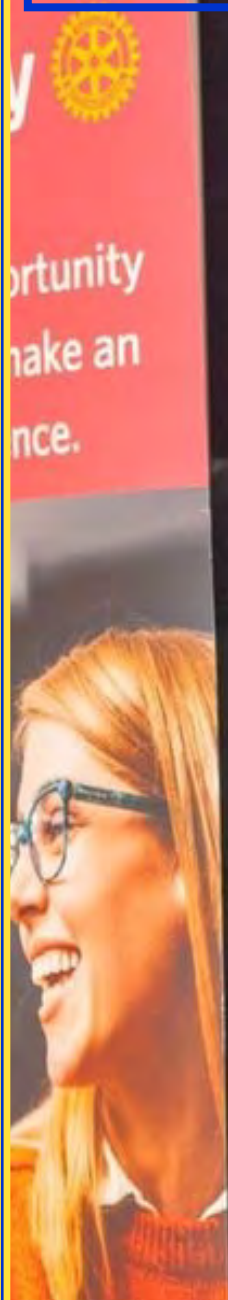


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Rotary
District 9800



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District Governor Peter Frueh

My theme this issue is diversity.

Not just because of the recent International Women's Day, but because the future of Rotary International depends on increasing our diversity.

If we think back to the late 1980s when women were finally admitted as members to Rotary, it was a different era. Not just the hairstyles, clothes and music, but social norms. Women's participation in the workforce was only 45% and generally in traditional roles such as clerical, teaching and nursing. Today the women's participation in the workforce is 61%, closing in on the men's 71%.

In the early 1980s, Rotary was a men only organisation, with some positives (think men's shed) but many negatives such as off colour jokes, stereotyping and a clear sense of who would be a "suitable" Rotarian.

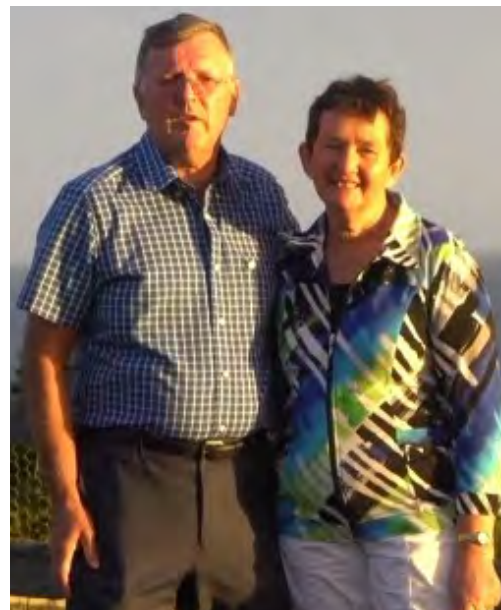
Despite these limitations, Rotary International now has 240,000 women members. The country of origin, religion, orientation and other diversities has moved somewhat towards community levels. Yet women still only make up 20% of members worldwide and 28% in our District. What about in your club?

Where would Rotary be today if those 240,000 women members hadn't joined?

The benefits of a Rotary club matching its community are large:

- ◆ Over 20% growth in membership by reaching gender equity, plus underrepresented minorities
- ◆ More balanced board and committees which make better decisions
- ◆ Extension of projects into new areas
- ◆ Fuller engagement into all aspects of community life.

A recent Rotary International survey showed that 96% of members felt we needed to promote membership diversity. So the question is not should we, but are we? What is your club doing? What about having a Club Assembly to discuss these issues? It is Your Club - Your Future - so have a say!



Peter Frueh
District Governor 2017-2018

Water - The trickle of hope that is a Human Right

In the last years, Rotary clubs in District 9800 completed significant life saving clean water infrastructures in remote needy areas in the Philippines; from the indigenous villages of the Aetas of Zambales, to Lubang Group of Islands- Mindoro (West Philippine Sea), provinces of Quezon, Masbate and Sorsogon, through to southern Surigao.

In early 2017, a site assessment in remote northern Kalinga, Cordillera ranges, Philippines was conducted by the former Rotary Club of Brighton Beach. In Kalinga, nature is at its best with rice field terraces, rivers, waterfalls and villages that weave around the countryside. The topography is rugged with up to an elevation of 8,200 ft. However, trekking deeper showed that there is a significant need for clean water and sanitation; specifically worst in Tabuk (population 103,816), province of Kalinga (population 202,052).

Discussions with the Kalinga Provincial Health Office showed regular outbreaks of skin lesions in children, gastroenteritis, adults and children alike. Children with womenfolk do their share of 5am trips in the mountainous muddy roads to the stream to line up and collect water for homes. Amidst the poverty, UNESCO declared the Cordillera ranges a heritage site and proclaimed "the expression of sacred traditions and a delicate social balance, they have helped to create a landscape of great beauty that expresses the harmony between humankind and the environment."



