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FEBRUARY IS ROTARY'S PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION & RESOLUTION MONTH

DG Julie Mason's Message



*February Area of Focus: Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution*



**We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking
that we used when we created them.- Albert Einstein**

Conference News

As I sit and type, I see that it is less than a month until over 900 people come together in Bendigo for our District Conference. Given all the time taken in planning, and the cost of running this event I do reflect on the value if there is not a point of difference or challenge in the content of the Conference. For those attending we intend to be a little provocative, forward looking, musical, technological and add... Fun Inspiration Relevance

Education....FIRE to your life. I

hesitate in using this in the hope that the negative connotation associated with the word does not annoy anyone affected by the recent bushfires. For those unable to attend we intend to record many of the Rotary speakers and make this available to all. The Conference themes of Innovative Leadership, Joined Up Partnerships, Our Youth Our Future and Golden Rotary Moments are designed to ebb and flow throughout the few days that we spend together celebrating our lives in Rotary. The words of Cass will remind you of the important role we have in promoting peace in the world. Who is Cass? Well you will know after you have been to Bendigo!



Taking Rotary from the Inside Out.

In demystifying Rotary and showing that we are in fact NOT male, stale and pale, I have asked you to take a Rotary gathering outside so that people can see the diversity in our clubs, the projects that we do and the outcomes that we achieve. It seems appropriate to me that we do this in February, the anniversary month of the formation of Rotary. I was delighted to be able to attend a Beach Bathing Box gathering by the Brighton North group of Rotarians, partners and friends. They took the opportunity to show the passing parade of people walking along the look of Rotary and some of the work that their local club does in the community. Now please send

me photos of **your** event and I will include it in the District Governor Facebook Page that is a permanent record of this year of you **"Being a Gift to the World"**.

Vocational Training Team Returns

Over a hundred teachers know more about their profession and Rotary, because of the work done by a special group of educators who gave up time and holiday opportunities to go to Cambodia in the name of the second Vocational Training Team for District 9800. Team members were selected for their experience as educators and their commitment to, and understanding of, the particular needs in Cambodia. The aim of this Vocational Training Team is to assist teachers from remote villages to have some purposeful exposure to innovative teaching techniques and thereby increase the opportunities for students to get a thorough knowledge of the English language and increase their opportunities to get out of the poverty cycle and access a better life. It certainly seems that the pilot program was very successful and now we apply for a Global Grant to extend the program for another three years. So thank you.....Audrey, Gary, Maria, Bronwen, Rosemary and the amazing Bronwyn Stephens for taking an idea and making it reality!!

Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World.

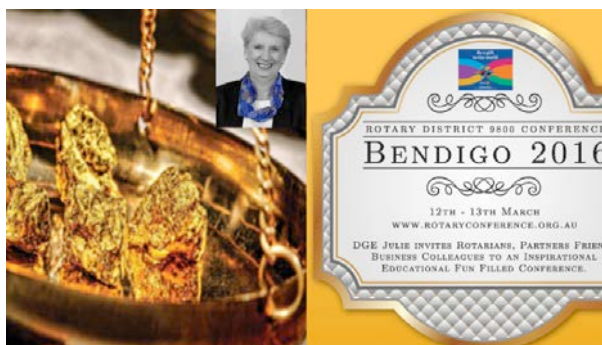
Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor



***Photos of the VTT above show:
Gary and interpreter in classroom
activity.
Officeworks Cambodia style
The VTT***



Vocational Training Team in Cambodia

By Bronwyn Stephens, VTT Team Leader

District Governor Julie Mason's 2016 Vocational Training Team in Cambodia:

Pilot Mission accomplished....expectations exceeded.



The program delivered was built around the foundations of Early Years Literacy strategies, with a specific focus on: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Embedded into these lessons were strategies involving group work, team building, engaging brain exercises and behaviour management. Along with these, we included the development of positive relationships, effective teaching and learning skills and a range of assessment tools.

