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## DG's Weekly Message

### Welcome to 2013

For most of us the period over Christmas and the New Year has rightly been one in which we have focussed on family and sharing precious time with our loved ones.

Traditionally most of us at least think about New Year resolutions, frequently related to food and alcohol consumption as we anguish about the inevitable over-indulgence that comes with this time of year. Above all we really do hope for the happy New Year that we salute each with when we first meet in the New Year.

Rotary usually slips into the background during this time, although I suspect that most Rotarians never totally switch off about what it is they do and can do in Rotary. Indeed it has been hard to switch off with so many dreadful events that have occurred over the last few weeks. The assassination of polio immunisation volunteers, the unspeakable massacre of children in the USA, the gross inhumanity of internal conflict in so many countries and now bushfires raging around our own country.

Sadly it has also been a time when we have said our final goodbye to far too many Rotarians and good friends of Rotary.

All of these things are a cause for sadness and despair but not for a sense of hopelessness. January is Rotary Awareness month and these events that



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

unfold around us only serve to reinforce the desperate need for Rotary to continue its work and to underscore how much Rotary has to offer our local community and the world around us.

To date our Rotary year has seen positive achievements in our own District and beyond. As Lynda and I reflect upon the visits we've made to clubs, we have been really impressed and heartened by the energy in all clubs and the amazing work that clubs are doing, even or perhaps especially, the smaller ones.

Importantly the decline in district membership seems to have bottomed. By our records we have had a net increase in membership since the start of the year and most clubs have got plans to continue to grow their membership. The charter of the e-club of Melbourne is approaching and will bring a new aspect of Rotary membership to our District.

At the same time traditional clubs have been sprucing up their websites (with some really impressive results) and many are taking to Facebook with enthusiasm to embrace rather than fight technology.

It has been rewarding to see that nearly all clubs have committed to club visioning. Already many clubs

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### January is Rotary Awareness Month





have taken advantage of the opportunity of trained facilitators to help them create the vision of what they would like to be. For those clubs still wavering, I think the simple question is what have you got to lose?

There have been many highlights involving the citizens of tomorrow. I've shared my excitement of the charter of our first Earlyact Club, the selection of candidates to the National Youth Science Forum, the impressive young people at the RYLA camp and the pleasure of attending our Youth Exchange Orientation function as our selected students prepare for their impending year abroad.

The great support given by clubs to the City2Sea event will be rewarded in many ways. Thank you to all of those who participated.

It has been great to see the way our District has participated in Foundation programs. The selection of all of our three candidates for the Peace Fellows program was a really pleasing conclusion to a decade of successful participation in the program. The third of five planned Vocational training Team visits to Timor Leste has been successfully completed and the Teams are really delivering great outcomes. These projects are only possible through our support for the Rotary Foundation.

In this regard it is encouraging that to the end November our district contributions for The Foundation is 12% up on the same period last year. With the current bushfires around Australia, and the other natural disasters around the world clubs will obviously be juggling funds to support all those other important programs but I hope that we can continue with our strong support for The Foundation.

Given that we have now passed the half way point of the Rotary year too often we hear the old chestnuts about being on the downhill run for this Rotary year. I see it as just the opposite.

I see Rotary as filling an empty cup rather than drinking from it. So at this time the glass is only half full and there is a lot that Rotary can and needs to do to ensure that the glass is not only full but overflowing by June 30. That glass will sit alongside the other 107 glasses that have been filled in Rotary's history. The new Rotary year starting July 1 will start to fill another glass.

So what is ahead for the rest of this Rotary year? Clubs have boundless opportunities to support their communities and the need is there. We need to give these activities a strong underpinning by continuing to grow our membership.

We will shortly be advising details of financial support that will be available to clubs to assist in sponsorship of outstanding young people to attend the Peace Forum to be held in Hiroshima in May. Clubs also can use this to opportunity to leverage their own commitments to Peace through Service.

The District Conference is now only 2 months away. Early bird bookings have been very encouraging but many Rotarians are yet to commit. Yes it will be a bit more expensive to book now but we still have some excellent accommodation at keen prices available and you will not be disappointed. Perhaps we've all become a bit blasé about conferences but ours are really special and the Albury Conference from 14-16 March will also be. Rotary – it's amazing is more than a conference theme, it defines us.

In just a few weeks we will welcome the Group Study Exchange team from District 1080 in the UK. The Conference will be a great opportunity to meet with them and talk with them if your club is not a team host – and even if it is.

I'm excited about the enthusiasm of clubs as they gear up for Rotarians at Work Day in April. I'm convinced this will make the impact on the community that we are looking to achieve. In parallel we have a great publicity campaign going right across Victoria through the RACV Magazine. Add the Women in Rotary Breakfast on March 8 and these programs will raise the profile of Rotary in our District.

There are numerous other activities planned and many others will emerge as we reactive our clubs and review where we are and where we are going as part of Rotary Awareness Month.

So join with me in a special New Year's resolution for Rotary – let us make Rotary stronger through a personal recommitment to Rotary and a real effort to encourage a friend or colleague to join us in Rotary to make real progress to achieve Peace through Service.

**Dennis Shore,**  
**District Governor.**



*Resplendent as usual, DG Dennis (with his sidekick District Secretary Bow Tie Henry) was once again in complete control of the final 2012 District DLT meeting at International House*



# The Final Battle Against Polio?

By Jeffrey Kluger, "Time" Jan. 03, 2013

There's no one place a virus goes to die — but that doesn't make its demise any less a public health victory. Throughout human history, viral diseases have had their way with us, and for just as long, we have hunted them down and done our best to wipe them out. In the developed world, vaccines have made once-common scourges such as measles, rubella, mumps and whooping cough rare to the point of near-extinction. Only once, however, has any virus been flushed from its last redoubts in both the body and the wild and effectively vaccinated out of existence. That virus was smallpox, which ceased to exist outside high-security labs in 1977. Since that day, humanity has been free to put the vaccines against the disease — and the terror its periodic outbreaks would cause — on the shelf forever.

Now we are tantalizingly close to another such epic moment. This time the disease in the medical cross hairs is polio, and there's no minimizing the progress made against it. Just 25 years ago, polio was endemic to 125 countries and would paralyze or kill up to 350,000 people — the overwhelming majority of them children — each year. Now the disease has been run to ground in just three countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria, and in 2012, it struck only 215 people worldwide. Thanks to aggressive global vaccination programs led by Rotary International, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and, most recently, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the year just beginning could be the disease's last.

*Read how the governments of Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan have vowed to see the eradication drive through to its end. The Islamic Development Bank has given \$227 million to the vaccine program in Pakistan in particular.*

Full Story: <http://healthland.time.com/2013/01/03/the-final-battle-against-polio/#ixzz2HltP3nxa>



A child getting a polio vaccine at Toll Plaza, outskirts of Karachi. Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus that can provoke permanent paralysis in a matter of hours. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. - Diego Ibarra Sánchez for TIME





# Catastrophic Bushfires in Tasmania

*By DG Dennis Shore*



As we have seen so many times in recent years, the New Year starts with a natural disaster on a large scale.

