

## Networker

A publication for Rotarians and all community people

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Here we are, Bumper June Edition, and everyone's gone to Sydney to see the boss. Ah well, the DG did his homework before he left, it's on page 2.

Julie Mason put the 'fingers to the keypad' and her report on International Service extends to two pages.

Rotary Health and RC Williamstown's Friends-R-4 have some exciting news about Leukaemia Research and whilst we're on the topic (Health) DIK has partnered up with Western Health to recycle medical equipment.

Check out the overview of the incoming Vocational Service teams approach as presented at the recent District Assembly and we finish with some comments on the presentation for good measure.

Boil the kettle, get comfortable.

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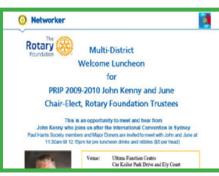


















# A rare opportunity for Australian Rotarians

District Governor's Message - 30th May 2014

We are certainly blessed, not only as Australians and Rotarians but to also have the opportunities presented to us this year with the Rotary International Convention on home soil. This is a rare opportunity for Australian Rotarians and we have over 200 delegates from D9800. I hope those attending can get the full value out of the event as we are visited by over 23,000 delegates from over 200 countries.

This Rotary year has seen a growth in Interact and Rotaract Clubs with Rotary Clubs taking a keen interest in our Youth programs. We can't do any better than to invest our time and resources into our future generations and our future leaders. I recently attended the launch of the Baden Powell Interact Club where 50 eager young members were presented with their badges and shirts and don't they seem keen to get started. If your Club wants to know how to go about getting a Club started in your area please contact me and we will assist wherever needed.

If there is one special highlight of the year being Governor and there are many, but the thing that stands above all else is the work and time Clubs put in, day in day out, to Change Lives. Not just a catchcry or a theme for the year but actual results of what Rotarians do every single day all round the world. At a recent partnered project through Boroondara Cares 24 accommodation rooms have been made available to people marginalized in our own society. Well done to the cluster of Clubs involved.

Many of these projects are more often than not financed by our own foundation, The Rotary Foundation. I think that is the point sometimes missed by Rotarians around the world. The Rotary Foundation is our Foundation and with a stronger Foundation a better recognition of the work Rotary and we as Rotarians do, comes our way.

Of course giving to other organizations can be important but full recognition for your work as a club is not always forthcoming as best it might, with the TRF every dollar enhances Rotary. I have previously mentioned the new Future Vision structure within the Rotary Foundation because the changes that occurred have made it much

easier for Clubs to meet the criteria for a local or international grant towards most projects we do.

This year has seen an amazing variety of projects and many locally to improve our profile in our Communities. I have seen local Christmas Carols in Bendigo, Community Walking and Exercise Paths in Woodend, Community Playground fencing in Glen Eira, a Community Garden project in Auburn, Asylum Seeker Mentoring Program in Melbourne, Youth Development programs in Richmond, Practical help for the homeless in Werribee and Community Music Festival in St. Kilda to name a few.

All of which would not be possible without our Foundation. These projects were not of large \$\$ and within the scope of even the smallest of Clubs so I encourage you to consider inviting one of the Grants Coordinators to your Club to hear about the changes to Foundation and how you might access the funds available. It will guarantee a difference to what you can deliver to your community as a Club.

Best wishes to you all and a very LARGE THANK YOU for what you each do in the name of Rotary as you go forward and Engage Rotary Change Lives. Rotary's good works are only possible through your continued support of OUR Rotary Foundation, please encourage your Club to support The Rotary Foundation every year.

Warm Regards

DG Ross



District 9800 Governor Ross Butterworth and Annette





## **International Service Report**

International Service exemplifies the global reach of Rotary in promoting peace and understanding and encompasses efforts to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the world.

In District 9800 we support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, contributing to Polio Plus and helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.



Archie Panjabi Rotary Polio Ambassador

District 9800 is very active in significant Multi District programs such as RAWCS, Rotary Australia World Community Service}, ROMAC {Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children} and Interplast both of which had their beginning in our District.



Interplast ambassador Turia Pitt as see on 60 minutes on June 1.

In 1983, a joint project between then District Rotary District 980 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Interplast Australia, was established to provide voluntary medical teams to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries. For over 30 years, Interplast has worked in 25 countries and implemented over 600 surgical and allied health medical program activities across the Asia Pacific region performing over 21,000 life-changing operations. During the next two years (July 2013 to July 2015) Kylie-Anne, our District Interplast Chair, will concentrate on getting enough funds to sponsor another D9800 team and observer. Earlier this year Di Gillies from Balwyn Rotary secured the role of Rotarian Coordinator role for Interplast Australia.



Five months old Timorese baby Gelina flown into Brisbane by ROMAC with complex heart problems.

ROMAC grew from the idea of a Rotarian in March, 1988, when a member of the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat (in Bendigo) visited Lambasa in Fiji and was disturbed by the number of children who suffered significant birth defects or injuries. To date ROMAC has

changed and saved the lives of over 400 children, enabling them and their families to live normal, happy lives.

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) is active in 35 countries around the world with District 9800 having more than 60 registered projects that span the Foundation areas of focus.



RAWCS water tanks in teh Phillippines Islands.

In relation to Water and Sanitation the RC Melbourne Park has established an African Fresh Water project and the RC of Brighton Beach are actively involved in water supply projects in the Philippines.

Mothers & Babies Support (Timor Leste) Rebuilding Samoa, Seven Women (Nepal) World of Difference (Cambodia) are all important District projects. A fabulous new idea, a POP Up Shop, proved to be very successful in selling products made in third world countries.

The current focus, coming from Rotarians against Malaria is for clubs to be more involved providing bed nets to needy communities. There has been a focus in the Timor Leste area and now a further focus is in the





## **International Service Report**

Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

A priority has been to link the work of the District Foundation Committee to areas of International Service to show clubs how funds can be secured for projects with RAWCS accreditation. The District Assembly and the annual Foundation Seminar are two opportunities to continue this logical liaison.



DIK has sent containers around the world with 100,000 volunteer hours.

A success story is the work done by the dedicated Rotarians and Friends at Donations in Kind. In terms of celebrating success in the last 13 years a great deal has been accomplished with \$2,100,000 raised to pay for freight for more than 387 containers shipped all around the world and loaded by over 100,000 volunteer hours and \$34,300,000 worth of quality material given to people overseas who deserve help. In fact the 300 target for containers to East Timor was reached just recently. The generous folk at DIK are still plodding along with the de-badging of the superseded police uniforms and many of these uniforms have subsequently left our shores. In a spirit of continuous reflection and improvement the



DIK delivers the 300th container to Timor-Lest.

members of DIK Inc have been involved two activities designed to secure a sustainable future for the program. The first was a simulated Club Vision process and this was followed up with a workshop to translate a vision into a Strategic Action plan.

International Fellowships, Friendship Exchanges with the most recent to Turkey and a close relationship with International House ensure that a breadth of experience is shared within District 9800 and by our District around the world of Rotary.

International service is vibrant Rotary at its best in District 9800.

Julie Mason Disrict Chair International Service Rotary District 9800





# Dramatic Breakthrough in Leukaemia Research



Research funded by the Williamstown Rotary Club Friends-R-4 project and Australian Rotary Health has resulted in the development of a potential new treatment for leukaemia sufferers.

Pre-clinical results indicate a 20% cure rate and 50% remission rate using experimental models that reflect human leukaemias refractory to conventional chemotherapy.

According to lead researcher,
Professor Ricky Johnstone from
Melbourne's Peter MacCallum
Cancer Centre, the study successfully
targeted and killed blood cancer
cells in a laboratory model of acute
lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL). ALL is
the most common childhood cancer,
which also can be a devastating
disease in adults.

