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November is Rotary Foundation Month

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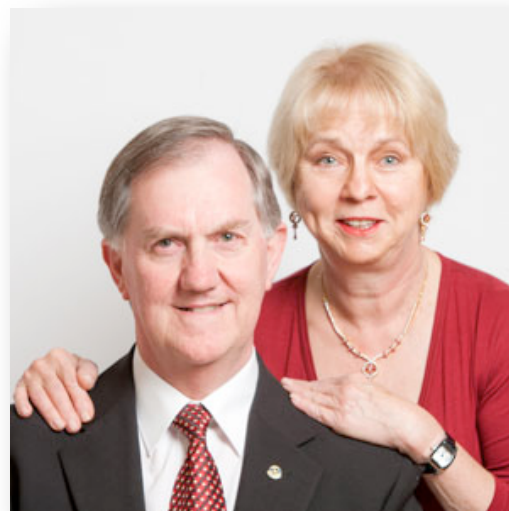
"The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary. You have so much to offer. –

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 21 January 2009

During the month of November Rotarians set aside time to reflect on the importance of The Rotary Foundation. Through our Foundation's six areas of focus, we distribute medical equipment, build schools, provide clean water, improve sanitation, control disease, provide microcredit, enhance literacy, plant seeds for food, restore dignity, assist refugees, and simply bring hope to the world. The list of Rotary projects is almost endless because the needs of the world are almost unlimited. Is it any wonder that Rotary's great friend and partner in the eradication of polio, Bill Gates, thinks so highly of our organization?

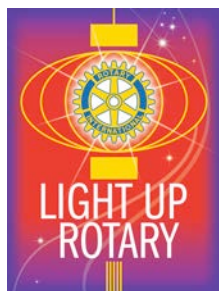


In this edition of Networker there are several articles highlighting the work of our Foundation. PDG Bruce Allen, the manager of The Rotary Foundation in the South Pacific & Philippines office of Rotary International, gives a brief over-



view of the Foundation and why it needs your ongoing support. PDG Gordon McKern OAM Chairman, D9800 Paul Harris Society (PHS) writes about the recent activities and growth of our Paul Harris Society. With 84 members, and still growing, our District's PHS is now the largest Paul Harris Society in Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines. Well done Gordon! Elsewhere in this newsletter Bronwyn and Mark Stephens describe how eight District 9800 Clubs and the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh commenced a Global Grant project in July which will see \$120,000 spent over two years to improve the health, the education and the economy of two villages in Cambodia. This project exemplifies the wonderful work that can be done to improve lives thanks to the Rotary Foundation.

For nearly 50 years our District has been a strong supporter of Group Study Exchange. It is no longer a formal Rotary program but Districts such as ours can still fund the program through their District Designated Foundation Funds.



A GSE team from District 6840, which covers southeast Louisiana, including New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast will arrive in Melbourne next February. Our team to go to District 6840 will be selected this month and will travel to the United

States next March. Congratulations to Peter Frueh from the Balwyn Club who has been selected to lead our team.

During the first few months of the Rotary year Irene and I have been enjoying visiting each club in District 9800. By the end of November we will have visited each one of the 71 clubs in the District. As the only officer of Rotary International in the district, it is a privilege for the district governor to visit each club and to gain a deeper understanding of its workings. I have been amazed at the breadth of service work being undertaken by our clubs and the many imaginative ways they raise funds. In most clubs there is pleasing donor support for the Rotary Foundation

and more and more clubs are taking advantage of the Foundation's District Grants and the larger Global Grants. Foundation grants enable Rotarians to provide sustainable solutions to challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition.

Over the past month many clubs have had a lot of fun and at the same time raised money for Australian Rotary Health (ARH) by taking part in a Hat Day for Mental Health Awareness. ARH which began in 1981 is one of the great success stories of Rotary in Australia. It has funded research into cot deaths, cancers, indigenous health and mental health. Irene has selected ARH as her "partners" program this year. During our club visits, rather than give her a gift most clubs have opted to make a donation to ARH. So far on our visits we have received in total more than \$6000. Irene and I would like to warmly thank those clubs that have demonstrated their support for ARH in this manner.

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Arch C. Klumph

“The Father of The Rotary Foundation”

Arch C. Klumph was also a devoted family man who loved drama and music.

For most Rotarians, the biography of Arch C. Klumph began 97 years ago.

It was then, at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., that Rotary's sixth President stood at the podium and proposed the creation of an endowment fund “for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of community progress.”



That fund, of course, became what Rotarians know at **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**, and Arch Klumph from that time forward was best remembered in the hearts of Rotarians as the “father” of the Foundation.

But in addition to his love for Rotary, Arch Klumph was a dedicated family man, and an outstanding

business leader with a great love of music and drama.

Arch Klumph was born of a poor family on 6 June, 1869 in Conneautville, Pennsylvania. His father, Morton J. Klumph, came from upstate New York, as did his mother, the former Emma Cooper – a descendant of the American novelist James Fenimore Cooper. As a child, his mother read him the Leatherstocking tales and Arch was always intensely proud of his literary inheritance. (Arch's middle initial C., which he always used, stands for Cooper.)



His mother organised Cleveland's first amateur theatrical company, and as a child Arch often appeared in their performances. His love of the theatre stayed with him throughout his life.

Arch also loved music. He was an accomplished flutist and a member of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra for 14 years. After that he joined the Cleveland Hermits, an amateur orchestra. Late in life he told an interviewer that he had often tried to reach “a perfect blending of the heart and the head. My heart is in music and my head is in business. I wish my heart could have controlled my life.”



Arch in his office at the Cuyahoga Lumber Company (ca. 1940). He left school at the age of 12. At 16 (inset), he went to work as the company's office boy; 28 years later he became its sole owner.

Arch C. Klumph (continued)

Arch did not attend high school. At 16 he went to work as an office boy for the Cuyahoga Lumber Company at a salary of \$1 a day. He worked his way up, eventually becoming president and owner. In 1911 he was invited to become a charter member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Just five years later he would become the sixth president of Rotary International.

From 1912 to 1913 Arch served as president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. He described himself then as a man who "thinks Rotary, sleeps Rotary and dreams Rotary." It was during his term as president of the Cleveland club that one of his dreams for Rotary first came to light. In his last address to his club as its president, he proposed that "an emergency fund should be built up which will enable the club in future years to do many things." This suggestion of an "emergency fund" would reappear four years later at Atlanta as an "emergency fund for Rotary . . . for the purpose of doing good in the world," and The Rotary Foundation of RI was born.

From The Rotarian – Google Books



Arch, playing the flute with the Cleveland Hermits, in the early 1940s. "My heart is in my music and my head is in my business. I wish my heart could have controlled my life."