You will have seen and heard the news about current catastrophic bushfires in the Tasman Peninsula and Bicheno areas of Tasmania. There has been an early start to the bushfire risk period this summer and climatic projections do not give much hope of early respite on the "Apple Isle" or elsewhere in Australia. On the contrary, the prognosis is presently very pessimistic.

I write to you now to inform you of our District's intention to be ready to assist with recovery projects wherever they may be required and as far as our ability to raise funds will permit.

The situation in Tasmania has already become clear. Catastrophic fires have occurred with much loss of property and the lives of many residents have been greatly disrupted. Fortunately, as at the time of writing, there has not been any report of loss of life; however, the fires continue to spread and there cannot be any firm prediction about what the future holds.

In 2009 the "Black Saturday" Fires ravaged large areas of Victoria causing much damage and loss and taking 173 lives. Tasmania responded through Rotary International District 9830 (Tasmania), raising a large amount of money and many valuable "in kind" contributions to assist recovery from the bushfires in our State. There is no doubt that we Victorians owe Tasmania our support in its time of great need.

It is the intention of our District to launch an Appeal for donations to enable assistance to be provided to Tasmania in cooperation with District 9830; I earnestly seek your support to ensure that we can do so generously. I can't at this time confirm where donations should be sent as we have to establish both a tax deductible facility and a general account (that will not enjoy any tax concession), that work is already under way. However, I urge you to take steps now to determine how best your Club can raise funds for this noble purpose.

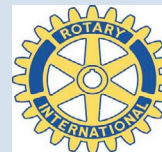
You will be advised as soon as possible regarding details of how donations can be delivered to the Appeal Fund Accounts once they are established.



# Rotary Awareness Month

By Sakuji Tanaka, RI President

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere I go, people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin.



This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer.

We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.



When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life – a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace.

This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary's work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day.



## Helping girls feel best about their bodies

Siân McLean has been awarded 'The Lorraine and Bruce McKenzie Research Companion PhD Scholarship' through Australian Rotary Health receiving \$100,000 to complete her study. Funds for this Scholarship were donated by Past Chair PDG Bruce McKenzie from the Rotary Club of Box Hill, Vic. in memory of his late wife, Lorraine McKenzie who passed away in 1984.

Ms. Mclean's study at La Trobe University will investigate ways to protect adolescent girls from developing body dissatisfaction and create more effective interventions to be run in high schools.

"This scholarship means I am able to commit a lot more time to the project and achieve research outcomes more quickly," Ms. McLean said.



*Australian Rotary Health would like to thank all those who made donations in 2012. These funds have been used to award a number of Research Scholarships in 2013.*

## Rotary Clubs as Funding Partners for PhD Scholarships

A new study co-funded by the Rotary Club of Sutherland, NSW, Australian Rotary Health and The Children's Hospital at Westmead, NSW seeks to halt the growth of neuroblastoma cancer cells. Ms Rebecca Dagg will explore the reasons why cancerous neuroblastoma cells, unlike normal cells, are able to grow indefinitely. She will investigate how the disease develops and, if successful, create a new target for drug development to treat neuroblastoma.

"If you want to treat a cancer, being able to stop it growing is going to be of enormous benefit," she says.

Ms. Dagg was awarded the 'Harry Banks Sutherland Rotary PhD Scholarship' to complete her study at the Children's Research Unit, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, University of Sydney.

"This scholarship has given me the ability to take the next step in starting my own independent research, which is incredibly important."



For more information on ARH, visit [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)





## Farewell to Chocolatier Jen

By Heather Welsh, Rotary Club of Caulfield

DG Dennis Shore and AG Gordon and Sheila Cheyne attended the final 2012 Murrumbeena Community Market on Saturday 8 December to farewell Chocolatier Jen Lipzker. Jen has sold her fabulous fudge at the Market for two years, but her own health now precludes her from continuing this involvement.

Jen used sales of her fudge to fundraise for her charity, *Out On A Limb*. The charity provides prosthetic limbs for amputees following natural disasters in third world countries. Her fudge sales have also helped to buy an electric wheel chair each year for the Amputee Unit at Caulfield General Medical Centre.

DG Dennis dashed down from the end of RYLA to make it on time to present Jen with a Rotary International Plaque of Appreciation for Jen's services to *Out On A Limb* and to the Community, together with a card and donation cheque to *Out On A Limb* from the Rotary Club of Caulfield. Members of the Rotary Club of Caulfield have also done stints as volunteers packing the fudge for Jen and *Out On A Limb*.



Jen will be very much missed at the Market where she has been a popular drawcard and unsurprisingly, she completely sold out of stock at her final Market.

## Seven Ways to get more out of Rotary

Why not try something different in 2013 to attract new members and keep existing ones? There are a few ideas to help you do more with Rotary in the new year at [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120103\\_news\\_resolve.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120103_news_resolve.aspx)

Be part of Rotary's efforts to End Polio Now

Think strategically and set club goals

Help the Foundation fulfil its mission

Get up to speed on the new grant model

Get inspired at the RI Convention

Publicize your good work

Connect with alumni

*A teacher prepares a lesson for first graders at École Ste.-Famille in Les Cayes, Haiti. The school was rebuilt with support from a Rotary Foundation donor advised fund after the 2010 earthquake. Resolve to support the Foundation's work in the six areas of focus in 2013. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*





## DEBATES FOR AND AGAINST CULTURAL DIVERSITY

By Annie Wysham, RC Richmond Marketing Chair

As the inaugural keynote speaker for the Rotary Club of Richmond's Guest Speaker Series 2012-2013, Paul Bateman's informed address examined issues relating to cultural diversity. In doing so he spoke about the organisation he represents as Director - the Victorian Multicultural Commission. Paul sought to place our State's experience in the context of multiculturalism as it's understood in Australia, and he examined Victoria and Australia in a global perspective.

President Sue Bolton welcomed the 40 people who attended on Monday, 10th December, 2012, at the Amora Hotel Riverwalk, Bridge Road, Richmond. Many of the guests being drawn from the wider community, including the Crime Stoppers Multilingual Media Coordinator - Leigh Trinh, Victoria Police. Paul said we live in a big world: one that is getting bigger, as the population grows; and one, simultaneously, growing smaller, as global mobility accelerates in all manner of ways; and the impediments to global mobility diminish before our eyes. In many ways, he said, debates for and against cultural diversity are largely academic.

"That horse has bolted: the world is multicultural. The world is growing and the peoples of the world are, for many reasons, on the move like never before," he said. "The issue is whether or not you acknowledge and embrace this, and whether or not you adopt a plan to manage, foster and celebrate that diversity, so as to reap the enormous benefits that diversity can bring."

It was Paul's contention that not only does Victoria have a plan, but, in fact – in so many ways – provides the template for multicultural success, and has done so for some decades. So much so, he said, "that for most Victorians, multiculturalism is no abstract idea or bureaucratic policy, nor even just another 'ism': it is an everyday reality, the normal way of life."

"Victoria's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity has long played a determining role in the character of life in our State," he said. "And this has contributed to the vibrancy of our society and to the prosperity which enriches us all."

