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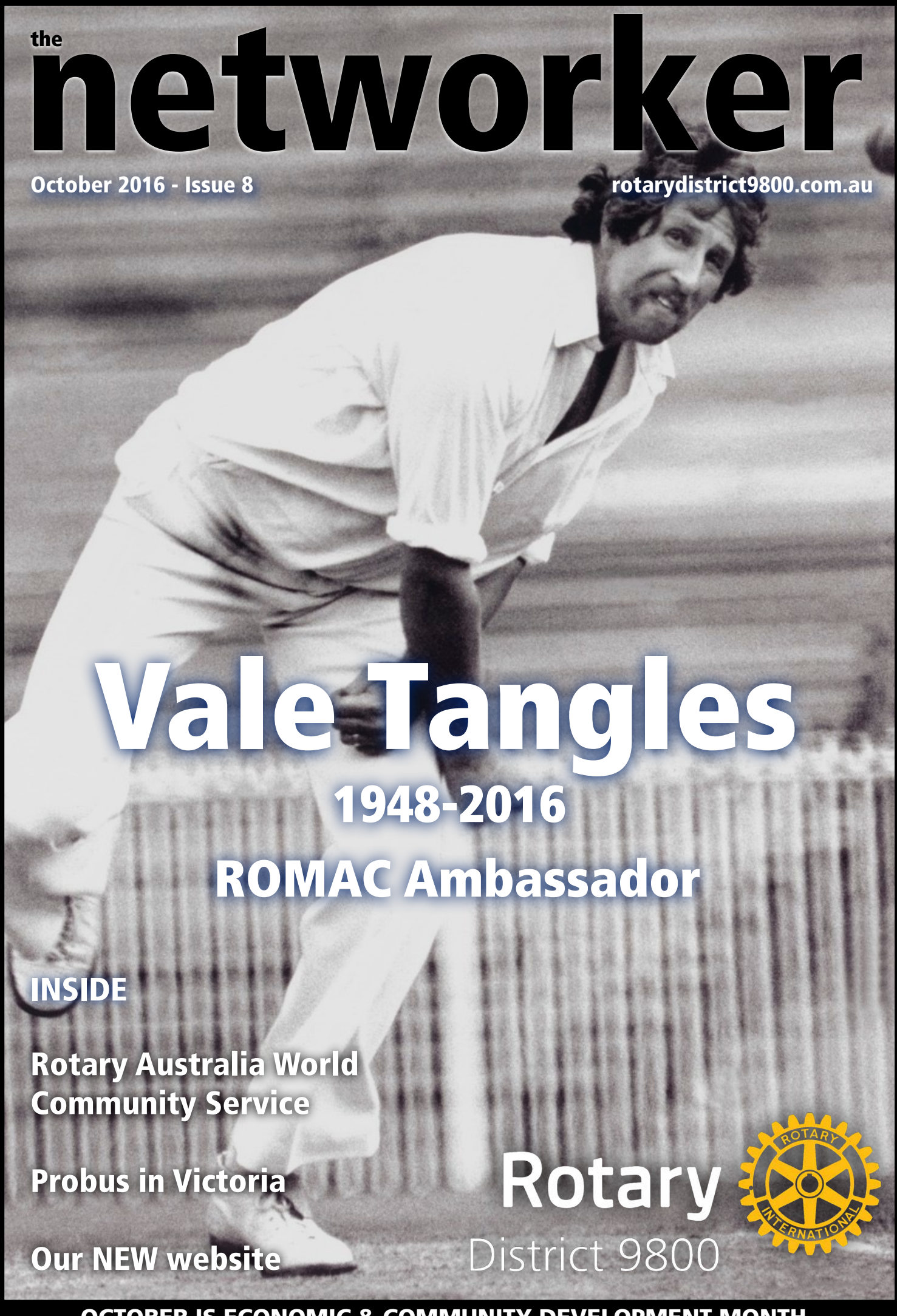

