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JUNE IS ROTARY'S FELLOWSHIP MONTH

DG Julie Mason's Message



June Area of Focus: Rotary Fellowships



Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Dr. Seuss

Three years ago my life changed considerably when I was selected to be a District Governor in Rotary. People often wonder how the process of selection works and indeed it seems that in our District past and current leaders take it upon themselves to approach people they believe will do a good job! After two years of such approaches I decided to nominate and secured the support from the members of the most amazing Club, Wyndham Rotary. A rigorous selection process conducted by a panel of seven past District and Club leaders determined that this country girl who still goes to school would be a District Governor in the largest District in Australia.



DG Julie Mason, with her soon-to-be successor, Neville John



Once selected, a wonderful journey begins with two years of training at a Zone Institute, a visit to Australian Office of Rotary International in Parramatta and then the much anticipated International training week in San Diego where 530 "soon to be" District Governors come together for intensive work and valued networking. Of course at local District level, many hours are taken to select and prepare one's own District Leadership Team and Club Presidents. At all stages I was encouraged and supported by those who have gone before me, family and you my friends. I will always be so grateful for the work done to prepare for the District Changeover Event and I still cannot believe that was over a year ago!

It is fair to say that through all this I had some doubts as to whether I would meet the expectations that I felt others had of me and indeed I had of myself. But these moments faded as I began to select and plan with a wonderful District Leadership Team to develop aspirational goals related to membership, public image and Foundation. Armed with a Mantra of, **"it's all about the Clubs"**, and with a promise of **Service Leadership** from the District Leadership Team, I began to visit clubs. The warmth of welcome, interest in my thoughts and pride in club projects and programs affirmed my respect for Club leaders and Rotarians in our great District.

A highlight of the Rotary year is of course the annual Conference and the most generous and hardworking Conference Planning Team lead by Chair Gary Willson ensured that a memorable Conference occurred in Bendigo with record attendance, fabulous speakers and entertainment. It is still being talked about with segments such as the Youth Exchange and Family Violence noted as special.

To initiate District Programs such as **The Group Vocational Exchange** with District 3800 in the Philippines and a **new Vocational Training Team** to Cambodia was satisfying. The **Royce Abbey Change Champion** initiative, along with participation in the **inaugural Inspire Awards** is a highlight, and to see membership increase and goals related to raising the profile of Rotary achieve success warms the heart and augurs well for the future.

The recent decisions related to Rotary made by the Council on Legislation gives me supreme optimism for the future of our great organisation and I see a bright future for clubs embracing flexibility whilst staying true to our values and that ever important 4 Way Test.

I was privileged to work with a very supportive District Secretary and Treasurer and along with a Board and Leadership Team, I believe that we have set the scene for continued success. I am grateful to Adrian Nelson for teaching me the value of embracing social media and his initiative in establishing an enduring District Governor Facebook Page enabled me to share my journey and all those chicken dinners!

I now take on a role as District Learning and Leadership Facilitator and I will be responsible for the Leadership Development of future Presidents, organising seminars for new members, future leaders within and beyond the club and the Rotary Leadership Institute program. I am a member of both the District Membership Team and Foundation Team where I am responsible for the Vocational Training Team Program. I will also enjoy the role as Wyndham Youth Service Director.

I am so looking forward to getting back to my Club but will also remember the wonderful time in my life where I had the privilege to be your District Governor. As always..... **Ubuntu: I am, because you are.**

Enjoy Rotary as you always bring your gifts to our Rotary world and Serve Humanity.

Julie Mason

District Governor



Photos: Top - DGs future and present, Peter Frueh, Neville John and Julie Mason with Miranda Bain at the Aspire Awards.

Lower left: Incoming and outgoing Brighton Presidents Dale Hoy and Barry Hickman share a kiss with the DG
Lower right: Will this be DG Julie's last chicken dinner?

Security for Children's Home

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

In July 2015, the Rotary Clubs of Laverton Point Cook and Nairobi, Muthaiga North, Kenya joined forces and rallied our efforts on helping Open Hands Children's Home in Kitengela, Kenya. We added a boundary fence and security gate to the children's home.

We knew there was a lot of work ahead of us with fundraising, logistics, and all the decisions that come into play when you help those in need from afar. But we did it... and our vision became a plan in action, not to be deterred by anything. As Rotarians, we never walk away from opportunities to change life in a sustainable way.



During an April 2016 inspection by Open Hand Children's Home (OCH) Directors and Caretakers, they were able to see a clear transformation of the orphanage from the addition of the boundary fence and manned security gate.

