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# Rotary

District 9800



APRIL IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH



## DG Neville John's Message



### *Rotary's Area of Focus for May: Youth Service*

***Rotary has a special responsibility towards youth, and a number of initiatives must be directed to the youth of today because they become the citizens of tomorrow".***

***– RI President - Sir Angus Mitchell***

In 1948 while preparing for his year as RI President, prominent Melbourne Rotarian, Sir Angus Mitchell had the foresight to see the importance of investing in the next generation. Rotary District 9800 Youth Service Committees offer clubs a wide range of opportunities to nominate students to participate in various programs. Leadership is a pivotal aspect of Rotary and we offer a number of very effective programs to help young people develop their leadership skills, show them how to serve their communities, build friendships, and increase their world understanding. It's worth iterating the programs offered and their purpose:

***Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) weekend Camps are Chaired and judged by Rotarians, and simulate the workings of the United Nations Assembly.***



***Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Is a weeklong residential program conducted annually for 18 to 25 year olds aimed at developing leadership, personal development and social skills. RYLA provides opportunities for young people to come together to gain a better understanding of their own strengths, unique qualities and abilities of others.***



***DG Neville John and Rebecca***

***Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) Is a weekend program for year 10 and 11 students aiming to develop potential through lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning to convey ideas, problem solving and social experiences that assist in forming their own values and moral standards.***



***The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Is a fully residential program held over 12 days in January each year program for students who have completed Year 11 and are thinking of pursuing a career in science, engineering or technology attend.***

***The Science Experience Is a 2-3 day program is conducted over the summer months and is implemented by participating universities in Melbourne and regional Victoria for year 9 students interested in Science.***

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## DG Neville John's Message

**Youth Exchange** This important program aims to provide a unique and effective Rotary supported educational and cultural opportunity, whilst promoting goodwill, peace and understanding. It's a reciprocal 12-month secondary school exchange between students sponsored by Rotary Clubs. You only needed to be at the Shepparton conference to hear the comments from former exchange students Amanda Drury, Peta Credlin and Kristen Hilton, all highly successful women who wanted to thank Rotary for the opportunity that changed their lives. Their comments are testimony that this program is just as relevant as ever. Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar once said that if all the 17-year-olds in the world could spend a year with Rotarians in a country other than their own, there would be no more wars. Rotary provides over 8,000 secondary school students per year with exchanges all around the world. I would love to see the day where every cluster of clubs is able to share the hosting of at least one student from another country.



**Rotary Youth Public Speaking Program.** This program is aimed at Secondary school students of all age levels and provides an opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills in a non-threatening environment. There are three public speaking events held throughout the district and the committee is only too happy to help advise any club or cluster that would like to create one.

**Rotaract** is a Rotary-sponsored service Club for men and women aged 18 to 30. All Rotaract efforts begin at the local, grassroots level, with members addressing their communities' physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. Mentoring is provided by the sponsoring Club to enable vocational and professional development for individuals and assist in leadership growth.



**Interact** is a service Club for young people aged 12 to 18 and are sponsored by Rotary Clubs, which provide support and guidance. Each year, Interact Clubs complete at least two community service projects and develop a network of friendships and learn the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

**Earlyact** is a service Club for primary school students and is sponsored by a local Rotary Club. Earlyact Clubs strive to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of their student members, so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities. Earlyact teaches values such as caring, respect, responsibility, tolerance, compassion, friendship and leadership.

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### DG Neville John's Message

I have observed over a number of years the collaborative efforts of the Goldfields cluster Youth Service Chairs. They meet when necessary to discuss and share their combined resources in order to maximize participation by students in their region. For example, one club may have the financial capacity but are unable to identify suitable students and another club has the opposite situation. Their combined efforts result in more students attending a potential life changing experience. I encourage all cluster clubs to consider this approach for their Youth Programs, and potentially other Avenues of Service programs.



As a parent or grandparent, have you ever felt the overwhelming gratitude to someone for doing something that helps your child or grandchild? It is a strong feeling that creates an instant appreciation toward those who have provided that help. In my travels around the district it is clear that many Rotarians are parents or grandparents of young people that have participated in a Rotary hosted program. They were so thankful they wanted to join Rotary and give back. Think about inviting the parents and grand parents of students you nominate when they come to speak to your club. Make sure you stay in touch and invite them to other club projects and events.