The results were published in the prestigious journal Cell Reports in late 2013, and are based on studies carried out at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in collaboration with researchers at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Professor Johnstone and his collaborators utilised a novel approach to attack the cancer cells. It is known that the presence of a mutated JAK2 protein within these cells leads to the development of aggressive adult and childhood leukaemias. The tumour was targeted by combining inhibitors of JAK2 with a new inhibitor that provided a strong survival signal to the tumour cells. Although such tumour cells may 'escape' the effects of only the JAK2 inhibitor, the addition of a drug against the "survival" target appears to effectively kill the cells.

Professor Johnstone added that while the research is in its early stages, it is exciting that one of the drugs used in the study is already approved for the treatment of adults with other cancers, and the second is in clinical development. Clinical trials using the 'double-barrel hit' for patients whose leukaemias are no longer treatable using conventional chemotherapy are now being planned.



Dr. Ronnie Goldberg OAM chairs the Williamstown Rotary Club Friends-R-4 project, established in 2008. It raises funds to assist medical research, such as that described above, and to purchase scientific and medical equipment desperately required by research institutes. Dr. Goldberg said, "Without the generous support of communityminded donors, this research could never have come to fruition with such fantastic results."

Friends-R-4 is now seeking support to fund Professor Johnstone's continued research in this area that would integrate with the proposed clinical trials. This phase requires \$64,000/year for 3 years. Rotary International has committed to supporting this research to ultimately make a treatment clinically available. Donations towards this would be welcome and can be sent to Friends-R-4, c/o Williamstown Rotary Club, PO

Box 111, Williamstown, 3014 VIC. Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.







# Partnership with Western Health will lead to exciting changes



On World Environment Day June 6 Donations In Kind will enter a new and exciting phase in medical equipment recycling. We have formed a partnership Western Health aimed at recycling reusable goods from the total hospital community.



Western Health covers a wide area and manages three acute public hospitals, the Western General Hospital in Footscray, Sunshine Hospital in St Albans and the Williamstown Hospital. It also operates the Sunbury Hospital, a transition care program at Hazeldean in Williamstown and a residential aged facility at Reg Geary House in Melton

The "hospital community" is vast servicing the western region of Melbourne with a population of 800,000 and has a staff of 6100 that cares for 2000+patients daily. When these people become aware of the recycling opportunities and become involved it will be a major resource.

Donations In Kind is very effective at recycling medical equipment when it becomes available, but this is the first time we have formed an ongoing relationship that will involve everyone in a hospital community.

- The goods will include the equipment that a hospital would normally offer to Rotary.
- We will also explore all of the other things that the hospital no longer requires that can be reused.
- The medical staff will be encouraged to think about donating the personal equipment they no longer require.
- All of the staff will be asked to consider donating the goods they no longer need but are "to good to throw away"
- The hospital community will be made aware of the Rotary Mobility Aids project that provides reusable medical equipment that people need in their home. The patients will be informed of what is available for their use and be encouraged to donate the equipment they no longer require.
- Medical professionals often support people in need overseas and we look forward to being partners in their projects, helping them with equipment and supplies and assisting them to ship the goods.

Medical professionals know their business, the needs of people overseas and often have personal contacts. We will use this expertise to identify new projects and to help place the equipment we obtain. Medical professional care and want to make a difference and this partnership provides them with the opportunity to do so.

We believe that this venture will be the prototype for all Victorian hospitals. The opportunities to help people in developing countries are vast. By increasing awareness and developing systems to match goods available with well researched needs we can greatly improve patient care. For more information contact David Dippie dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com







# A New Era for Vocational Service

At the Vocational Service Illuminated session at District Assembly, the incoming Vocational Service Committee (minus the Chair, Justine Murphy, who was in NSW taking part in an Ultra Marathon) outlined their new approach to develop Vocational Service programs and projects across the District. The following provides an overview of their approach:

#### Vocational Service Plan 2014-15

Our vision is for Vocational Service to be a dynamic, respected club service division within District 9800, with multiple District programs, which create positive, lasting change in our clubs and our communities.

The 2014-15 Vocational Service Committee will be working with the District Leadership Team and Clubs to finalise a three year Strategic Plan which will develop Vocational Service as a sustainable, healthy club service division, at District and Club level.

With a focus on identifying, promoting and communicating successes, the key to the strategy development and execution is a strong, skills based Vocational Service Committee, rather than the traditional program leadership base, with focus on two key areas:

- Build Vocational Service Appreciation
   To promote and increase understanding of vocational service across the district and wider community.
- Vocational Service Program Development
   To identify, nurture and expand great programs from across the District in order to ensure sustainability.

The table below provides an overview of the projects and programs overseen by the Vocational Service Committee:

### **Vocational Service District Endorsed Program**

Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program

Alan Seale

A tripartite partnership with Victoria Police, business and Rotary by which business and rotary mentors provide mentoring to leaders in Victoria Police. Entering its eighth year with some exciting changes which ensure the program delivers directly to Victoria Police community engagement strategy.

Vocational Service Supported Projects		
<b>Life After Stroke</b> Bob Slater	Partnership with numerous stakeholders, including the Stroke Association of Victoria, to provide practical support to identified stroke survivors, supporting them to re-enter the workforce through vocational mentoring and links with established industry, education, training and recruitment networks.	
ENACTUS Student Mentoring Program Anne King	Partnering with ENACTUS and Businesses to provide mentoring to university student teams, providing practical support and professional development in building sustainable projects for community benefit.	

Club Support Projects		
Vocational Service Engagement	Introduce training, information and other resources as identified to ensure that Vocational Service Chairs are supported and empowered to develop robust Vocational Service programs within their Clubs.	
Vocational Skills Bank	Introduce the 'under development' District wide vocational skills bank to be held by District and distributed with regular updates to Club Vocational Service Chairs.	
Vocational Program Databank	Introduce a database of programs from across the District, as well as international programs of interest which may be tailored for local introduction	
Vocational Visit Database	Introduce a database of potential Vocational Visits for Clubs to access for ideas. To be updated through recommendation by Clubs.	

#### **Help Drive this New Era**

With a focus on identifying, promoting and communicating successes, the key to the strategy development and execution is a strong District Vocational Service Committee.

Therefore, as part of the evolution and re-invigoration of Vocational Service, the committee is seeking interested Rotarians to join the skills based committee. If you want to be part of an exciting, dynamic year of change; have skills in any of the areas outlined below; are energetic and driven; and can spare 2-4 hours per month – then we need you!





Skills required in the 2014/15 Rotary D9800 Vocational Service Committee:

PR / Marketing

**Communications** 

**Event Management** 

**Research & Evaluation** 

**Rotary Networking** 

**Business Networking** 

This is a brilliant opportunity to step into a district committee and use your own vocational skills to light up Rotary. Register your interest now by emailing Justine Murphy, D9800 Vocational Service Chair on vocational@rotarydistrict9800.org

What is Vocational Service?

Rotarians using their vocational skills to build strong, healthy, sustainable communities

Rotarians supporting the vocational skills of others to build strong, healthy, sustainable communities

# Rotary runner to be proud of

By Tony Thomas

D9800 fitness fanatic Rotarian Justine Murphy finished the Blue Mountains 100km "Ultra-Marathon" in 19 hours 55 minutes, a bit behind the winner Stu Gibson who did it in 9 hours 31 minutes. (First woman was Nuria Picas of Catalunya, 10 hours 57 mins).

Contestants in the May 17-18 event were allocated a maximum 28 hours, which permits a few hours rest if necessary, but Justine's longest stop was 20 minutes for a dinner break. She's from RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise.

"Amazingly I had no injuries, no blisters, no chafes. It was all relaxed," she says.

She's been running for 15 years. She trained for the big event for 12 weeks, doing 120km a week via five hours on Saturdays, four hours Sundays and getting in two runfree days weekly. She lost 3kg during training.

She calls normal marathons a 'sprint'. She's only done one, the 2012 Melbourne Marathon, and says that on the Ultra runs, people have time to chat to other runners and plodders. She made friends with a life coach and several overseas runners.

She has booked in to the Surf Coast Ultra-Marathon from Anglesea in September.