Read about The Rotary Foundation at:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/news/9616/a-short-history-of-the-rotary-foundation>

The Rotary Foundation in Action

Villagers fish in a canal outside the Akha hill tribe village of Bala, Thailand, near the "Golden Triangle," where drug trafficking and civil unrest along the Laos-Myanmar border have caused many hill tribes to flee.

They speak their own languages, and almost half lack citizenship and are unable to own land, vote, or seek legal employment. The Akha Training Centre teaches Akha children English and Thai, which allows them to be educated at Thai schools, making them less vulnerable in mainstream society.

Rotarians from Australia, Canada, Singapore, Thailand, and the United States have volunteered and provided donations, and The Rotary Foundation has supported the project with a Matching Grant.

Photo: Alyce Henson© Rotary International



Fiji Project a Family Affair

By PDG Colin Muir, Rotary Club of Werribee

In late August four members of the Rotary Club of Werribee, President Wendy Roper, PDG Colin Muir, Rotarians John Micallef and Rob Fava joined with sons John George Micallef and Jeremy Fava in a Rotary volunteer building project 'Rotahomes' in Lautoka, Fiji.



"This is the first time in our clubs history that we have been able to offer the opportunity for club members and their families to participate in an international project" said President Wendy Roper. "The club has been involved in many programs and projects including Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands over the years but never with two father and sons participating before. The Fiji 'Rotahome' project was just what we wanted, a sure winner and one that ticked all the boxes including an International Project, Next Generation involvement, Friends of Rotary and of course great use of our members Vocational Skills".

The Fiji Rotahomes project was started in March 1985 by the Rotary Club of Lautoka Fiji and championed by Rotarian Peter Drysdale following the cyclones that devastated large areas of Fiji leaving thousands homeless in the Lautoka and Ba areas. The aim of the project was to provide low cost cyclone resistant housing and permanent accommodation for disadvantaged, displaced and homeless

families currently living in squalid conditions throughout the Fiji Islands.

The Rotahomes village, (also known as Koroipita), was created with support from Rotary Clubs in Australia, New Zealand and from the Habitat for Humanity Foundation. Funding has been received from the Pacific Aid funds of New Zealand (NZ Aid) and Australia by providing funds for materials and infrastructure together with the support of thousands of volunteers giving of their time and skills to make the project the outstanding success it is today. The project includes two villages complete with sewage systems, water supply, roads, electricity, a workshop, general store, kindergarten, and community centre.

The basic homes are timber framed and steel cladding, each with 1 or 2 rooms, a kitchen, shower and a separate small toilet block. The time to complete each home is between 6-10 days, depending on the number of team members, their skill sets, and most importantly the weather. Local tradesmen supervise and guide throughout the construction.

The accompanying photos show the Werribee Team in action as we completed our one room house, number 932 and the second last in phase II of the project, in a very impressive 4.5 days.

As International Director Rob Fava noted on leaving Koroipita Village that; *"This project has been very worthwhile for everyone involved. We not only provided accommodation to a very needy family in Fiji but we were also given the opportunity as Rotarians, together with our family members, to experience the Internationality of Rotary and the chance to 'bond' in a way that that is not possible in our normal circumstances at home. This was a special experience for us all".*

November is Rotary Foundation Month

By Bruce Allen, The Rotary Foundation - South Pacific & Philippines

The month of November is the month Rotary International dedicates to the programs and activities of the Rotary Foundation and this gives us a wonderful opportunity to focus our attention on the many great things that our foundation delivers to our world.



We take so much for granted as we enjoy our privileged life. Water streams from every one of the 16 or so taps in our houses, medical aid is just around the corner, a strong and active education system provides a future for all our children and with the exception of a few, we want for nothing. How different it is for one-third of the world's population!

Including our efforts in the area of polio eradication, your Foundation provided something like \$180 million last year to support clubs and districts in their efforts to 'do good in the world'. If you add the money supplied by clubs and districts to complete these projects we would have a conservative spend

of something like \$450 million so we are not a small, insignificant organization. We are a highly relevant significant group and we should never fail to make that point with our friends.

Nothing ever comes cheap and everything The Foundation does costs money. When the money runs out so does our ability to make a difference. Clubs can take the bull by the horns and agreed to pay their TRF commitment now rather than wait until the traditional 'rush' period of June. We will get our money working sooner rather than later and that will help enormously. If all clubs in Australia could do this then The Foundation would be in a much stronger position.

We can also help as individuals. Those of us with Centurion commitments who aren't tied into a scheduled payment plan could consider paying this month. It's only \$100 per person but collectively it has the power to do so much. Those of us who haven't yet made the Centurion's leap of faith might give the possibility a little extra thought. That extra \$1.92 a week can make such a difference to the people depending on us for a better life.

The Rotary Foundation is your own charity and I'm just asking you to be part of it.



The nonprofit Midwives for Haiti's new off-road vehicle makes its way through the countryside for its first mobile prenatal clinic, which will reach expectant mothers in remote areas. Customizing and delivering the vehicle cost more than \$70,000. The project was funded by the Bon Secours Health System, The Rotary Foundation's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, the Interact Club of Hermitage High School, Virginia, USA, and the Rotary Clubs of Bon Air, Henrico North, and Western Henrico County, all in Virginia, USA.

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Donations In Kind Supporters – Take a bow!

by David Dippie

Donations In Kind national activity results for last year have just been released and everyone who has been involved deserves a pat on the back. Almost every Club in our District was involved in some way and many thousands of people now lead better lives because of your efforts. This is a great example of the power of Rotary and what we can achieve if we work together.



A special thanks goes to the DIK Inc Clubs who contribute one month's rent, without their support the Store would not operate and the other Clubs who contribute what they can. We also need to thank PP Laurie Fisher and the volunteer team at DIK for their wonderful contribution.

Stores are not in competition and we share the joy that there has been significant growth nationally. This result highlights how cost effective this type of project is with \$14 of goods shipped for every \$1 invested in the operation.

Donations In Kind is an Australian activity and as the figures show we are not exaggerating when we say Victorian Clubs have the best opportunity in the world to help in this way.

We did a great job last year and are off to a good start, but as usual the Store is full and there are lots of opportunities available. This sort of project works because many clubs are involved and when it only costs \$100 to ship a classroom of chairs, every Club can afford to be involved in some way.

If you are looking for a project please contact Laurie 0428 550 574 dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com

RC Hawthorn are off to a great start and their container to Timor Leste includes:

- 240 school desks and 818 chairs
- 122 bolts of cloth
- 4 sewing machines
- 10 white/black boards
- 154 boxes of assorted goods, containing clothing, bedding, toys, pencils and sharpeners, exercise books and musical instruments.