After detailing the work of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Paul concluded by reasserting the need for consistent and collaborative dialogue and effort among and between Victorian communities. "That," he said, "is what makes Victoria the template for multicultural success: the ongoing effort, the civic conversation, the coming together every day of men and women of goodwill."

The success of the evening and his address could also be gauged by the number of people wanting to speak to Paul at the end of the night, all of whom showed great patience in waiting their turn!

The Guest Speaker Series was introduced 'to serve as a vehicle for inviting people from the wider community along to the Rotary Club of Richmond; to hear speakers of note, on topics of interest and value, hosted by the Club.' The second keynote speaker will be announced early in the new year.



*Annie Wysham, Marketing Chair RCR, Paul Bateman, Director, VMC,  
Leigh Trinh, Crime Stoppers Multilingual Media Coordinator, Victoria Police*





# “Mr Condom” and AIDS

The Age, December 21, 2012

***Unsafe sex is being blamed for the alarming rise in HIV infections among young people, writes Lindsay Murdoch in Bangkok.***

Thailand's “Mr Condom”, Mechai Viravaidya, who has saved millions of lives by raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, says his country is facing a new crisis from the infection.

“I innocently thought I had done the job ... but the government has fallen asleep at the wheel. There is a total indifference to a war we have to fight,” says the Australian-educated former politician whose 20-year campaign popularised condoms and led to a revolution in family planning and AIDS awareness in many developing countries.

“With a new campaign we can prevent a lot of early deaths,” he says at his Birds and Bees Resort on a secluded beach near Pattaya, where restaurant diners are given free condoms.



Mechai warns that an estimated 250,000 Thais are unaware they are carrying the HIV virus. “They are not going for testing and they are having sex around the place,” he says. “Getting them to be tested should be a priority.”

“The Prime Minister could stand up and declare there is again a problem that is sending Thais to early graves,” he says. “The campaign should involve everyone, from religious institutions to schools and businesses.”

There were few things Mechai has not done to erase the stigma of talking about sex in Buddhist Thailand, first in the 1970s when Thailand's population growth needed reining in and then in the 1990s when HIV was spreading rapidly.

There were condom-blowing contests, police handing out condoms in traffic, taxi drivers playing cassettes urging customers going to red-light areas to have safe sex. Millions of condoms were handed out free, monks blessed batches of condoms and farmers painted illustrations of condoms on their cows.

Born in 1941 to a Scottish mother and Thai father, both of whom were doctors who instilled in him the importance of public service, Mechai opened a restaurant in Bangkok where he raised money for AIDS prevention projects and called it Cabbages and Condoms, saying condoms should be as easily available as cabbages, a Thai staple.

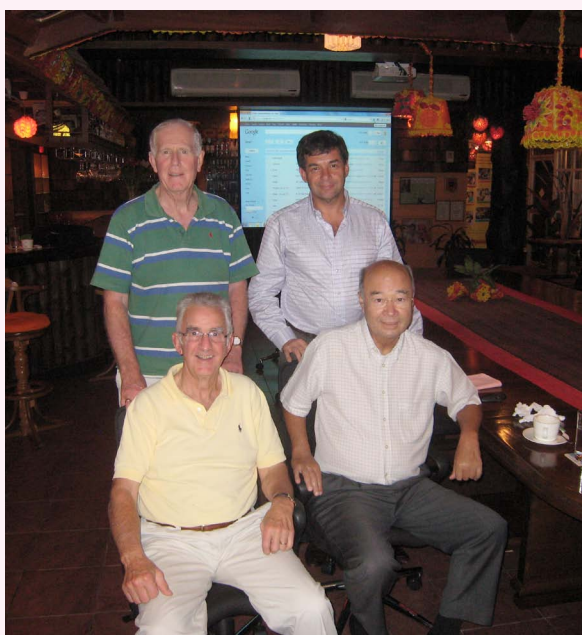
“Raising sex matters like this is nothing to be ashamed of. I was made when my mother and father had sex. Where did you come from?” he says.

Mechai, a former minister who was educated at Geelong Grammar and Melbourne University where he studied economics, uses profits from his five-star hotel resort to fund an adjacent model farm and school for 200 poor students.

He also runs the Population and Community Development Association, which aims to empower Thailand's rural poor and promote better use of the environment.

*Left: PDG John Wigley, Gary Goldsmith and David Pisterman with Mechai Viravaidya, at Cabbages and Condoms Restaurant in Bangkok.*

*David Pisterman arranged the meeting with his former classmate during the Rotary International Conference last year.*





# A TRIP TO NEPAL

By John Williamson

On a trekking trip to Western Nepal, Peter and Ronda Hall, from Spring Hill, were enthralled by the spectacular snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas. They came across Paudwar, a small village set high in the mountains, surrounded by terraced fields, and accessed by way of a four-hour climb from the nearest road. They admired the friendliness of the local Nepalis, and wished to support the villagers.

An initiative gradually developed into a project that aids a country in real poverty. Rural Nepal is amongst the poorest areas of the world (outside Africa, and only ranking higher than Afghanistan) and the project aims to help the villagers help themselves. A number of teachers have been trained, improving education standards in six local schools. A recent enterprise by the villagers of Paudwar has seen the development of a community dairy farm and cheese factory. Such is the steepness of the climb to the village that one reluctant cow had to be tied to a pole and carried up the track by the villagers!

Peter Hall, a member of the Rotary Club of Woodend, has now brought Krishna Pun and his children over to visit Australia. Krishna is the Development Co-ordinator for the village. He is learning about Australian methods of dairy farming, goat husbandry and cheese-making, together with hospitality and hygiene standards to help villagers offering home-stay trekking.



*In support of this enterprise, a dinner is to be held at the Mechanics Institute in High Street, Trentham at 6.30 for 7 p.m. on Saturday 9th February (BYO). George Hillary, grandson of Sir Edmund Hillary, will talk about his family's involvement in aid projects in Nepal. There will be Nepalese cuisine provided by Gurkhas Nepalese Restaurants of Melbourne. Tickets are \$45 a head. See booking details online at [www.nepalaid.org.au](http://www.nepalaid.org.au) or email enquiries to [info@nepalaid.org.au](mailto:info@nepalaid.org.au) or call 03 5424 8274.*

# SPEAKER BANK

## Melbourne Airport, Jo Powell

*Today, Melbourne Airport is the second busiest airport in Australia and the main aviation hub for the southern part of the continent. As the gateway to Victoria, Melbourne Airport plays a pivotal role in Victoria's continued economic prosperity. Melbourne Airport is currently planning for the future. As Melbourne and Victoria grow, so will the demand for air travel. As part of its planning, Melbourne Airport is preparing a Master Plan that will be submitted to the Commonwealth Government for approval in 2013.*

*The Master Plan covers a wide range of issues related to the future operation and development of Melbourne Airport over the next twenty years. This includes plans for a new road network and third runway.*



*In view of the recently announced changes and expansion for Melbourne Airport, this topic has significant interest and drawing power to attract a wide range of interested parties.*

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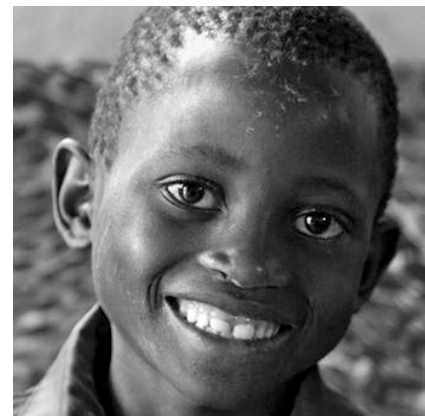
Thanks to Les Jones (Rotary Club of Essendon North) for this suggestion.