Let's continue to build our future by investing in the youth of today!

**The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration/ Bequest Campaign:** Now is the time to finalise your bookings to this special event. If you cannot attend please feel free to make a donation, or even better, participate in the Bequest Campaign. There has not been one conducted in our district for almost 30 years, and as you know, The Rotary Foundation provides financial support for qualifying projects that our clubs develop. The Foundation deserves consideration of our support both during our lifetime and beyond.



If you have already identified the Foundation as a beneficiary in your Will but not advised them, contact Dennis Shore and ask him for a bequest pledge form, then fill it in and send it back. Because it's already in your Will, there's nothing more to do. If you need a legal Codicil template to take to your Solicitor, Dennis can provide that as well. So, if you are thinking of attending, book now on the following website: <http://rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au/>.

*Neville John*  
**District Governor 2016-2017**

## Royce Abbey Award presented to Ian Riseley

**Ian Riseley, the Sandringham Rotarian who will lead the Rotary World as its International President in 2017/2018, was presented with a Royce Abbey Award at a ceremony held at the RACV City Club in Melbourne on the 19th of April 2017.**

The Royce Abbey Award is named in honour of Royce Abbey the Essendon Rotarian who served as President of Rotary International in 1988/89.



***RIPE Ian Riseley receiving the Royce Abbey Award from David Abbey.***

The Award was presented by David Abbey, the Chair of the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship Committee, in the presence of Jean Abbey, Dennis Shore the Chair of Rotary District 9800 Foundation Committee, Past District Governor Cathy Roth and members of the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Committee.

Jean Abbey was thrilled that Ian Riseley had received the Award and expressed her confidence in Ian's ability to lead the Rotary World in 2017/18.

In presenting the Award David Abbey commented that as future President of Rotary International Ian was by far the best credentialed Rotarian to receive a Royce Abbey Award and that Royce would have fully supported the choice of Ian, both as International President and as a Royce Abbey Awardee.

Ian Riseley becomes one of over three hundred Rotarians who have received a Royce Abbey

Award, which recognises Rotarians showing enthusiasm and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary.

When the opportunity to receive a Royce Abbey Award was first raised with Ian he wrote, 'I would be truly honoured to receive this award. We all have heroes in life and Royce was definitely one of mine, and to receive an award in his name would be special to me.'

These sentiments were reinforced by Ian on being presented with the Award.

While recognising deserving Rotarians, the Royce Abbey Award also carries with it a contribution of AUD\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in support of the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship.

For more information about the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship and the Royce Abbey Award visit: [www.royceabbey.com](http://www.royceabbey.com)



## Rotary Making a Difference

*By President Del King, RC Flemington*

**Have you ever wondered if the work that you do as a Rotarian really makes a difference? This year's Conference highlighted that opportunities such as Youth Exchange can make a huge impact upon a young person's life and kick start them to look for opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others as they mature.**

One of the keynote speakers at the conference was **Kristen Hilton** the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner. She has had an amazing career and a passion for human rights and protecting the needs of marginalised and disadvantaged individuals. The presentation that Kristen gave was inspiring as she articulated showed how promoting equal rights within major organisations such as Victoria Police helps to help create a more respectful workplace, and also strengthen positive relationships within the workplace, family and community that can begin to help address issues of family violence. A monumental piece of work that really is making a difference in the lives of so many. At the conclusion of her presentation, Kristen was presented with a gift from one of the D9800 Exchange Students. She then returned to the microphone and tried to fight back the tears as she thanked Rotary for the belief they had in her when she went on exchange as a high school student, declaring that her time as an exchange student shaped her future and helped to create the life she has now.



***Youth Exchange Students at the District Conference in Shepparton.***

Kristen was not the only person presenting at the conference who has been a beneficiary of Rotary. **Koren Harvey**, the MC of the conference, was a former Exchange Student who spent a year in Germany when she was 16 and later was a GSE team member who travelled to Sweden as a part of the GSE program. Koren also attributes where she is now; a Rotarian, successful businesswoman and a mother, to her early involvements with Rotary and that both of these programs were instrumental in her passion to work with people, connect communities and really make a difference.