Why does she do it? "Probably initially to prove to myself what I am capable of. And it encourages an on-going fitness regime into my old age — many older runners are in their 60s and 70s. I'm still a baby runner. I did the race three days after my 45th birthday. I did my initial half-marathon for my 35th birthday, so in ten years I've gone from Half to Ultra.

"Running for me is like meditation. I'm no good at yoga and running discharges my excess energies. It's calming for me."







### <u>notices and</u> events

June 7 School of Hard Knocks presents the

## World Premiere Street Requiem

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Conducted by Dr Jonathon Welch AM and Dr Kathleen McGuire

Saturday, June 7 - 7 pm

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June 7 **DISTRICT 9800** 

## Past Rotary International President John Kenny

District 9800 is hosting Past Rotary International President John Kenny over the long weekend in June to coincide with his visit to Australia and the Rotary International Convention in Sydney.

PRIP John and June will be hosted by the District at a Multi District luncheon on Saturday 7th June.

You and your partner are invited to join DG Ross and Annette. See the attached invitation to attend this rare event to hear first hand the positive outcomes of the many projects involving The Rotary Foundation direct from TRF Chair Elect John.

June 7-8 Rotary Clubs of Echuca-Moama Inc. presents

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### NOTICES AND EVENTS

June 19 ROTARY CLUB OF TULLAMARINE an ivitation to a valued and open conversation

# IMPACT INVESTMENT GROUP

The Impact Investment Group is a private investment and advisory B Corporation Investments in properties and business generate social, environmental and commercial futures - Will Richardson, Chief Investment Officer

## Thursday, June 19 - The Quality Inn

265 Mickleham Road, Tullamarine - 6.30 for 7 pm.

FINGER FOOD, DRINKS AT BAR PRICES \$25 EACH - YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING A FRIEND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT

Des Malcolm 0400 071 894, Albert Cavallo 0488 693 - RSVP, June 12.

June 23 The Rotary Club of Richmond is excited to have Michael Williams, Wardrobe Production Manager of The Australia Ballet present on

# "Ballet Costume Design and Creation"

Monday 23 June 2014.

**Club Meetings** 

The Amora Hotel 649 Bridge Road Richmond Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm

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#### **Rotary Club of Richmond**

invite you to a presentation by

#### Michael Williams

Wardrobe Production Manager
The Australian Ballet

"Ballet Costume Design and Creation"

Monday 23 June 2014

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Amora Riverwalk Hotel

649 Bridge Road Richmond \$30 inc 2 courses, coffee and car parking RSVP: Sue Bolton - sbolton@globaldial.com

www.rotaryrichmond.org.au

June 28 **ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBERWELL** 

## 49th Art Show

Saturday June 28 to Sunday July 6 AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY, ATC BUILDING, BURWOOD ROAD, HAWTHORN.

#### Open daily 10 am to 5 pm.

Over 1,100 works will be exhibited with all art for sale at affordable prices. The 'Best of Show' gold medal winning artist will be awarded \$20,000 with \$10,000 to Runner-Up and \$5,000 to Third Place.

Opening Night is on Friday 27 June. It is a ticketed event. Book tickets now via our website.

www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au





### NOTICES AND EVENTS

June 30 Rotary Clubs of Albert Park, Brighton, Docklands and Melbourne

# Breakfast Launch of the Footy Nuts Project

FRIDAY, 30 MAY - 7.30-8.30 AM
THE VILLAGE - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK

700 BOURKE ST - Beside Etihad Stadium, Southern Cross footbridge level

HOST: LEILA GURRUWIWI, THE MARNGROOK FOOTY SHOW

SPONSORED BY: AFL, RED DUST, ABORIGINAL LITERACY FOUNDATION, SCALZO

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### ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC.



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 9800** 

14 May 2014

Dear Club President,

A tree in Rotary Park will be dedicated to John Kenny, Past President of Rotary International, 2009-10 on Saturday June 7, 2014.

The ceremony will commence at 10.00am and will take no more than 40 minutes. Rotary Park is in the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne on the corner of Domain Rd. and Anderson St, South Yarra, (Melways 2L:D2).

Later that day you are encouraged to attend the multi district welcome luncheon being held at Ultima Function Centre, Keilor and organised by the RC Glenferrie and DGE Ian Salek.

I do hope you will be able to join us for this important recognition of a Past President of Rotary International. John is making a flying visit to Melbourne immediately following the International Convention in Sydney. He is about to become Chair of The Rotary Foundation so it is great privilege to have him visit us. Any enquiries can be directed to Jo in the Club's office on 9654 7242.

Yours in Rotary,

Kerth M. Reil







# Multi-District Welcome Luncheon for

## PRIP 2009-2010 John Kenny and June Chair-Elect, Rotary Foundation Trustees

This is an opportunity to meet and hear from John Kenny who joins us after the International Convention in Sydney

Paul Harris Society members and Major Donors are invited to meet with John and June at 11.30am till 12.15pm for pre luncheon drinks and nibbles (\$5 per head)



Venue: Ultima Function Centre

Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court

Keilor

Melway Map 15 B8

Date: Saturday 7 June 2014

Arrival: 12:30pm for 1:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 per person

(2 courses including drinks)

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Enquiries contact: PP Ian Salek (Rotary Club of Glenferi	rie)

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## 2014 DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON



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SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2014

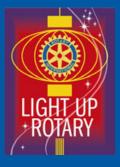


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- ✓ Make up a table from your club & join in the fun.
- Come and thank Ross for Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives and show your support for Murray as he begins to Light up Rotary.





Join District Governor Ross
Butterworth and incoming District
Governor Murray Verso in an
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District Changeover and the
Club Awards Celebration



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## COMMENTS AND LETTERS

Rotary District 9800 General Assembly was held at Tabcorp Park, Melton on Sunday 18 May

I attended the Vocational Service Forum, expecting a dreary lecture on why my club should round up butchers, bakers and candlestick makers to join the Rotary "conversation"

To begin, I was in a sour mood when I was informed the 2014-2015 Vocational Service Committee (VSC) have a vision for Vocational Service to be a dynamic, respected club service division within D9800

"Ho hum" I thought, one might expect that to be a normal aspiration for each and every committee operating under the auspices of D9800

Soon enough, I learned that VSC is working to finalise a three year strategic plan which will develop Vocational Service as a sustainable, healthy club service division, at District and Club level.

My appetite was whetted Vocational Service needs to be a sustainable, healthy club service activity.

In my brief time in Rotary, my experience in two clubs is that vocational service is more the backwater puddle rather than the raging torrent.

To be fair, I have referred back to past District Information Directories and note the many programs and projects co-ordinated by Vocational Committee members, which might

suggest my claims are either illfounded or unrepresentative of the overall District involvement in this Avenue of Service.

I stand by my claims and use them as an opportunity to raise the profile of Vocational Service in my Club in the coming Rotary year.

As an aside, it was interesting to note that Chairman Alan Seale catered for a mere 20 people to attend his forum session; he was overwhelmed with a crowd of perhaps 70 Rotarians packed into the tiny room.

Our District Committee has a focus on two keys:

- build vocational service appreciation
- vocational service program development

To my mind, VSC is on the money in its drive to promote and increase understanding of vocational service across the district and indeed, the wider community.

The starting point may well be to define just exactly what is vocational service and articulate the concept in language that makes sense to every club member.

During the session, we were challenged to explain "what do I mean by the term Vocational Service?" This challenge really brought home to me that there is no simple definition as different Rotarians threw in ideas about developing professional skills, non-academic skills, life skills, reward,

recognition, learning, ethics, integrity, engagement, leveraging, mentoring, leadership and capability.

Some great ideas were floated this day, such as working with involuntary retirees and unemployed youth in coming to terms with their situation and developing plans to escape their plight; conducting job interviews; formal mentoring; supporting community advocacy and youth leadership programs in concert with schools and sporting groups.

I was enthused to hear about the District endorsed program of mentoring for Victoria Police leaders and the "Life After Stroke" project. I will make enquiry whether my life experiences and skills set could be used in either of these schemes.