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Rotary lost a true friend with the passing of **Max Walker** last month. Many Rotarians have mentioned their fond memories of Max, how everybody warmed to him, and what a true sportsman he was. But none brought out his humanity better than **PDG David Rosback,** who produced an old newspaper clipping, written by Max about a ROMAC patient, Jesse Ryder. It is so touching that we include verbatim it in this issue of "Networker". His contribution to ROMAC is immeasurable: PDG David **h**ints at it in his article about ROMAC.
In accordance with Max's dying request, his family commenced a bequest fund for the Australian Cancer Research Foundation. Rotary District 9800 gave a donation to the Walker Cancer Appeal, (**https://acrf-in-memory.everydayhero.com/au/max-walker**) and entered the following acknowledgement in "The Age" and "Herald Sun":

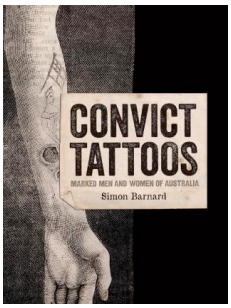
Vale Max Walker. Over many years Max freely gave his time to help raise awareness and funds for many life saving surgeries conducted by Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children, which assists children in need from developing countries. Max was more than an ambassador, he was a dream maker. One of those people who gave others hope and dignity through being part of Rotary's huge powerful network. Rotarians in District 9800 acknowledge Max for all that he has done to help others. Our condolences to the Walker family.

Sandy Jeffs, the medicated poet.

Sandy Jeffs spoke to our Rotary Club recently, on "Living with Mental Illness". I think our members learned more about mental health from Sandy over lunch than they could from a whole textbook. She also recited some of her poetry which I absolutely loved:

I've been Imipramined, Prothiadened, Lexaproed
Effexored & Zolofted to happiness
I was Valiumed & Ativaned into tranquillity
Now I'm Zyprexaed & ravenous & fuzzled

Sandy kindly sent me some examples of her poetry for this edition of "Networker". If you like, I'll include some more in our next edition.



'Bogan' is as Australian as meat pies and Vegemite. But what does it really mean, and where did the term originate? I found out by reading Simon Caterson's book reviews in The Australian: - *"Grog and Convict Tattoos" are tightly themed histories with definite contemporary relevance. Though two centuries that have elapsed since the convict era, these books help to explain why the bogan lifestyle is so strongly defined within Australian society and culture as we perceive it today.*
Wow! Just wow!

And don't forget to tell me about your new members, when you send me your news:
clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

The boss said have a good day so I went home.

See you later - Clarice.

My Favorite Picture

By Max Walker (Television presenter)

"The Age" Sunday Magazine, May 21st 1995

This picture of little Jesse Ryder always fills me with a feeling of hope. Why name this one my favourite? It could be argued that I have thousands of interesting photographs snapped over the past 25 years or so, as a cricketer, footballer, author and TV presenter. That is certainly true.

But the reason I chose this shot above the rest is simple. Like the mortar that binds the bricks of a building, there's an intangible bond between Jesse and me.

This little girl was abandoned at six years of age by her mother after being horrifically burned when her nightdress caught fire from a kerosene heater. They said she was as good as dead. It took most of a day to get her from the remote Fijian village by row boat and through jungle to the nearest basic medical centre for rudimentary treatment.

With burns to 90 per cent of her torso the future looked grim.

Jesse was adopted and cared for by a sister at an orphanage. The six-year-old's distorted and scarred body stretched painfully to accommodate her growth.

Her chin was welded by heat to her tiny chest, her arms by scat tissue to the rib cage almost to the elbow. Portions of her inner thighs were glued together.

For 15 months she was kept hidden from a world that might shudder from her appearance.

Then Barrie Cooper of Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club glimpsed the look of hope in those big brown eyes. Barrie and his wife Claribel were returning a mended child to Fiji when they discovered Jesse.