To view list of speakers, log in at <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/>



Thanks to your past support, Rotary continues to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education and nurture local economies. Please enjoy this short video highlighting a few of the activities made possible, thanks to friends like you.

<http://vimeo.com/34051471>





## AussieFootyTips

**Rotary AussieFootyTips is the ideal present for the children, grandchildren and friends who have everything (or you've been too busy or lazy to get them a gift).**

This is how it works:

Step 1: Pay online on the [www.aussiefootytips.org](http://www.aussiefootytips.org) site, click on DONATION – it's \$25 per person. It's very simple, just follow the prompts.

Step 2: You will receive an email back from TryBooking (our online ticket provider) with a link to print your ticket(s). Print the ticket(s). Very easy.

Step 3: You can include a covering letter in the gift envelope.

That's it, you have an official ticket and the letter. The only thing you need to supply is the envelope.

All the recipient of your very generous gift will need to do is register through our Rotary AussieFootyTips site ([www.aussiefootytips.org](http://www.aussiefootytips.org)).

Almost forgot to mention, the competition has prizes (1st prize \$3,000 2nd prize \$1,000 3rd prize \$500 plus weekly gift vouchers worth \$50). And of course, proceeds go to charities selected by Rotary. What more could you ask for?



## Welcome New Members

R.C. of Echuca-Moama: Michael Stansbury  
R.C. of Glenferrie: Carol Benson  
R.C. of Hoppers Crossing: Doug Greig  
R.C. of Prahran: Ken Bullen  
R.C. of Melbourne: Nicholas P'ng,



## NEW MEMBER: Rotary Club of Richmond

*By Annie Wysham, RC Richmond*



Women in Rotary received another boost on Monday, 15th October, 2012, when Helen Lloyd-Potter, Director, Simplicity Funerals Carnegie, was inducted as a new member in to the Rotary Club of Richmond, by President Sue Bolton.

Helen's mentor will be PP Jo Cowling.

There are now 16 active women in the Club - 39 members in total; plus a vibrant Friends of Richmond Rotary (FoRR) group, chaired by Maureen Pang (PP Trevor). Go girls!

*Helen Lloyd-Potter (centre) being inducted by President Sue Bolton (R) watched by PP Josephine Cowling, Helen's new mentor.*



## Letters to the Editor

Bob Glindemann recently received a letter of appreciation from St Vincents Hospital, which we reproduce here for your information:



7 January 2013

Bob Glindemann  
Rotary Club Melbourne

Dear Bob,

On behalf of St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of St Vincent's in the recent delivery of new patient beds to the hospital.

It is certainly an exciting time for St Vincent's to be able to replace its existing fleet of old beds with new electric beds. As you would appreciate the removal of the old beds and installation of the new beds whilst hospital staff continued to deliver patient care was a significant logistical exercise for the hospital and without the assistance of Rotary Club Members would have certainly been a challenging experience.

With the assistance of Rotary Club Melbourne St Vincent's has been able to continue its mission in assisting in the care of the disadvantage and poor. We know that the beds will be put to good use in areas in desperate need of such equipment in clinics in Timor.

Please pass on our appreciation of all the hard work of the Rotary Club Members who assisted in this significant exercise.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Ristovski  
General Manager,  
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# Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices\\_and\\_events](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events)

## Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

This is a small Department of Education Secondary School that provides an alternative for students who have been unable to settle into a mainstream secondary education. Students present with a range of personal and family issues including entrenched poverty, family violence and dysfunction, substance abuse and mental health issues.

The School is trying to establish a Gardening Project for Year 10 students and needs the following gardening implements and plants (or financial assistance to pay for the items) : long and short handled spades, shovels, small hand garden spade, gloves, overalls, gumboots, watering cans, hose with connections, vegetable seeds and a small garden shed.

If your Club is able to assist, please contact the Rotary Club of Caulfield [rotarycaulfield@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycaulfield@gmail.com)



## TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with it's own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

It is ideal for Christmas and other gift ideas that you may be looking for.

Read more about Tibetan Village Project: <http://www.tvpaustralia.org.au/>

Calendar available from Don Cullen [cullen.don@gmail.com](mailto:cullen.don@gmail.com)

Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc. P.O. Box 417, Black Rock, 3193



## EVENTS - February 2013

8th  
Feb

### Rotary Altona 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Friday 8th February 2013, 7.30pm

Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade Altona North

\$60 for Adults, \$40 for children 12 and under

RSVP: Friday 25th January 2013

Peter Shephard 93698358 or [peter.shephard@bigpond.com](mailto:peter.shephard@bigpond.com)

Website or link for more information: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/index.php?action=news&type=36&dateid=2567>



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### Nepalese Dinner

Mechanics Institute in High Street, Trentham at 6.30 for 7 p.m. on Saturday 9th February (BYO). George Hillary, grandson of Sir Edmund Hillary, will talk about his family's involvement in aid projects in Nepal. There will be Nepalese cuisine provided by Gurkhas Nepalese Restaurants of Melbourne. Tickets are \$45 a head. See booking details online at [www.nepalaid.org.au/](http://www.nepalaid.org.au/) or email enquiries to [info@nepalaid.org.au](mailto:info@nepalaid.org.au) or call 03 5424 8274



26th  
Feb

### GSE Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Brighton Beach and Brighton North are hosting the welcome dinner for the GSE Team from District 1080 in the UK. The welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2013, 6.30pm for 7pm.

The venue is Milanos Hotel, 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach.

The cost is \$45, bookings can be made by contacting Julie Avery 9591 9591 or 0418 364 191.







# Notices and Events

**MARCH 2013**

## Ballarat Multi District PETS Golf Tournament

**Friday 1st March 2013**

To register complete your MDP Registration Form and tick the MDP "Golf on Friday" Box, cost is \$35.00 and details will be sent shortly. Alternatively turn up at the course and you will be most welcomed. For further details please contact PDG Jim Studebaker on 0413 304 864.