And due to its remoteness the prime utilities as Water and Sanitation are at its lowest, if any at all. Canada's International Development Research Centre conducted a Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) in 2010-2012 and noted that 12.4% households are "waterless", while 32.5% had no access to sanitary toilet facilities. For instance, households in the municipality of Lubuagan, Barangay Mabongtot (98.9% households) and Barangay Tawang in Balbalan (97.9% households) have no access to safe water and 54.9% have no toilets. Sanitation and hygiene are at its lowest, without appropriate ablutions (toilets and wash stations). My visit to Barangay Dupag noted that sanitation ablutions are worst; one toilet for the whole village, which apparently is not uncommon. Desperate for a facility, I pointed towards the small village across the rivers' hanging bridge, and was told there are no toilets there except a one hectare "free for all" field.

A project profile was prepared by Brighton Beach Rotary and alliances formed with the region's Rotary Clubs, Tabuk local government, municipal health office, and local community leaders were invited to participate. Prior to the Brighton Beach Rotary closure in mid 2017, partial seed funding was provided and the project was transferred to the RC of Melbourne (RCM) to conduct a major Water and Sanitation project in Kalinga. Due to Tabuk's villages rugged terrain and remoteness, RCM revisited in November 2017, and conducted a further study with local city engineers, government environment planners, and community leaders with schools, to prioritise the work.



On the 20th Feb 2018, a Rotary Foundation global grant was awarded to the Rotary Club of Melbourne, partnering with District 9500, Rotary Clubs of Tabuk, Meycauayan Uptown, Philippines, and the Rotary Club of Prahran. Target recipient sites are 5 - 8 barangays of Tabuk, Kalinga, where spring source development, water tanks, wells, reservoirs, cluster water station and toilet blocks for schools and the community will be constructed in the coming 12 months.

In the coming months, Melbourne Rotary will play a key role from site construction visits, sanitation and water conservation training, through to overall operational governance and procedures for sustainability in each of these barangays.

This "Trickle of Hope" is not only the water cycle but is in unison with the life cycle.



Ruth Carlos Martinez
Rotary Club of Melbourne, RAWCS Chair, Water and Sanitation

Ashley Eadon—Youth Advocate to the UN

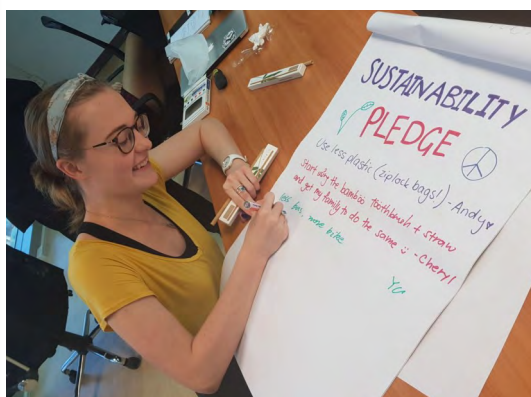
So, I am now 25% of the way through my placement and my chapter here in Bangkok. Time truly is flying by. I would like to say I am settled into my new living routine but the reality is, I still get lost on a weekly basis and there is a constant sense of confusion that comes with living in a country whose primary language isn't English. However, this makes my day to day life interesting and I am enjoying the challenge of it all. I catch public transport to work every day, which includes taking a very crowded sky train. So crowded in fact, that I have felt people's phones vibrating in their pockets and interestingly enough salami appears to be a popular breakfast choice.

I am learning a lot at work and currently performing the best out of the team regarding one of our KPI's. We have regular training sessions in which we learn professional skills as well as learn about global issues relating to the Sustainable Development Goals. I have been asked to prepare a presentation about the below SDG's which I will present sometime next month. The training we have undertaken has covered various topics. Topics including the Rohingya Refugees Crisis, Cyber Sex Tourism in the Philippines and Clean Energy. We also have covered sustainable living and how an individual can live sustainability and ethically in a consumer fuelled world.

Some small but daily practices that I have committed to are:

- Minimising my meat consumption
- Using less plastic

Minimising how much I throw out [#zerowaste](#)



In my time here so far, we have celebrated three holidays. Children's Day, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year. The latter being the biggest and most widely celebrated with red Chinese lanterns appearing all around Bangkok. My workplace even celebrated the day with a traditional Chinese lunch which including the giving and receiving of hóng bāo. Which is money given in a red envelope for good luck and prosperity for the new year. It was very interesting to learn about the tradition of how Chinese New Year came about. Valentine's Day was just as interesting with women dressed as Angels at the train station handing out free mouthwash. Children's Day included a festival that had various stalls and games teaching children about dental hygiene and other educational activities.

I also celebrated my 19th birthday this month. It was a fun but a different day. Thank you to everyone who wished me well! I had an enjoyable evening and went and saw Black Panther (would recommend) at the cinemas as well as had yummy chocolate cake at work.

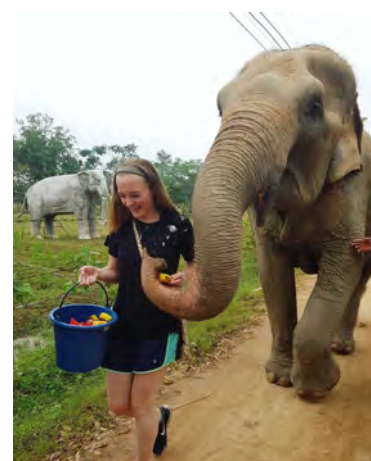
The work I have been doing has been quite varied. I have undertaken public speaking training, conducted market research, designed a website and completed legal work. We are currently all preparing for the 9th University Scholars Leadership Symposium. There will be over 1200 young world leaders from over 80 countries in attendance, as well as 15 UN agencies attending. Here is a link to the video summarising the symposium from last year <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGcOqVX2cVA>. It is a big job but it is also very exciting.

