and social needs. There is also help for people to address the requirements and contacts for any rebuild.

Three houses have been rebuilt and are occupied. 12 other houses are in progress – they vary from lock up stage to foundations.



Thank you gain for your support and I hope this provides some comfort your Rotary donation was well used.

Yours in Rotary
PP Charlie Blomfield
Rotary Club of Bega
20 March 2019



Multi District Conference – Homelessness Breakout Forum



The **Homelessness Breakout Forum** was exceptionally well attended and the passionate words on homelessness expressed by Melbourne Lord Mayor Sally Capp when opening the conference segued nicely into this session.

Her favourite quote “**I won’t let what I can’t do, get in the way of what I can do**” echoed clearly. With this resonating in everyone’s head, we focused on how each of us could make a difference.

District 9800 Homelessness Working Group members Austen Burleigh, James Pullar and Peter Duras did a fantastic job in organising the basis of generating effective engagement with the group on this very real and challenging problem of homelessness.

The forum was facilitated excellently by RC of Melbourne member Marion Macleod, who had the audience actively participate in developing ways how they and their clubs may become get involved.

The panellists provided an individual perspective on what, and how, they had done something in the homelessness space. After each presentation the group of 160 reflected on the key message and what their club could do, recording this on a pre-prepared worksheet. At the end of the presentations, attendees in groups of eight “workshopped” their findings before engaging in some animated discussions at their tables and posing some very interesting questions to the panellists.

RCM member Tony Nicholson, now retired CEO of the Brotherhood of St Laurence, took a big picture view of the problem with a ‘Capability and Opportunity; Educate and Empower’ view. Previously a front line social worker and a senior executive in the social services and policy sector he shared his 27 years’ experience and the complexity that he has seen in this area.

Robert Pradolin, **Founding Chair of Housing All Australians**, presented an alternative view of social and affordable housing as economic infrastructure. Robert re-thinks homelessness by focusing on the importance of increasing the supply of affordable rental housing for all Australians. His argument is that housing must be seen as vital national infrastructure, and he explains how the cost/benefit ratio of housing provision is actually much higher than most road and other infrastructure projects and the long-term social costs of ignoring the affordability crisis are much higher than currently appreciated.

RC of Melbourne Past President Quin Scalzo then provided a very practical view of the problem. His personal involvement in how ‘Mentoring and employment provides a sense of purpose’ was supported by a challenge to the audience to get businesses and associates around the various Rotary clubs to engage practically and offer mentoring and employment locally.

The group was challenged to view homelessness through a different lens and explore the many ways they and their club could become involved.

Innovative ways like the “**Magpie Nest**” **Housing Program**, embraced by Rotary Waverley, were used as an example. This program operates through a partnership between the Collingwood Football Club Foundation and the Salvation Army and utilises private housing stock in a sustainable business model to provide housing for social needs - a very simple model. They contribute by providing eight houses for 24 homeless so far, and are doing it in their own very special way.

The discussion was lively and the audience provided some valuable feedback on how they could personally get involved and engage their clubs. The worksheets were collected and an analysis of the details has been made which will form part of our further considerations in how we may become involved in assisting the homeless.

Austen Burleigh
Rotary Club of Melbourne
District 9800 Homelessness Working Group
burleighas@bigpond.com

Not to be missed!



FORUM DAY – Saturday 11 May 2019

Working Together to Address Homelessness

Corporate Membership and Raising Funds for Signature Projects

Calling all Interested Rotarians:

This is your invitation to a day of information sharing, learning and inspiration.

The day will be in two parts – you may attend both sessions or just one.

9.30am to 12.30pm: *Working Together to Address Homelessness*



This is your opportunity to network with members of other Clubs to discover what projects are currently being undertaken in the homelessness sphere and how Clubs could work together to address Homelessness in local communities. Come prepared to share your projects as well as gain information from others.