These additions were significant for many reasons. Today, the children are now safer from the notorious militia groups in the area, criminals, and stray wildlife. In



addition, the greater sense of privacy allows the OCH family more freedom to do their chores without interruption from the outside and the sounds of laughter and joy can be heard that come from the children being able to play outside freely and without worry. Aesthetically, the home is also more appealing and the environment now healthier, as it is protected from the wind and dust that blow freely in the area, making it both cleaner and at lower risk of air-borne diseases.

On the 14th of May 2016, the Rotary Club of Nairobi, Muthaiga North held a handover ceremony and celebration on behalf of our club, officially handing over the boundary fence and security gate to the children's home.

"Seeing the look of joy and gratitude in all the children's eyes as they received the gifts was a truly special moment to witness," RTN Fredrick Kairuki (VP, Project Engineer) from Rotary Club of Nairobi, Muthaiga, North.

Today, the young residents of Open Hands Children's Home know firsthand how commitment and love are extended to them.



Operation Dog Food

By Larrie Winzar, Rotary Club of Bendigo.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo focused on increased membership this year and attracted 14 new members. District 9800 presented clubs who inducted 4 new members in the first three months of the 2015/16 Rotary Year with \$1000 to be used by the new members to create a project.

In the Rotary Club of Bendigo, we have a “mother” project called Starthrower which supports rural women in times of natural disasters. The “son” of that project was “Men’s Day Out” offering farmers a day of relaxation and enjoyment away from their farms. The “grandson” of Starthrower is “Operation Dog Food”.

We became aware that because of the ongoing drought, farmers around the Kerang area were finding it increasingly difficult to find the money to feed their farm dogs. Farm dogs do physical work with the farmers but they are often their best mate too, so their dogs provide a positive psychological boost to the farmers’ lives. Imagine not being able to feed your best mate!

When the Rotary Club of Bendigo became aware of this issue, through the “Men’s Day Out”, we couldn’t imagine it either. One of our new members, Ilona Pearce, is passionate about dogs and decided to do something about it.

Ilona, with her small team, organised “Operation Dog Food”. We sourced quality dog food from Landmark McNeil Saunders in Kerang, wanting to keep everything local. They were very keen to support the project and provided us with 80 x 20kg bags of dog food at cost. Our team travelled to Kerang on a bright sunny Autumn day in May and met at the Kerang Rotary Club rooms, with some of their Rotarians too, and the farmers and their dogs arrived to collect the dog food. We provided morning tea which we also purchased locally to support their economy.

Landmark McNeil Saunders transported the large bags to the Rotary rooms and we were also greatly assisted by one of our key players (and now a very special friend) Mary Fenton from Kerang. Mary and her husband Colin organised to distribute the dog food that hadn’t been collected on the day. It had rained only a few days previously and many of the farmers in the district were on their tractors sowing crops.

The \$1000 grant from District was well used – it was a win win project for everyone – certainly the dogs and farmers but also the sense of satisfaction in providing such a necessary product. The project met the criteria of District and such was the success of the project, I have allocated \$1500 this year for another delivery of dog food to the farmers in Kerang in November this year.



***Photos: Top - Some hungry farm dogs
Lower - Three happy dogs with Bendigo Rotarians and a truck-load of dog food.***

Rotary Speaker via Skype

By David Owen, Hawthorn Rotary

Hawthorn Rotary's regular lunch time meeting on June 14th was a highlight for the year: it was exciting as it invoked the use of internet technology (Skype) to connect a speaker live in Adelaide with the audience in suburban Hawthorn, Melbourne.

Our techno team headed by friend **Robert Ball**, **Noel Halford** and **Jill Weeks** had been preparing for the event for some time.

This event there could not have been a better nor more appropriate speaker than **Kirsty Stark**, an absolute Rotary stalwart starting from when she was six years old, when her father together with the family undertook a Rotary Group Study tour to Japan. Kirsty's CV re Rotary and participation in it is prolific and continuous, first as an exchange student at 15, subsequent exchange/study stints to Colorado and Sweden, then being a member of the Magill-Sunrise Rotary Club in Adelaide. A Flinders University graduate (in Film Production) in 2007, this young woman will be Club President in 2016/17.



Kirsty's topic was the story of her progress and passion towards her present and most recent "high" in the art of cinema photography and film production, namely as producer for the currently circulating Australian movie "A Month of Sundays". Here is a link to its trailer:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oDmrOg5mj8>

We heard how this journey started by making amateur films as a 15 year old, and later opportunity in film making classes at a USA high school, then persistent immersion as a volunteer into various film festivals, university study, and a first real paying job as a production assistant on the set in "Beautiful Kate", an Australian movie with **Rachael Ward** and **Bryan Brown**. She followed that with like roles in later and other South Australian based films including "Snowtown". It was fascinating to hear how a 4 week production of one given feature was based on generating 7 minutes of material each day.