In terms of random weekend adventures, I have visited the Wildlife Friends Foundation which is an animal sanctuary that has over 600 animals including over 20 elephants. We got to walk and wash the elephants and it was truly an incredible experience. I also have visited the Bangkok Arts and Culture Centre which had some truly interesting artwork, one of my favorites was a portrait that was painted using mud, clay and dirt. Bangkok is truly a varied city and there is always something to do. Whether that be cultural, touristy, shopping or fine dining, it is up to you. I have also had four visitors from Australia which has been a lovely surprise.

The last 25% has been truly incredible and I am growing personally, professionally and spiritually. I am looking forward to what will happen in the next 75%.

Thank you once again to my endless support system back home. I couldn't do it without you and I am working hard to make you all proud.

- Ashley is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk



Jean Noel Melotte Rotary Peace Fellow

As I approach the last few weeks of my study session with the Rotary Peace Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok I realize that it's hard to capture all the knowledge and experiences within a few hundred words.

Over the last two months, I have been joined by 22 other individuals from around the world and from a wide-variety of backgrounds. In my class we have judges, journalists, peace-officers, lawyers, civil-servants and NGO workers. All of us are joined by the common thread that peace is possible at any level as a way to heal long-running conflicts.

A valuable quote that captures this mindset is found within the preamble to UNESCO's constitution, it states, "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed." The dream of peace may seem at times to be unreasonable and an impossible goal, however today I am surrounded by people who believe in the pursuit of objective truth, freely exchanging ideas and achieving equality in education.

Throughout the course I've been introduced to individuals and groups who cultivate the values of stability and understanding to advance their interests in a non-violent way. Although all of us carry, overtly or unconsciously, certain prejudices, we can see through the actions of these groups and individuals how it is possible through collaboration, as exemplified by the Rotary Peace Centres, that universal respect for the rule of law and human rights can be achieved.

Our studies include the classic conflict analysis areas such as humanitarian law, the interfaith dialogue, post-conflict reconstruction, security-sector reform, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, mediation and facilitation. However this course also offers alternative dispute resolution skills and knowledge including using social media to promote non-violence, transitional justice and constructing a peace process through the use of creative arts, sports or humour. My classmates reject the common mindset that war is a natural state of human nature and rather focus on how conflict is often not sufficiently mitigated. The passion and broad skillsets of my classmates are impressive and this course allows the space to look critically at why conflict happens and how to push alternative dispute resolutions.

The important thing for Rotary International will be to look at how this excellent first level initiative of joining together these global peacebuilders can be continued. This could be achieved through supporting them to the next phase of collaboration and perhaps even leveraging the skills of these various practitioners into directly supporting Rotary peace work. Peace work does not necessarily mean solving the Palestine issue or ending the Syrian crisis, rather peace starts at the community level and with fostering the space for local players to take ownership of prioritizing peace over violence.

Jean Noel Melotte,
Chulalongkorn University
Bangkok



International Women's Day Breakfast

This year's showcasing of Rotary at the International Women's Day Breakfast at Crown Palladium saw 1,000 plus guests including Year 12 school students from 20 public and private Melbourne and rural schools, excited to hear the personal debate and discussion from Panellists Andy Penn, Husna Pasha, Deborah Glass, Adam Fennessy and Emma Welsh. They provided a diverse and lively discussion from industry, Government, media and finance perspectives.

Stephen Quartermain generously provided his time to MC the Breakfast. Ali Moore and the Panellists also kindly provided their knowledge and personal thoughts to ensure a lively debate. The discussion included some examples of how we (both men and women) need to have courage and feel empowered to have public conversations about what is not appropriate "blokeiness" and this included the importance for men to have the courage to reflect and share appropriateness with other men.



Andy Penn, CEO of Telstra provided a very interesting insight into Telstra's own support and respect for violence free families. He said that Telstra gives time off and support for an employee affected by family violence but this also included an employee who might have been the perpetrator of family violence. By providing time off, the perpetrator was able to use this time to receive mandatory psychological help and time for Court proceedings, in the hope that the perpetrator could turn his/her life around to never violate again.

It was wonderful to see the short video of thanks from Zerina Lormic who was awarded at the 2014 WIR Breakfast, the first **Women in Science Fellowship Award**. Zerina, who has dual qualifications in nursing and basic science, thanked Women in Rotary for enabling her to forge a career as a 'nurse scientist'. That award was supported by the Royal Children's Hospital and the Baker Foundation as a three year fellowship valued at over \$300,000.

District Governor Peter Frueh presented Past President **Susie Cole of the Rotary Club of Prahran** with a **Royce Abbey Champion of Change** award for her work with her club, and for organising the first every Rotary March with Pride for Midsumma this year.

Kerry Kornhauser OAM summed up the event with the acknowledgement that this event had encouraged numerous other International Women's Day events and had raised over \$200,000 for the charities supported each year. This year's proceeds are directed towards Violence Free Families, Interplast and St Kilda Mums.