*Ballarat Multi District PETS*  
*Golf Tournament*  
*Friday 1st March 2013*

*Come and join in our Multi District Stableford Golf competition at the Ballarat Golf Course, 1800 Sturt St, Ballarat, Friday from 10.30am. and have a chance to win the inaugural 'Multi District PETS Golf Cup'.*



*Plenty of prizes to be won along the way and join with some of our Australian Rotary Leaders for one of Victoria's premier regional courses for a very social round of Golf. Join with us whether you're a weekend hack or regularly enter the Pro-am, we are catering for all and a great day is ensured.*

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## ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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# November Attendance Figures

2012/2013 Club	Cluster			At July 1				
		No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End	Net gain /loss 12/13	% Change
Port Melbourne	Batman	3	74%	10	10	13	3	30.0%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	3	60%	18	23	23	5	27.8%
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	55%	9	11	11	2	22.2%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	69%	15	16	17	2	13.3%
Melton Valley	Westside	5	100%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Woodend	Calder	5	70%	25	28	28	3	12.0%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	61%	26	29	29	3	11.5%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	4	76%	27	30	30	3	11.1%
Docklands	Batman			9		10	1	11.1%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	84%	10	11	11	1	10.0%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside			33		36	3	9.1%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	3	72%	34	37	37	3	8.8%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	70%	40	42	43	3	7.5%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	71%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Sunshine	Westside	3	61%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Werribee	Port Phillip			37		39	2	5.4%
Southbank	Batman	4	74%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields			50		52	2	4.0%
Melton	Westside	3	75%	26	28	27	1	3.8%
North Melbourne	Heritage	5	66%	26	28	27	1	3.8%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	85%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Brunswick	Heritage	5	44%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	5	53%	54	56	56	2	3.7%
Daylesford	Calder	3	92%	29	30	30	1	3.4%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip			34		35	1	2.9%
Kew	Yarra	5	88%	35	36	36	1	2.9%
Richmond	Heritage	3	81%	37	37	38	1	2.7%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	82%	77	79	79	2	2.6%
Keilor	Gateway	4	75%	39	40	40	1	2.6%
Chadstone / EMalv	Stonnington	4	71%	43	45	44	1	2.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	3	65%	43	44	44	1	2.3%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	86%	51	52	52	1	2.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	3	91%	57	59	58	1	1.8%
Albert Park	Batman	4	54%	62	63	62	0	0.0%



Altona	Port Phillip	3	59%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	3	83%	23	24	23	0	0.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	64%	72	72	72	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	3	80%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	63%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Castlemaine	Calder			37		37	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage			20		20	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	61%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	4	75%	24	25	24	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	90%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	86%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	85%	27	28	27	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	5	87%	13	14	13	0	0.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	5	92%	74	74	74	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonnington	5	75%	23	22	23	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	5	95%	8	8	8	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	5	47%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	68%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	71%	76	75	75	-1	-1.3%
Melbourne	Batman	4	70%	230	227	226	-4	-1.7%
Carlton	Heritage	3	91%	41	40	40	-1	-2.4%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	61%	39	38	38	-1	-2.6%
Brighton	Beachside	5	63%	110	107	107	-3	-2.7%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	65%	35	34	34	-1	-2.9%
Essendon	Gateway	3	53%	68	66	66	-2	-2.9%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	61%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields			26		25	-1	-3.8%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	4	79%	24	24	23	-1	-4.2%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	74%	23	21	22	-1	-4.3%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	5	82%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
Central M. Sunrise	Batman	3	81%	57	54	54	-3	-5.3%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	3	71%	36	34	34	-2	-5.6%
Kyneton	Calder	4	76%	41	38	38	-3	-7.3%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	66%	26	25	24	-2	-7.7%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	67%	20	18	18	-2	-10.0%
No. of Clubs Report			61		61			
No. of Members				2498		2526	28	1.1%
% Average			72.8%					
% of Clubs			88%					
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# Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for  
Rotarians and  
all community  
minded people

## DG's Weekly Message

### ROTARY AWARENESS

As we all know, every month in the Rotary calendar we nominate a special emphasis. January is "Rotary Awareness Month". This should be an important focus but Rotary in Australia takes a break for the first part of the month and it always seems to take a few weeks for clubs to get back into the swing of Rotary. As a result, this area of focus perhaps gets less attention than other areas of focus.

There is also the matter of whether the emphasis is on making the community aware of Rotary or improving the knowledge of Rotarians about Rotary. The answer of course is that it is both.

The history of a club, especially those that have been around for a while is often not well known, especially to newer members. The activities of Rotary International let alone its history are incredibly broad and far-reaching. Most of us just see part of it. Rotary awareness is not only about our history but also our future; knowledge of history helps define the future.

For the community at large Rotary is seen through our good works and contribution to society. Even then much of what we do is invisible to the wider community or not necessarily attributed to Rotary. I think most Rotarians get rather agitated every time they see a media report on polio eradication wherein Rotary is not mentioned at all or rates barely a passing mention.

At the broadest level we have to concede that Rotary as an organisation, as a club and



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

Rotarians as individuals have not been effective at creating that awareness that we should be achieving.

Companies selling into the consumer market apparently spend as much or more on brand recognition than they do on the particular product they are trying to sell. In a way Rotary has been losing brand recognition in a sea of competitors. Charity is a huge business in Australia. The Not for Profit sector encompasses groups seeking to achieve a community, altruistic or philanthropic purpose. It is huge (more than 600,000, mostly unincorporated) of which 56,000 charities are endorsed for tax concessions.

In total the Productivity Council estimates these NFP's have one million employees and 4.6 million volunteers. All of them are fighting for brand recognition and the charity dollar.

Rotary does not have a lot of money to put into promotion and brand recognition and it is fair to say that much of what has been spent has been ineffectual. This year the five Victorian Rotary Districts banded together on a combined effort, mainly through the RACV journal, the most widely read publication in Victoria. In the main this provides brand recognition, although we are promoting the rewards of being a Rotarian.

We occasionally see street promotions employing people

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### January is Rotary Awareness Month





wearing “sandwich boards”. Rotarians can also be a walking promotion with far less inconvenience. When we are serving the community it is good if we wear Rotary apparel – shirt, jacket, cap or hat but all times it is good if we wear our Rotary pin. To be sure this was easier when suits were the order of the day but we can still wear it on our regular apparel. This is not just subliminal brand awareness but often the start of what could be a game changing conversation.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka had the following to say on the subject: “I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer”.

We don’t always have to do big things to do worthwhile things. So a simple but effective outcome from Rotary Awareness month might be for us all to work on how you will answer the questions posed by RI President Sakuji. In any sales pitch you apparently only have few words in which to make or break a sale.

Once the person you are talking with is engaged then you have time to go into more depth about what it is that Rotary is about. You don’t even have to think about this matter because Rotary International has already done the hard work.

I like the “Core Essence of Rotary” statement, which defines Rotary as “A worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities”.

If you prefer, the more traditional Rotary Mission Statement also works for me: “We provide services to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our

fellowship of business, professional and community leaders”.

It is worth taking the time during this month to familiarise Rotarians with some of the big picture things that are going on around the Rotary world. The latest (and positive) news on polio eradication is always worth sharing.

There is always a lot to share locally. Lower club attendance at this time of the year often means that meeting programs are less formal, without an outside guest speaker. So what about using this time to have members share their “Rotary moment”, that special time when something happened that changed them from being a member of a Rotary club to a Rotarian. Their Rotary moment will usually be inspirational and stimulate positive discussion. It is also an opportunity to provide some Rotary history or some information about Rotary programs and activities.

Like all theme months, the activity does not stop just because a new month arrives. Rotary awareness is ongoing so in April, which is Rotary Magazine Month, our awareness campaign will go into overdrive with Rotarians at Work Day on April 21.

Of course we want the entire family of Rotary to participate – friends of Rotary, family members and even others who have no idea what Rotary is (but they soon will have)!