Then a step change, in which with a colleague she set up a film company (first as the silent investors too) and a year or so later tackling the onerous role of procuring finance from external sources including government (State and Federal) film institutes. This culminated in recent times with "A Month of Sundays" now successfully showing at many theatres around Australia.

There was some prompt feedback from Kirsty about the Skype experience, and her pleasure in being involved and of course details about showings of "Sundays".

Kirsty's talent and persistence will be invaluable to the Australian film industry although one must wonder how long before the lure of an overseas production role takes hold.

This is a list of cinemas that are currently playing "A Month of Sundays":

<http://amonthofsundaysfilm.com.au/cinemas>

Clean Water and Bicycles for Cambodia

By Sean Thomson – President Wyndham Rotary

Bronwyn Stephens of “World of Difference” located a remote Cambodian village, Sna Dek Cho, in desperate need, and developed a project to provide fresh water to the village and bicycles to transport children the long distance to school. In January 2016, Bronwyn led a team of 10 Rotarians and 10 non-Rotarians on a working tour.

Sna Dek Cho village is located in Cambodia, Northeast of Siem Reap province, 35km from Siem Reap town. The community is spread over 750 hectares. Currently there are 279 families with 1264 people. This community was set up for disabled people. They are shunned in Cambodian society and have been removed from the tourist areas. They are housed in concrete small squat houses, ill equipped and furnished and poorly resourced. They have plenty of land but the people are disabled so unable to work the land. They had been provided with bore style water pumps for their water supply and flimsy plastic water filters that break quickly. In the heat, the plastic deteriorates. Biosand concrete water filters have been proven to be durable and effective for over 10 years. There is much research to support their effectiveness. World of Difference Cambodian Project Leader, Rotary Club of Phnom Penh member, Rithy Ann, trained with Sao Sary Foundation learning the principles of and construction techniques for these filters.

Four local handicapped men were taught by Rithy Ann to construct the water filters. They worked with the Rotarians and others in our group, in making the filters, painting the logos and distributing the bicycles.



A villager with a Biosand concrete water filter.



School children with their new bicycles.

The 50 locally purchased bicycles were allocated to children who have to travel over 8 kms each way to school. This will enable at least 50 children to go to school who realistically wouldn't have been able to, without a bicycle. Most children share a bicycle, so perhaps 100 children will use the bicycles, and also their extended families.

Future WOD tours will monitor the state of repair of the filters and bicycles and repair them as necessary.

On a previous WOD tour, Wyndham Rotarians Sue and John Campbell, funded the purchase of 4 filter molds. Since then, tours have been funding construction of the filters. For this tour, fundraising by Wyndham Rotary, assisted by a District International Grant, enabled 70 filters to be constructed and donated to families in this impoverished community. The Campbells again joined the tour and the team put in many hours constructing filters.

The biosand water filters can be shared by perhaps 10 people. More than 10 years safe drinking water will come from each water filter. So, the 70 filters will provide safer water for 10 years for around 700 people.

Axedale Hosts a UN Debate

By Joseph Hinchliffe, Bendigo Advertiser, May 28, 2016

"Mr Secretary General," the delegation from Mali began her speech on the weekend: "Turkey made a, frankly, hilarious report on North Korea to which Mali is strongly opposed." The delegate went onto explain how collapse of the regime would destabilise the region.

The speech did not occur in New York, but in Axedale and the delegate was 17-year-old Alice Lamont from Footscray. Ms Lamont was one of 36 students from across Rotary's 9800 District to descend on Camp Getaway this weekend for the annual Model United Nations Assembly. Grouped into pairs representing their schools, the students were assigned a nation to represent and tasked with forming blocs and arguing resolutions.

Bendigo Sandhurst youth director Martin Ruffell said the conference was designed to broaden the perspectives of Victorian youth. "It gets the students talking about international issues and understanding that it is a much bigger world and there are other things to consider," Mr Ruffell said. It was the fifth year the event had been held at Camp Getaway but last year Bendigo could not muster any representatives.

This year Bendigo Senior Secondary College fronted two teams. BSSC's Kelly Phan and Casey Barczynski represented Afghanistan – adorned with traditional garb loaned from the local Afghan community. "We'll be arguing for resolution 31," Ms Phan explained as the assembly was adjourned and the nations formed into their regional and strategic blocs.

The proposed resolution would limit the veto power of permanent members of the Security Council by requiring the support of another permanent member or two other member nations. "Russia has been vetoing every effort to promote peace in our region so it's important we change how the Security Council works."

The 9800 District runs in a wedge from the southern suburbs of Melbourne to Echuca-Moama, as far west as Dalesford. Bendigo's other team was Anna Tchernomoroff and Brandon Eriksson representing Indonesia.