Kerry thanked the members from the Rotary Clubs of Melbourne and Brighton North who had assisted with organising and running the event.



She is to be congratulated once more for leading the Women in Rotary Breakfast for the 7th year. Kerry was the motivator for a team of Rotarians, some from Rotary Club of Melbourne and Brighton North but many from other District 9800 Clubs aided by Volunteers, to create another successful, thought-provoking, inspirational morning.

International Women's Day breakfast photos thanks to photographer Charles Wale.



Foundation Trustee Chair's March Message



Questions, questions, questions.

Two topics I am frequently asked about during my visits with Rotarians around the world relate to Rotary's website and our Foundation's grants.

Quite likely you have had these questions and more, about things such as donor contributions, point transfers, club and district reports, club invoices, and club officer changes, to name a few. If you don't know where to find the answer, Rotary's Support Centre is the place to start.

The Rotary Support Centre is an easily accessible first point of contact for Rotarians, donors, staff, and others to help answer questions in English, French, and Spanish.

Business hours are 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

You can reach the Support Centre toll-free at 1-866-976-8279 (1-866-9ROTARY).

Email inquiries to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org will be responded to within one business day.

The Support Centre averages 3,500 calls per month. This includes about 1,500 callers who want to be directed to a specific person or Rotary department, allowing easier access within our complex organization. On average, 7,000 emails are responded to each month.

With only an eight-year history, the Rotary Support Centre has been certified as a Centre of Excellence by Benchmark Portal, the industry leader in contact centre benchmarking. The Centre of Excellence recognition is one of the most prestigious awards in the customer service and support industry. This distinction requires that a centre be both efficient and effective, providing service that is of superior quality with lower overall costs compared with other centres in the service industry.

The Rotary Support Centre team also includes a Visitor Services and Tour Program coordinator to schedule tours and large group meetings for those who want to visit Rotary headquarters. Rotary has a surprising number of visitors each year.

Are you planning a visit to the Chicago area? You can request a tour by sending an email to visitors@rotary.org. Perhaps our paths will cross at One Rotary Centre!

I am confident you will agree with the 96 percent quality score the centre has received from satisfied customers.

Paul A. Netzel
Trustee Chair 2017-18

March 2018

RIPE Barry Rassin— Be the Inspiration

Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us.

He announces his presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, at Rotary's International Assembly to the assembled audience including District Governor Elect Bronwyn Stephens and Mark.

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.



To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization:

"We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to "inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It's your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward."

Progress on polio

Rassin noted that one source of inspiration has been Rotary's work to eradicate polio. He described the incredible progress made over the past three decades. In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; just 20 cases were reported in 2017 as of 27 December. "We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication," he said, "a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last."

He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won't be finished. "Polio won't be over, until the certifying commission says it's over—when not one poliovirus has been found, in a river, in a sewer, or in a paralyzed child, for at least three years," he said. "Until then, we have to keep doing everything we're doing now." He urged continued dedication to immunization and disease surveillance programs.

Sustaining the environment

Rotary has focused heavily on sustainability in its humanitarian work in recent years. Now, Rassin said, Rotarians must acknowledge some hard realities about pollution, environmental degradation, and climate change. He noted that 80 percent of his own country is within one meter of sea level. With sea levels projected to rise two meters by 2100, he said, "my country is going to be gone in 50 years, along with most of the islands in the Caribbean and coastal cities and low-lying areas all over the world."

Rassin urged leaders to look at all of Rotary's service as part of a larger global system. He said that this means the incoming district governors must be an inspiration not only to clubs, but also to their communities. "We want the good we do to last. We want to make the world a better place. Not just here, not just for us, but everywhere, for everyone, for generations."

Rotary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Scholarship (RATSITS)

Rotary International celebrated its centenary on February 23rd, 2005. In recognition of this important milestone, the Rotary Club of Balwyn established a scholarship for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island students to study at an approved tertiary institution (TAFE, University or other approved institution) for a period of up to four years duration.

The inaugural Scholarship was awarded on a biennial basis in 2005 and was followed by another Scholarship awarded in 2007. As a result of significant financial support and sponsorship from the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as well as Skills Victoria and the Department of Justice, it was possible for the Scholarship to be offered on an annual basis.

Selection is based on interview and not solely on academic performance or financial hardship. The value of the Scholarship was up to \$25,000 per annum (\$100,000 over four years). Total funding up to 2017 has exceeded \$1.4m of which some \$400,000 was provided by the Club.

Discussions are underway with the Federal Government concerning a proposal to transition the program from the Club's stewardship, and funding, to a national body.

Robynne Quiggin a Wiradjuri lawyer addressed the Rotary Club of Balwyn recently.

Robynne has worked across legal and policy areas of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians including, human rights, consumer issues, financial services, governance, rights to culture, heritage and the arts.

She has served on a number of boards including the Arts Law Centre of Australia and Gadigal Information Services. She is currently deputy chair of the board of Bangarra Dance Theatre, a Trustee of the Australian Museum, chair of Westpac's Indigenous Advisory Committee, a director of the board of the Lowitja Institute and a member of the Indigenous Law Bulletin's Editorial Panel.

Robynne was Deputy Commissioner to the Acting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Professor Gillian Triggs.