District Assembly will be held in May, and this will most certainly increase Rotary awareness and knowledge. Some of you will be attending Rotary Leadership Institute and some clubs will be doing Club visioning.

Many Rotarians will be exposed to the visiting Group Study Exchange team from District 1080 in the UK, which arrives in Melbourne on Rotary’s 108th birthday on 23rd February. That will certainly increase Rotary awareness.

So my Rotary friends, Rotary awareness is multi-dimensional, reflecting within and reaching out to the wider community. All of the many things we do in Rotary should and can create awareness but so often the dots do not seem to connect.

Those dots will connect for you when we get together for our district Conference from 14 - 17 March. Of course we are using our Conference to provide our focus for the March theme of World Literacy but our conference will certainly promote awareness and knowledge.

We have now released details of some of the keynote speakers at the Conference and they are all world class speakers who will stimulate your mind and your senses and inspire you in new directions of thinking.

Our Conference will demonstrate the theme we have chosen for our Conference: Rotary – it’s amazing.

**Dennis Shore,**  
District Governor.



# THE ELEVATOR STATEMENT

*What do you say, when someone asks you “What is Rotary?” Do you have an answer ready?*

*How about: “Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”*

*In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary’s Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications.*

*Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks you about Rotary.*

*Read “ABCs of Rotary” by Past RI President Cliff Dochterman at <http://www.rotary9790.org.au/info/abcs.asp>*



## Apply Online for Rotary Grants

Rotary Grants, a new microsite, makes it easier for Rotarians and others to learn about Rotary Foundation grants and for Rotarians to apply for and manage them online. The new grant model is streamlined and designed to effect sustainable change.

- Visit the new microsite
- Read grant stories from Rotarians

<https://www.rotary.org/en/grants>

We’ve changed how we structure Rotary grants. Our new system (previously known as Future Vision) focuses primarily on three grant types—district, global, and packaged. It is both more efficient and sustainable, and will help us make a greater impact around the globe.

This site is the new home for all Rotary grants information. Looking to learn about the new grant system? Apply for a grant? Get information on managing your grant? You’ll find it all here.

In Grant Basics, you can learn more about the grants we offer to Rotarians and how to apply for them. Our Learning & Reference section houses our extensive resource library, including useful reference documents, training materials, and much more.







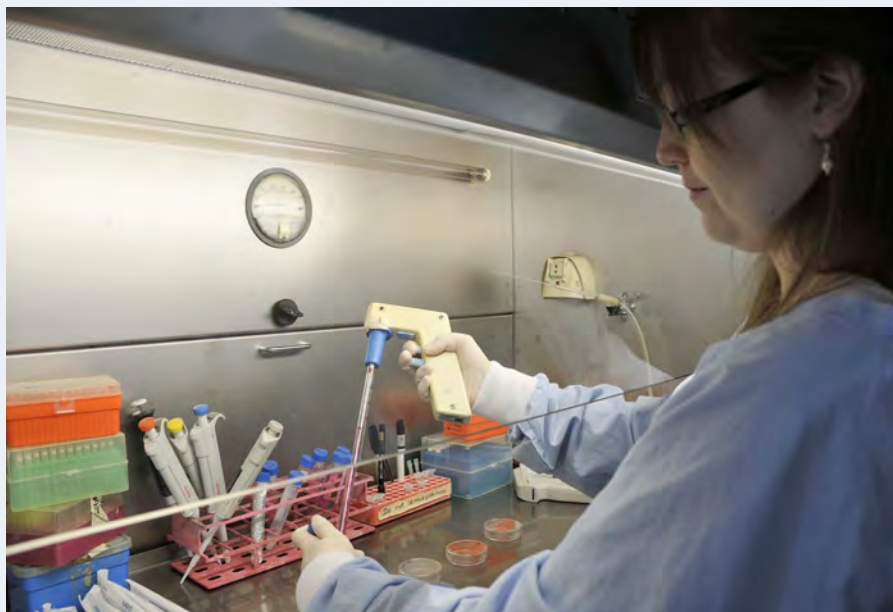
## Australian Rotary Health Scholarships

A new study co-funded by the Rotary Club of Sutherland, NSW, Australian Rotary Health and The Children's Hospital at Westmead, NSW seeks to halt the growth of neuroblastoma cancer cells. Ms Rebecca Dagg will explore the reasons why cancerous neuroblastoma cells, unlike normal cells, are able to grow indefinitely. She will investigate how the disease develops and, if successful, create a new target for drug development to treat neuroblastoma.

"If you want to treat a cancer, being able to stop it growing is going to be of enormous benefit," she says.

Ms. Dagg was awarded the 'Harry Banks Sutherland Rotary PhD Scholarship' to complete her study at the Children's Research Unit, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, University of Sydney.

"This scholarship (\$29,000 per year for up to 3.5 years) has given me the ability to take the next step in starting my own independent research, which is incredibly important."



For more information call 02 8837 1900 or visit [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

## Australian Bushfire Recovery Fund



As we have seen so many times in recent years, our New Year has started with a natural disaster on a large scale.

Our District has once again responded by setting up a centralised fund to support recovery efforts this year. Every Club can play a role in fundraising and supporting recovery efforts as well as acting as a conduit through which community desire to help can be channeled to provide tangible support.

You can find details of the RI D9800 Inc Australian Bushfire Recovery Fund 2013 via the District website's homepage, with multiple payment options including tax deductible donations if required.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/2610>



## LETTERS FROM ABROAD

The letters and images in this excellent publication really bring home to us what a life changing experience The Youth Exchange Program is for those lucky and courageous enough to take the opportunity that Rotary is able to provide for them.

<http://www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au/newsletters>



*Letters from Abroad...*

RI District 9800 - Youth Exchange Program - 2012



*Some reflections and images from our Youth Exchange Students 2012*

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**MARCH IS CONFERENCE MONTH and WORLD LITERACY MONTH** so please help us implement our first **District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Project**

Purchase and or collect new picture story books, easy fiction and non-fiction books for children 0-12 years and bring them along to the Literacy Stall in the Albury Conference Market Place. We will add a sticker to indicate that they have been given by your club and at the conclusion of the Conference they will be donated to the

**ABORIGINAL LITERACY FOUNDATION.**

It would be a wonderful show of our commitment to **"Literacy for All"** if every club made a contribution; and it would certainly help to address the problems faced by 80% of aboriginal children in regional and remote communities whose National Literacy Testing results placed them in the bottom 5% of all Australian children.

DIK is also in need of Basic Educational materials, especially exercise books and pencils so if you can bring some of these along, that would be fantastic, too! **Bronwen Scarffe** - District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Chair.

For further details contact [bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au](mailto:bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au)





## AUSTRALIA DAY SWIM

Celebrate Australia Day 2013 with the Rotary Club of Brighton at at the Australian Unity Great Australia Day Swim at Middle Brighton

The event features 650m, 1400m and 5km events. with the main event at 11 am. And Juniors from various Swim Schools and Swim Clubs move out of their pool environment to the Open Water to compete in the 300 metre Junior Dash

The Middle Brighton pier and breakwater provide a spectacular vantage point for spectators and the event includes live music and a variety of food venues. Free entry

The finale is the fun MILK Celebrity Relay Race organised by Michael Klim, featuring Olympian and sporting celebrities.