Region	Containers Shipped* Previous 2013/14 Change	Value of Donations A\$ millions	Freight and other costs	Volunteer Hours	Volunteering Value
Southern	65 89 +37%	4.23 5.29 +25%	\$376,964	18,360	\$520,000
Others	72 83 +15%	3.23 3.68 +14%	\$286,316	13,341	\$427,000
Total	137 172 +25%	7.51 8.97 +19%	\$663,280	31,701	\$947,000

Back to Moira Shire

By Peter Allen, RC Camberwell

Strawberries, Olives, Cheese and a Paul Harris recognition: Boroondara Cares "the best ever" Rotary program.



Fifty Rotarians, partners and guests enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship when they came together in Cobram for the "Back to Moira Shire" event organised by the Rotary Club of Glenferrie. Nine Rotary Clubs were represented from Boroondara and Moira Shire.

The team shared visits to "The Big Strawberry", Boosey Cheese, the Rich Glen Olive Farm and an afternoon tea cruise on the Murray as well as a semi-formal dinner at the Beach Café on the beautiful Thompsons Beach on the Murray.

PP Gary Cleveland of the Rotary Club of Cobram welcomed the Boroondara team and reflected upon what several Rotarians observed to be *"the best Rotary program in their time in Rotary"* – the shared drought relief journey of Boroondara Cares and Moira Cares. He reminisced on the bags of rice, "Pamper Yourself" and the kids programs which gave them so much support and encouragement.

PDG Don Jago announced a pleasant surprise and a highlight of the weekend when he called upon the organiser of the outstanding weekend, Rob Hogan of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie to be recognised (again) as a Paul Harris Fellow for his services to the Boroondara Cares program, to his club and to the works of Rotary.

An idyllic Sunday *alfresco* luncheon at Rich Glen Olive Farm provided a perfect closure to a most successful weekend and the refreshment of many valued Rotary friendships.

More photos of the weekend can be seen [Here](#)



*Left: Dusk on the Murray at Thompsons Beach
Above, Exchange student Doriane Remond was tempted at "The Big Strawberry"*

Centre: Terry Rollason sampling the product at Boosey Cheese

Lower: Happy diners at the Beach Cafe. There were many happy reminiscences.



Is your club thinking about sponsoring a young person to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)? Being a Rotarian, I was familiar with the program on a superficial level. However, last year I was afforded the privilege of attending RYLA as a participant. Prior to attending, I thought I understood the merits of Rotary programs, yet I can honestly say that the experience exceeded all of my expectations. RYLA has given me the tools I needed to thrive in my life, and I will be forever grateful for such an opportunity. It is with absolute confidence that I say any participant you sponsor will share my gratitude.



For me, the timing of RYLA couldn't have been better. I had had a tough year, buckling under extreme pressure to be "good enough" to get into a highly competitive masters' course; my goal of becoming a psychologist seemed unattainable. I came to RYLA filled with self-doubt and uncertainty about my future.

I set out on RYLA looking forward to a week of being distracted from the stress of not knowing what I would be doing with my life the following year, and enthusiastic about the chance to meet new people. I returned with a strong sense of my own values and my passion in life. Perhaps most importantly, I returned with a determination to meet my goals.

Prior to RYLA I had had an interview for a place in a master's program, during which I was sabotaged by my own perception that I wasn't good enough to deserve a place in the course. While on RYLA I realised that youth mental health is my passion in life, not just my chosen course of study. I decided that no matter how long it took, or how hard I had to work, I would make it my career. I brought this new attitude to another interview at a different university about a month after RYLA. This time I was offered a place in their master's program within an hour of my interview. I had not become more intelligent or a better candidate in the time between

the two interviews, but my attitude had shifted from self-deprecating to determined, and I credit this to my experience at RYLA.

So what is RYLA all about? RYLA is about passion. RYLA is about values. RYLA is about discovery. RYLA is about growth. RYLA is about being inspired. RLYA is about having the courage to inspire others. I cannot tell you what your club's sponsored participant will take away from RYLA. But I can tell you that you will have provided them with an amazing opportunity for self-discovery and self-improvement.

More about RYLA:

<http://www.ryla9800.org.au>

Applications for the 2014 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp are currently open. The camp this year will be held from Sunday, 30 November to Saturday, 6 December.

Further information and applications see the website at www.ryla9800.org.au or email the District Chair, Stuart Cardell on Stuart.Cardell@rotary.to

The Paul Harris Society of D9800

By PDG Gordon McKern OAM Chairman, D9800 Paul Harris Society

A successful lunch was held recently at the Ultima Centre, in Keilor, with a number of members, and some partners, in attendance.

D.G. Murray Verso and Irene found time in their busy schedule to be with us, which was appreciated by all.

Our guest speaker was Foundation Trustee, Ian Riseley, OAM, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham. He gave an excellent address, with particular focus on the simplified systems now in place for access to grants. He also presented DG Murray with a Bequest Society Crystal and Badge.

A highlight was the presentation of PHS membership certificates by D.G. Murray to two of our newer members, Virginia Turner and Winifred Osborn.

Special thanks to Deputy Chairman, Roger Thornton, for organising this event.

Membership of the D9800 Paul Harris Society continues to increase. It now stands at 84, which is the highest of any District, not only in Australia, but in the Zones 7A, 7B and 8 which are serviced by the RI South Pacific Office in Parramatta

I recently accompanied D.G. Murray when he made his official visit to the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central. Whilst there he presented a Major Donor recognition to PHS member Dino Sapuppo, this led to three other members agreeing to join the Society.

Currently 32 of our Clubs have at least one PHS member, which means that 39 do not. This is a situation we are keen to rectify. It is worth noting, that 5 Clubs have a total of 38 members between them.

To be a member of the D9800 Paul Harris Society requires a commitment to donate a minimum of \$US1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, in each year you are able to do so. Many of our members are now adopting the simple method of a direct debit of \$100 per month, apart from anything else that overcomes currency fluctuations. Remember that all donations are fully tax deductible.

For further information about becoming a D9800 PHS member, please contact PDG Gordon McKern, phone 0408 509084, email mckernbendigo@ozemail.com.au.

Photos: PDG Ian Riseley, OAM presenting DG Murray's badge, then DG Murray presenting Paul Harris Society Certificates to Win Osborn and Virginia Turner. Finally, DG Murray with Major Donor Dino Sapuppo and PDG Gordon McKern OAM.



Cambodian Community Global Grant

By Bronwyn and Mark Stephens, RC Melbourne South

Eight District 9800 Rotary Clubs together with the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh commenced a Global Grant project in July this year with a total spend over two years of around \$120,000. The project centered on the villages of Bosalla and Kroa Boa villages, Kampong Speu province. The total population is 800 with approximately 500 children.



About 3 years ago, the villagers were in a terrible state – very little food, river water contaminated with arsenic, water wells dried up, and disease (cholera, typhoid, malaria and dengue fever) present. Many men had left the village looking for work as far away as Thailand.