12.30pm – 1.30pm: *Lunch*

1.30pm to 4.30pm: *Corporate Membership & Raising Funds for Signature Projects*



Topic experts include:

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| • David Jones: | Sponsorships from Businesses & Corporates |
| • Leigh Wallace: | Philanthropic funding opportunities |
| • Gerrie Carr-MacFie: | Obtaining funds from Councils & Corporates |
| • Gary Goldsmith: | Online donations |
| • Philip Archer: | Corporate Membership & proforma sponsorship proposal |

The Details:

Date:	Saturday 11 May 2019
Venue:	DIK, Shed 39, 401 Somerville Road, Footscray West
Start Time:	9am for a 9.30am start
Cost:	\$12.00 which includes lunch
To book:	https://www.trybooking.com/BBTFI
Deadline:	Friday 3 May 2019
Questions:	To Jane Pennington secretary@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Open Day at Donations in Kind

A large group of Rotarians and non Rotarians took the opportunity to visit Donations in Kind on Saturday 23rd March. Bob Glndemann, Laurie Fisher, David Dippie and the regular team were on hand to greet and show around those new to the store. In his speech, Bob reiterated the need for new volunteers, especially people to take over from Laurie in the future.

The **Rotary Club of West Footscray** provided the sausage sizzle and Jama Farah and his team from the **Rotary Club of Footscray** provided the traditional and delicious African food plus cinnamon tea.

Rotarians from Melbourne were on hand selling raffle tickets for their major fundraising raffle to immunise 100,000 children across 9 Pacific Island countries and Ruth Cross for Kiribati ha a wonderful display of goods for sale.

District Governor Janne Speirs and Sue Cornelissen from District 9820 visited along with members from a number of clubs.



Opening of the pre school at Belola, East Timor

The Belola School in East Timor, {a project of the Rotary Clubs of Bentleigh Moorabbin, Port Melbourne, Melbourne South, Keilor, Pakenham, Berwick, Plimmerton [NZ] and Windsor [NSW] together with a Grant from RI District 9800. celebrated its official opening on March 20th with representatives from Rotary, the Balibao House Trust, Terri Bracks, Shirley Shackleton and the East Timor Education Minister. Featured also was the playground provided by the Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington through its Rotary Overseas recycled Playgrounds project. This story featured on the Channel 7 News last weekend..

<https://twitter.com/7NewsMelbourne/status/1109720530582556673>

The legacy of five Australian journalists murdered in East Timor more than 40 years ago will now live on, after a new school was opened in honour of the 'Balibo 5'.

@BaliboTrust @RotaryVictoria @spenditwell
@NickMcCallum7 #7NEWS



The legacy of the 'Balibo 5' will live on
7 News Melbourne | 6.00pm nightly





100 fellowships for fully funded university training in peace and conflict resolution, are now available

Through application of their training, study, networking, and practice Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution.

Many go on to careers in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, peace education, media, international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank, and grass roots organisations working in communities.

Rotary International is committed to this program. Since 2002 more than 1,100 graduates have been trained.

THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Internship/field study expenses
- Bursary for living expenses

TWO YEAR MASTERS DEGREE

Up to two years of fully funded graduate study at an internationally recognised program in England (University of Bradford), Japan (International Christian University), Sweden (Uppsala University), or United States (Duke and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

THREE MONTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Designed for mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution. This fully funded course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok offers a mix of theory and practical skills in both a classroom environment and in the field.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships must have the following:

- A strong commitment to peacebuilding demonstrated through professional and academic achievements
- Excellent leadership skills
- Proficiency in English
- For the master's program, a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of full-time relevant work experience
- For the certificate program, a strong academic background, plus five years of full-time relevant work experience

HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.

REVIEW: The entire application online at www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships

SPEAK TO: A Rotarian that you know

CONTACTS: Rob Helme at rhelme@bigpond.net.au or 0402 299 492

Tania Miletic (Peace Fellow alumni) at taniamiletic@yahoo.com or 0437 272 287

Bob Fels at robertmfels@gmail.com or (03) 9417 6550

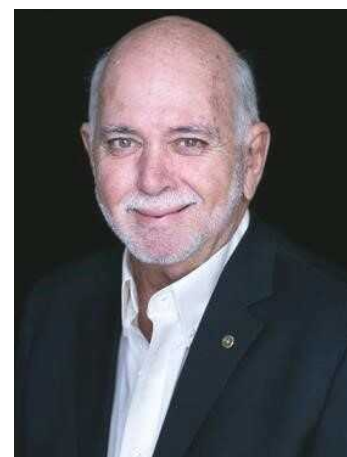
DISTRICT 9800

District 9800 has recruited and mentored more successful Rotary Peace Fellow applicants than any other district, worldwide. On-line applications for study require District endorsement and close on 15th May 2019.