Overall, I was impressed with the efforts of Acting Chairman Alan Seale and speaker Justin Wibrow in managing the forum and indeed, even the absent Chair Justine Murphy left a positive mark with her pre-recorded video apology.

In the year ahead, I intend to help my Club lift the profile of vocational service to its historic place in the work of Rotary.

Geoff Tighe 23 May 2014



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### 9800 - Events Calendar

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#### In this issue:



Well, well, everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves over the past week. Lots of stories of the RI Conference going around but not much turning up that I can include in the Networker this week.

Just a quick one with a few pics of the party around PRIP John Kenny's visit to Melbourne and some RI Conference pics, thanks to Gordon Cheyne, much appreciated Gordon.

Enjoy the rest, I'm expecting something for Fellowship in next week's edition, the DG working on a wrap up of his year later on and I know Austen and Grant are working on their cluster reports for the coming weeks.

Keep it coming, I can cope. For a few more weeks anyway!

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## A sensational week

I hope you have had just as sensational a week as Annette and I with the Rotary International Convention in Australia. Sydney and our Rotarian family did us proud as Rotarians. The events ran smoothly, the entertainment was world class and the Plenary speakers were not to be missed.

The nightly Happy Hour Cocktails saw D9800 and other Rotarians mix and come together before going on to their individual plans and the Welcome to Sydney Dinner Cruise by over 100 District 9800 Rotarians mixing with 300 other Rotarians from around the world meant the fellowship was strong and long. Thank you to all those many District Rotarians who took the time to go to the Sydney Convention. I am sure you and your Clubs will be the richer for the experience.

There were around 250 D9800 Rotarians in Sydney registered for the event and everyone I spoke to enjoyed the experience. It was a busy week with lots of opportunities for fellowship, for learning and just for having a good time. Even on the free exclusive buses and train trips out to Olympic Park there was time to talk with Rotarians from all around the Rotary world, to find out what they were doing in service and for us to share our successes as well.

Around 18,000 Rotarians made the trip to the Sydney Convention, if you missed the event ask someone who went, I guarantee they were not disappointed and you might just get encouraged to attend the next one, here or overseas.

This past weekend in Melbourne we hosted The Rotary Foundation Chair Elect PRIP John Kenny and wife June. It was an absolute delight to have the opportunity to meet with them and show them a little of our District. PRIP John was RI President in 2009-2010 with his theme 'The Future of Rotary is in your hands'. John is about to take the reigns of our Foundation and it was important for us to hear from our future leader particularly around the changes for the Funding to Foundation.

Some 70 Rotarians who attended the Welcome Lunch were all impressed with John's openness and availability to discuss a number of matters freely.

The lunch was well organized by RC Glenferrie and a number of visitors from our sister Districts in Victoria joined us to provide a multi District feel to the event. Saturday started with a Tree-dedication service hosted by the Rotary Club of Melbourne at Rotary Park on the edge of Botanical Gardens. If you haven't taken the opportunity to visit the Park please feel free to do so on the corner of Domain Road and Anderson Street South Yarra. Trees dedicated to all RI Presidents who have visited Melbourne since 1935 along with two trees to our very own Royce Abbey, I guess that is simply because he was so special to all of us.

The lunch was also a recognition of the many Paul Harris Society Members within our District. Our District is now the strongest Society membership in Australia with D9800 membership totalling 62. If you want more details about the Paul Harris Society please contact PDG Gordon McKern from RC Eaglehawk. Gordon has recently become a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation and has also made a great effort towards the development of our D9800 Paul Harris Society.

Best wishes to you all as Rotary's good works are only possible through your continued support of OUR Rotary Foundation, please encourage your Club to support The Rotary Foundation every year.

Warm Regards

DG ROSS



















# Inspiration, motivation and information

More than 18,000 Rotary members from over 150 countries arrived in Sydney for their biggest international event of the year, the Rotary Convention.

The four-day event, held 1-4 June, offers the perfect venue for our members, their families, and friends to experience the global reach of Rotary. Through workshops, special events, and social activities, attendees have the chance to discover and celebrate our members' diverse backgrounds and exchange ideas for making the world a better place.

"At a convention, for a few short days, we see a world where men and women from every corner of the globe come together to build peace, to serve others, and simply to enjoy one another's company," says Rotary President Ron Burton.

This year's convention highlighted Rotary's progress in eradicating polio, providing clean water and improving sanitation, building peace, fighting poverty, and empowering our youth.

On 30 May, before the convention officially began, we attempted to break Oprah Winfrey's world record for the most climbers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge at one time. The climb, which also seeks to break the current Guinness World Record for most flags flown on a bridge, is aimed at helping to raise awareness for Rotary's top priority: eradicating polio.

The world is this close to ending this disease once and for all, and Rotary's role in advocacy, fundraising, and education are key to our success. Former Paralympian and polio survivor Ade Adepitan was one of several keynote speakers



who inspired convention goers with his story. Dr. Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies, and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization, updated attendees on our status in the fight to end polio.

The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group was hosting its annual World Water Summit before the convention. The program focuses on collaborations and featured prominent water experts including Dr. Braimah Apambire from the Center for International Water & Sustainability at the Desert Research Institute in Reno, Nevada, in the U.S. and Edward Kairu, executive director at Maji na Ufanisi in Nairobi, Kenya.

During the convention, Jack Sim, founder of the World Toilet Organization and the World Toilet College, took to the stage to share his passion for improved sanitation. Sim participated in last year's World Water Summit and is committed to getting people talking about a subject often considered taboo.

Other keynote speakers included:

**Gemma Sisia**, founder of the School of St. Jude in Tanzania, sharing her

ideas for fighting poverty through education

**Brett Lee**, Australian cricket star and founder of Mewsic, a foundation supporting music centers for disadvantaged children in India

Workshops on topics ranging from child slavery to malaria and food security to peace and conflict resolution gave Rotary members the opportunity to learn from experts in the field.

When the convention ended, Rotary members left the Sydney Olympic Park filled with inspiration, motivation, and information for creating positive change in their communities. What's more, they'll left with a lifetime of memories and friendships that are uniquely Rotary.

Join our End Polio Now campaign Give to our causes Learn more about Rotary

By Maureen Vaught Rotary News 29-MAY-2014





The Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc



The Rotary Club of Caulfield's Honey Festival will be held at Koornang Uniting Church, 115 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena and it will be going from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm, Saturday 5th July..

We are all looking forward to this great event as it is an extension of our Bee Aware Project. We are currently hosting bee hives to assist the bee population in our area.

We are very aware of the plight of honey bees and their problems at the moment due to lack of food as with our current weather patterns, the poor plants don't know when to flower, so are not giving high pollen food for the bees.

The Honey Festival is a way of bringing the plight of the bees to the attention of the general public in a fun way.

We are having a great selection of activities for children of all ages, including learning the Bee Dance, many facts about bees including their importance in our lives, face painting, story telling, and lots of stalls with various bee inspired crafts and other products. There will also be some natural beekeeping displays. Environmental ideas and garden tips too.

A great cake stall with be there with a lot of cakes, biscuits etc made with honey, and also some without honey to give plenty of variety to choose from. There is also a photographic competition to enter or just to admire the great work that has been entered - your imagination is your limiting factor.



Club President Faye Kirkwood and PE John Lord with a taste of what is to come.







## 240,000 kids protected by coathanger climbers

Polio took a hit at this year's Rotary convention in Sydney, Australia.

First there was the record-breaking climb across the Sydney Harbour Bridge that raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio. On 30 May, two days before the official opening of the convention, 340 participants ascended the bridge, eclipsing the record previously held by Oprah Winfrey for most climbers

on the bridge. Waving 278 flags, they also broke the **Guinness World** Record for most flags flown on a bridge.

Then it was announced that the World's Biggest Commercial, Rotary's public awareness campaign for polio eradication, set a **Guinness World** Record for largest photo awareness

campaign. More than 100,000 people from 170 countries have uploaded their photos, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, Archie Panjabi, Jackie Chan, and many more.