Life has been turned around for these people.

Starting first with food donations, and the gradual introduction of farming (e.g supplying seeds and watering cans), the villagers are now growing crops and are planting fields of rice. Several dams have been built and stocked with fish. The thatched roofs of houses have been replaced with tin, and rain water collected in large well-containers next to each house. Many bikes have been delivered so that children could cover the 10+ km to get to school. Simple medicines are being administered by a local man. This program is overseen by an Australian team of doctors and monitored by a nurse who regularly visits the community. Infectious diseases are treated promptly and people are healthy.

A World of Difference team have just returned from Cambodia. The highlight was the official opening of the local school (funded through RAWCS) – a very auspicious affair. Several of the group helped by setting up the classrooms and finding much needed

teaching resources. A GP helped set up a medical centre, and trained a local to manage the medications. Others gave a women's health and anatomy talk and distributed 'Days for Girls' kits. They spent the rest of the week helping the local people master the treadle sewing machines.

Quite a few Australians arrived at the end of the week to work with the Cambodian teachers and have a bit of fun with the students. The School has almost 500 children enrolled, most for the first time. Uniforms and teaching materials have been supplied, teacher salaries and breakfast for students funded partly from the Global Grant for the next few months.

Importantly the Global Grant will fund purchase of livestock, seed and fish, plant for mushroom farming, equipment for silk weaving - all designed to help the communities become self sustainable. Biogas production is also covered in the Grant and Rithy spent several months in Australia under a Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship with the help of RC Carlton learning this technique. This will enable safe cooking and the provision of fertilizer for crops

As a river separated the two villages, the children and adults had to swim to get to school. But the Regional Governor has allowed a disused swing bridge to be moved to the area. The future is looking so much brighter for the villagers.

This is not to say that the project is not in need of further help. There are 500 children to fund to get to school. They also need to be provided with breakfast...how can children learn on an empty tummy? To sponsor a child for a year – uniforms, bicycle, breakfast and all school materials is just \$250 (USD) per annum. To sponsor a teacher – wages and teaching materials for a year \$1250. (USD). So far there are two teachers employed. The full quota will be five full time equivalents. So far there are fifteen children sponsored.

A full report is available on the World of Difference website (www.wod.org.au) and progress can be followed at <https://www.facebook.com/Bosalla>

Oskar finds music opens doors

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Up and down Australia's east coast, Rotary Clubs in August-September had an unusual visitor, a blond-haired 18 year old from Arnbruck in Bavaria.

He then asks politely if members would like to hear a waltz, march or jig on a traditional Button Accordion? He drags a chair to the podium and launches a tune thick with counterpoint and harmonics.



He's Oskar Weinfurter Jr. His dad Oskar is a Past President of RC Bayerwald (Bavarian Forest). Oskar Jr was awarded a Rotary scholarship in 2013, so he knows the ropes on Rotary.

On the Friday before AFL Grand Final, Melbourne's Southbank RC had a special footie breakfast at the Hilton for 160 people. The club got Oskar, in traditional lederhosen costume, to kick off proceedings with marches on his accordion.

He's travelled from Brisbane to Cairns and then flown south to Melbourne and up to Sydney for his return to Munich. Oskar is not on exchange, but sees himself as a member of the global Rotary family. He attended Australian Rotary Clubs as a way to make friends, offer to help, and sometimes get offered a bed for a night or two. The rest of the time he uses the 'Couchsurfing' website to take part in Australian home lifestyles – Couchsurfing is a 7m strong club for home hosts, travellers and cultural exchange.

Clubs he's played accordion to include RC Albany Creek, Brisbane; RC Aspley, Brisbane; RC Geebung, Brisbane; RC Surfers Paradise; RC Hervey Bay City; RC Townsville; RC Cairns Sunrise; RC Mulgrave, Cairns; RC Heidelberg, Melbourne; RC Melbourne; RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise; RC Southbank, Melbourne, and Inner West Sydney, using the club-finder on the Rotary website.

Oskar for eight years boarded at the famous, 1000-year-old Regensburger Domspatzen high school. Its cathedral choirs are the world's oldest continuous choirs. Oskar also studied clarinet and piano. He decided on a three months Aussie trip before starting business-law at Passau University. He'll join Rotaract during his studies.

He knows all about local traditions there as his grandparents started a family village business "Weinfurter – Das Glasdorf" in glassblowing and artworks.

His Australian adventures, most with Rotary friends, included at Byron Bay his first surfing; seeing the Lions win at the Gabba; Taiko drumming at Cairns; making and playing his own didgeridoo; eating roo; and hauling in a 67cm mackerel in the Whitsundays. On Magnetic Island with ex-soldier Rotarian David Pierce, he joined a hike with four soldiers as they scouted ways to get heavy guns emplaced by barge for a celebration parade.

In Cairns the Mulgrave RC took him to a giant cane fire where he helped with drink sales and duck-race tickets.

"My music has certainly opened doors for me down-under," Oskar says.

District plans to invigorate Vocational Service

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

To hold the good of the organisation's past in reverence, as it climbs to higher usefulness in the future. - Paul Harris

An invigoration of District's Vocational Service is under way. Recognising the roots of Rotary to frame the future

The goal is to switch Vocational Service to a support role for other service lines during the next three years. Currently it's a little-understood and often neglected stand-alone activity in Rotary.

"Many Vocational chairs in clubs struggle to define their role," says Justine Murphy, District 9800 Vocational Director. "If a club has a program to teach kids skills at interviews, is that 'Vocational' or 'Youth'? If a club is helping migrants get a start here, is that 'Vocational' or 'International'? Every Rotary club in the world suffers from this confusion.

"In fact, Vocational Service is implicit in everything we do – it's less what we do, than **how we do it**. It's about how we deploy our vocational skills like project management or business counseling. We want Vocational Service to be a support to club, cluster and District projects, not an activity in itself.

"The reality is that Rotary started as a vocational network for business and occupational skill and ethics, and they're those aspects are our unique strength among community organisations. Too many people just associate Rotary with sausage sizzles."

The new eight-person, skills based, Vocational Service team is a very diverse group, reflecting the breadth of Rotary experience, age and gender.

The Vocational Service makeover addresses:

- Vocational programs' overlap with other avenues
- Many clubs don't take Vocational Service seriously, allocating it to less-active members
- Most clubs see Vocational Service as little more than a few job talks and site visits

Justine says, "Our District plan is now for Vocational Service to be the common thread across all other service programs, and focus on with a focus to supporting them"

How will this happen?

District will provide support to clubs – building on the vocational skills, experience and networks of the District.