At Cliveden Hill in Melbourne brilliant reconstructive surgery freed Jesse's limbs and chin. At the Christmas send-off for Jesse in Footscray Rotary everyone witnessed a beautiful little girl finally lift her arms, walk at ease and smile naturally.

The cost of putting Jesse together again stands at about $250,000, all of it through donations and services volunteered.

And it's not completed yet. Back in Fiji Jesse's mother wanted her back. This has caused obvious problems in the little girl's development.

We must bring her back to Melbourne for more operations as her bones and skin grow at different rates. Her mum is not helpful. Nonetheless we all look forward to seeing Jesse here again.

Until then I stare at the photograph on the wall. It tells me much, of a life so different. The courage she's shown in enduring enormous pain at her tender age is an example to all.

The treatment has run to 13 operations and 80 days in hospital. Surgeon Murray Stapleton, a great Australian, calls Jesse "one of the most intelligent children I ever met".

At Darling Harbor last month 1500 members of Rotary International watched a video of Jesse's medical course, the intense pain and gain. Then a voice came from the back: "Don't forget me!" and bubbly Jesse sprinted up the aisle. I lifted her on to the stage. It was the most emotional spot ever, hardly a dry eye in the house.

ROMAC, the Rotary Overseas Medical Aid Committee set up by Barrie Cooper has brought 10 severely disfigured and deformed Fijian children to Australia for complex operations that could not be done at home.

If Jesse Ryder could be adopted in Australia, Murray Stapleton would be first in line and I would be a close second.

Max "Tangles" Walker *came from Hobart at 18 to play 94 games of AFL football for Melbourne, graduate from RMIT in architecture and play cricket for Australia. In the great trio Lillee-Thompson-Walker, Walker's 26 Test wickets against the West Indies in 1973 set a record still standing. Walker's broadcasting trail from ABC radio to Seven TV's World of Sport to anchor man on Nine's Wide World of Sport. He also wrote five best-selling books. In an Aerogard commercial kids admiringly surrounded "Mr Walker". This report confirms he had a soft heart for children.*

The Origins of ROMAC

By David Rosback AM, District Governor D9800, 1994-95

ROMAC, (Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children) was started in 1987 by Kangaroo Flat Rotarian Barrie Cooper, and his wife Clarabelle, a nurse. They visited Fiji and became aware of the need to assist the children there who had major medical issues which could not be handled in Fiji at that time.

The first case was Jessie Ryder, a little girl of 7 who had been severely burned in a kerosene fire. Her neck had been vulcanised to her chest and her arms to her side, but she always wore a big smile.

Barrie and Clarabelle set up medical assistance with the support of plastic surgeon Dr Murray Stapleton, and brought Jessie back with them to live as a member of their family during her numerous surgeries.

ROMAC Patron Max Walker

ROMAC went from strength to strength when it was featured at the 1995 District Conference of D9800 at Darling Harbour in Sydney. The late Max Walker was the Keynote Speaker presenting the philosophy of ROMAC.

Some of you might recall that after his inspirational address, from the back of the auditorium in the darkness, a little voice said; "What about me, Mr Walker, what about me?" The spotlight swung around to Jessie as she ran down the aisle into the arms of Max. There was not a dry eye in the house.

This in effect became the launch of ROMAC to the Clubs of D9800, and from Bendigo it spread to other Districts in Victoria, NSW and Queensland and New Zealand. It is today a Multinational Project.

Barrie Cooper reminds us that as ROMAC's National Patron, Max Walker spoke on behalf of ROMAC in excess of 110 occasions predominantly at District Conferences at not cost. To place a monetary value on that for his services would exceed one million dollars. The impact of his involvement in terms of donations received is immeasurable. He even flew to New Zealand at his own expense to speak at conferences, and took a helicopter flight so he could attend two separate venues.

Possibly the highlight, through Barrie Cooper's involvement, was bringing from PNG the conjoined Bosin twins, who were separated at the Royal Children's Hospital.