The winning team from the weekend will earn a spot in the MUNA final in August.

The final will be held in the old Parliament House, now the Museum of Australian Democracy, in Canberra.



DEVELOPING BONDS: Bendigo's Kelly Phan and Casey Barczynski [left and right] with Alice Lamont [centre] represent the developing nations of Afghanistan and Mali.

Rotary Fellowship at a Glance

By Gordon Cheyne, RC Hawthorn

The final month of every Rotary year is Fellowship Month. This is a fitting designation since fellowship is particularly to the forefront with changeovers being very much the priority in June. Fellowship is of course one of the five core values of Rotary, the others being service, diversity, integrity and leadership.

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members who –

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world
- Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries.
- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member-

Historical Background: Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.



Membership: In 2010-11, 59 fellowships reported a combined membership of almost 32,842 Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors in 104 countries. The average size for each Fellowship is 557 members. In 2010-11, 37 fellowships (63% of all fellowships) charged membership dues, with an average of US\$24 for annual dues and US\$143 for lifetime dues.

Some examples of Rotary Fellowships:

- [Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile](#) World Fellowship of Rotarians
- International Fellowship of Rotarians of [Amateur Radio](#)
- International Fellowship of [Bird-watching](#) Rotarians
- International Fellowship of [Bridge Playing](#) Rotarians
- International Fellowship of [Canoeing](#) Rotarians
- International [Caravanning](#) Fellowship of Rotarians
- International Fellowship of [Carnival Parades and Festivals](#) **
- International [Chess](#) Fellowship of Rotarians
- International Fellowship of [Pre-Colombian Civilizations](#)
- International [Computer Users](#) Fellowship of Rotary
- International Fellowship of Rotarian [Convention Goers](#)
- International Fellowship of [Cricket](#) Loving Rotarians
- International [Curling](#) Fellowship of Rotarians
- International Fellowship [Cycling](#) to Serve

A full list of Rotary Fellowships is available [HERE](#)

At the end of the movie – the cowboy rides away

By *PRIP Ray Klingensmith, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair*

Western movies were the most popular film genre for several decades, and they were well-known around the world. In many of them, after a victorious battle between the good guys and the bad guys, the hero would accept the appreciation of his friends and supporters, then ride off alone into the sunset.

I won't be alone due to my Rotary friends, but I will be riding into the Rotary sunset on June 30 and I can't avoid the comparison, because my life has been much more like a movie for 50 years. From the time I was selected as a Rotary Scholar in 1959, good things started happening for me, and they have continued in much the same way as they did in the heartwarming movies of yesteryear.

Due to my Rotary Foundation scholarship to study in South Africa, my life has been an amazing adventure. I never dreamt when I was sailing from New Orleans to Cape Town on a Lykes Line freighter ship in 1961 that I would be presiding officer at the 2011 Rotary Convention in that same port city of New Orleans exactly 50 years later. But it happened and I truly have a deep appreciation and passion for the Rotary Foundation.



I also am fortunate that I found a way to utilise my farm heritage with the music and lyrics of “Cowboy Logic” and the wisdom of the Code of the West as recited in the book *Cowboy Ethics*. It has been a signal honour to play a role in the fantastic story of Rotary as it has emerged on to the world stage. But above all else, I am proud to acknowledge that I am a living breathing product The Rotary Foundation – because I was a Rotary Scholar.

The Paul Harris Society

By Gordon Cheyne, RC Hawthorn

PDG Gordon McKern once again organised an enjoyable and informative dinner at Graduate House for supporters of The Rotary Foundation, namely the Paul Harris Society of D9800.

An entertaining panel of Stephanie Woollard (RC Melbourne) Bill Oakley (RC Balwyn) and Maria Silber (RC Footscray) described how their lives and projects had been influenced by The Rotary Foundation.

DG Julie Mason skilfully worked the room, interviewing attendees about their Rotary experiences and their reasons for supporting The Rotary Foundation: PDG Jim Studebaker reminisced on how John Rafter (RC Brimbank Central) had returned from a Rotary International Convention in 2006 and sung the praises of a Paul Harris Society to then District Governor Bernie Walshe. Bernie had taken up the challenge and established the first Paul Harris Society in Australia, which now has 115 members.



DG Julie and District Foundation Chairman PDG John Wigley with the panel: Stephanie Woollard, Bill Oakley and Maria Silber.



Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognises Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute US\$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. This giving promotes peace, fights disease, provides clean water, saves mothers and children, supports education, and grows local economies through grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honour and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

***Chaos reigns when Rotarians of various clubs get together!
This was an evening when ideas were floated and networking
excelled.***

Photos of the evening available [HERE](#)

For more information, or to join the Paul Harris Society of D9800, contact PDG Gordon McKern on 0408509084 or mckernbendigo@ozemail.com.au





Foundation *John Wigley*
District 9800 Foundation Chairman

I am very happy that so many clubs have applied for and received District Grants to support them with their local or international projects this year. This is our club

and personal contributions to the Foundation at work and I recommend you read the list of the 24 clubs and 31 projects in our newsletter. If your club did not have a project this year perhaps this will inspire you for next year.

Your club contributions have also supported 7 Global grants for larger projects (in excess of US\$30,000) which when combined with the District Designated Funds and the Foundation World Fund total as follows:

Project: Clean Water in Barra, Philippines

Club: Melbourne – USD98,714.00

Project: Water supply to a village and school in Uganda

Club: Werribee – USD82,623.00

Project: Incoming Research Fellow from Paris for MS research at the Florey Institute at Melbourne University

Club: Gisborne – USD30,793.00

Project: Global Scholar Alexa Ridgeway

District 9800 – USD60,000.00

Project: Water and Sanitation in Palghar India

Club: Albert Park – USD67,571.00

Project: ROMAC (9 districts) Total: USD147,357.00

Project: Global Scholar Colette Mintz USD60,000.00

To continue these vital projects locally and internationally in the future we need your club to give generously to the Annual Programs Fund before June 30 and cheques payable to **The Rotary Foundation** should be sent to **Chris Don 201/55 Chaucer Crescent, Canterbury 3126.**

As I am about to finish my three-year term as the District Foundation Director I wish to thank the members of the District Foundation Committee as follows most of whom have also served three year terms:

- ◆ Garth Symington Grants Chair with strong support from Ian Salek, PDG Dennis Shore: Global Scholars.
- ◆ PDG Don Jago, End Polio Now; PDG Gordon McKern, Paul Harris Society; PDG Ian Knight, Vocational Training Teams; Rob Helme, Peace Scholars; John McCaskill, Group Vocational Exchange.
- ◆ Chris Don, Annual Program Fund; Bernie McIntosh, EREY; Ejanul Haque, Alumni; Roger Leask, The Royce Abbey Awards.
- ◆ Finally, I am indebted to Cheryl Pisterman who has been tireless with her skills in being the Foundation Administrator, Minute Secretary, Newsletter Editor and publisher. Cheryl, the biggest Thank You!

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

Help Celebrate 100 Years of Our Foundation "Doing Good in the World"

The Rotary Foundation, will soon be 100 years old. That's one century of Rotarians improving lives and communities all over the world: **definitely something worth celebrating!**

Our Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, and provide people with basic education — and one historic project dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide.

Our centennial is the perfect time to share this impressive record of success with the world. Let's make sure that all Rotarians and everyone in our 35,000 Rotary communities know about the great work of Rotary and its Foundation.

Here are just a few ways you can celebrate this historic milestone:

- ◆ Host an event to create awareness of Rotary and its Foundation in your community.
- ◆ Promote club or district projects that are funded by the Foundation.
- ◆ Learn how your club can develop projects in one of the six areas of focus, and apply for funding from a Foundation global grant.
- ◆ Give to The Rotary Foundation and encourage others to do the same.

District 9800's Centennial committee has produced a special PowerPoint Presentation outlining how our district continues to "Do Good in the World" with its projects in disease prevention, literacy, maternal and child health. This presentation will be available through District. Remember District's Centennial committee is available to assist in obtaining further promotional material throughout the year. Find further ideas and resources at: www.rotary.org/foundation100.

Celebrating our Global Grant Scholars

Our two current scholars are progressing with their studies and engaging with Rotary in their new communities. **Amali Aluthgamage** has received confirmation of successful completion of her first semester at the University of Edinburgh and she is now well into her second semester. She will complete her studies in October 2016.



Similarly **Alexa Ridgway** is involved in her host club and the District in Hong Kong including attending the District Rotary Foundation Seminar this earlier in the year and a Grant Management Seminar. She also made a presentation to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South. Alexa continues to communicate regularly with District 9800.



Our previous Scholar **Tess Bright** has completed her internship with WHO in Geneva and advises that she has now been appointed as a Research Assistant at the London School of Hygiene and tropical Medicine, where she completed her Global Grant studies in October 2015. Tess is a great example of the Scholarship continuing to keep on giving beyond its formal term.

Lien Trinh, the first recipient of the Rotary D9800 Global Grant Scholarship completed her studies at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine for the Master of Public Health degree. She is now juggling motherhood and

working with Professor Hugh Taylor on the link between diabetes and vision impairment and assisting RC of Melbourne to develop a program to tackle endemic trachoma in indigenous Australians. In between she has initiated a program to link new arrivals with their new community.