- Its Vocational 'Skillsbank' is in development, with a current list of about 170 skills which will be used to match required skills with projects.
- The District will compile a database of clubs' Vocational projects – but based on what is being done, not which avenue the project is sitting in
- A new "Vocations in Service" mark will be developed, to be applied to a host of programs in all avenues across the District
- Annual District Vocational Awards for great programs from any avenue that are vocationally based, ethically sound and well governed.
- Annual 'thought leadership' events will be run as open community forums – the first of which will be run to be in October 201



Members of the committee are:

Narina Amvasas, RC Southbank; Alan Seale RC Central Melbourne Sunrise; Rebecca Heitbaum, RC Albert Park; Philip Rowell (EO) RC Brighton North; Anne King, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise; Justine Murphy (Chair); Mandi Wendt, RC Melbourne Park; and Bob Slater, RC Carlton.

The Vocational Service committee would love the opportunity to come and talk to your club about what this means for you and how we can support your Club projects. Please contact Justine Murphy, Vocational Service Chair at vocational@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Tombs, gold and murder: it's fun in Vergina

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Imagine if tourists could go down into the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun and see the treasures still in place there! Sorry, no can do. At best you can see his famous mask in the cash-strapped and frowzy Cairo Museum.

How different to the experience you can have near Thessaloniki, entering the tomb complex of high rulers of ancient Greece.

The tombs are a short drive from the nondescript village Vergina, mainly shops of tourist tat. But near Vergina was once Aigai, royal capital of the Macedonian region.

You enter a door set into a grassed hummock about 20m high. Awestruck in the reduced light, you can see the glinting gold of gorgeous artifacts, made when Greek culture was at its peak.



Pride of place is a wreath of oak leaves and little acorns, totally lifelike, with 300+ leaves and about 80 perfectly miniaturised acorns.

You can see a rare example of 2300-year-old ancient Greek painting, an astounding depiction of Pluto carrying off Persephone to the underworld in his chariot. The artist achieves a 3D effect with the chariot bursting out of the picture frame, and the style is casual but assured, like an early Picasso.

One tomb was unrobbed, and what a story it involves! There are two versions: the dramatic one everyone prefers, and the less certain one from the academic archaeologists.

The story the guides tell, is that this is the tomb of Phillip the Second, father of Alexander the Great. They know this because Phillip had lost an eye in battle and had an injury shortening one leg. Bones found when archaeologist Manolis Andronikus opened the tomb in 1977, had similar injuries.

In 336BC Phillip was marrying off one of his daughters Cleopatra – no, not that Cleopatra -- by his fourth wife, to a lesser king, amid a vast lot of wedding VIPS. A soldier Pausanius, one of Phillip's seven bodyguards, killed Phillip and was promptly killed himself, destroying the chance of a confession about who gave the order to kill Phillip.

A bit like Macbeth killing the assassins he had laid on to kill his host King Duncan, or Jack Ruby killing Lee Oswald. A modern analogy would involve Prince Charles being assassinated by a trooper in Westminster Abbey during the 2011 wedding of William and Catherine, then killed in turn by an SAS man-- obviously a potential TV ratings winner.

Given the dynastic implications of Phillip's ceremony, suspects could extend even to Alexander himself. Wiki mentions various subplots including Phillip having two blokes as lovers, both (confusingly) also called Pausanius, and mutually jealous. Anyway, if Phillip hadn't been killed, his son Alexander the Great would have lacked opportunity to conquer the known world.

In the tomb below the gold oak wreath is a gold box made of 11KG of 24CT gold, originally containing Phillip's (probably/possibly) cremated bones. There is also a larger than life-size replica of (probably) Phillip in full armor. He was only 46 when killed. Plus there's a definite bust of Alexander the Great. *(continued)*

Tombs, gold and murder, continued:

The original builders of this tomb worked at a frantic pace and here and there you can see their short-cuts and bodgie work. Why the hurry? Who knows.

A little theatrette showed a first-class movie about the tomb and recreated a lot of the (hypothesised) ceremonials, dancing, and music.

The academics have half a dozen other accounts explaining who might be in the tomb, how and why, but I won't bore you with those. Whatever, this tomb was the highlight of my five-week tour of the classical world.



Victorian Premier's Volunteer Awards

The New Resident Volunteer of the Year Award, with \$2,000 for his chosen charity, has been won by Khurram Jahangir Khan, a member of Hoppers Crossing Rotary Club.

Khurram volunteers as a tutor coordinator at SAILS program (Werribee) and teaches African immigrants high school science subjects using creative activities and modern technology. He has volunteered internationally in various organisations, including Amnesty International.

The Victorian Premier's Volunteer Awards is an opportunity to recognise, thank and celebrate the significant contribution of Victoria's volunteers.

Established in 2013, the awards recognise people who give their time freely to enhance the lives of Victorians.

The photograph shows Khurram (3rd from right) with the other award winners and the Premier of Victoria.



In this staged photograph, a nurse shows a newspaper with a headline about the polio vaccine to a man using a chest respirator. There is an element of cruel insensitivity in what is taking place. The nurse seems oblivious to the psychological impact of the headline on this man who was unable to benefit from the vaccine. But in the context of 1955, this image captures the intensity of the relief that people felt when an effective vaccine was found. For the nurse and many others, elation over the existence of an effective vaccine trumped every other emotion.

From Whatever happened to Polio?

<http://amhistory.si.edu/polio/historicalphotos/>



Top Gardens Open for Family Visits

By Tony Thomas

Nearly 30 bold and versatile gardens designed by Melbourne's top landscapers will be thrown open to the public on the November 15-16 weekend. Many have seldom been seen by the public, including four large exclusive sites on the Mornington Peninsular and – on Sunday only – four at Euroa. Victoria's 28 most enticing gardens will attract visitors nationally and from NZ. Displays range from intimate and traditional, to formal and industrial-scale. Some ramble, some are naturalistic, and some could give you ideas for your backyard.

Landscape architect and TV host John Patrick says, "It's a chance for garden lovers to see how landscapers blend gardens with architecture, streetscape, levels, site limitations and clients' taste. You can chat with the designers and get tips about slopes, water, plants and privacy. It's quite different from just seeing a show garden."

Open hours are 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can also take bus tours with expert guides. Details: gardendesignfest.com.au

Cost is \$8-12 single garden (at the gates) or \$45 including guidebook for every garden. Buy on-line or at the gate. All revenue supports Rotary charities such as the Stroke Association, Violence Free Families, and Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation. Kew Rotary's charities have received nearly \$300,000 from DesignFests since 2004.

Designers on-site to chat and give advice over coffee, scones and sausages include Rick Eckersley, Robert Boyle, Steve Taylor, and Paul Bangay. At other sites you can touch base with Richard Bellemo, Inge Jabara, Ros McCully, Sandra McMahon, Cameron Paterson, Paul Pritchard, Andrew Plymin, Ben Scott, Phil Stray, Karen Sutherland, Don Thompson and Phillip Withers.