It is accepted that Barrie Coopers' dream became a National success through the vast support and network of Rotary International. Thanks also to Max Walker, who gave freely of his time and devotion, throughout Australia and New Zealand.

You can read more about ROMAC at https://www.romac.org.au

The Bosin twins on a return visit to Melbourne in 2011, with Barrie Cooper.

Medical mission to Rwanda

From Rotary Weekly

A team of specialists from India spent eight days in Kigali, Rwanda, performing hundreds of surgeries and teaching cutting-edge surgical techniques to local physicians and medical students. The medical mission was the fourth between Rotary districts in India and Rwanda, and one of dozens to Africa over the past two decades, extending healing care to patients who otherwise would have to wait months to see a surgeon.

Rwanda, a compact central African country with mountainous topography that often draws comparisons to Switzerland, is perhaps best-known for its darkest moment: the slaughter of up to a million citizens, mostly members of the Tutsi minority, in the 1994 genocide. Twenty-two years later, it's one of the fastest-growing economies in Africa. Kigali, its capital, is among the tidiest cities on the continent. Since 1994, life expectancy has more than doubled in Rwanda while maternal and child mortality rates have fallen.

Rwanda still faces public health challenges, however. Access to surgery is among them. According to *The Lancet*, an estimated 5 billion people, including nine out of 10 residents of lower- and middle-income countries, do not have access to "safe, affordable surgical and anesthesia care when needed." In these countries, the British medical journal notes, 143 million additional surgical procedures are needed every year. Although most Rwandans are covered by national health insurance, which gives them access to low-cost care, many people living in rural areas cannot afford to get to a public health facility. Moreover, surgery is only available in five of the country's public hospitals, and many patients must wait to be referred from local health centers or district-level facilities.

Full story **HERE**

The project is funded by The Rotary Foundation with support from the Rwandan government.

Probus

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne

District 9800 is doing well on formation of Probus clubs and retention of Probus membership. Nationally the Probus movement has fallen from 170,000 to 140,000 over the past five years. But D9800 Probus membership has been steady at about 7400, with close to 100 Probus clubs in the district.

D9800 Probus chairman Peter Milburn, of Malvern Rotary Club, says two clubs have been formed in the past three months – Avondale Heights Combined (with 40-50 members, sponsored by Keilor East RC) and Carlton Gardens (20-plus members, sponsored by Carlton RC). A third club, Fitzroy Yarra, is in process of formation by Fitzroy RC.

The Carlton-Parkville Probus Club, sponsored in 2010 by Carlton RC, has been such a success that its membership book is full at more than 120. Its waiting list of close to 30 became the nucleus of the Carlton Gardens Probus, which began meeting monthly in August at International House.

Probus Clubs, which can be established only by Rotary clubs, are designed for retirees' socialising and education and clubs don't do fund-raising and charity work. A major problem nationally is that Probus clubs in the past quarter-century have aged without inflow of younger members and are closing because no-one wants to take on the management chores. Lost clubs in 2013-14 included Canterbury Men's, Elsternwick Ladies, and Williamstown Ladies'. This has inspired Rotary to organize 're-birthing' campaigns for endangered clubs.

Probus Clubs organise some enjoyable outings.

The Malvern Men's Probus Club, with 70 members, was struggling because of the ageing membership but has been rejuvenated by a vigorous effort from Malvern RC and the First Malvern Scout Group (originally Australia's first scout troop). Milburn says Malvern RC wanted to do a big letterbox drop to generate new Probus members but lacked the labor. But the scouts and their parents volunteered and boxed 3000 fliers advertising the next Probus meeting. This brought 17 prospective members to the meeting and in total the club has had an inflow of 20 younger members, including some willing to be office-bearers. As a quid pro quo for the scouts, Malvern RC is helping renovate the scouts hall's kitchen.

Contact: Peter Milburn 9801 6180, 0419 416 310

Southern Region RAWCS

By David Dippie, RC Keilor

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) is a limited company formed to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects. The company objective is to enable Rotarians, the public and the corporate sector to deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support through a rangef projects including Rotarians Against Malaria, Donations In Kind and Australian Charitable Support.