The last RATSITS scholarship was awarded to Jaya Blandthorn pictured night with RATSITS mentor Alex Burton and Rotary Club of Balwyn mentor Manju Mohandoss



Rotary Club of Balwyn



Container arrives at the Belola School in East Timor

The Rotary Club of Keilor are celebrating the delivery of their latest container to East Timor; to the Belola School Site in Balibo, East Timor. This container was filled with goods from Donations in Kind and included:

Small desks	15
Backpack Cartons	10
Laptop Computers	54
Desktop computer	3
Days For Girls Cartons	42
Kindergarten wooden block sets	16
First-aid Kits	7
Two Drawer Filing Cabinets	6
Whiteboards	4
Gardening tools	9
Clothing Cartons	25
Pairs of Crutches	15
Walking sticks	9
Folding table large	12
Chairs	43



Rotary International Communications Committee

Mandi Wendt, District 9800 Communications Chair and member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne is currently in Chicago attending the meeting of the RI Communications Committee. Selected to be a member of this team, alongside Evan Burrell from the Rotary Club of Turrumurra, New South Wales, Mandi is amongst a group of young, enthusiastic and talented Rotarians working together to promote Rotary and its message.

The Team.



Getting down to work.



Cooler office in the world...and, to all the Australian Rotarians, honestly, how great does that flag in the background look? Rotary is the ultimate avenue through which to serve humanity! All Rotarians are [#peopleofaction](#)



Meeting Paul Harris!



Good Sanitation and Cleanliness in schools are of prime importance

Narendra Modi

Clean water, basic toilets and good hygiene practices are essential for the survival and development of children. For children, water and sanitation-related diseases are one of the leading causes of death. This apply to Pantikian Elementary School, wherein school children suffer from diarrhea and was noted as one of the leading causes of morbidity.

Such is the guiding force that brought Rotarian Dr Cecily Neil to present the case of the children of Pantikian Elementary School, Municipality of Balbalan, Philippines in the RAWCS presentation at May 2017's District Assembly. Previously, Cecily travelled and completed projects on Sanitation with AusAid Programs in the Pacific, including remote areas in the Philippines. Familiar with local Non Government Agencies on the ground, Cecily presented a project proposal to RAWCS and was accepted by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

As noted by Cecily, "Getting there is half the fun, a 12 hour transport from Manila to Kalinga province, home of the mountain province tribes of northern Philippines. Then, a 3 hour bumpy muddy ride around zigzag roads to Pantikian, Balbalan. The trip, done twice in 2017 involved two bone-shaking trips by bus and car from Manila Airport.

I'm a short person with a bung knee and couldn't even get up the bus steps for the 12-hour trip. People lugged me on like a sack of potatoes," she says.



Getting at Pantikian for the August first review, Cecily met with Sinangpad, the local Balbalan Mayor, the rural health officer, teachers, and barangay leaders. Much details went in the design to ensure that reliable and stable materials are used and cyclone proof, that the community fully understand Sanitation, and that the school children are the primary users.

Completed in December, Cecily revisited and conducted a site evaluation. Getting a primary school toilet built in the remote Kalinga Province of northern Luzon is one thing; arriving on the spot is another. The toilet block consisting of three-cubicle toilets with handwashing stations and buckets also were provided with running water tapped from the local water main system which fortunately was the only available water line in the area. At a total budget of

A\$ 4,600, this Sanitation project was funded by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, through Rtn David Rush, with a District 9800 Foundation DDF. Other site partners are Sinangpad Association (Site Implementor), Provincial Health Office provided the latrine toilet system, and a community organization was formed who provided the "sweat equity" component.

Sustainability is key to all Water And Sanitation projects for RAWCS. As such, the community is involved from inception and then become the "owner" of the project. The project is small but the principles are vital – community involvement and ability to keep the toilet operational. The Parents and Teachers Assn members [the](#) worked with and helped supervise the skilled laborers. Mothers took turns cooking and serving workers' lunches. Others planted gardens around the toilet.

Work at the school started in October, with the septic pit often flooding from rain. The store kept running out of materials and villagers lent nails, tiles, pipes and timber from their own homes.

"Ensuring spare taps is important because taps are the first things to get broken and often don't get replaced," she says.

Training programs on Sanitation and Hygiene were designed and detailed school training on Sanitation and Hygiene will be conducted in the next couple of months, including handwashing, teeth brushing and not to block the pipes, waste water or damage the taps.

The Pantikian Elementary School toilet block is indeed the pride of the Pantikian children. Pantikian men provided the unskilled labour on a voluntary basis. The local Municipal Engineer supervised the work at all key construction points.

Similar Sanitation projects in other schools in the Kalinga province are planned. If you wish your club to be involved in this enriching life saving program, contact RAWCS D9800.



Ruth Carlos Martinez,
Rotary Australia World Community Service, Water & Sanitation

Pride of our Footscray

The Rotary Club of Footscray recently heard from the Pride of our Footscray, community bar and event venue located in Hopkins St. Footscray just opposite the Footscray Market. The idea came about from a conversation with friends and Matthew O'Keefe (who had worked for over 16 years at CUB.) decided to take on the challenge. The planning and co-ordination took over 12 months to bring to life before the Grand Opening day – just 6 weeks ago.