Is there someone that you know who might benefit from this program? Please circulate this flyer to them.

Rotary International President Barry Rassin

Barry Rassin
President 2018-19
April 2019



Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive.

As I've travelled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.

And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed — and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have.

In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to **Be the Inspiration** as we help those who need us most.



Moonee Valley Art Show—Essendon and Keilor East

The Rotary Clubs of Essendon and Keilor East again combined to hold their very successful Art Show at the Columbans Mansion in Strathmore over the weekend of March 15th—17th. Famed Bendigo artist and judge Ben Winspear chose “Female Figure Study 9” by Linda Robertson as Best in Show. Best oil Acrylic went to “Painted Hills Beauty” by Linda Trinick; Best Watercolour to “Red Roof Farmhouse” by Jue Wu; Best Pastel/Drawing to “Swan Goose” by Nola Jones; Best Young Artist to “Inner Beauty” by Callum Graham and Best Moonee ValleyArtist to Ted Dansey “Levington Yc”.

Scenes from 2019 Art Show
THANK YOU! to all that assisted
(report to follow once we have closed financials etc)



Clean Up Australia Day with Rotary



The **Rotary Club of Kew** were at Willsmere Park with help from **Rotary Club of Yarra Bend** and family.

The **Rotary Club of Altona** spent a day at Truganina Park cleaning up on a very hot day.



The **Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh** were out in action at Federation Park in Bacchus Marsh.



The **Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern** tackled Gardiners Creek on Clean Up Australia Day.



Mark Tognon, President Elect of the **Rotary Club of Keilor East** was setting a good example on the Yarra River.

Clean Up Australia Day from Glenferrie

Last Sunday morning, 3rd March, our Rotary Club participated in "Clean up Australia Day", as has been our custom for a number of years. Since 1990 Australians have donated more than 33 million hours cleaning up their streets, parks, beaches and waterways on Clean up Australia Day, removing the equivalent of more than 350 thousand ute loads of rubbish.

Thank you very much to Ros, Shauna, Lisa, Elizabeth, Alexander, Liz, Newton, Ian S, Bernadette, Charles, Don H, Miffy and Robert H for your contribution to our very successful Rotary Clean Up Australia Day project.

We covered a large area on **Patterson Reserve** and its car park as well as many surrounding streets. In all we collected 20 large bags of rubbish. The Council picked these up Sunday afternoon as arranged, so the area looks really good for our next Farmers' Market on 16/3.

Particular thanks to our newest member Elizabeth and her son Alexander and our four non-member helpers Lisa, Ros, Shauna and Bernadette.

Thanks also to Miffy and Robert for providing a most enjoyable meal and drinks at the end. Their home cooked sausages and hamburgers were a clever solution to the no BBQ allowed on a **Total Fire Ban** day. Our shared meal and fellowship at the end of the Clean Up showed the real benefit of Rotary fellowship.

Our Community Service committee were delighted with your support to uphold our Rotary motto of "Service above Self" on what was a very hot day.

Thank You!

Don Heath
Community Service Director



The Rotary Club of North Balwyn had the mammoth task of feeding the officials at the Australian Grand Prix on the weekend of March 15th-17th. A 'hands on' service project and wonderful publicity for Rotary and the club. PDG Jim Studebaker in his element.





Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN)

March 2019 Newsletter



A Community Service Project of the
Rotary Clubs of
Bacchus Marsh, Caroline Springs,
Essendon North, Flemington,
Hoppers Crossing, Melton Valley,
Werribee, Williamstown, Wyndham
and Yarraville

WERN is established to support people in emergency need situations with the absolute necessities to start again. We help trauma victims recovering from such devastating events as fire, flood and assisting in circumstances such as family violence, refugees and the homeless.

WERN is moving

WERN – What a start to our new Year!

WERN has for some weeks now been seeking a new home for our operations and following the Metro Tunnel works announcement we have reached the end of our tenure at Cross St. Footscray. A new chapter in the WERN Story is about to begin with our relocation to new premises at **Unit 18, 22 Makland Rd. Derrimut**. The modern 500 sq. metre complex should provide a long term home for WERN to continue the good work it has completed to date and our volunteers are excited with the prospect of relocation.