Hospital Beds to Chile

In the overcrowded Quezon Medical Centre, mothers were delivering babies with their feet hanging off a bed onto a chair.
In Recovery, a mother and new baby often had to share a bed alongside another mother and baby, in a hospital with 250 beds but often in excess of 400 patients!
The Rotary Club of Prahran worked with the team at DIK to source, pack and ship a container load of hospital beds and medical equipment to Lucena City, Quezon, Philippines.
Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Lucena Central received the shipment, arranged delivery and handled the unpacking and assembly. This joint effort has significantly improved maternal health and patient care
The donated goods aided in the refurbishment of the Rotary Hall, Quezon Memorial Centre and the Progressive medical mission operated by the Rotarians of Lucena Central.

Computer Training in Timor Leste

The Gateway Rotaract Club equipped a Computer Training Centre for the people of Balibar, Timor Leste. Donations in Kind, were able to supply the educational equipment that Teachers and Students need.

Education in Papua New Guinea

With assistance from Donations in Kind, local schools and organizations, Rotary Club of Essendon shipped 21,089 books to Morobe Schools in Papua New Guinea.

Donations in Kind

Rotary Donations In Kind is a major recycler of Medical Equipment and Educational Supplies

- We live in a rich country were we can afford to upgrade equipment before it is worn out. This material is used to improve patient care and education worldwide
- Improving education is one of the most effective ways to provide young people in developing countries with a better chance in life.
- We gather material that is no longer required and equip schools and hospitals in developing countries

District Website Revamped

By Adrian Nelson, D9800 Director of Public Image & Communications

Need to find the latest information to help you become a better Rotarian or to improve the way you run your club? Our newly updated District Website is the place to go!

After much ferreting away behind the scenes, our District Public Image Team is delighted to launch the new District Website. The site is easy to navigate, with a special My District 9800 members-only section to find your Rotary information.

Created in the style of Rotary International's website has been re-designed to work better on the device you use to check the site – whether it's a smartphone, tablet or PC. Our News & Events section is a great place for you to find the latest goings-on in our District, plus remember to send us your information when your club is having an event.

It includes links to the latest Networker magazine, our District YouTube channel full of great Rotary videos, our Doing Good in Victoria podcasts, our social media, plus much more.

Go to rotarydistrict9800.org.au and have a look for yourself.

If you wish to have your latest club event publicised or are from a District Committee and wish to have your information, please contact our District Webmaster Stuart McArthur on **webmaster@rotarydistrict9800.org.au**.

The Members Only section features important information in our District under the following sections:

- Members News
- Club Service - including our Speakers Bank
- Learning & Development
- Membership
- Public Image & Communications
- Governance
- District Secretary
- Treasurer
- Online District Directory
- District Committees

We are constantly updating these sections with information to help you be a better Rotarians and to run your clubs better. They include downloads, policies, training and more.

For your access to My District 9800, you can use the same login and password as on the previous site. If your Rotary Club has its own Streamscape website, you can use the same login and password for your club. If you need help logging in, please contact our Webmaster.

The Madwoman in this Poem

© Sandy Jeffs, (2015) The Mad Poet's Tea Party, Spinifex Press..

After Bronwen Wallace
Yet how stupendous a psychosis
in which God is heard...
Gudrun Hinze

The Madwoman in this poem
lives on the twenty-second floor
of a block of flats
her husband and children gone
each day she waits for a letter
that never comes
her wrists carry a flurry of scars
her arms are dotted with cigarette burns
every day she contemplates jumping.

The Madwoman in this poem
walks the streets
reciting Shakespeare and Milton.
she shelters in bus stops and doorways
scrounges through rubbish bins
drinks from discarded beer bottles
begs for money to buy cigarettes
and a moment's respite.