The idea was to create a community bar where the ownership was community based and not by a large company, it was to encourage a place where anyone and everyone could hang out / come together / enjoy entertainment and socialise with anyone who walked through the door. It was about creating a safe, social environment for straight and LGBTIQ people, to help break down barriers and stereotypes, and help with grow understanding and creation of a real local identity.

Mat arranged for the visual design team at VU (namely Peter Holmes) to create the logo which represents the community feel they were trying to create. They then decided to create a Unit Trust to own the business and sell units to local investors – but ASIC got involved and what started as a 14 page concise document ended up 52 pages and was finally registered with ASIC and approved for investors consideration. After the initial funding round the Unit Trust ended up with 190 individual investors providing the funding they needed to create the dream.

Given that they had more than 20 owners they then had to become a Public company and it now has 6 Directors. After discussions with CUB (who wanted a monopoly on all 8 beer taps), the bar now provides on Tap beers from local and boutique brewers – Mountain Goat, Hop Nation; Two Birds, True Love Brewing. All the wines are sourced from West of Melbourne, and spirits are also sourced via Paramount in Derrimut. All in keeping with the local / community theme and vibe.

Pride of Our Footscray also support local artists and show works from local artists on a rotation basis and to-date have already sold 12 pieces in the first 6 weeks of operation. 100% of the proceeds of the art sales goes back to the artist with no commissions to enable them to get a start in the community and reward them for their efforts. In a twist of community, the most successful sales have been for the winner of the 2017 VU Graduate Art Prize – as part of the Footscray Art Prize our Club was heavily involved in last year.



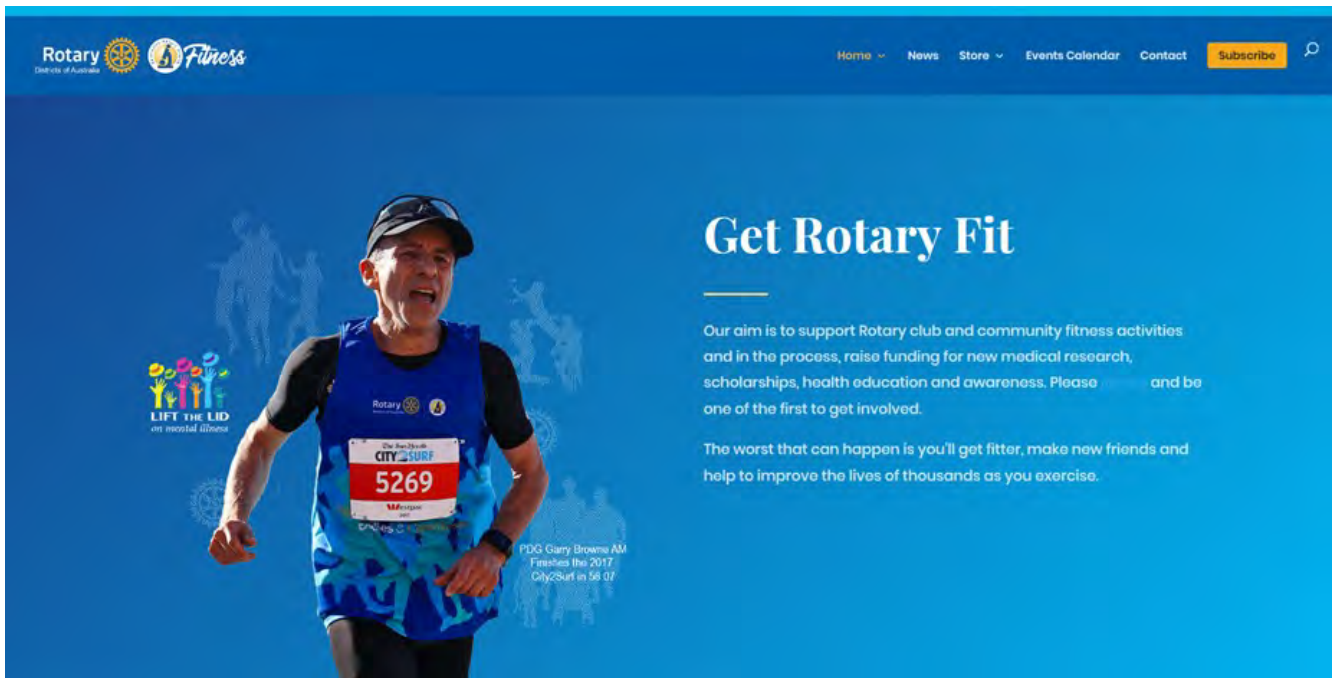
There is also a Sports Bar / area where all the AFLW games are shown and Western Bulldogs even had their 2018 season launch at the Bar as well as the Media conference for the Pride match between Western Bulldogs and Carlton, in February. The building is also adorned with murals painted by local street artists which is very reflective of the views and ideals of the West.

Much support has been shown from Maribyrnong City Council, Victoria Police, local politicians which has been a great boost for the project getting of the ground and maintaining good patronage in the bar since opening in January. The Bar also orders in meals from a range of local restaurants, rather than compete with their own kitchen. It has made other businesses also supportive of the concept too.