Story after story at the conference outlined how the belief that Rotary had in a young person, either as an Exchange Student, a member of a Group Study Exchange, Peace Scholar or a Vocational Training Team, has really shaped their lives. It highlighted that the small investment that a local Club or Rotary Foundation makes through these programs really can have a huge impact upon the lives of the beneficiary and their community as they continue to pay it forward in their personal and professional lives. the community and continue her studies in international policy? I am excited to watch and see!

It makes me wonder what wonderful things the Exchange Students we are supporting will do with their futures. Have we as Rotarians inspired them to continue doing good in their local communities? We have seen **Olivia Mei Lai**, a former Exchange Student sponsored by Flemington many years ago, go on to create a Birth for Humankind, a not-for-profit supporting vulnerable women through pregnancy and childbirth. Will Ida and Ana go on to make a difference in the lives of many too? Will Maddi return to Flemington even more inspired to work with?

**The conference really highlighted in so many different ways that the work that we do really does make a difference.**

## Open Hand Children's Home

*By Rosemary G. Kinyua, Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook*

**It's official, and we couldn't be more thrilled! The Open Hand Children's Home in Kitengela, Kenya is now tightly secured!**

Today, the children at Open Hand Children's Home orphanage have seen our commitment and dedication to their wellbeing. On Dec 2016, the Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook achieved success with the completion of the 3-year project at Open Hand Children's Home.

The Installation of a solar powered electric fence and construction of the stone fence has created a barrier for unauthorized intrusion due to theft, vandalism, roaming wildlife and militant threat to the Orphanage. The children now have a secure environment to play, learn, and roam with a much lesser risk. And they deserve this just like every child does.

The solar system installation has changed lives at the home for the better, too! Now, the children and caretakers have a renewable energy solution with long-term positive effects. These things are wonderful. The solar system offers a valuable resource that was previously unreliable. I'm talking about electricity. Worries about frequent power outages are no longer a concern, which lends to better safety policies and reduced costs to the orphanage.

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook extend our thanks to all contributors to this project. We are so grateful for what you've done, as well as your past and continued support. What we have collectively done has made a difference in the lives of these vulnerable children. And as Rotarians we never walk away from opportunities to change life in a sustainable way for the better.



We're not the only grateful ones; the children are, too. The expressions in their eyes and the appreciation in their smiles has impacted us greatly. Through their hope we can all find strength. These children are the shining stars of Kenya's future.

To you, we say thank you for being a part of this life changing project. "We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work, Rotary, forward."

For more information about the project visit

[www.rotarylpc.org.au/international-project-och-final-stage-2016-2017/](http://www.rotarylpc.org.au/international-project-och-final-stage-2016-2017/)

***Photos: Rosemary G. Kinyua (green vest) with Open Hand Children  
Rosemary G. Kinyua with electric fence contractor Joe.***



## Rotaract, Interact and EarlyAct

*By Chris Richardson, RC Essendon North*

These programs have been busy in District 9800 of late. Rotaract is consolidating and looking to expand, Interact clubs now number 11 with a further 4 being developed, EarlyAct is humming along, and a Youth Alumni has now been established with membership expanding. Strategies to provide pathways within the 3 levels of programs are being considered as well as keeping our youth connected to Rotary with the development of the Youth Alumni. The individual members of these 3 youth programs are committed to community and doing good for others and so would make great members of Rotary in the future ...



### ***Interact at Rochester***

The projects undertaken by our Rotaractors, Interactors and EarlyAct continue to inspire. Web petitions to address violence toward women in India, and protect Australian authors from unfair competition. A joint activity organised by 3 Interact clubs. Purchase of ShelterBoxes. Participating in RAWCS projects with Rotary Clubs. Working days at DIK. Visiting the elderly to entertain and share stories. Producing videos of their fun days and fund raisers. Improving their school environments. Assisting at City to Sea.

Our youth clubs give all of the members the chance to work in a committee structure and develop leadership in that context. They develop ideas to actual projects, manage funds, promote their activities, and present funds to worthy causes.

Our Rotaract clubs are in the following areas: Gateway meeting at Pascoe Vale, Melbourne City meeting at Docklands, Swinburne meeting at Swinburne Uni and a provisional club at Stonnington. Our Interact clubs are currently in the following

schools – Aitken College, Albert Park College, Baden Powell College, Balwyn Secondary, Brighton Secondary, Camberwell Grammar, Gisborne Secondary, Kyneton Secondary, Macrob Secondary, Manor Lakes Secondary, Melbourne Girls College, and St Albans Secondary. And as mentioned a further 4 clubs are being developed at present. Our EarlyAct clubs are at Baden Powell College, North Balwyn and Sandridge Primary Schools. These youth clubs are very easy to manage as they are intended to be self-managing and are a good investment of Rotarians time for the service they provide to their local and international projects as well as the inspiring way they go about their activities. Additionally EarlyAct and Interact in particular are great projects for retired Rotarians with time during the day.