Details, sites and ticketing are at

www.gardendesignfest.com.au

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This informal 'garden of rooms' set on half an acre is the private garden of Landscape Designer Sandra McMahon at Kilsyth. It flows beautifully around an intriguing passive energy 'Arts and Crafts Revival' home.

2015 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TO DISTRICT 6840

by DG Murray Verso

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a cultural and vocational exchange program for professional business men and women, aged between 25 and 40 years, and in the early years of their professional lives. Each exchange team is comprised of a Rotarian acting as the team leader and four specially selected team members.

A member of our GSE Committee would be happy to come to your club to talk about GSE and specifically explain the benefits including the ongoing friendships that it offers. Importantly, we seek suggestions from you for a suitable Rotarian to lead the team and recommendations for applicants to be team members. GSE offers young professionals a very significant



This year we will be exchanging with District 6840 which serves southeast Louisiana, including New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It is proposed that the incoming team will arrive on 21st February and depart on 22nd March and that the outgoing team from our District will depart for the United States at the same time as the team from District 6840 and return 4 weeks later.

Each team will present at the District 9800 Conference in Hobart in March and at the District 6840 Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi in April.

The GSE program is greatly valued by clubs who have participated in the past. We are again seeking six clubs to host our visitors and to arrange vocational visits and local cultural experiences for them over a four day period. We also need interested clubs to host a dinner for the incoming team on arrival and a farewell cocktail function on departure.

career and personal development opportunity.

The Chairperson for GSE in our District is John McCaskill and he would greatly appreciate a response from your Club concerning your interest in supporting GSE in any way.

John is also happy to arrange for a GSE Committee representative to speak about the program at one of your club meetings. Either John or the other members of the GSE committee, PDG Iven Mackay, PP Peter Shepherd or Fabienne Nichola are available to speak.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (continued)

PETER FRUEH TO LEAD DISTRICT 9800 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM

Peter Frueh, from the Rotary Club of Balwyn, has been appointed to lead the District 9800 Group Study Exchange Team to District 6840.

Peter has been a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn since 2006 and was club president in 2011-2012. Since 2013 he has been the assistant governor for the Beachside cluster of clubs (Brighton, Brighton Beach, Brighton North, Caulfield and Glen Eira).

Peter is a retired senior executive and company director having worked for Telstra and Hewlett Packard. He has his own company specializing in executive coaching and mentoring of mid-career professionals. During his working life he has visited 40 countries and spent 3 years working overseas, principally in Saudi Arabia and the United States.

District 6840 unites the diverse cultures of Southeast Louisiana and South Mississippi. It includes communities just west of the Mississippi River at New Orleans to the Mississippi/Alabama state line. The oldest club in the district is the Rotary Club of New Orleans, the 12th Rotary Club to be chartered in the

world. The District 9800 Group Study Exchange team that Peter will lead will be selected next month and will go to District 6840 next March.



Peter is married to Anne and they have three adult children.

Peter and Anne attended the New Orleans Rotary International Convention in 2011 as well as this year's RI Convention held in Sydney.

Congratulations Peter!

Membership Minute

More than 10,000 Rotary members completed the [2014 Strategic Plan survey](#). Asked to identify the top issues facing Rotary, they focused on membership recruitment and retention, membership diversity, and club innovation and flexibility.



About 20 percent of respondents asked for more networking opportunities, more member involvement in planning club activities, and fresh ideas for involving new members.

Use the [Strategic Planning Guide](#) to develop your club's vision.

Set and track your club goals in [Rotary Club Central](#).

10 tips to enhance your next service project

By Ellina Kushnir, Rotary staff

Your Rotary club has decided to do a service project. You've met with the local community and determined the needs they identify as the most pressing. You've put together a project plan, and are ready to roll up your sleeves and get started. Now what?

Here are 10 practical tips from the webinar, which focus on acquiring the resources you need to carry out an effective and sustainable project:

Start locally. The skills and knowledge your project needs may already be in the local community, in the form of NGOs, community-based organizations [Lifecycle of a Service Project, Part 3](#), or otherwise. Webinar panelist Ron Denham, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, notes that when the local community invests resources, it is more likely to remain involved for the long haul.

Build partnerships. Partnerships provide expertise, local knowledge, and insights into local culture and values. They can also identify local sources of training for those who will maintain the project after your club's involvement ends.

Seek a grant. By working with The Rotary Foundation through district and global grants, you harness the power of Rotary worldwide to have an even greater impact. Learn more on [Rotary.org](#), or contact your District Grants Subcommittee Chair or your district's Rotary Foundation Committee Chair.

Use Rotary Ideas. Our crowdsourcing platform makes it easy for you to post your project and share it through your social media channels, blogs, and club website.

Organize a Rotary Community Corps, a group of local people in the community who are not members of Rotary but work closely with a sponsoring Rotary club to assist with projects. They can help mobilize a community, ensure local culture and customs are incorporated, and ensure that local needs are met.

Consult a Rotarian Action Group to help you or your district conduct needs assessments, incorporate monitoring and evaluation components, and secure funding.

Check with your district. Every year, district governors appoint leaders to head service committees and assist clubs with service projects.

Network at Rotary events. Many partnerships begin with a face-to-face meeting at the [Rotary International Convention](#), [International Assembly](#), a regional project fair, or a zone or district event.

Connect with a Rotaract club. These young professionals and university students may have unique insights into a community's needs, offer technical skills and expertise as volunteers or fundraisers, and be adept at promoting your project through social media.

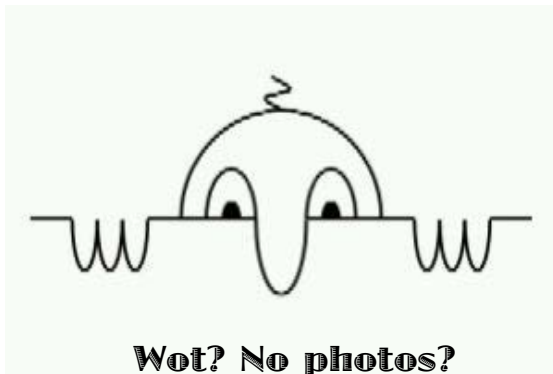
Communicate often and openly. Frequent communication is a key to building relationships and acquiring needed resources.

Adapted from [Rotary Service Connections](#). Get [more resources](#) to help ensure the success of your project throughout its lifecycle.



Young professionals and university students may have unique insights that can assist your service project.