Local music will be an integral part of the scene as well – with brass bands and string quartet's being some of the ideas for creating a vibrant local feel and sound. The Bar is on the first floor, 86-88 Hopkins Street, Footscray. It is open from 5pm to 1am each day 7 days per week.

<http://facebook.com/PrideOfOurFootscray>

Australian Rotary Health



<https://rotary.fitness/#>



Our 2018 Facts Booklet is now available. For a detailed breakdown of where we have allocated our research funding, click the link below.

To request a hard copy, contact the ARH office on: (02) 8839 1900 or admin@arh.org.au.

Did you know?

Three Rotary women were recognized on 7 March at the [World Bank](#) in Washington, D.C. for their commitment to improving lives through innovative humanitarian projects.

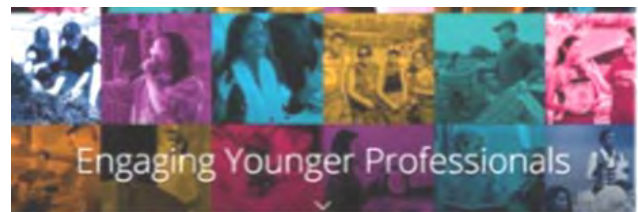
Dr. Geetha Jayaram, Marie-Irène Richmond Ahoua, and Danielle De La Fuente, all Rotarians, told their stories and explained how their work helped poor women in India gain access to mental health care, vaccinate hundreds of thousands against polio in West Africa, and empower refugee children around the world.



Engaging Younger Professionals

If clubs in your district are interested in engaging younger professionals, the first step is to spend some time working to understand them. Part of understanding younger generations means understanding how changes in society affect them. Although technology has given them the opportunity to customize nearly everything in their lives, possessions don't sit at the top of their wish list. Many of them share a unifying trait: a desire for experience. When young people invest time and money into something, it's with organizations that do good in the world. That's Rotary.

Engaging Younger Professionals can help clubs rethink membership, from a broad perspective down to a tactical level, that they can adapt to their area. Topics include characteristics of your audience, your club's culture, ideas for out reach and engagement, and the long-term benefits of becoming a Rotarian.



Article by Julie Aubry, Regional Membership Officer for Zones 7b and 8 (based in Evanston, IL, USA).

An advertisement for Avalon Waterways. It features a scenic view of a river cruise with a bridge, trees, and a sunset. A green circular badge in the top left corner reads 'EXCLUSIVE ROTARY RIVER CRUISE 20 MAY 2019'. A black circular badge in the bottom left corner reads 'FROM \$4,425 PER PERSON'. The Avalon Waterways logo is in the bottom left, and the text '\$400 Flight Credit per couple*' and 'www.rotary2019.com.au' is in the bottom right.

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Around the Clubs Welcome new Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Woodend inducted two new Rotarians this month. Pictured Paul Quinn centre, with Mike Hamer and Josephine Falzarano. Paul is an educator and a humanitarian

The club also inducted an Honorary Member: Peter Collins who is honoured for his work with Disaster Aid.



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South welcomed new member Maureen Cronin.

Pictured President Bernie Young, Maureen Cronin and sponsor Geoff.



The Rotary Club of Melbourne inducted Peter Hanlon last week.

A Chartered Accountant, Peter came to Australia with NAB in 2005 in a General Manager, Global Risk role. He retired in 2009 and undertaken financial advisory assignments of interest and volunteer work for local charities.



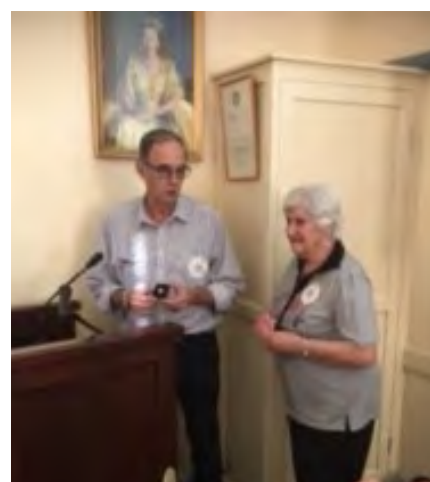
The Rotary Club of Essendon North recently inducted Mark Bolitho, pictured here with President Peter Sturrock.

Around the Clubs In our District



Rotary Club of Bendigo South collected many bags of rubbish on their efforts at Clean Up Australia Day.

Rita O'Brien from the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk was recently presented with a 5th Sapphire for her Paul Harris pin by Rod Hansen.



The Rotary Club of Keilor recently delivered a load of goods from DiK to the Holloway Hostel in Keilor. This included 16 x Over bed tables, 2 x Tub chairs, 5 x Shower chairs, 1 x Floor lifting machine, 2 x Skip frames, 42 x Bed bowls



Rotary Club of North Balwyn has delivered 20 doonas, assorted blankets, pillows and a dining table to Servant Community Housing during the past week. The bedding became available through Donations in Kind and was sourced by Rowan McClean. It was delivered by Tony Wells and Adrian Ranson. Adrian is pictured with CEO Amanda Donohoe at the Servants residence, Romana in Kew.



The **Rotary Club of Brighton** inducted 3 new members on March 8th— Sally Hoffman, Jeff Taylor and Melissa Quinn.