This represents a lot of members who belong to these clubs and because of the fun and experiences they have had looking for further opportunities for their personal and professional development after they age out. There are many opportunities for Rotary clubs to get involved in these Youth programs to provide further pathways for their development. EarlyAct clubs could be developed close to the existing Interact clubs. Clusters of Rotary clubs could look at new Rotaract clubs and start with targeting Interact clubs for members. As well the Youth Alumni is looking to join up all those graduating from all the Rotary Youth programs so that would also be another source of recruitment for Rotaract clubs. Rotary clubs have been great sponsors of participants to the Rotary suite of Youth programs and so previous graduates of those many programs would a good source of recruitment to Rotaract clubs.



### ***Coins for Cambodia project***



## Easy fund-raising for trachoma – can you help?

*By By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne*

**A great example of support for Rotary's "End Trachoma in Australia by 2021" campaign comes from Carrol Farmer of Glen Waverley RC and what she calls her "Philatelic Garbology".**

Each year Carrol raises about \$7000 by selling bulk used stamps to dealers. At 80, she's now raised \$103,000 since 1990.

Her 2017-18 proceeds will go to the end-trachoma drive launched by incoming RI President Ian Riseley.

"I was going to retire at \$100,000 but the stamps kept coming in to us," says Carrol, who was amazed to be honoured with a Paul Harris with three rubies from Rotary.

But the game's getting tougher because of email usage, she says. So your club can help – wherever you are in Australia - by persuading local organisations to tear off the stamps from their mail. They can mail them direct to Carrol or your club can collect them and first do some trimming and sorting to save Carrol some work.

She suggests you make a call on shire councils, hospitals, GP's clinics, department offices, and schools and colleges. You need to persuade them it's a worthwhile cause, as it means extra work for the mail-room or secretaries.

Carrol's big asset is long –standing relationships with reputable stamp dealers and private buyers. Few people realise there is a global trade in bulk stamps -- Melbourne dealers alone despatch bulk stamps overseas by the container-load.

"We get best prices by trimming the waste paper and sorting the stamps into local, foreign, \$1.00 and under \$1. We have no idea who the dealers sell them to, or why anyone would want them. We just get paid and help good causes," she says. Her dealers will also buy neglected stamp albums – Olympic swimmer Susie O'Neill donated all her childhood albums.

Most Rotary clubs in her District 9810 are keen supporters, along with Mt Gambier SA, Benalla Vic, Belmont WA, Noorlunga East, SA and even a club in Vancouver, Canada.

Her stamps have funded causes ranging from living aids for blind and palsied children to polio and malaria drives. Her \$13,000 for the Fred Hollows Foundation has financed restored sight to 420 eyes. One year she financed a mine detector for Cambodia.

In 1991 she became first female member of the R.C Bayswater North RC, and was elected as first female President in 1996. Her husband Eric, who helps with the stamps, was District 9810 Governor in 1997.

Contact: [ericfarmer@bigpond.com](mailto:ericfarmer@bigpond.com)



## Rotary Youth Programmes

Rotary Clubs across Australia sponsor young people in the development of skills in the areas of communication, leadership, road safety / driver awareness, resilience and self esteem and in furthering their career aspirations in the areas of mathematics and science.

<http://rotaryaustralia.org.au/content/507/rotary-youth-programs>



### Rotary Youth Exchange Australia – RYEA

For students aged 15-17 who are interested in travelling and experiencing a new culture. Through Rotary Youth Exchange, you will spend a year studying abroad living with Rotary volunteer host families who will introduce you to a new culture, language, and lifestyle in one of over 12 countries.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



### National Youth Science Forum - NYSF

For Year 11 students passionate about science, NYSF gives an opportunity to visit a large variety of some of Australia's leading scientific facilities and talk to many of our top scientists enabling informed career choices to be made. It's also a fantastic opportunity to meet like-minded people and establish professional relations and life-long friendships.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



### Short Term Youth Exchange to NZ - RANZSE

RANZSE offers an adventure in experiencing life and schooling for a term in New Zealand. Australian students aged 14-16 have the opportunity to stay with a New Zealand host family and attend school with a NZ student who will then come to live and study with them in Australia during the following term. How better to understand the people, beliefs, culture and lives of another country's people than by experiencing it first hand through exchange?