The Madwoman in this poem
slumps into a ramshackle chair
hiding herself
her large torpid body founders
her heavy breasts gush
drug-induced lactation
her body grows
with each anti-crazy pill
she reluctantly swallows.

The Madwoman in this poem
transfixes in front of the TV
absorbsing its many messages
Ally McBeal is her daughter
Eddie McGuire can read her mind
Ridge and Brooke are talking to her
are going to come in a helicopter
take her to Venice to meet Brad Pitt.

The Madwoman in this poem
lives in a holy grotto
awaiting the Pilgrims
she carries the burden of Eve
smells God in the toilet
sees the Virgin above the lintel
has given birth to the New Messiah
carries the secret of the Holy Grail in her heart
was raped by the Devil
sees maggots wriggling in her stigmata.

The Madwoman in this poem
is sure Beethoven stole the
nine symphonies from her
cannot walk on the cracks of the pavement
can feel spiders eating her brain
fears her head is about to explode
is going to the firing squad next morning
is a character in a Bruegel painting
is an oracle of the dead.

The Madwoman in this poem
is Everywoman
is any woman
is a mother, daughter
sister, lover, friend—
the Madwoman in this poem —
is me.

Sandy Jeffs has lived with schizophrenia and all its moods for over thirty years. In her poetry she writes about her experiences of violence in her family.
Sandy is a community educator who speaks to school, university and community groups about what it's like to live with a mental illness. She has been published widely and is a prize-winning poet whose writing has been concerned with madness, domestic violence and the humorous antics of women who play midweek ladies' tennis. Sandy is the author of the bestselling Poems from the Madhouse (1993, 2000, 2001), Loose Kangaroos (co-author, 1998), Blood Relations (2000), Confessions of a Midweek Lady: Tall Tennis Tales (2001), and *The Wings of Angels: A memoir of madness* (2004). http://centreformedicalhumanities.org/tag/sandy-jeffs/

Birth of the Bogans

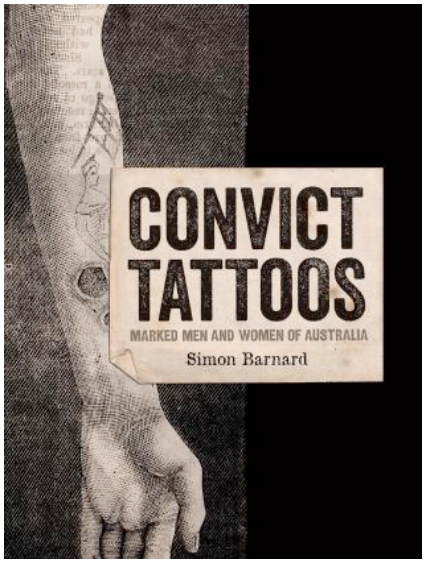
By Simon Caterson, The Australian, October 1, 2016

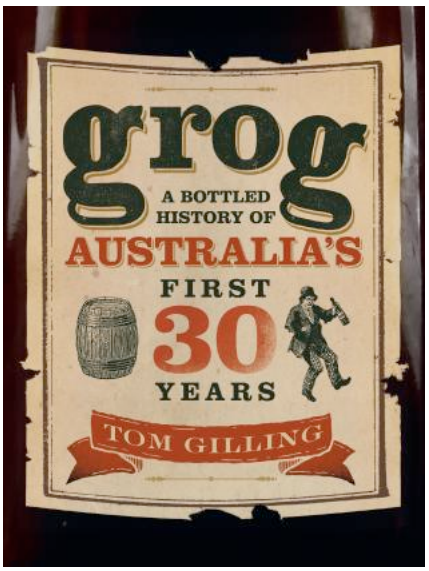
Grog: A Bottled History of Australia's First 30 Years, by Tom Gilling (Hachette, 352pp, $32.99)
Convict Tattoos: Marked Men and Women of Australia, by Simon Barnard (Text, 128pp, $39.99, hardback)

Now that the word bogan has received official recognition in the Australian National Dictionary, it seems timely to welcome books tracing the historical origins of two of the obsessions most commonly associated with bogan life: booze and tatts.