But the biggest news was the \$101 million pledged to polio eradication. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott opened the convention on 1 June with a commitment from his government of \$100 million to the PolioPlus campaign. Two days later, Sir Emeka Offor, executive vice chair of Chrome Group, announced a \$1 million gift to The Rotary Foundation to help end polio.

"Scores of my friends and classmates fell victim to this dreaded disease," said Sir Emeka, who serves as Rotary's PolioPlus ambassador in Nigeria. "As a young man I vowed that I would someday do something significant to end polio in Nigeria."

While Rotary's work to end polio took center stage at the convention, it wasn't the only Rotary initiative getting attention down under. Here

providing a better life for the world's poorest children.

Promoting peace. Mwila Chigaga, former Rotary Peace Fellow and gender specialist for African Regions at the International Labour Organization, spoke to convention goers about ensuring decent work and equal opportunities for men and women.

Fighting disease. Renee Saunders,

senior public health adviser for the U.S. Centers for **Disease Control** and Prevention, stressed the importance of public-private partnerships in helping to free generation. Silink spoke of the challenges he overcame with Rotary's

achieve an AIDS-**Professor Martin** 

help — to make diabetes a United Nations resolution.

Learn more about Rotary

Give to our causes

Read more coverage from the Sydney convention

By Maureen Vaught **Rotary News** 4-JUN-2014



are some highlights from the Sydney convention, which ran 1-4 June:

Providing clean water. Collaboration and partnerships were emphasized at this year's World Water Summit, held 30 May. Global experts in clean water and sanitation urged attendees to join with the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and governments to work more efficiently and effectively.

Empowering youth. Australian cricket star Brett Lee, founder of Mewsic, and Maya Ajmera, founder of the Global Fund for Children and former Rotary Scholar, inspired attendees with their dedication to















































"Guess who was "leading the way" during the RI Convention Billabong House of Friendship opening by RI President Ron Burton? None other than D9800's PDG Iven Mackay who led the entry march of the RI Executives into the House of Friendship."

# ROTARY – THE NEED TO CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS TO WHAT CAN BE

Article by PDG Noel Trevaskis, Rotary Coordinator

In Rotary we talk about change. What does this really mean? According to my dictionary change is defined as

'to make the future course of something to what it is or what it would be if left alone'. Rotary clubs need to be thinking of the future and begin to embrace change.

For clubs to change, Members need to recognise there is a need within their club for change. They also need to have an understanding of why it is important to embrace change not just for the future of their own club but for the future of Rotary. Change is progress and Rotary needs to be seen as being progressive, keeping up with our changing society and be known as a flexible, adaptive and innovative organisation.

A good start to measure if your club is in need of change is to download the Club Health Check from the Australian Rotary website. Involve your Members in the Club Health Check as this will give a good indication as to what is happening in your club and it will give the club leadership the ability to develop a strategic plan for the future.

Many members question the need for change within Rotary. Quite simply, if we do not start changing there is a limited future for our organisation. We need to consider how our Rotary clubs are viewed by our local community and general public. If we are to gain new members and if we want to keep them we need to think about how we conduct our meetings. We need to be flexible and innovative in areas such as meeting times, venues, attendance requirements, membership, etc.

Looking back over the past one hundred years of Rotary, there have already been many changes. Change is continuous and change needs to accommodate everyone's needs and ideals but at the same time cannot compromise the Object of Rotary. We as Rotarians need to be progressive and embrace this as a positive move for the future of Rotary.

We need to change from what was to what can be.



### NOTICES AND EVENTS

June 28 **ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBERWELL** 

## 49th Art Show

Saturday June 28 to Sunday July 6 AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY, ATC BUILDING, BURWOOD ROAD, HAWTHORN.

### Open daily 10 am to 5 pm.

Over 1,100 works will be exhibited with all art for sale at affordable prices. The 'Best of Show' gold medal winning artist will be awarded \$20,000 with \$10,000 to Runner-Up and \$5,000 to Third Place.

Opening Night is on Friday 27 June. It is a ticketed event. Book tickets now via our website.

www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au

July 5 **Rotary Clubof Caulfield** 

## Honey Festival

SATURDAY, JULY 5
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#### A Sweet Celebration of Nature

Honey tasting Learn about bees Natural beekeeping display Sale of bee-friendly plants Photographic compettion Gardening advice Other bee products eg propolis, beeswax A variety of stalls with bee/honey focus Children's activities: Primary Schools' Diorama Bee Displays Secondary Students' Baked Goods Compettion activity centre book readings face painting treasure hunt and more!





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## The Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand Inc. invites you and your partner to the

## 2014 DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON



THE PENINSULA ROOM
Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade,
Docklands, Vic 3008
SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2014

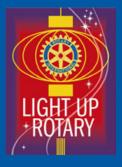


- ✓ Only \$75 per person (This all inclusive price includes beer, wine, main course, dessert and entertainment.)
- Central location with excellent access to tram and train transport.
- ✓ Plenty of parking opposite at Ethiad Stadium and other nearby car parks.
- ✓ Make up a table from your club & join in the fun.
- Come and thank Ross for Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives and show your support for Murray as he begins to Light up Rotary.





Join District Governor Ross
Butterworth and incoming District
Governor Murray Verso in an
afternoon of fun, fellowship and
entertainment at the Annual
District Changeover and the
Club Awards Celebration



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# Vetworker

A publication for Rotarians and all community people

### In this issue:



Bumper July edition and last one for Past District Governor Ross.

Check out some Changeover pics and some great pieces on Rotary Health, new RC of Swinburne, a report on the Goldfields Cluster, some exciting news on partnering with Western Health and the Rotary work at the Romana Centres saw is open it's doors recently.

That Anzac Tour of Gallipoli is still filling so grab some of those seats before they run out and check out a piece on Father Bob Maguires Foundation that wants nominations to recognise those selfless contributors in the community with his 'Angels of the Street' awards.

We start next week with the first of DG Murray's pieces so watch this space.

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## A very big thankyou...

With every International Convention you have the opportunity to really experience the true internationality of Rotary. When these events are in your own country we have a significant opportunity to learn from others as well as showcase our own large contribution through Rotary to our Communities.

Change Lives. This Rotary year has gone so fast for Annette and myself and I am sure many other Rotarians. The important Changeover period in Rotary has arrived once again and the annual refreshment of our Clubs and Leadership within our organization is underway. This process is an important strength



Through the Rotary Clubs of Port Melbourne, Melbourne South and Albert Park District 9800 was host to a District from Colorado D5440 and Annette and I were able to meet up with the Rotarians from this District again at the Sydney Convention.

In August last year I was approached by DG Didier Rieber D1680 France to assist a young couple caught up in a health predicament in Melbourne. Once again Rotarians from D9800 came to the fore and very quickly we were able to offer accommodation through Carlton Rotarian Philip Morrissey and support for the couple while serious health issues were dealt with. Again while in Sydney Annette and I were able to meet with the French Governors over dinner and on behalf of our District receive their thanks and appreciation.

These are the valuable networks Rotary offers to assist us all to perform Service above Self and when we Engage Rotary we really do of Rotary and with the appropriate training our new leaders are preparing to take charge for the coming twelve months.

Our 'Engage Rotary Change Lives' Presidents and Club leaders have served Rotary well and have certainly met the challenge from RI President Ron Burton through his theme. The unique opportunity as District Governor to visit all Clubs and view their specific programs and projects highlights to Annette and I how significant the work of Rotary is and how important the independence and individuality of our Clubs are.

As part of my final Networker article as District Governor I would like to thank all Club Leaders for their work and contributions made during the past year. Large commitments are made every year by our Rotarians who assume the responsibility of Club Leadership and their efforts empower ordinary Rotarians to do extraordinary things.

District has also been strongly supported by many Rotarians who have contributed in significant and selfless ways to assist Clubs and Programs to deliver service to our Communities at home and abroad. To these many Rotarians from our Assistant Governors to our Program and Committee Chairs I would like to say a very large thank you for their individual and collective contributions of time and effort in support of the District Governor and District 9800.