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



### Rotaract and Interact

Be part of a club for young people like you who want to join together to tackle issues in your community that you care most about. Through Interact, you can: Carry out hands-on service projects ... Make international connections... Develop leadership skills, and... Have fun! Rotaract is for young adults aged 18 - 30 years. Interact is for 14-18 year olds - often based in schools or within the community.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



### Science Experience

Have an interest in science and want to engage in a wide range of fascinating hands-on science activities lead by passionate scientists? Then this is for you! Science Experience provides information for Year 9 and 10 students about further studies in science, technology and engineering highlighting the wide range of careers that will allow you to pursue your interest and abilities in the sciences.

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## Rotary Youth Programmes – continued

### Rotary Youth Driver Awareness - RYDA

Be part of a club for young people like you who want to join together to tackle issues in your community that you care most about.



Through Int

Youth road trauma is a community based problem that needs a whole of community response. RYDA is a one day program, conducted at an out of school venue, which targets high school students in Years 11 and 12 (16 - 18 years). Supporting the graduate licensing schemes, the program focuses on the key government 'big five' road safety issues of speeding, DUI, fatigue, seatbelts and distractions as well as the importance of driving as a social responsibility'.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

### ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD - RYLA

RYLA is a 7 day residential leadership seminar for aspiring leaders aged 18 - 25 years. The week incorporates a lot of self development through a variety of mechanisms including reflection (individually & as a team), team work, sports and outdoor activities, dancing and many others. Participants can seize the opportunity to develop leadership, communication and problem solving skills, can practice new behaviours, forge life-long friends and challenge their own personal belief systems and values. Google RYLA to find a program being offered near you.



### ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT - RYPEN

RYPEN provides a group of young people aged 15-17 an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills. This weekend long program will see



you engage with like-minded people, while having fun and learning new skills in areas such as problem solving and public speaking. On top of learning these skills RYPEN will give you a chance to put them to practical use, through debate and physical activity.

Contact a Rotary Club near you or Google RYPEN

### Rotary Adventure in Citizenship - RAIC

Be part of a club for young people like you who want to join together to tackle issues in your community that you care most about.

Through Int

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) is an intensive and fun filled week-long program that helps prepare young adults in Year 11 for citizenship, and is run in partnership with the Parliamentary Education Office. Delegates are immersed behind the scenes in Parliament House observing how parliament works, and role playing debates. They will meet lots of MP's and some of the press gallery journalists.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



## Clarice's Comments

Do you receive "Rotary Weekly" in your e-mail? It usually has lots of interesting tips: this week on [Tips for a successful Rotary project](#) is worth a look:

**Q: What are your tips for finding a partner club?**

A: "Rotarian Action Groups are also a good place to start: The connection between Uganda and Arizona was through Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention, a Rotarian Action Group". - Philip J. Silvers, District 5500 (Arizona)

**Q: How did you find out what the community needed?**

A: "Do a pilot project – a small version of what you intend to do for the global grant. This will give you the chance to prove the concept..." - Stephen Baker, Rotary Club of Key Biscayne, Fla.

**Q: What made your global grant project successful?**

A: Our methods had been tested in a series of smaller anti-malaria mosquito net projects, so that by the time we were ready to do a global grant, we had a clear plan of what we were going to do and how we were going to do it. - Stephen Baker, Rotary Club of Key Biscayne, Fla.

**Q: If you could do it again, what would you do differently? What wouldn't you change?**

A: Shouldn't we apply these questions to every project we complete, in our final report?

And the best question of all, before we all head to the Rotary Foundation Centenary Dinner on May 31<sup>st</sup>:

**Q: Why do you think it's important for Rotarians to give to The Rotary Foundation?**

A: Give us your best answer, please.

How nice it is when clubs send us photos of their new members: **Ian Bentley** was re-introduced to Rotary recently when he joined the Rotary Club of Hawthorn with a classification on Teacher Education.