Tom Gilling's *Grog* and Simon Barnard's *Convict Tattoos* are entertaining and informative accounts of the earliest days of the penal colonies in NSW and Tasmania respectively.

Australians have long been portrayed as big drinkers, and that reputation is not without a basis in historical fact. As Gilling recounts, the wheels of social and economic life in the colony were lubricated by libation.





The first military coup in the nation's history — which resulted in governor William Bligh being deposed — followed a power struggle that in part was fought over control of the rum trade.

Rum was a fully imported commodity used as a form of wages and barter. "The result," writes Gilling, "was a colony in which the possession of alcohol was a gauge of both prosperity and ruin."

Drinking rum provided one of the few available means of escape from the harshness of life endured by desperate early settlers barely surviving in a strange and apparently hostile land. Deprivation of grog could easily lead to theft, insurrection and violence. It was not unknown for settlers to drink themselves to death.

The early years of penal settlement have been recounted many times, yet *Convict Tattoos* genuinely breaks new ground by examining a common if neglected feature of convict culture found among both male and female prisoners.

Read more about Grog and Convict Tattoos: **HERE**

Notices and Events

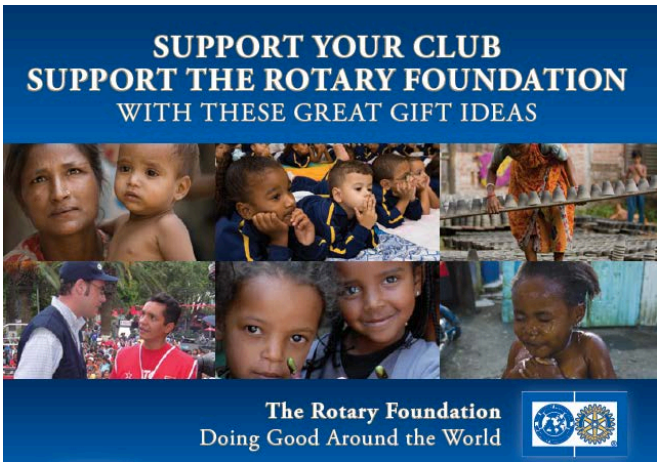
Western Emergency Relief Network

WERN is currently seeking donations of blankets.
If you can help out contact PDG Ross Butterworth on 0411 228 311.
WERN accepts donations of good condition household items such as: Bedding: Doonas & Covers, Pillows & Covers, Linen i.e. Sheets, Towels & Blankets.Kitchen Items: Kettles, Toasters, Crockery, Glasses, Cutlery, Pots & Pans etcFurniture: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's, White Goods: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Heaters & Fans
If you'd like to donate items call Ross as above or 0476104736 to organise a pick up.

Celebrate with us in Atlanta

Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10-14 June 2017.** The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

- Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now.
- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. Purchase tickets for only $26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. Visit the HOC site to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! Download promotional materials for social media, posters, and more.



Notices and Events

Art In Action – Cityscape in Elsternwick (free event)

10 am to 3.30 pm **Sunday 6 November** – Elsternwick Plaza.
Observe artists in action in an urban environment. Artists will spread out from Elsternwick Plaza, near Elsternwick Station and down Glen Huntly Road to Orrong Road and surrounding areas between 10am and 3.30 pm on Sunday 6 November. Children welcome to participate in colouring in pictures.
Then visit the Exhibition of works created on the day and vote in the People's Choice Awards with a chance to win a Voter prize. Exhibition at Glen Eira Gallery Annexe **Saturday 26 November to Sunday 11 December**. Weekdays 10am to 5pm and weekends 1pm to 5pm. Details ph 9568-7190 or **gleneiraartistssociety.org**
Cityscape Day and Exhibition are hosted by Glen Eira Artist' Society Inc and proudly supported by Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc, Glen Eira City Council, Elsternwick Main Street committee and Bendigo Bank Community Bank (Caulfield Park Branch).