More information and entries are at [www.greataustraliadayswim.com.au](http://www.greataustraliadayswim.com.au)



## The Donations In Kind Store is Stuffed

The volume and the quality of the donations continues to grow and although the goods shipped in the first half of the year increased 28% the Store is completely full with more goods ready to be picked up when room is available. It's a wonderful affordable opportunity for anyone who wants to provide children with a better future.

Four container loads of education equipment are ready to be shipped and \$5.00/ chair is something any Club can afford. If you can help please contact Laurie Fisher 0428 550 574 [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com)

The 1st Half report has been released and makes interesting reading





# Sustainable Development in Africa

By PRIP Jonathan Majiyagbe

THE tragic irony is that for millions of women today in Nigeria and throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, childbirth is a direct cause of death. A global study of maternal mortality recently published by the University of Washington paints a gloomy picture of the situation in Nigeria, where more than 36,000 women die each year. Only India has more maternal deaths. The lifetime risk of a woman dying during childbirth in Nigeria is 1 in 18, compared with 1 in 4,800 in the United States. This is unacceptable.

Almost all of these deaths are preventable. And yet thousands of women in Nigeria are dying and suffering every day because they lack access to affordable ante- and postnatal care, a safe blood supply, malaria-preventive mosquito nets, and basic transportation. For every woman who dies, 20 face serious medical problems or birth injuries often causing long-term disability and economic hardship.

An estimated 800,000 women in Nigeria are living with obstetric fistula, a painful condition caused by obstructed labour that often results in stillbirth and leaves its victims with chronic incontinence. Such women often are shunned and ostracized by their families and communities.

The widespread problem of fistula prompted members of Nigeria's Rotary clubs to take action. In 2005, they initiated a pilot project in the states of Kano and Kaduna to prevent and treat fistula and improve overall maternal health in the region. This project, which is supported by European Rotary clubs, the German government, non-profits and global corporate partners, is proving to be an overwhelming success.

Within two years, mortality in the maternity wards in the 10 hospitals assisted by the project has dropped by more than 50 per cent. The key to this success has been a comprehensive approach by governments, traditional and religious leaders, and all stakeholders. Step by step, the Rotary project team improved quality of care by providing medical equipment and training for local doctors, nurses and midwives. The project also includes a broad awareness campaign to educate the public about reproductive health issues.

But innovative, comprehensive approaches like the Rotary project in Northern Nigeria give us hope. It can provide a blueprint for success elsewhere in Africa. If we can pull together and scale up these kinds of successful programmes, we can save lives, families and communities. But we must act now.

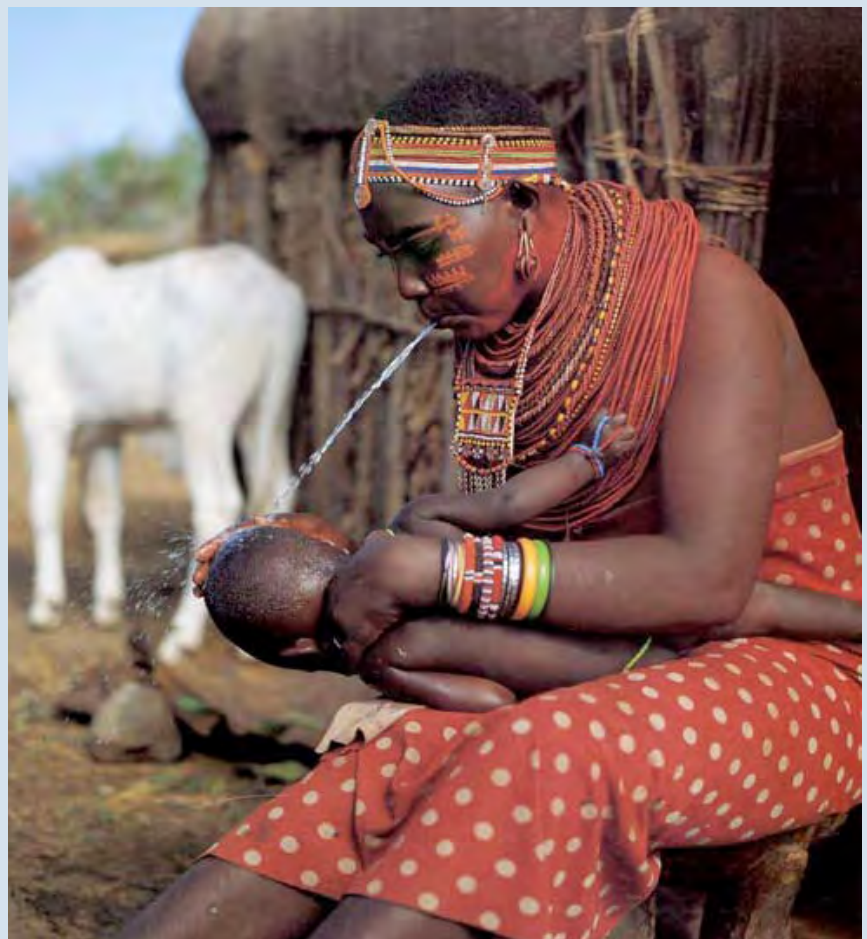
*PRIP Jonathan Majiyagbe is a member of the Rotary Club of Kano and was the first African to serve as World President of Rotary International (2003-04).*

Read more:

<http://www.rifpd.org/articles/HealthyMothersAfrica.shtml>

<http://www.rifpd.org/Projects/MaternalHealth.shtml>

Right: An African baby gets a shower.





## Australia Day Rotary BBQ in Melbourne

We Need Your Help to Promote Rotary on Channel 9's TODAY Show!



### What's Happening, Where and When?

Rotary, together with Yarra Valley Water are hosting a Multicultural BBQ Cook-Off at Hays Paddock in Kew early on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 to celebrate Australia Day.

The great news is that Channel 9's TODAY program will be there doing live crosses from 7am to promote this event, which will also publicise Yarra Valley's "Choose Tap" mobile phone app helping Melbourneans to find drinking fountains, bins and toilets when they are out and about. The app is designed to encourage people to choose free sources of water over purchasing more expensive, less healthy alternatives that also add to landfill sites.



Cooking the Greek, Chinese and Arabic communities versions of an Australia-Day barbeque, the event also celebrates diversity in our community, a theme keeping with Rotary's own value of diversity.

### Where and When We Need Your Support:



We're looking for Rotary members from every Club and District who can get there to get along in droves wearing identifiable Rotary gear to cook the sausages and be part of the crowd at the BBQ during the live crosses on the TODAY show – the more the merrier!

Yarra Valley Water will be supplying the food and cooking utensils, so all we really need is YOU and your Rotary apparel!

### The Details

Hays Paddock in Kew is not far from Burke and Kilby roads as well as Kew High School in Kew. Hays Paddock is best accessed by Longstaff St, which runs off Lesson St, which in turn runs off Kilby Rd in Kew (between Burke Rd and the Eastern Freeway).