Annette and I have enjoyed the many Club social and project events we have attended this Rotary year and would like to thank the Clubs involved for their hospitality. The magic of Rotary is visible at every Club we visited and you all certainly change lives with everything you do.

Best wishes to you all and a very LARGE THANK YOU for what you each do in the name of Rotary as you go forward Engaging Rotary Changing Lives. Rotary's good works are only possible through your continued support of OUR Rotary Foundation, please encourage your Club to support The Rotary Foundation every year.

Warm Regards

(Past) DG Ross



District 9800 Governor Ross Butterworth and Annette



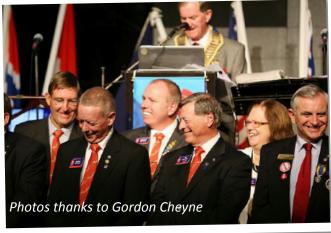


## **DG Changeover**



















# \$393,000 Injection for Australian Rotary Health



The Rotary Club of Keilor was the venue for the recent presentation of a cheque for a massive \$393,777.71 to Australian Rotary Health. Long time Keilor Rotarian, Past President (and 2014-15 D9800 Governance Director) David Whiting presented the cheque to Australian Rotary Health Board Member, Past District Governor Greg Ross, at the Club's meeting of 24 June, attended also by now District Governor Murray Verso, Assistant Governor Austen Burleigh (Gateway) and representatives from a number of Gateway Cluster Clubs.

This very significant and generous donation was a bequest of retired nurse Judith Thompson who had never married and had no immediate family. Ms Thompson suffered bowel cancer and had appointed her Solicitor, David Whiting, to manage her affairs in the latter years of her life, and as executor of her estate.

Ms Thompson wanted to do some good with her money (which was almost all of her total estate) and sought David's trusted advice on how this might best be directed to research into bowel cancer. David had no doubt that Australian Rotary Health was an appropriate destination

for this most generous of gifts and Judith's will reflected her agreement with that advice.

PDG Greg Ross accepted the cheque with great delight on behalf of Australian Rotary Health - noting that it would form the basis for creation of a new, specific and perpetual, bowel cancer research grant.

Greg reinforced the value of Ms Thompson's donation by outlining the critical importance of Australian Rotary Health's grants to medical research in Australia and, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Keilor, presented a second sapphire Paul Harris recognition to David Whiting in appreciation of David's commitment to the goals of Rotary and his support of Rotary causes.





## A New Club for Hawthorn: The Rotaract Club of Swinburne

The Rotaract Club of Swinburne was Chartered recently (14 June 2014) at the Geebung Polo Club in Hawthorn.

Members from the Sponsor Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie & Yarra Bend, District officials, family and friends joined our new Rotaractors to celebrate the birth of their Club.

Although a 'University' based Club, membership is open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 30 who wish to be part of this global community of Rotaractors.

District Governor Ross Butterworth officiated by inducting the members and the President, Nkem Gatt-Rutter. The official Certificate of Organisation was presented to President Nkem.

In attendance too were Annette Butterworth, District Governor Elect Murray Verso and Irene, District New Generations Chair Neville John, District Rotaract Representative

Our young Rotaractors have worked long and hard to make their dream of creating a Club in Hawthorn a reality.

Sponsoring club Presidents, Jan Twite (Glenferrie) and Bob Lambert (Yarra Bend) were delighted to be part of this emerging club and look forward to working with this group of remarkably passionate and bright young adults.





#### Photos thanks to Gordon Cheyne









## **Goldfields Cluster**

Rotary clubs successfully participate in a wide range of club activities and support community, international and district projects. An overview of the nine clubs in the Goldfields cluster shows the essence of Rotary core values (Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership) is strong.

Cluster support is demonstrated by the Cluster Youth committee which organises meetings and consolidates activities to support understanding, selection and participation in Youth programs. Clubs participate in NYSF, RYLA, RYPEN, Student Exchange program and Youth in Sailing program to name a few. The Bendigo Swap meet sees clubs participate in the coordination of the event. A committee with representatives from each club arrange catering and rosters to support the thousands that attend over the weekend of the Swap meet in November each year and then distributes the funds raised to local community groups and the participating clubs.

The clubs also arrange joint activities at a local venue which donates 50% of meal costs back to Rotary. Other events like movie nights, 2015 Valentine Day Ball and the Police uniform project which completed sorting of 92 boxes receive great support from the clubs.

Signature events include the Rochester Pie and Port night and the Echuca Steam Rally which are unique to the district and offer an excellent way to experience rural club activities. All clubs support Camp Getaway events and contribute via working bees and donations.



Integrity is recognised not just within Rotary but by other organisations. Rotarians and clubs across the district have been presented with Rotary International and Foundation recognition. This year PDG Gordon McKern was the Citizen of the Year for Bendigo, a well deserved honour, and a RYLA attendee was also the Young Citizen of the Year for Echuca.



Six clubs have completed Visioning with three planning activities in 2014-15. Strategic plans have or are being developed with the support of present and future leaders. This year the Goldfields cluster is one of only a few in the district to show a sizable increase in membership. Clubs have put membership in their priorities with new and current membership supported and maintained by specific membership activities, newsletters, websites, facebook and regular publications in local print media.

Established in 1925 the Bendigo club is the second oldest in the district and has a long proud history of supporting the Bendigo area and beyond including establishment of several new Rotary clubs. Bendigo is involved in many Rotary programs in all avenues of service and is involved in several major projects both locally and overseas. Locally the club is involved in garden working bees, school literacy, craft group and Foodbank all balanced by vocational activities such as the fox and hounds event, bowling night and visits to Bendigo businesses.

As the newest club in the District, Bendigo Next Generation saw over 150 people attend the Charter night. Focussed on youth membership (18-35 years) the club has performed well holding fundraising activities including movie night, garage sale, trivia night and even the obligatory sausage sizzles. Club projects have included Student Art Project and members attending World of difference Cambodia tour. Their distinctive club logo and polo tops in black with orange trim certainly make them stand out. The vibrancy and member commitment to the club is best exampled with members stepping up to take on roles to ensure the club activities and projects are maintained.

Bendigo Sandhurst meets for breakfast with a good turnout each week, with vibrant communication and interesting guest speakers. Locally the club is involved in Australia day activities, the Bendigo Swap meet and





coordinates the Bendigo Business Excellence awards which raises its profile in the community and provides good recognition of Rotary. The club is also one of the main contributors to Camp Getaway with material, manual, intellectual and financial support provided on an ongoing basis. The club is involved in overseas programs with Timor being a main focus.

Bendigo South has initiated some large scale events this year attracting district support. The first of these is the Foundation Dinner which had its inaugural event



November 2013 which will become an annual event on the district calendar. Another event was the Multicultural Dinner dance in October 2013 which was organised with the Loddon Multi-Cultural Society (LMCS) and will be an annual event. The second event attracted a larger, more diverse multicultural group. This event attracts and exposes a diverse group of people to Rotary.

Bendigo Strathdale is moving their meeting venue to LaTrobe university campus which will put them in touch with potential new members and some interesting options for speakers and vocational visits. The club, through the President, is busily involved in establishing the inaugural Valentines Day Ball in 2015.

Eaglehawk has hosted district events including RLI, Future leaders' seminar and the farewell event for the GSE team to Germany at their clubrooms this year. The club has a well organised meeting program consisting of interesting guest speakers and vocational activities. Locally the club is involved in Clean up Australia day, Anzac day and working bees supporting disadvantaged members of the community. It also hosts local Vocational Service awards ensuring links to the community. Internationally the club coordinates the ROSE (Rotarian Orphan Student Exchange) program funded by the clubs Xmas stocking and Trivia night activities.

Echuca-Moama is well connected to the local community and running innovative projects. The club recently held a networking breakfast meeting with 45 people attending. Meetings are vibrant and inclusive with interesting guest speakers and good communication via the bulletin. The club is involved in many Rotary programs in all avenues of service and their major project being the Annual Steam Rally which raises a significant



amount of money for the club. Last year \$50,000 was donated to the local hospital redevelopment which allowed naming rights to a new room.