Our latest candidate, **Collette Mintz** comes with excellent credentials and will study at Columbia University in New York for a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in Refugee Law & Policy. Collette is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

NOMINATE A ROTARY SCHOLAR



Nominate a Post Graduate for a Global Grant Scholarship. District 9800 has designed its own where the field of study must fit one of the 6 Areas of Focus of the Foundation.

From top clockwise: Amali presenting to her sponsor club, RC of Melbourne; Lien carrying out her valuable work; Tess supervising hearing checks in Vietnam; Collette Mintz; Alexa at her host club RC of Hong Kong South



End Polio Now!

The Number One priority of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation is the eradication of Polio.

You will have noticed in many recent Rotary publications the advertisement with the words "We Are This Close to Ending Polio" and this year, Rotary has released a further \$US 35 million to support immunisation activity in nine countries, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, being the two remaining polio-endemic countries and last year's historic achievement of stopping the transmission of the wild virus in Nigeria and in all of Africa. An additional \$355,000 has also been allocated to polio research.

Outbreaks in countries still at risk can mostly be traced back to Pakistan. Intensive programs are still being carried out in all African countries, not without danger and considerable expense. Vast improvements have been seen in Pakistan, with 80% fewer cases in the country than in 2014. In order to stop polio in this country in 2016, we must ensure the safety of vaccinators to reach every child. Furthermore we expect Nigeria and Afghanistan to be declared polio free by year end.

This release of \$35 million in grants signals our determination to finish the task to which hundreds of thousands have committed themselves. To make this a reality, it is NOW we need your support. All contributions to End Polio Now will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; a contribution of \$1000 becomes \$3000, thus providing vaccine for some 4,250 children. Paul Harris Recognitions may also be credited to End Polio Now and be likewise matched.

More than 20 years ago, WE as Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world that we would eradicate polio, WE as Rotarians must keep our promise.



Built on a Great Foundation

It was a modest project: to convert part of the Flag House Building in Balibo (about 124km from the Timor Leste capital Dili) into a dental clinic. RC Keilor received a \$4,000 District Grant to add to the \$8,000 the club had raised. Our partner is the Balibo House Trust who would match our funds if we made the commitment. **The ball had started to roll.**

When we said our aim was to provide the first dental clinic in an area that would service 15,000 people, we were asked about the long term need if funds were available. Funding resulted in a 42m² extension to the existing dental clinic design. Additional funding has made this possible and tax deductibility through RAWCS was a big help. Other visiting medical teams can also use the rooms.

In rural areas of developing countries, patient care is different from the West. People often have to walk for hours to get treatment and then wait until it is their turn. It became obvious that a kitchen was an essential part of the package. So the project acquired another partner, RC Port Melbourne, which raised further funds and obtained a Foundation Grant. The external support received by RC Port Melbourne was fantastic: including a set of new commercial kitchen equipment. **But wait there's more!**

When the clinic is established it will require a full time on-site resident dental nurse to manage the operation. If the Balibo House Trust provided accommodation, the Palms Organization undertook to fund a volunteer to work with the community and organize the clinic in the short-term. Michele is watching her home grow and Rotary now has a local representative. RC Berwick, Carlton and Pakenham joined the partnership and have made substantial contributions to fund this project.

Without the initial support of the Rotary Foundation this project may not have evolved. It proves that if you have a well-managed project, tell people about it and offer them opportunity to help, Rotary can make wonderful things happen.

Five Rotary Clubs are now involved. This is an ongoing project and I am sure that there will be further opportunities for the Rotary Foundation to be a part of the Balibo Partnership.