We need Rotarians to arrive on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2013, before 7am if possible to be ready for the live crosses which will continue throughout the morning through til 10am. While we will have Rotary banners and signage on location, additional signage and banners to place in the background would be welcome, as would Rotary apparel for those Rotarians who are lacking something suitably Rotary to wear. Feel free to bring a sense of fun too!

We'd love you to be a part of this great Public Image opportunity for Rotary which will be broadcast Australia-wide and demonstrate our commitment to and celebration of the community and nation we live in!

For more information, please contact Rotary Club of Kew President, Jill Forsyth on 0412 171 353 or [j.forsyth@ixmx.com.au](mailto:j.forsyth@ixmx.com.au).





## Activity 2000 – 2012

331	Containers Shipped
15	Countries
90,000+	Volunteer hours worked
\$2,500,000	Value of hours worked
\$29,000,000+	Value of goods shipped

For more information contact Laurie or David: [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com)

*On Tuesday 29th January we will pack this next East Timor container including the twin cab utility that we have to send which is now in the store. Thankfully we will not be loading 800kg bales of metal frames this time and with the right amount of preparation on the 22nd, it will be a relatively easy task.*

*Who is available to assist? Please let me know as soon as you are able so that we can plan effectively. Your continuing support of the DIK store is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your responses.*

*Cheers,*

*Bob Glindemann* <mailto:bob.glindemann@bigpond.com>







## Anti-Malaria Bed Nets

*Malaria is a violent and often deadly disease. But one of the best ways to prevent the mosquito-borne disease is to sleep under a treated bed net. As Penny Legate reports, more of these life-saving nets are coming to Africa due to a pilot project launched by northern Zambian and American Rotarians.*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4h84m-a47M&feature=youtu.be>

*A community volunteer dips mosquito nets in treatment chemicals to prepare them for use. Providing mosquito nets is one element of The Humanitarian Project against Malaria, Poverty, Hunger and Illiteracy at Kasamu in Kyali Mpigi District.*



## AussieFootyTips

**Rotary AussieFootyTips is the ideal present for the children, grandchildren and friends who have everything (or you've been too busy or lazy to get them a gift).**

This is how it works:

Step 1: Pay online on the [www.aussiefootytips.org](http://www.aussiefootytips.org) site, click on DONATION – it's \$25 per person. It's very simple, just follow the prompts.

Step 2: You will receive an email back from TryBooking (our online ticket provider) with a link to print your ticket(s). Print the ticket(s). Very easy.

Step 3: You can include a covering letter in the gift envelope.

That's it, you have an official ticket and the letter. The only thing you need to supply is the envelope.

All the recipient of your very generous gift will need to do is register through our Rotary AussieFootyTips site ([www.aussiefootytips.org](http://www.aussiefootytips.org)).

Almost forgot to mention, the competition has prizes (1st prize \$3,000 2nd prize \$1,000 3rd prize \$500 plus weekly gift vouchers worth \$50). And of course, proceeds go to charities selected by Rotary. What more could you ask for?





# Notices and Events

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## Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

This is a small Department of Education Secondary School that provides an alternative for students who have been unable to settle into a mainstream secondary education. Students present with a range of personal and family issues including entrenched poverty, family violence and dysfunction, substance abuse and mental health issues.

The School is trying to establish a Gardening Project for Year 10 students and needs the following gardening implements and plants (or financial assistance to pay for the items) : long and short handled spades, shovels, small hand garden spade, gloves, overalls, gumboots, watering cans, hose with connections, vegetable seeds and a small garden shed.

If your Club is able to assist, please contact the Rotary Club of Caulfield [rotarycaulfield@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycaulfield@gmail.com)



## TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with it's own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

It is ideal for Christmas and other gift ideas that you may be looking for.

Read more about Tibetan Village Project: <http://www.tvpaustralia.org.au/>

Calendar available from Don Cullen [cullen.don@gmail.com](mailto:cullen.don@gmail.com)

Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc. P.O. Box 417, Black Rock, 3193



## Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

Quality shirazes from the Bendigo Wine Region are now available in half-cases.

Shirazes from Pondalowie, Connor Park Winery, Sandhurst Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Mandurang Valley, Water Wheel, Turners Crossing

This is your chance to stock up after Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted. Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or [gpnnoonan@tpg.com.au](mailto:gpnnoonan@tpg.com.au)



## EVENTS - January 2013

26th  
Jan

### AUSTRALIA DAY BARBECUE

Rotary, together with Yarra Valley Water are hosting a Multicultural BBQ Cook-Off at Hays Paddock in Kew early on January 26th to celebrate Australia Day

For more information contact Jill Forsyth on 0412 171 353 or [jill.forsyth@formax.com.au](mailto:jill.forsyth@formax.com.au)

(add link)



## EVENTS - February 2013

8th  
Feb

### Rotary Altona 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Friday 8th February 2013, 7.30pm

Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade Altona North

\$60 for Adults, \$40 for children 12 and under

RSVP: Friday 25th January 2013

Peter Shephard 93698358 or [peter.shephard@bigpond.com](mailto:peter.shephard@bigpond.com)

Website or link for more information: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/index.php?action=news&type=36&dateid=2567>





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**9th  
Feb**

## Nepalese Dinner

Mechanics Institute in High Street, Trentham at 6.30 for 7 p.m. on Saturday 9th February (BYO). George Hillary, grandson of Sir Edmund Hillary, will talk about his family's involvement in aid projects in Nepal. There will be Nepalese cuisine provided by Gurkhas Nepalese Restaurants of Melbourne. Tickets are \$45 a head. See booking details online at [www.nepalaid.org.au/](http://www.nepalaid.org.au/) or email enquiries to [info@nepalaid.org.au](mailto:info@nepalaid.org.au) or call 03 5424 8274



**16th  
Feb**

## LUNAR NEW YEAR BANQUET

To be held in the Year of the Snake, the Rotary Club of Richmond's annual fundraiser will feature the traditional Chinese Lion Dance performed by the Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne.

Dragon Boat Palace Restaurant, 149 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (Mel Ref: 1B/S3) Saturday 16th February 2013 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm

\$70 per person or \$650 per Table of 10 Includes: 10 course banquet and entertainment

All proceeds will assist the Rotary Club of Richmond's International and Community Projects.

RSVP: Friday, 1st February 2013

Enquiries: Jo Cowling, [jocowling@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jocowling@optusnet.com.au)

For booking form/payment details and further information, go to: <http://rotaryrichmond.org.au/notice.php>



**26th  
Feb**

## GSE Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Brighton Beach and Brighton North are hosting the welcome dinner for the GSE Team from District 1080 in the UK.

The welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2013, 6.30pm for 7pm.

The venue is Milanos Hotel, 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach.

The cost is \$45, bookings can be made by contacting Julie Avery 9591 9591 or 0418 364 191.



## MARCH 2013

**1st  
Mar**

## Ballarat PETS Golf Tournament

**Friday 1st March 2013**

To register complete your MDP Registration Form and tick the MDP "Golf on Friday" Box, cost is \$35.00 and details will be sent shortly. Alternatively turn up at the course and you will be most welcomed.

For further details please contact PDG Jim Studebaker on 0413 304 864.

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Is something on on your mind?

Send your thoughts to her email address at [clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au](mailto:clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au)



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