The location is situated just a short walk from Deer Park Station or there are buses from Sunshine and Watergardens Stations with drop offs within a five minute walk to our new warehouse. We all look forward to welcoming you to our new premises.

WERN Facts to share with our Partners:

**WERN has helped around 1,200 families since commencement;
To Date end of December 2019:**

- * Almost \$800,000.00 worth of goods have been donated;
- * Over 24,500 items provided to families in need;
- * Almost 8,600 Volunteer Hours provided; &
- * Over 1,000 collections completed.

Thanks

Our deep and sincere appreciation and thanks must go to many people and organisations. To our hardworking Volunteers: Manager David and our small team of volunteers and casual helpers from many sources, Thank you.

WERN now has formal partnerships with 50+ Welfare Agencies and over 320 Accredited Case Managers across the west and is happy to welcome another two new Rotary Clubs to the Management Committee of WERN in Flemington and Williamstown. These member clubs not only provide the management behind the program but also assist with deliveries for urgent cases and provide the community connections to identify people in need immediately emergencies strike.

These Clubs also provide the expertise to manage the behind the scenes operations of Communications, Grant Management, Financial Management, Volunteer support and a myriad of other tasks so a big shout out to all our Member Rotary Clubs.

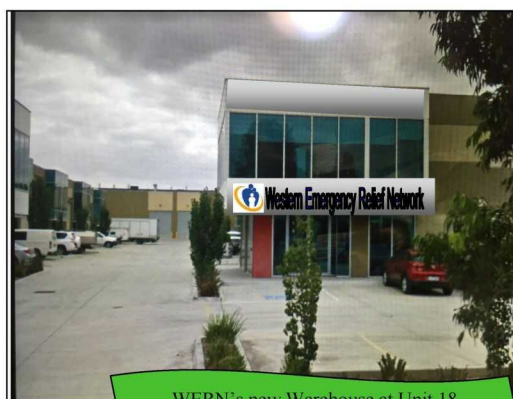
**Program Founder & Chair: PDG Ross Butterworth
3 Cross St. West Footscray 3011**

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**Can you help us to help
others with Donations,
Time or Skills? - Call us!**



WERN's new Warehouse at Unit 18,
22 Makland Dve. Derrimut



Another wonderful year with Thanks to our
sponsors Cleanaway who assisted in our annual
Clean up at WERN

Welcome to our newest Rotarians ...



The **Rotary Club of Canterbury** welcomed Natasha Facci as a member recently. Natasha has already been active contributor working on FORaMEAL food packing events and arranging for students to attend MUNA. She is pictured with Rob Simpson and President Steve Wylie. Welcome Natasha.

The **Rotary Club of Altona** recently inducted Angelo Deltiglio, a local Bank Manager. Angelo was previously in Rotary in Geelong. Congratulations Leon Mancini on sponsoring another new member.

The **Rotary Club of Glenferrie** welcomed Elizabeth Dumonic as a new member. Elizabeth works in Real Estate. Elizabeth is pictured with with Lyn Kneale, President Charles Tran and Rod Smith.



The Rotary Club of Bendigo inducted 3 new members this month. President Libby is with Ken and Liz Longford {left} and Pam Luxford {right} Welcome all.



The Rotary Club of Richmond welcomed Emile Miller, Teacher Liaison from Melbourne Girls College as their newest member. She joins former teacher liaisons, now Rotarians, Sue Bolton, Nia Holdenson, Maria Makris and Brooke O'Callaghan. She is pictured with mentor Maria and Trevor Pang.



The Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington has welcomed their 4th new member this year. Rachel Sumich is an entertainer with a focus on mental health and safe spaces for women. She is a former colleague and friend of their Past President, the late Del King. She is pictured right with colleague Sandy Belcher and President Lesley McCarthy.



**Immunise
100,000 children
across nine
Pacific Island
countries**



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**Magnificent all-inclusive 15 day River Cruise
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Valued up to \$20,000

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\$10

PER TICKET



GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE

https://rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/news/33857/give-every-child-a-future-club-raffle/?type_fr=720

Around the Clubs

Alan from the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing is again participating in the RoCan Charity Ride. Here he is at the start of the ride in Sydney.



Campbell Chambers from the **Rotary Club of Central Melbourne** is also riding however has had major bike issues and has been relegated to support crew. He has been lent another bike and will be able to complete the ride from Canberra on.