David Dippie, The Rotary Club of Keilor



Balibo Dental Clinic—Building on a strong Foundation

The Rotary Foundation District Grants for 2015-2016

Club	Purpose	District AUD	Club AUD
Richmond	Sanitation – Timor Leste	4,000.00	20,000.00
Central Melb Sunrise	Classroom fit out – Laos	5,400.00	19,500.00
North Melbourne	Community Soup Van – Melbourne	2,500.00	25,000.00
Brimbank Central	Refit existing toilets at community centre to care for disabled	2,500.00	3,550.00
Laverton Pt Cook	Construct a stone security fence around children's rescue centre – Kenya	6,700.00	13,300.00
District 9800	Teacher training local teachers in conjunction with "Teachers Across Borders" – Cambodia	25,576.00	
Bendigo South	Educational tools for Cambodia	2,200.00	4,400.00
Carlton	Support post-graduate scholar – Laura Schooners at Columbia University on Climate Change	2,500.00	2,500.00
Camberwell	Well and walkway at an orphanage in Vietnam	1,750.00	4,000.00
Footscray	Youth diabetes support for Western Health	2,500.00	4,000.00
Woodend	Water system Port Vila - Vanuatu	1,400.00	4,200.00
Malvern	Water and sanitation – Cambodia	2,500.00	7,700.00
Rochester	Ramp for the disabled in Rochester at Court House	2,500.00	8,085.00
Keilor	Leadership program at Keilor Downs Secondary College	1,250.00	5,000.00
Melbourne	Production of an App for use with young people suffering from Arthritis	2,500.00	5,000.00
Centr Melbourne Sunrise	Two nurses to provide 10 weekend after hour primary care service in CBD—trained in ER medicine	1,600.00	3,200.00
Docklands	Support "Festival of Giving" by being key organising body	2,500.00	5,000.00
Port Melbourne	Equipment for Balibo dental clinic	2,500.00	7,500.00
District 9800	Residential Half-Scholarship for a disadvantaged regional scholar at International House	11,350.00	
Brighton Beach	Fresh water for village in the Philippines	2,430.00	9,800.00
Wyndham	Equipment and Water filters for school in Cambodia	5,000.00	28,000.00
District 9800	Group Vocational Exchange to Philippines	15,000.00	
Balwyn	Equipment for elementary school in the Philippines	5,000.00	28,000.00
Flemington	Community day for youth in disadvantaged high-rise accommodation	2,500.00	6,000.00
North Balwyn	Provision of safe drinking water in Minh Hac in Vietnam	6,000.00	12,000.00

The Rotary Foundation District Grants for 2015-2016 continued

Club	Purpose	District AUD	Club AUD
Kew	Undertaking a scoping review on the diabetes problems with a view to setting up education programs in conjunction with the Ministry of Health in the Solomon Islands	3,650.00	10,950.00
Eaglehawk	Art Festival and workshop	1,000.00	1,000.00
Keilor (supported by 7 other clubs)	Facilitate a Melbourne visit for school children from drought-stricken Wycheproof	2,500.00	15,499.00
Brighton Beach	Defibrillator for local community	2,500.00	2,500.00
Brighton	Moir project – Adult violence in the home	2,500.00	2,500.00

Brimbank Central's District Grant for the local community

RC of Brimbank Central's project to rebuild the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre in Keilor Downs into an All Abilities/Disabled toilet was assisted by a District Grant. The new toilet meant enabled those with special needs to use the facilities of the centre on a regular basis.

The new Management Committee of the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre worked diligently over more than a year to make significant changes and improvements to the centre with the goal of making this a centre for the whole community. Since the completion of the project, the centre's special needs bookings have increased by 40%, and the centre is now used 2.5 days per week by special needs clients from a range of organisations.

Brimbank Rotary worked collaboratively with Scope Victoria as managers of the special needs project in relation to the overall design. And the Lions Club of Taylors Lakes provided in-kind support due to some of their members being part of the centre.



Brimbank Central Rotarians and others working together to transform the Bicycle Education Centre in Keilor Downs into a facility suitable for those with special needs

Woodend Rotary's Water Project in Vanuatu

The objective of the project was to install a water tank at an evacuation centre, approximately 5km north of downtown Vila in a suburb called Tebakor. During the recent cyclone Pam the roof of the evacuation centre was badly damaged. More serious was the authorities disconnecting water supplies to prevent contamination or power failure. So, the 10,000 litre tank installed by Woodend Rotary now guarantees a safe and reliable supply of drinking water in the event of future cyclones. Additional precautions included the installation of cyclone guarding (see photo).

Whilst organisation of the project took some months, the actual work was completed, from digging the first foundations to the final completion of the piping and guarding, in 6 days (excluding a weekend). The concrete foundations were prepared and poured by members of the local church where the evacuation centre is located. This has been a very successful International project for Woodend Rotary and District 9800. Working in co-operation with the locals, this District grant has provided a needy community with fresh, sustainable drinking water.

Woodend Rotarians and partners celebrate the successful completion of water project in Vanuatu thanks to a District Grant



Clarice's Comments



It is so nice to see the efforts of Rotarians being recognized on television: Kurt Drysdale was severely injured in a freak accident while playing rugby league, but his smile and determination to beat the odds captured your hearts. With the help of Southbank Rotary Club, *A Current Affair* launched a special fundraising appeal to help Kurt. Watch the *Current Affair* Video:

<http://aca.ninemsn.com.au/article/9126075/bring-kurt-home-update>

You can still donate by visiting the Rotary website.

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=944>

So we have finally put the last “Networker” together for this Rotary year! The team at the office give a special thanks to DG Julie for her prompt and enlightening contributions: we all look forward to the DG Changeover Lunch at the RACV, when we can thank her appropriately, and invite Neville John and Rebecca to take over the reins.

Send me your news: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

“Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.”