He is seen here (on the right) with his sponsor Dr Tilak Dissayanake and President Meredith Hayes. Let's hope the club secretary remembered to subscribe to "The Networker" for him. ;-)



My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

That's all for now.  
Clarice.



## Notices

### CELEBRATE WITH US IN ATLANTA

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MARKS 100 YEARS OF DOING GOOD  
On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee, I'd like to personally invite you to the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, where we'll commemorate 100 years of Doing Good in the World.

When you register, purchase a ticket for The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party on **14 June** in the House of Friendship.

Thousands of us will come together with President John F. Germ to celebrate our accomplishments and mark this important milestone in the city where it all began.

You've been to the Rotary Convention, but you won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Make it even more special by bringing a friend!

- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



### Western Emergency Relief Network

accepts donations of good condition household items such as: Bedding: Doonas & Covers, Pillows & Covers, Linen i.e. Sheets, Towels & Blankets.

Kitchen Items: Kettles, Toasters, Crockery, Glasses, Cutlery, Pots & Pans

Furniture: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's White Goods: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Fans & Heaters.

If you'd like to donate items call Ross as above or 0476104736 to organise a pick up.



### The Rotary Fair Trade Store

in Camberwell Junction is a combined project of Boroondara Rotary clubs, raising funds for DIK, the D9800 Donations in Kind Store, and local humanitarian charities such as Camcare.

It is located at the **rear** of 654 Burke Rd, Camberwell, (enter from the car park).

Open from 10 - 4.30, 7 days a week. Specializing in good quality collectibles and books, the store welcomes useful donations from Rotary members and families who may be downsizing, or spring cleaning.

Volunteers are always needed in customer service, any day. It also run sorting days on Thursday mornings and Monday afternoons for corporate or club involvement.

To get involved, please call Carl on 0418 328 499 or Jill on 9882 7724



## Events

### Sumba Eyes in Your Hands

Dinner Dance is supporting the Sumba Eye Program with entertainment by the Backbeat Prophets Blues Band

**Friday 5 May** at 7:00pm Cost: \$70.00 (Drinks at Bar Prices)

MCG Kew, 397 Barkers Road, Kew (Melways Ref: 71 A9)

Enquiries: Trevor Mackey 0408 285 382 or [tm.bm@bigpond.com](mailto:tm.bm@bigpond.com)

RSVP: 01 May 2017 Please advise dietary requirements Full booking arrangements on TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/263117>

All proceeds of the Dinner and Auction event will be used to further the amazing work being conducted by dedicated teams of surgeons, optometrists and nurses



## Events

### Rochester RC PIE AND PORT NIGHT

**Saturday 6th May** 6:30pm for 7:00pm at the Old Court House Moore Street, Rochester \$30 per person  
RSVP Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Please enclose payment with your snail mail reply to Secretary Heather Watson (Pie & Port), 80 Pascoe Street, Rochester, 3561  
ph: 0439 842 177 email: [ghwatson1@bigpond.com](mailto:ghwatson1@bigpond.com)  
or use electronic banking 633 108 ac 1321 85521 and please label Pie & Port



### Disaster Aid Conference 2017

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills – at the Dandenong Club, Corner Stud and Heatherton Roads, Dandenong **Fri 5 – Sun 7 May**

It is a great opportunity to:

- meet the directors, staff, volunteers (including our Disaster Aid Response Team members – DARTs – who will give some “in fi eld” reports) and fellow Rotarians;
- be updated on our activities and our plans, including more international partnerships with Rotary clubs and others around the world;
- see demonstrations of our aid items, the SkyHydrant™, Sawyer filters, and FlatPak tanks;
- become a DAA representative in your Rotary District.

\$100 registration charge includes two nights’ accommodation, meals and refreshments from Saturday through to a light lunch on Sunday.

Registration on Disaster Aid Australia website. <http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au>



### MS Global Dinner "Kiss Goodbye to MS"

**Wednesday May 10.** 7.00 pm for 7.30pm start

Fredricks, 980 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon

\$50pp Includes 2 course Dinner Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival  
Drinks at Bar Prices "Wear something red"

Guest speakers: Dr Laura Dumas, Jacob Taurins & Virginia Billson: "Living with MS"

Entertainment: "Amy, Daisy, Maddie and Dancers" RSVP by May 6, 2017 to:

Barry Coleman 0427852062 or [barry@barrycoleman.com.au](mailto:barry@barrycoleman.com.au)

Martin Taurins 0407564389 or [taurins3@vegas.com.au](mailto:taurins3@vegas.com.au)



### Gateway Rotaract - Trivia 2017

Please join us for a night of fun, laughs, and trivia: **Saturday 13th May** at 6:30pm for a start of 7:00pm at the Pascoe Vale RSL. 40 Cumberland Rd, Pascoe Vale.