Chris Rundell from the **Rotary Club of Keilor East** is also pedalling along, including parts of the Old Hume Highway.

The **Rotary Club of Eaglehawk** has completed a major drought relief and fundraising project to support Cobarr in New South Wales. With \$25,000 they purchased working dog food, water, 12 loads of hay and food. They also organised a mobile desal plant on a tandem trailer and a generator to drive this.



The **Rotary Club of Keilor** has continued their amazing work with the town of Wycheproof this year with:

- * formation and funding for a Wycheproof Men's Shed
- * Materials to build a new bike trailer for the bike club and
- * An Australia Day swimming carnival at the Wycheproof pool with a BBQ, gift bags and food vouchers;



Clive Whittington from the Rotary Club of Balwyn came across Rotary in Ushuaia in Argentina.



Congratulations to **Assistant Governor Des O'Shannassy and Irene** who celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary on 24th February.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South were very busy at the recent Scotts Day Out.



The Rotary Club of Keilor East supported the Victoria Police in a community soccer match at Debney Park on a very hot March 3rd.



Despite the sizzling heat, the **Rotary Club of Werribee** held a very successful Golf Day raising \$29,000 . The players survived the heat although President Graham Roper looks a little warm!

The Rotary Club of Altona also held a Charity Golf day recently and raised \$11,385 for Very Special Kids, the charity which has now benefitted from \$100,000.



Another very hot Golf Day for members of the **Rotary Club of Melton**.





The Rotary Club of Richmond recently celebrated a 21 year partnership with Melbourne Girls College at the schools birthday last week. As part of the ceremony acknowledging their partnership, a plaque was unveiled in recognition of the commitment towards the students in the many Rotary programs.

Congratulations to Past District Governor Ian Knight and Genny who celebrated their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on March 14th. They will celebrate this momentous occasion with a cruise on the Queen Elizabeth to New Zealand. Ian is a charter member of the **Rotary Club of Werribee** and was its Charter Secretary, with Genny typing the minutes of the Board meetings for the next 3 years. Congratulations Ian and Genny.



The Rotary Club of Wyndham are celebrating the delivery of the first prosthetic arm to this young boy in India. He was the first recipient of a prosthetic hand produced by Envision using recycled plastic.

Are you collecting your HPE 2 & 4 plastic lids? {the small ones from soft drink bottles, milk and juiced cartons etc..}





District 9800 Club Recognitions 2018-19

Purpose of Recognitions

The purpose of District Recognitions is to acknowledge and encourage “excellence” in a variety of key areas. They are designed to give Clubs and their members pride in their achievements and to set the benchmark in what Clubs can do to make a difference within our community.

The categories, which are aligned to the Avenues of Service, have six categories in total and align to the District 9800 Strategic Goals and Objectives.

A maximum of **two projects** will be selected in each category thereby making no more than 12 Recognitions being celebrated as being the ‘best of the best’. A project/event can only be nominated in one category (to avoid duplicate awards).

All recognitions within the six categories can be nominated by the Club’s AG or an Avenue of Service Chair/DST member who would then encourage the Club to apply and provide supportive documentation.

Clubs can also continue to self-nominate but would need to seek an endorsement from their AG /Avenue of Service Chair/DST Member to ensure the project/event fits the criteria outlined. This will ensure Clubs do not spend time making submissions that would not qualify for selection.

The Nomination Form along with the list of new categories and criteria are now available with nominations to be received by no later than Friday 3 May, 2019.

District Recognitions Assessment Team The DG/Club Service Chair will make determinations re selection of successful nominations in each of the categories with the relevant Avenue of Service Chair/Directors being part of the assessment team, for their area.

Celebrating the District Recognitions

We envisage that the District Recognitions recipients will be announced at the District 9800 Changeover function. Certificates of Excellence will be presented to Club representatives in attendance.

The District Recognition ‘Symbol of Excellence’ will be provided to Clubs for their ongoing promotional use.

A final word

This year, consider applying for a District 9800 Recognition because you are proud of what your club has achieved and you alone know the benefits of your club’s work and the level of commitment that has been displayed. Do it because you also understand that celebrating success and recognising excellence is a crucial aspect of Club and District Service and that it is what great teams do.