Kangaroo Flat organises many innovative activities of which a great example are the Friday Networking breakfast meetings which help introduce new people to Rotary. The club is in a fortunate position of running their meeting place at Rotary Gateway Park, lease this to other groups, and run their own bar at meetings which both bring a steady income. Locally the club is involved in a Hole in One competition, motorbike ride, and Breathometer.

Rochester has some interesting programs in place. International projects expanded this year with President Heather taking four students to the WOD Cambodia tour with plans for another six this December. A great achievement this year was the clubs Road Education program (ROADEC) gaining District endorsement. Rochester also has involvement in Timor and supported two Timor young adults visiting Australia to attend RYLA. The redevelopment of the local Courthouse is an ongoing project and has a milestone event planned for the clubs 50th anniversary in October this year.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with the cluster for the past year with a lot of fun activities in amongst the valuable work performed. The clubs have embraced the changes to cluster and will continue to grow. Presidents will continue to meet as a combined cluster and I am looking forward to continuing in the AG role for Goldfields South with Greg Noonan as AG for Goldfields North.







# Partnering with Western Health will lead to exciting changes

On World Environment Day, June 6, Donations In Kind will enter a new and exciting phase in medical equipment recycling. We have formed a partnership Western Health aimed at recycling reusable goods from the total hospital community. Western Health covers a wide area and manages three acute public hospitals, the Western General Hospital in Footscray, Sunshine Hospital in St Albans and the Williamstown Hospital. It also operates the Sunbury Hospital, a transition care program at Hazeldean in Williamstown and a residential aged facility at Reg Geary House in Melton

The "hospital community" is vast, servicing the western region of Melbourne with a population of 800,000 and has a staff of 6100 that cares for 2000+patients daily. When these people become aware of the recycling opportunities and become involved it will be a major resource.

Donations In Kind is very effective at recycling medical equipment when it becomes available, but this is the first time we have formed an ongoing relationship that will involve everyone in a hospital community.

The goods will include the equipment that a hospital would normally offer to Rotary.

We will also explore all of the other things that the hospital no longer requires that can be reused.

The medical staff will be encouraged to think about donating the personal equipment they no longer require.

All of the staff will be asked to consider donating the goods they no longer need but are "to good to throw

away"

The hospital community will be made aware of the Rotary Mobility Aids project that provides reusable medical equipment that people need in their home. The patients will be informed of what is available for their use and be encouraged to donate the equipment they no longer require.

Medical professionals often support people in need overseas and we look forward to being partners in their projects, helping them with equipment and supplies and assisting them to ship the goods.

Medical professionals know their business, the needs of people overseas and often have personal contacts. We will use this expertise to identify new projects and to help place the equipment we obtain. Medical professional care and want to make a difference and this partnership provides them with the opportunity to do so

We believe that this venture will be the prototype for all Victorian hospitals. The opportunities to help people in developing countries are vast. By increasing awareness and developing systems to match goods available with well researched needs we can greatly improve patient care

Help End Polio Now with new ideas for club fundraisers.

Learn more in Rotary Leader.





## Romana Centre Opened

The Servants Romana Centre was successfully opened in a public ceremony attended by DG Ross, several Rotary Club presidents and many Rotarians on 17th May.

The figures make impressive reading: 95 work sessions of up to four hours by Rotarians from six Boroondara based Rotary clubs. 300 hours of hands on work. Financial and in kind contributions estimated at "tens of thousand of dollars" from the clubs and the wider community.

The project was led by the Rotary Club of Camberwell and arose from the Boroondara Cares Forum. (Ten Rotary clubs ..."for the good of Boroondara".)

At the opening ceremony RC Camberwell President Graeme Hope took the opportunity to recognise the considerable support given to Rotary clubs and the wider community by the Good Guys.

Their Chairman Andrew Muir received the Rotary Foundation Certificate of Appreciation. In his response Mr Muir delighted the Rotarians in the audience with stories of his young life as the next door neighbour of Past RI President Royce Abbey and the effects this had on his life.

Andrew was himself a Rotarian for a time and he maintains a keen interest in and support for community programs.

It was fortuitous that the renovation needs of the Servants Romana Centre and Rotarians at Work Month coincided. Led by Jo-Anne Tamlyn, Community Service Director of the Rotary Club of Camberwell, many Rotarians

from six Boroondara based Rotary clubs signed on for several days of service.

Some managed to attend on multiple occasions. The work involved the removal of tiles (not all of them easy) from the many bathrooms. Then there was tile cleaning, followed by gardening and the final clean-up.

Residents took up their refurbished rooms from about 30th April. Then there was the official launch and barbecue luncheon on Saturday 17th May at Romana. Invitations were extended soon to all Servants' supporters and workers.

Grateful thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy to this vital community program. It was a win-win-win — for the homeless, for the Servants and for Rotarians in 'Rotarians at Work Month'.

This was Rotary at its best.

















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## Honey Festival

# SATURDAY, JULY 5 Koornang Uniting Church 115 Mrrumbeena Road, Murrembeena ENTRY \$2 - CHILDREN FREE - ENQUIRIES 9568 7190

### A Sweet Celebration of Nature

Honey tasting Learn about bees Natural beekeeping display Sale of bee-friendly plants Photographic compettion Gardening advice Other bee products eg propolis, beeswax A variety of stalls with bee/honey focus Children's activities: Primary Schools' Diorama Bee Displays Secondary Students' Baked Goods Compettion activity centre book readings face painting treasure hunt and more!







Trip Advisor lists that 2 of its top 10 cultural attractions world wide are situated in Cambodia. The opportunity to experience them, along with unique insights into the lives of real people is offered by District 9800 endorsed project 'World of Difference'.

We will see the results of Rotary's input into remote and grass roots communities and schools. We will also visit projects that have been operating effectively for years and also some areas that are in desperate need of Rotary involvement.

Travel in comfort, immerse yourself in the local culture and experience a trip where all proceeds benefit Cambodian projects. The tour will be capped at 20 participants and led by an experienced Australian tour leader as well as local Cambodian tour guide.

Tours are scheduled for the very coolest and most comfortable season of December, January and February.

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## **Rotary ANZAC Tour Gallipoli**

The Rotary Club of Balwyn, District 9800, the Rotary Club of Goksu and District 2420, invites you to join the Rotary ANZAC Centennial Tour Gallipoli 2015

Australia's premier travel operator APT has created a first class leisure tour exclusively for Rotarians and Partners which includes participation in a unique commemoration that will acknowledge the heroes and stories and the distinctive bond that has grown between those who live in Turkey, Australia and New Zealand. The Tour will be led by Dr Murray Verso, Governor Elect 2014-2015 District 9800.

The tour commences on the 15th April in Istanbul and finishes in Athens on the 29th April 2015. You begin with a six night stay at the

Intercontinental Ceylan Hotel in the vibrant city of Istanbul. Your stay will include visits to the Blue Mosque, a dinner cruise along the Bosphorus River with fellow Rotarians from Turkey, a tour of Istanbul's Old Town and a joint Rotary Club meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Goksu. Your next eight nights will be spent on board the MS Island Sky sailing from Istanbul. You will sail to the Gallipoli National Park for a tour of the war memorials, participate in the Turkish National Sovereignty & Children's day in the town of Gallipoli, hosted by the Mayor of Gallipoli and on the 25th April join the Dawn Service on board the MS Island Sky.

On board will be historian, former intelligence officer and noted author Squadron Leader Hugh Dolan (Ret) and Rear Admiral Peter Briggs AO CSC (Ret) who will give the tour a complete understanding of the Gallipoli campaign

Bookings have been received from Rotarians within Australia and from the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Limited places are available to join a truly representative group of likeminded Kiwis and Aussie Rotarians.