Welcome New Members



Attendance Officer Chris Woods reports several new members inducted in September. Congratulations to all clubs involved: but why not send us a photo of your lovely new members? What a nice introduction to Rotary it would be, to have your photo in "The Networker"

Conference Cluster Presentations

The 2014 Conference Cluster presentations are now available on a dedicated District 9800 YouTube Channel. Share your Cluster presentations on your Club or personal Facebook page. For more information contact webmaster@rotarydistrict9800.com.au <https://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryDistrict9800/videos>

New Member	Club
Andrew Miles	Balwyn
Peter O'Brien	Balwyn
Gill Merzvinskis	Balwyn
Richard Cauchi	Balwyn
Galliway Greg	Bendigo
Jim Rinaldi	Bendigo South
Sue Hawking	Bendigo South
Trevor Hawking	Bendigo South
Chris Fletcher	Brighton Beach
Robert Duckett	Brighton North
Lily Duckett	Brighton North
Josie Tramonte	Camberwell
Robyn Yeoward	Castlemaine
Brett Riley	Canterbury
Tony Fritsche	Central Melb Sunrise
Bernadette Griffin	Chadstone/EMalvern
Lyn Bourgouts	Flemington
Dorothy Manwa	Footscray
Bob James	Footscray
Jill Delaney	Keilor
Dr Margaret Turner	Kew
Caroline Counsel	Melbourne
Adam Holovics	Melbourne Park
Allison Pasznyk	Richmond
Neil Elliot	Richmond
Darren Grevis-James	Yarra Bend



DG MURRAY & IRENE's NOVEMBER DIARY

Wednesday 5th	Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing
Thursday 6th	Rotary Club of Caulfield
Sunday 9th	GSE Team Member Interviews
Monday 10th	District Finance Committee
Tuesday 11th	Rotary Club of Boroondara
Wednesday 12th	Hobsons Bay Cluster Dinner
Thursday 13th	District Board, DLT & AGM meetings
Friday 14th	Boroondara Cares Foundation Launch
Saturday 15th	Kew Garden Fest
Sunday 16th	Busy Feet Concert
Monday 17th	Rotary Club of Port Melbourne
Tuesday 18th	Paul Harris Breakfast
Tuesday 18th	Rotary Club of Melbourne South
Tuesday 18th	Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand
Wednesday 19th	Rotary Club of Collingwood
Thursday 20th	Footscray Club Diabetes Project Launch
Sunday 23rd	Luncheon at Youth Exchange Camp
Monday 24th	AGM of Williamstown Club
Monday 24th	Rotary Club of Richmond
Tuesday 25th	Rotary Club of Docklands
"	Goldfields Cluster Foundation Dinner
Wednesday 26th	Rotary Club of Yarra Bend
Thursday 27th	Fly to New Zealand for pre Zone Institute



Attendance and Membership

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2014/2015		September-14		At July 1 per Clubs	September-14			
Club	Cluster	Meet-ings	Month %		Start	End	Net gain /loss	% Change
Yarra Bend	Yarra	4	78%	19	20	21	2	10.5%
Altona City	Port Phillip	5	69%	21	23	23	2	9.5%
Bendigo-S'dale	Goldfields	5	81%	22	24	24	2	9.1%
Gisborne	Calder	5	73%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	6	56%	29	32	31	2	6.9%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	70%	59	59	63	4	6.8%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	63%	30	32	32	2	6.7%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	88%	16	17	17	1	6.3%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	49%	33	36	35	2	6.1%
Woodend	Calder	4	59%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	64%	48	48	50	2	4.2%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	82%	32	33	33	1	3.1%
Castlemaine	Calder	5	57%	34	34	35	1	2.9%
Carlton	Heritage	5	83%	37	38	38	1	2.7%
Kyneton	Calder	5	74%	42	43	43	1	2.4%
Central MelS'rise	Batman	5	69%	46	46	47	1	2.2%
Kew	Yarra	4	67%	52	53	53	1	1.9%
Albert Park	Batman	4	60%	59	59	59	0	0.0%
Altona	Port Phillip	5	79%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields			59		59	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	5	57%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brighton	Beachside	2	49%	110	110	110	0	0.0%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	4	73%	29	29	29	0	0.0%
Brunswick	Heritage			21		21	0	0.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	78%	75	74	75	0	0.0%
Caulfield	Beachside	3	73%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage			16		16	0	0.0%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	5	67%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Essendon	Gateway			63		63	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	72%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	68%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside			18		18	0	0.0%
Hoppers Xing	Port Phillip	4	73%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	5	65%	38	37	38	0	0.0%

Keilor East	Gateway	4	88%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	4	68%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	4	52%	233	234	233	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside			25		25	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	4	70%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	90%	71	71	71	0	0.0%
North Melbourne	Heritage			20		20	0	0.0%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons B	5	82%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Port Melbourne	Batman	5	46%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonnington			26		26	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	64%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman			23		23	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Westside	5	75%	12	12	12	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	5	69%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Williamstown	Hobsons B	5	65%	28	28	28	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	5	77%	14	14	14	0	0.0%
Footscray	Hobsons B	4	56%	52	49	51	-1	-1.9%
Canterbury	Eastside	5	71%	50	48	49	-1	-2.0%
Glenferrie	Yarra	5	62%	40	40	39	-1	-2.5%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	44%	37	37	36	-1	-2.7%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	50%	67	66	65	-2	-3.0%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	62%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%
Chadstone E Mal	Stonnington	4	70%	53	51	51	-2	-3.8%
Daylesford	Calder	4	62%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Hawthorn	Yarra	5	84%	47	46	45	-2	-4.3%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	5	67%	22	21	21	-1	-4.5%
West Footscray	Hobsons B	4	86%	22	21	21	-1	-4.5%
Werribee	Port Phillip	5	78%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
Flemington	Hobsons B	4	83%	29	28	27	-2	-6.9%
E-Club of Melb	Batman	4	52%	13	13	12	-1	-7.7%
Richmond	Heritage	5	64%	36	32	33	-3	-8.3%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	84%	40	36	36	-4	-10.0%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	30%	20	18	18	-2	-10.0%
Bendigo Nex Gen	Goldfields	4	58%	18	17	16	-2	-11.1%
Docklands	Batman	5	63%	7	7	6	-1	-14.3%
St Kilda	Stonnington	5	56%	13	11	11	-2	-15.4%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	45%	12	10	10	-2	-16.7%
Clubs Reporting			62		62			
No. of Members				2468		2461	-7	-0.3%
% Average			67.2%					
% of Clubs rep Attendance			87%					
% of Clubs rep Membership						87%		

Notices and Events

Gateway Spring Racing Carnival Event November 5th

Wednesday November 5th 6.00 for 6.30pm St Bernards College, Beryl St, Essendon

Cost: Gold coin donation. Contact Details: Lillico2009@gmail.com or 0417 532 259

For more information: http://www.rotaryflemington.org.au/02-2014_Cluster_Flyer.html

All proceeds to Donations in Kind.,



A Champion Night with Greg Champion - 12th November

Wednesday 12th November Dinner at 6pm show at 8pm

Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club, 578 Brunswick Str, North Fitzroy

Meal at Club price Show \$25 RSVP: Ann Davie annie25@tpg.com.au 0412294171

rotaryfitzroy9800@gmail.com

A great fun night with the master of the Coodabeens of ABC radio fame for many years. A fabulous show and great fund raiser for Tonga schools.