Nomination Form

Nomination Forms are to be submitted to District Club Service Chair Yvonne Flynn by no later than **Friday 3 May, 2019**, email: clubservice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au or yflynn23@bigpond.com.

Rotary Leadership Institute Program - 5th & 19th May

New dates for RLI due to low registrations for March .. join us in May.

An opportunity for you to learn more about Rotary with like-minded people.
A four part program where you will learn while making new friends in an enjoyable environment. Perfect for both newer and more experienced members. If you are already an RLI grad please encourage other members to participate



The program is held over 2 Sundays in South Melbourne .. from 9:30 to 2:30 with a short lunch break ..

Parts 1 & 2 Sunday May 5th

Parts 3 & 4 Sunday May 19th

Participating doesn't mean you have to step up to a leadership role, but it will give you a huge amount of Rotary knowledge and leadership skills pertinent to a voluntary organisation should you decide to do so. If you completed RLI a number of years ago, maybe you'd like to refresh!

If the Parts 1 & 2 date works for you, but not the Parts 3 & 4 date, you could complete parts 3 & 4 later.

I hope you will take this opportunity to participate in RLI. **Registration form:**

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/learning-and-development/learning-and-development-programs>

For further information or to email completed registration forms, please email the District 9800 RLI Administrator: PP Vicki Teschke vicki@teschke.id.au or call Vicki: 0412 525 055

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so you can tell your community

Tuesday 16 April

10-12noon

Baden Powell College

81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit.

RSVP Kerry Kornhauser:

Kornhauser.k@gmail.com

Immunise 100,000 children across nine Pacific Island countries



Give Every Child A Future - Our Australasian Centenary Project



Overview

2021 marks the Centenary of Rotary in Australasia. This is a unique chance to celebrate all Rotary's achievements over the last 100 years and demonstrate the enduring relevance of the Rotary motto "Service above Self." For this key milestone, Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand, in collaboration with UNICEF and partners, have a bold ambition: To immunise 100,000 of the most disadvantaged children across the Pacific in four years.

The context

Despite some improvements in immunisation rates across the Pacific, more needs to be done to stop diseases such as cervical cancer, pneumonia and diarrhoea claiming lives across the region. For example, in the Pacific Island country of Kiribati, shockingly 1 in 18 children die before their fifth birthday.

Immunisation Program:

2018- 2021

Across nine Pacific Island countries - Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu – Rotary will help introduce three life-saving vaccinations to prevent diseases including cervical cancer, severe diarrhoea, pneumonia, blood infections (such as sepsis) and meningitis.

Impact

Rotary and UNICEF are aiming to reach 100,000 children including adolescent girls within four years. However, this is just the beginning: Rotary's support will help strengthen the broader health system for the sustainable delivery of vaccines, so that future generations will continue to benefit in the long term – a truly inspiring Rotary legacy.

Vaccines



Rotavirus

against severe types of diarrhoea



Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)

against pneumonia and blood infections



Human Papilloma virus (HPV)

against cervical cancers

Funds will support



Vaccines

Procurement



Supplies

Cold chain equipment, other supplies and logistics



Education

healthcare workers, communities and partners



Technical support

policy, management and system strengthening

Donate and for more information:
everychildafuture.com

You are invited to

Charter Night

One Historic Night

To Celebrate and Welcome

the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour into Rotary District 9800

to be held at

Seasiders Resort, 454 Point Cook Road, Point Cook, VIC 3030, Australia

Saturday April 6th, 2019

6.00 PM Arrival, 7.00 PM Start

Adults \$75.00 / Child \$35.00 (Under 10) Complimentary drink
upon arrival. Enchanting entertainment and Raffles

A Surprise guest Speaker will grace us on the night.

Dress Code: Business Attire

Please make payment at <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEWA>

Donations are welcome via above payment link

Book Now!