#### **ANZAC ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS**

- √ Stay 6 nights Istanbul at the luxurious Intercontinental Ceylan Hotel overlooking the Bosphorus
- ✓ Spend 8 nights on board the Luxury Small ship MS Island Sky with a maximum of 114 guests
- ✓ Fully escorted tour with services of an APT Tour Director, onboard historians and doctor
- ✓ Dinner cruise along the stunning Bosphorus with Turkish Rotarians
- ✓ Tour Istanbul's Old Town and see the Blue Mosque & Hagia Sophia
- ✓ Joint Club meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Göksu
- ✓ Travel to ANZAC Cove for a tour of the war memorials
- ✓ Participation in Turkish National Sovereignty & Children's day in Gallipoli: Hosted by Mayor of Gallipoli
- ✓ ANZAC Dawn Service on the Gallipoli Peninsula<sup>^</sup>
- ✓ Cruise Limnos in the Greek Islands & conclude your cruise in Athens

For bookings and more information Phone: AU 1800 655 440 NZ 0800 278 687

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Departs 15 April 2015

**ANZAC CENTENNIAL TOUR** 

14 Days from \$9,735\* per person



\*Conditions Apply: Price is based on standard suite, Magellan Deck and does not include cabin upgrades. Airfares & taxes are additional. All Itinerary Highlights are subject to availability and confirmation. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 pp is due within 7 days of booking. A second deposit of \$4,000 pp is due on or before 1 June 2014. Final Payment is due 100 days prior to departure. Subject to achieving minimum numbers. Your access to the Dawn Service at Gallipoli Peninsula and ANZAC Cove on the 25th of April 2015 is subject to you having obtained a successful application in the Australian ballot from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd ABN 44 004 684 619 Lic. No. 30112 APT437





## **Father Bob's Foundation**

Pleae help Father Bob Maguire spread the word.

June 27th, 2014 Inaugural Father Bob Maguire Foundation 2014 'Angels of the Street' Awards "Help us find the real heroes in our community!"

In her Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Mother Theresa said: "Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody...is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat." Mother Theresa lived among the poorest of the poor, people so disenfranchised from the any of the material spoils that they were invisible to the rest of society. Fortunately we don't have that underclass in Australia, but we do have people who, for all intents and purposes, are invisible to others.

Father Bob Maguire has committed his many years as a priest to work with and for these people. As he has

and I want everyone who is committed to social justice to join me."

On Monday, June 30th Father Bob will launch the 'Angels of the Street' Awards when a link from the Foundation's website (www.fatherbobsfoundation.com.au) goes live. The people we're looking to honour are down-to-earth heroes – not only for what they do for others but what they do to keep themselves alive and kicking. They won't be captains of industry and they probably won't have won medals or be among the ranks of the sporting, arts or social elite. They will be people who other people admire and rely on, whose actions – even if not 'heroic' in the sense that we've come to understand that term – will be meaningful to another person, a group, a community.

It might be someone who mows an elderly or infirmed

matured so has his mission. While his focus is still on feeding, housing and educating those who are struggling in life, some of whom he describes as the "unloved and the unlovely", he now wants to publicly acknowledge people whose good works largely go unnoticed. He intends to do this through the 'Angels of the Street' Awards. "There is unlikely to be a budding Australian of the Year among this lot," he says, "but there should be. The silo that is the governing bureaucracy is too often protected from the real heroes. They may not be educated or empowered but they are selfless in what they do and about the people they do it for. They make a difference in a very real sense." "I want to honour them

neighbour's lawn; a committed, long-term foster carer; a child who helps a single parent in ways that most children wouldn't be expected to; an organisation that supports refugees; it might be a person who hears music in their head and finds ways for others to join in. We want to find inspirational people in our community who don't realise how special they are. We want to celebrate their achievements, possibly for the first time. Please help us to identify them so they can be nominated in one of eight categories.

The judges will select five people from each category as finalists. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at St Kilda Town Hall on Sunday, November





30th at 11.00am. There will be one winner in each category and one of those will be nominated by the judges to receive The Guardian Angel Award.

Our judges are Father Bob Maguire AM, RFD; Paul McDonald, CEO of Anglicare; Liz McCarthy, Head of Marketing & Public Relations with Jetstar; Sanjib Roy, CEO of Yooralla; and Steve Carey, Partner of Newsflash Media and former Director of News for Seven News Melbourne.

A nomination form can be downloaded from our website www.fatherbobsfoundation.com.au. Forms are also available from the Father Bob Maguire Foundation office at 91 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park 3206, telephone (03) 9681 3255. Each finalist will receive a framed certificate. The winner of each category will also receive a trophy. In addition to the certificate and trophy, The Guardian Angel will receive a fabulous Crown Metropol Accommodation Package including 1 night's accommodation, full buffet breakfast for 2 and valet parking, courtesy of Crown Melbourne. We encourage every finalist, their sponsor, family and friends to attend the awards ceremony, which will also be open to the public. Entertainment will be provided by St Peter Chanel Music Minstrels and refreshments will be served.

There is NO cost to attend but we would welcome a small donation at the door. Details are available at www. fatherbobsfoundation.com.au. You can also contact me on michaelkrape@krape.com.au or 0403 135 880 for further information.

Yours faithfully, Michael Krape Chair, Organising Committee

Attached: Categories Father Bob Maguire Foundation 2014 'Angels of the Street' Awards CATEGORIES:

COMMUNITY SERVICE This award will be given to a person or an organisation that has given selfless support to another person, group, organisation, church or spiritual gathering. They may have mowed an elderly neighbour's lawn; looked after grandchildren when the parent or parents were unable to; provided support to migrants, refugees or asylum seekers; been a carer or foster parent; worked with or set up a soup kitchen; visited an aged people's home to provide companionship, made a commitment to a charity through workplace giving; given blood or their 'blood, sweat & tears' to make sure that others know they're valued.

DISABILITY This award will be given to a person with a disability who has broken barriers - however one interprets that - and in so doing has demonstrated that everyone has the right to be respected and valued for who they are and what they do. That person will also be a role model for others for what they have achieved and the manner in which they have achieved it. It might be through an heroic act or via wise counsel.

ENVIRONMENT This award will be given to a person or group which has undertaken work that has positive environmental impacts. It may be the establishment

of a community garden or advocacy at a political or communal level to ensure that we protect and nurture Mother Earth. It might even be a person who can't walk past a discarded piece of rubbish without binning it, or someone who sees flowers when others see weeds.

YOUTH (UNDER 25) This award will be given to a young person who has become an inspiration and a role model to others. It may be through actively encouraging other young people who have lost their way or through example; that is, as a young person who had the odds stacked against them but fought back to make a meaningful and fulfilling life for themselves; it might be a child who helps a single parent in ways that most children wouldn't be expected to. Hopefully this award will encourage them to continue to inspire themselves and others.

SENIOR (60+) This award will be given to a person who has shown that older people have the capacity, enthusiasm, will and drive to make the world a better place. Their achievement may be in one of the other categories or it may reflect a lifetime of doing good for others or the community as a whole. The winner might be a survivor of the 'cut and thrust' of life with a store of memories and experiences they're willing to share with those who have an open mind.

ARTS CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT This award will be given to a person who has contributed to the community through art, culture or entertainment in any form. It may be that the person has mentored others or given their time and their talent in a pro bono capacity; it might be a street artist who has brought colour to an otherwise drab world; a busker who makes his or her audience happy; or even someone who hears music in their head and finds a way to make others join in.

SPORT This award will be given to an individual or a sporting group which has made it possible for people who might be outside the mainstream to participate in a healthy, life-affirming activity. It could also be given to a person who likes to walk or run with no particular destination or purpose in mind but who breathes the air and sees the beauty in the everyday world around them.

POLITICIAN This award will be given to a person active in the political life of the community (whether in Local, State or Federal politics), who has championed the rights of the disadvantaged and marginalised. Of particular interest will be politicians who are motivated by their conscience and a commitment to social responsibility, even if their commentary or decisions are unpopular with the party or constituents.

GUARDIAN ANGEL AWARD This is the major award that will be given to one of the eight category winners. The person or group will have been singled out by the judging panel for living the ideals and values of the award. (Please note, there is no nomination process for this award. It will be given at the discretion of the judges).