TICKETS ARE: \$15 each, \$60 table of 5, \$100 table of 10

Dinner bookings must be made with the bistro (if looking to have dinner).

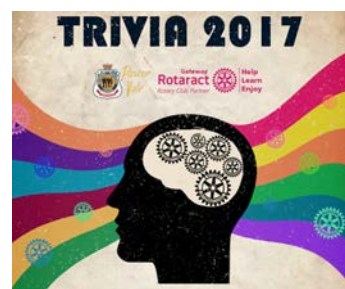
Snack foods can be brought in on the night but is limited to baked goods/lollies/chips. If you want the night to be hassle free and support charity why not pre-purchase some table snacks at \$20 for 5 people

The proceeds of the evening will be going towards Third Hand India, a humanitarian aid service working on combating hunger, homelessness and poverty in India. Our theme for the evening will be Bollywood, so dress in your brightest colours. Best dressed prize up for grabs!

Email: [gateway@rotaract9800.org.au](mailto:gateway@rotaract9800.org.au) or call president Michael on 0404 637 078

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rotaract.gateway](https://www.facebook.com/rotaract.gateway)

Third Hand India: [www.facebook.com/Third-hand-1355028954523592/](https://www.facebook.com/Third-hand-1355028954523592/)





## Events

### RoCan Fundraising Breakfast

RoCan Cancer Research and The Rotary Club of Williamstown

**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>** AT THE: Yarraville Club, Stephen Street Yarraville

TIME: 6.45 for 7am start COST: \$70.00 P/hd

Corporate tables of 10 available \$650 BOOKINGS:

[trybooking.com.au](http://trybooking.com.au)

Proceeds to the new planned Cancer Wellness Centre

Special Guest speaker Susan Alberti AC



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Rotary Ovarian Cancer  
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### Rotary Club of Brighton Beach Farewell Dinner

and 22ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

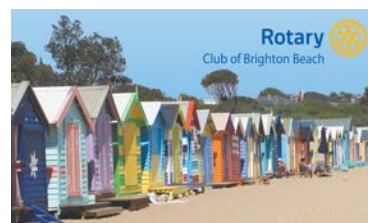
**Tuesday 23 May** at Milanos Hotel Brighton Beach

6.00pm for 6.30pm Cost: \$30 per head

RSVP: 14 May 2017 Contact: Keiran Cromie 0419 252 814

[keiran@brightontravel.com.au](mailto:keiran@brightontravel.com.au)

Book at [www.trybooking.com/PQZL](http://www.trybooking.com/PQZL)



### Port Phillip Fundraiser for Australian Rotary Health

**Tuesday 23 May**, at the Caravan Club ,95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh .

**Bhan Tre** is an all female acoustic group with a repertoire of traditional Irish tunes and songs and a selection of original songs with a Celtic flavour. (Sue Foley the Rotary Club of Melbourne South President is a key performer)

Irish born **Cyril Moran** plays vibrant music with a good taste of folk music, contemporary materials and original songs with an emphasis on vocal harmonies.

\$60 pp 2 Course Dinner Drinks at bar prices Doors open 6.30pm Great Raffle prizes on the night

Bookings via Trybooking. [www.trybooking.com/PVJH](http://www.trybooking.com/PVJH)

For all enquiries contact Sue Foley 0418557751 or [sjfoley@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sjfoley@optusnet.com.au)



### Rotary Club of Footscray Dinner/Art Auction

**Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>** 5.30-6.30pm Pre-dinner drinks and viewing of Footscray Art

Prize exhibition Footscray Community Art Centre 45 Moreland St, Footscray

7.00 pm Anniversary Dinner and Art Auction: Croatian House 72 Whitehall St,

Footscray **Speaker: Dr Susan Alberti AC**

Croatian House is a short walk from the Footscray Community Art Centre. A

shuttle bus service will be available from 5-7pm between venues. Cost: \$75

Book online by 15<sup>th</sup> May: [footscrayrotary80.eventbrite.com.au](http://footscrayrotary80.eventbrite.com.au)



### Comedy for a Cause

The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park have teamed up with Comedy for a Cause to bring you a fabulous night of fun and friendship!