Deadline: Thursday 28th March 2019

Please come and celebrate with us

Tickets limited to first 200 purchases

For all inquiries email events.rwh@gmail.com or call

Adèle 0404 293 470 / Chris Egger 0407 846 382

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**41ST ANNUAL
'NIGHT OF STARS'
CHARITY EVENT**

Rotary
Club of Brighton



"Make a Difference - Challenge"

Friday 12 April, 2019 - 6.00pm-11.00pm - BRIGHTON RECEPTIONS, 81 Bay Street Brighton



Tony Jones
Channel 9 Legend



Scotty Cam
The Block Supervisor



The Challenge
Create a Magical place
for Kids with Cancer

*Come and be part of history! A special night for a very special cause!
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Rotary Albert Park Charity Golf Day & Dinner Invitation

18 HOLE FOUR BALL AMBROSE GOLF COMPETITION

Thursday 11th April 2019

Albert Park Golf Course, Albert Park Lake



GOLF PROGRAM

11.15 am Registration, BBQ, Putting Competition
12.30pm Tee-off / Shotgun Start
5.00pm Finish (approx.)
5.30pm Golf Winners Presentations

DINNER PROGRAM

6:15pm Dinner—Greenfields Restaurant
7.00pm Special Guest Speaker
7.30pm Auction
8:00pm Conclusion



In Support of Local and International Rotary Community Projects



Cambodia
Rural
Students
Trust

... breaking the poverty cycle through education

Cambodia Rural Students Trust Ambassadors, Rhya, Heng & Loeum will be telling us about "Project G", a *Days for Girls* enterprise, now operating in Siem Reap Cambodia providing reusable sanitary kits for girls and delivering health education programs.



Sunday 7 April

8:30pm

Cross Keys Hotel (Upstairs)

280 Pascoe Vale Rd, Essendon

Option to stay for dinner following presentation

(at own expense)

RSVP by Wed 3 April to Elizabeth edymock@ahaveit.com.au

Hosted by: Rotary Melrose Valley M10

Sponsored by: Robby Keller Post

Rotary



PEOPLE of ACTION

Come along and test your knowledge and support a great organisation 'Giving Small Lives Big Hope'

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday May 3, 2019 | 7:00PM

Strathmore Bowls Club, 40 Loeman st
Strathmore, 3041

Tickets \$30 pp, tables of eight

Make new friends and join a table of strangers or
gather the gang and book a whole table.

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

All proceeds go to:



BYO food to share with the table, drinks at bar prices, dessert items
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For more information contact Elizabeth at
edymock@ahavets.com.au or Jenny Foster on 0410 595 847

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Club of Rochester



Incorporated No. A0021076T

An evening at -
The Heritage Court House
Home of Rochester Rotary.

23 Moore Street, Rochester
(Opposite Graeme Nelson Motors)

A invitation to join us
At the legendary

PIE AND PORT NIGHT

Featuring local baked country fare, complimented with soothing beverages.

Saturday 4th May, 2019.

6:30pm for 7:00pm

\$30 per person. Early Bird.
\$35 after 30 April.

RSVP Friday 26th April (for catering purposes, thank you)

Direct credit payment to bank account - Rotary Rochester, BSB 633 000 A/c 1321 85521

Please label Pie & Port and your name and
email the names of attendees to:

: bryangriffiths4@bigpond.com

Or enclose payment with your snail mail reply.

Secretary (Pie & Port)
PO Box 74
Rochester 3561

*Would you like to come along?
Bookings are open to reply now.*

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Attendance return for PIE and PORT

Number of persons attending at \$30 per person

Names:

Please indicate any specific dietary requirements



Rotary Zone 8 Public Image Club Video Competition

Theme: How your Club became “People of Action” in 2018-19

Competition Details

Videos are to be a maximum of 2 minutes

Videos are to reflect the 2018-19 RI theme: Be the Inspiration

Clubs should do this as an in-house exercise, not hire out to video professionals. (However, the experts can be approached for tips on creating great videos) We encourage clubs to approach local media to get air-time as Public Service Announcements to get the message out to the general public. Also to post the video on Facebook, website and other social media.

Videos can be produced simply through camera/tablet/phone video facilities.

For inspiration and details of the People of Action campaign visit the brand centre on rotary.org

DEADLINE: 31 MAY 2019



Judging & Prizes

Videos will be judged on their relevance to the theme (Be the Inspiration), on correct branding, on creativity and on production.

A winner and Runner-up in each category (Rotary / Rotaract / Interact) will be announced via the Rotary Australia website, Facebook Page, Public Image Newsletter, and by email.

All participants will receive a Certificate.

For information on submitting entries contact Zone 8 Rotary Public Image Coordinator for details of the link to the Dropbox which will be established

Further Information:

Contact Zone 8 Public Image Coordinator, Gina Growden on gina.growden@bigpond.com or 0412 128 106