City2Sea - Sunday November 16th

Rotary Club of Albert Park members are dedicated men and women who make the local and wider community a better place. The goal is to simply improve the lives of others. We are running towards finding better ways to diagnose, treat, and ultimately find a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

To Register: www.city2sea.com.au (Gold Sponsor Alzheimers Research)

To Donate: <https://city2sea2014.everydayhero.com/au/rotary-club-of-albert-park>



Vintage and Collectables Fair - 15th November

Baden Powell College, Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit on Saturday 15th November between 10am -4pm The Rotary club of Hoppers Crossing Fundraising event will be supported by the new Interact club of Baden Powell College. Admittance will be a very low \$5.00 - so all welcome



Garden DesignFest - 15th and 16th November

Twenty eight spectacular gardens will be on show featuring the work of some of Melbourne's most acclaimed garden designers. As an added feature this year we have eight large scale gardens open to the public - four on the Mornington Peninsula open both Saturday and Sunday plus another four, in the Euroa area which will be open on the Sunday only.

Info and tickets at <http://www.gardendesignfest.com.au/gardens.html>



Probus Club Formation - Monday the 17th of November

Come to an information meeting for people interested in forming a local Probus Club

Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club, 195 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds, 3039 at 3:00 pm

PROBUS is an association of active members of the community and for those no longer working full time. Please contact Rotarian Peter Cribb in advance of meeting Tel: 0410548543



ROTARY FOUNDATION BREAKFAST - 18th November

GUEST SPEAKER: The Right Honourable Lord Mayor ROBERT DOYLE

"Melbourne: Safety. Liveability. Planning for Growth." Tickets: \$60.00 per head or \$580 for a table of ten (incl. GST) BOOKINGS: www.trybooking.com/102410 RSVP 11th November.

RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne TUESDAY 18th November 7.15am for 7.30 till 9.00am



Inside Story - Wednesday 19 November.

7pm for 7.30pm at the Keilor Bowls Club, 1 Barcelona Avenue, Keilor \$25 per head inclusive of light supper (drinks at Bar prices). The Rotary Club of Keilor will provide a rare insight into the police investigations undertaken to solve some of Victoria's most notable crimes. Speakers: Superintendent Glenn Weir, Charlie Bezzina, ex Victoria Police - Homicide, Drug, Armed Robbery, Sandra Nicholson, Retired asst. Commissioner Victoria Police. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/FLSK

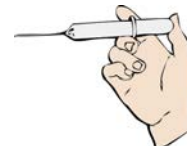


Diabetes Support Project - Thursday, 20th November

Western Health has established a "Young Adult Diabetes Service" to support young diabetics in the Western Region of Melbourne. The Rotary Club of Footscray is supporting this initiative by raising funds for Diabetes Nurse Educators who are integral to this service.

The speaker at the dinner will be Prof. Martin Silink from Westmead Hospital in Sydney, a Past President of the International Diabetes Federation.

Bookings via: <http://www.ticketebo.com.au/whresearchrotarydinner>



Classic Car and Motorcycle Show - 23rd November

The Rotary Club of Gisborne is holding a Classic Car and Motorcycle Show on 23rd November between 10am and 4pm at the Steam Engine Park, Webb Crescent, New Gisborne. Entry charge is only \$5, children under 12 free.

Entertainments include Childrens Steam Engine Rides, Animal Farm, Highland Band plus a variety of food vendors. A wide selection of classic and unique vehicles will be on show plus antique trucks and tractors. Enquiries to Brendan Watters 54 226442 or Stuart Bonnington 0407 862745.

A great family community event with all proceeds supporting Rotary charities!



Children's Christmas Fair - 30th November

Seaworks, 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 11am - 4pm Free for Children, Gold coin donation for Adults. The Rotary Club of Williamstown will provide free rides, petting nursery, face painting, clowns, balloons, stalls, Sausage sizzle, and a visit from Santa.



Support Donations In Kind Wine Sales

Buy quality wines for Xmas! All of the proceeds will be credited to your Club and if the present indications are held we would hope that this "profit" will be in the order of \$35 per dozen across the wines offered. All of the wine purchased will be delivered to DIK unless other arrangements are specifically made as listed on the flyer. For delivery before Xmas, order by 7th November.

http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/files/OJSXGZENZM/Wine_Flyer_2014.pdf



Win an Awesome Trip to South Africa

Mike Brady of Albert Park told us about this amazing raffle: Spend \$50 and go in the draw to win a fantastic trip to South Africa, flying Qantas, visiting Game Parks, the delights of Cape Town and the amazing Victoria and Albert Waterfront. Eleven amazing days for two people, to raise funds to purchase an Emergency Vehicle Buy a ticket at: <http://rotaryevs.org/raffle/>



Concerned about alcohol and drugs?

The Australian Drug Foundation has recently published new resources to help parents discuss drugs and alcohol with their children. **The Other Talk** is about Australian families talking

openly about alcohol and other drugs, and is an important step towards preparing for teenage parties. **Safe Partying Guide** is a pocket-sized leaflet for children aged 10+ covers safe partying tips, facts about alcohol and drugs, teen drinking laws, and why young people should delay drinking. To order your free copies of these resources contact the Australian Drug Foundation on 1300 85 85 84 or druginfo@adf.org.au. You can also download them at www.TheOtherTalk.org.au



Shine On Awards nominations closing date 15th December

This is an outstanding annual Australia-wide Rotary award recognising exceptional service to others by people with disabilities. Clubs may nominate people who meet the criteria and all nominees will receive recognition with a Certificate of Commendation.

The 'Shine On' Awards recognise and acknowledge service to the community by people with disabilities. The application form has been forwarded to clubs and further copies can be downloaded from the District website:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1603/shine-on-awards/?type_fr=44

For more information, please contact, Dawn Watson, Rotary Club of Brimbank Central or Marg Desmyth, Rotary Club of Brighton Beach



Dates for your Diary

District Annual General Meeting 13 November, 2014
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf

City2Sea Fun Run 16 November, 2014
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf

Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast, RACV Club 18th November
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf

Rotary's 110th Birthday 23 February, 2015

District Conference 12-14 March, 2015
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf

Multi District PETS Training Saturday 28th – 1st March
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf

Rotary and Friends @ Work Month April 2015

Anzac 2015 Centennial Tour 15th - 29th April
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future#sthash.nqnibTRr.dpuf

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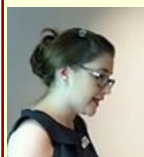
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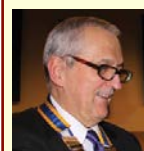
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