The **Rotary Club of Bendigo** welcomed two new members: Richard Vandenberg, Accountant, formerly from Swan Hill and Kay Lehmann, who is an experienced Rotarian who has recently relocated to Bendigo.

District 9800 VALE -

READ THE FULL TRIBUTES at rotarydistrict9800.org.au/content/4/latest-news

The Rotary Club of Yarra Bend mourns the passing of Past President and Charter Member Peter Leonard after a long illness. Peter was a Charter Member of the former Rotary Club of Kew East (which became Yarra Bend), was twice President (1991/92 & 2005/06) and Paul Harris Fellow (with 2nd Sapphire).

He also held many other roles in the club including Secretary and, he was involved in just about anything happening including as perennial auctioneer at the Club's Oaks Eve Calcutta evenings.

Deserving particular mention, was his involvement as the Club's representative on a multi-club project, the Life Education Caravan, which was used for public health education to school students during the 1990's.

Peter's wife, Ann was also a member and President (2001/02) and together they formed a formidable team in making valuable contributions. On leaving the Club in 2007 they consented to the Club establishing the "Peter and Ann Leonard Shield" for the Best New Member which was first awarded in 2009.

Vale Akira Tajima. -

Akira passed away at noon, 5th January in Tokyo.

As Rotary Club of Rochester's first exchange student in 1965-66, Akira holds a special place in the memories of his Rotary families, many of whom have visited him in Japan or have met with him during his many visits to Australia. In July 2016 members of host families and classmates from Rochester High School met with Akira when he visited Rochester for the final time. RIP dear friend.

Akira with host brothers & sister; Leigh Milgate, Bill Reid & Robyn Lucas (Hart)



The Rotary Club of Prahran reports that former member and Friend of the Club **Lewis Woolf** succumbed to a second stroke and passed away last week. A number of members attended his burial at Springvale Cemetery & his Minyamin at Temple Beth Israel last Tuesday hearing touching stories from his family of Lewis's 94 year wonderful life.

Vale Lewis and our heartfelt condolences to **Debbie** & all his family, Lewis will be greatly missed.

The **Rotary Club of Daylesford** regrets to inform us that Past President Ken Ford and his wife Jill have been killed in New Zealand. Ken Ford joined the Rotary Club of Daylesford in 1989 and was president in 1992/93. Jill was a board member of Inner Wheel.

During Ken's year, the club assisted the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk in organising the District Conference under DG Gordon McKern; organised a Working Craft Fair, constructed the Daylesford Community House interview room and hosted international student Linda Tjernberg from Falun Sweden."

Vale Ken and Jill Ford.

Rotary Club of Hawthorn



The Great All Aussie Trivia Night

You are invited to join us as we travel down the Nostalgic Road to test your knowledge and memory of the Aussie film, television and music recording industry.

Great chance to win novelty prizes and bragging rights in a unique trivia night organised by the Third Thursday Group of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn. All proceeds will support our Kimberley Footcare and Hygiene project for remote communities in the Kimberley.



When: Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Where: Auburn Bowls Club,

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- **When:** Sunday, 6th May, 2018
- **Time:** 2.00pm
- **Price:** \$40.00 per head
afternoon tea included

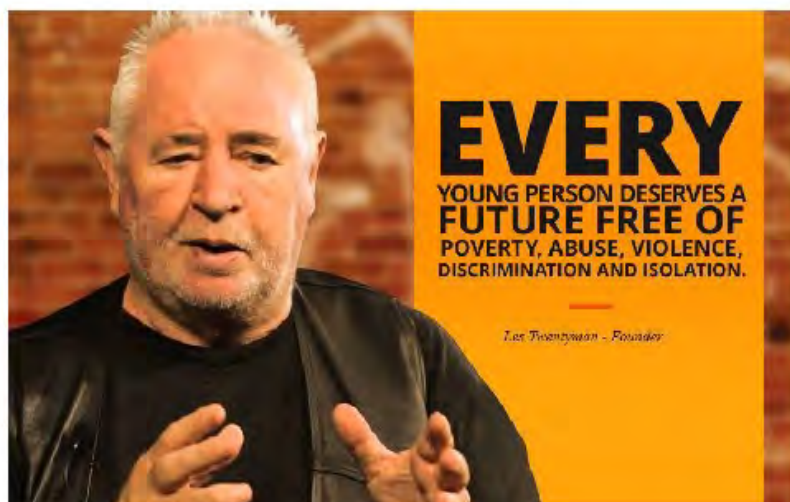
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Chair, Women in Rotary"

Ruth Carlos Martinez
Rotary Club of Melbourne
Chair, Safe Water and
Sanitation at Rotary Australia
World Community Service
(RAWCS)



David Dippie is a member of the Rotary Club of Keilor and is a regular at Donations in Kind



David Rhodes is a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn, and their Bulletin Editor.



Mandi Wendt is District 9800 Communications Chair and a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. She has been selected to be a member of the Rotary International Communications Committee and has recently travelled to Chicago.

And a big thank you to the week in and week out,

wonderful Bulletin keeping you informed

Editors who do and entertained.

such a magnificent job
Keep those stories coming.
March 13 2018