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**, 8.00pm, at Melbourne Bowling Club, 138, Union St, Windsor.

Money raised will help us to continue to make a difference through our passion projects, RYLA sponsorships, birthing kits and much more!

It would be great to share the evening with at least 10 people from your club. This is an incredibly accessible event at only \$35 a ticket!

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.comedyforacause.net/rcmp](http://www.comedyforacause.net/rcmp)



## Events

### Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook Red Tie Gala

**June 3rd**, at 7.00 PM. Windmills Garden Reception, Cnr Melton Highway & Leakes Road, Plumpton VIC Australia 3335 \$90 Single, \$170 couple RSVP by 25th May to Rosemary G.K - 0400781412

Tickets available at

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=246295>

We promise a fun night of meeting amazing leaders in our community over dinner, dancing and an Exquisite live show with Bollywood interactive dancing by HD Entertainment and sizzling music by Band O'Gold

As always, our events support a good cause and this time a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Werribee Mercy Hospital Critical Care Unit, Rotary Young Youth Program & Ending Polio appeal.



### Rotary Club of Kew 50 Year Celebration

President Bob Slater and the Board of the Rotary Club of Kew request the pleasure of your company at a lunch to celebrate **the 50th anniversary of the Charter of the Club** to be held at the Kew Golf Club 120 Belford Rd Kew East on **Friday 16 June** 2017 at 12.30 for lunch at 1.00

Cost \$30 per person includes 2 courses and some beverages

Your reply to Murray Chessell, at [mchessell@bigpond.com](mailto:mchessell@bigpond.com), 224 Clarendon St East Melbourne 3002 or 0400 005 190, by 22 May would be appreciated.



*Book your table now* to celebrate 100 years of  
doing good in the world

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER

Entertainment

Wednesday 31st May 2017



Nicholas Jones



Dr Jonathon Welch AM



Danielle Matthews



Guest Speaker:  
Paul Netzel



MC Amanda Drury

\$165 per person  
\$1,650 per table of 10  
\$2,500 corporate table  
**Peninsula, Docklands**

Bookings:  
[www.rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au](http://www.rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au)

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### ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL DINNER



In 1917 Arch Klumph, president of Rotary international, proposed an endowment fund dedicated to "doing good in the world". The first donation of \$26.50 was made to the seed of the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to this vision and the extraordinary generosity of Rotary members worldwide, this fund has become one of the world's leading humanitarian foundations, spending more than US\$3 billion on Programs and Projects to improve the lives of millions of people worldwide.

With 100 years of service changing lives and improving communities, it's time to celebrate! We're bringing members of the community together with Rotarians from right across Australia for a Gala Fundraising Dinner in Melbourne, the home of Australia's first Rotary club.



The Rotary Club of Southbank is proud to host this Centennial Foundation Dinner and auction. Our corporate sponsors and the Australian Rotary Districts have set the challenge of raising

AU\$1,000,000 in contributions and bequests which will help set up the foundation for an even more exciting 100 years and beyond.

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT**

Share ideas, join leaders and take action to create lasting change

**Wednesday 31st May**

\$165 per person or \$1650 per table of 10

The Atlantic, Central Pier

161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

**BOOK NOW** at <http://rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au>



### Our Contributors



*District Governor Neville John is a member of Central Melbourne Rotary Club.*



*Tony Thomas frequently contributes to "The Networker", and blogs at [quadrant.org.au](http://quadrant.org.au) (usually outrageously)*



*David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. Keep an eye on this man!*



*Dennis Shore was D9800 District Governor in 2012-13, and he is now District Foundation Director.*



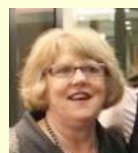
*Our Glamorous Girl Friday Clarice replies to the letters we receive at "The Networker".*



*David Abbey is the Chairman of the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship Committee*



*Del King is a former GSE Team member, and is now the President of the Rotary Club of Flemington.*



*Chris Richardson of Essendon North RC is the enthusiastic District Chair of Interact.*



*District Governor Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is District Chair of Community Service.*



*Rosemary G. Kinyua is the International Director at RC Laverton/Point Cook.*