Camberwell RC 60th Anniversary Dinner

Hawthorn Town Hall 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn
Saturday 12th November 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Black Tie Preferred Cost $75.00 per person Closing Date: 24th October
Online Payments, please visit: www.Camberwellrotary.org.au
John Steven, Ticket Secretary Email: johnsteven@bigpond.com Mobile: 0419 556 797

ROTARY PEONY HARVEST PICNIC

Romswood Farm **www.romswoodfarm.com.au** is situated in the Macedon Ranges and is approximately 15 minutes from Woodend. **SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**
This is a Rotary Club of Melbourne Fundraiser in support of the End Trachoma Now Project.Groups members friends children and friends are all welcome.Picnic with activities including tours and flower picking are planned.Bookings: **https://www.trybooking.com/MUPL**
To read about the Trachoma Project click here.
Enquiries to Cynthia Edgell 0407 982 292 or Bernie McIntosh **Email**

Trash and Treasure Market

Its Spring and what better time to get moving and clean out those cupboards! But hold on.... don't throw your unwanted items away... why not help raise some funds for your club by taking a stall at the first ever St Kilda Tras'N'Treasure Market on the 9th October. Your trash could be someone else's treasure and the money you raise can help your club do great work in your community.
Just jump on the website at **www.stkildamarket.org.au** and start collecting your goodies.
The market is also a terrific way for community groups you know of in your area to raise much needed funds - so feel free to share with one and all.
The Rotary Club of Melbourne South thank you for your support.
Sunday 13 Nov & 11 Dec - 9am - 1pm Where: Car Park in Marlborough St, St Kilda East
Bookings: **www.stkildamarket.org.au**

Notices and Events

The Goldfields Rush

The Rotary Club of Daylesford has developed a new, exciting fund raising idea. The "Goldfields Rush" is a fantastic way to see the forests of Central Victoria over 2 days of postie bike riding. The ride suits those with an adventurous streak, a willingness to get out of their comfort zone and a sense of humour.

Based in Daylesford the Goldfields Rush is a mild on/off road tour emphasizing fun, scenery and regional produce.

The first ride from **18th -20th November** 2016 is limited to 8 participants and costs $ 950.00. We provide a fully registered Honda CT110 Postie Bike to ride for the tour, accommodation and all meals with an emphasis on our wonderful regional food , an orientation session to your bike and great riding. You will need a reasonable level of fitness, a motorcycle license, an approved full face motorcycle helmet and eyewear and appropriate rider attire.

The second ride is from **18th-26th March** 2017 is limited to 20 participants and costs $3750.

E-mail your expression of interest to goldfieldsrush@hotmail.com or call 0407 197 138 www.goldfieldsrush.com

Paul Harris Breakfast

Tim Cartwright – "Holding them to account"

Tim was appointed as the State's Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor in August 2016. He will report to the Parliament annually on the progress against the Family Violence Royal Commission's 227 recommendations, and on the implementation of the state's Family Violence Action Plan. He has a degree in Criminal Justice from RMIT, and a Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Management from Monash University (School of Business).

Tuesday 22nd November: 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am at The RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street. Tickets: $65.00 per head or $600 for a table of ten (incl. GST) All Paul Harris Breakfast proceeds are used for Rotary Foundation programs. RSVP: 11th November. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Marjorie Gerlinger 0419 302 109 Email: marbern@bigpond.net.au

Our Contributors

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David Rosaback AM was DG of D9800 in 1994-95. He is a Trustee of The Epworth Foundation.

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

John Germ of Tennessee, USA, is Rotary International President Elect for 2016-17

Lesley McCarthy, Principal of Flemington Primary School, edits the Flemington RC Bulletin.

District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, always keeps the Networker team on their toes.

DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is a supporter of several projects in Cambodia.

Roger Thornton of Central Melbourne RC reports on the functions arranged for the Paul Harris Society.