— [Alex Levine](#)

See you later - Clarice.

Notices and Events

Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing Antiques and Collectables Fair

15 July 2016 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm; 16 July 2016 from 10.00am to 5.00pm and 17 July 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

\$10.00 admission

<https://www.facebook.com/RCHCAntiqueandCollectablesFair/>



Notices and Events

Albert Park Poker Night

Rotary Albert Park is holding a Poker Night to raise funds for our Indian projects ([see here](#)) on **Saturday, 16th July**, at 7:00pm. Join us, and invite your friends, for a fun, professionally run, social night of poker in a safe environment.

- Quick "Learn to Play" instructions before the Texas Hold'em tournament
- The top 9 players will share in over \$2,000 worth of prizes

Middle Park Bowling Club, Canterbury Road, Middle Park

Entry is by a donation of \$50. Bring your friends - you'll have fun Drinks at bar prices Food available The space is limited, so get in early. To buy tickets, go to Trybooking,

<https://www.trybooking.com/203796>



Belle Nuit, Nuit D'Amour

Rotary Club Caulfield present a Musical Event at St. John's Uniting Church, 567 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick

A concert with Alan Kogosowski (International Pianist and Emily Xiao Wang (Soprano) and Galit Klas (Soprano). This will be a fun afternoon of music with piano, and two very different style Soloists.

This is to take place in a wonderful old church with great acoustics.

SUNDAY 19th JUNE 3pm Tickets \$25,\$20(Concession),

Booking 95701954 or 95327593



Rotary West Footscray Movie Night

An informative documentary *Chasing Asylum* is a fundraiser to give direct support to displaced families in Greece. Sun Theatre, Yarraville for

Monday 27th June, 7pm.

Cost is just \$20 per head to Chris Jones Ph 9379 5888 or Cecil on 0432 299 622



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Rotarian Rithy as our guide, and Bronwyn as tour leader.

District Governor Changeover

District Governor Julie Mason and Governor Elect Neville John and Rebecca have great pleasure in inviting you and your partner to join them in an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment at the 2016-2017 District 9800 Governor Changeover lunch, which will be held at the RACV City Club on **Sunday 26 June**. This function is kindly being hosted by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise, and is sponsored/supported by DESA Australia Pty Limited and the RACV City Club. You can book using Try Bookings www.trybooking.com/198918, or for manual registration, by completing the booking form [HERE](#). If you have any questions please contact Bernie or Marjorie Gerlinger on email marbern@bigpond.net.au. We look forward to you joining Julie, Neville and Rebecca for a reflection on the year of 'Being a Gift to the World' and handing over to a year of 'Rotary Serving Humanity'.



Camberwell Rotary Art Show

Swinburne University, from **9 to 17 July**. Over 1,500 paintings and all of them will be offered for sale. A package for clubs to hold a regular meeting at the show is available. It includes Admission to the Show, Lunch or dinner including a glass of wine, and a free tour of the Show with an art expert. Cost \$25 per person for a minimum of 20 people. Call Geoff Angus, 0408 348 212 or email to geoffangus@bigpond.com.



Daryl Mills Farewell

Final Report and Farewell Visit by Daryl Mills Rotary Liaison Office Timor Leste 26th July. The Rotary Club of Balwyn 6.15 for 6.45pm at Green Acres Golf Club 51 Elm Street, Kew
Cost: \$30.00 for two course meal – drinks at bar prices

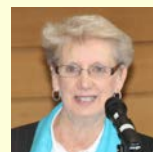


A special evening of review, thanks and farewell to Daryl Mills Daryl's commitment to Timor Leste over the last 12 years has been outstanding and his legacy lives on through his training of several locals to continue this vital work. We commend this evening to you and would ask that you forward this note to other individuals and Clubs in D9800 and surrounding Districts.
RSVP: richardseeley@bigpond.com by 19th July, 2016

Stay informed on Rotary events:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Our Contributors



District Governor Julie Mason of Wyndham RC always writes a lovely column for "The Networker"



Tony Thomas writes lots of amusing and informative material for us and for "Quadrant.org.au"



David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. He admits he may need your help!



District Secretary Mark Stephens is always sending us interesting and useful stuff to print.



Our Girl Friday Clarice was asked why she writes a column in "Networker". "Well, why not?" was her reply.



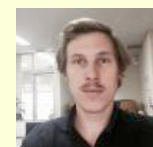
David Owen edits and produces the weekly Hawthorn Rotary Club Bulletin.



Matthew Scott sends us regular reports from the Deep North, in between episodes of face-painting.



District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, tells us about some famous people he has met through Rotary.



Joseph Hinchliffe is a reporter with The Bendigo Advertiser. He obviously enjoyed his visit to MUNA.