In January 2014 District Governor Julie Mason visited Cambodia. She came back with a clear vision of intending to empower local Cambodian teachers with a program designed to cater to needs identified in current education practices. The trainees involved, practiced education in rural areas, often with a severe lack of resources, out-dated teaching practices, a deficiency in professional development opportunities and large class sizes. Although passionate about educating children, they faced challenges incomparable to those faced by Australian teachers.



There were two groups of eighty teachers, each offered four-day workshops. Participants were incredibly engaged, appreciative and most importantly, motivated to implement the various strategies taught in their own classrooms. They were able to understand that learning could be fun, adaptable and student centred. These were new concepts to many of the participants.

The results of collated 160 evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. For a pilot program it was amazing!

It is our sincere hope that this program continues in future in order to maintain the development of these incredible Cambodian educators... If so, we have absolute faith that each year we will continue to exceed

expectations and build upon well developed foundations. It has truly been one of the greatest experiences of Audrey's teaching career and one she is extremely passionate about. Not only has it been a privilege, but an honour to take on our roles in this team.

Photos: Trainer Gary and interpreter in a classroom activity

Thanks to DIK for teacher resource satchels and contents

VTT team and participants

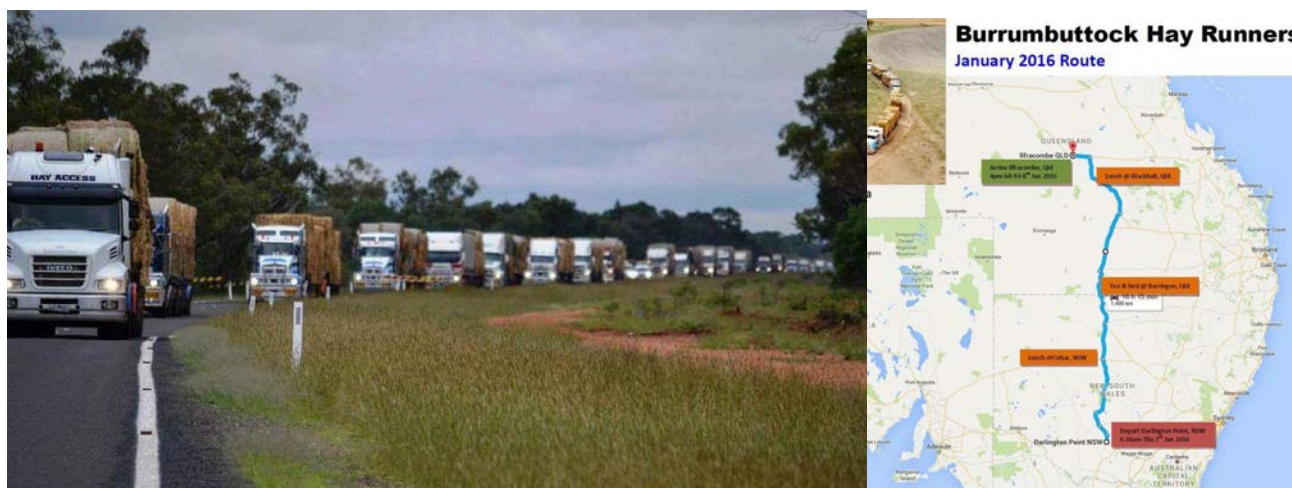
Burrumbuttock Hay Runners - A Story Of Aussie Spirit

From "Global Livestock Marketing"

Towards the end of 2015, a crop farmer from southern New South Wales decided he'd had enough of the inaction by all levels of government (local, state and federal) to assist cattle farmers in western Queensland, some of whom had not seen rain on their properties in 14 years.

This farmer, Brendan "Bumper" Farrell, organised crop farmers in southern NSW and northern Victoria to harvest and donate as much hay as they could afford. He then set about organising transport for all this hay to be delivered to the western Queensland town of Ilfracombe, some 1860 kilometres away.

It all came together and, at 6.30am on 07JAN2016, all the hay had been loaded onto road trains, single trailers and body trucks - a fleet of 124 prime movers - and they headed off to Queensland from Darlington Point in southern NSW. I have attached a photo/map of the route they took.



They were all unloaded and on their way by sunset on 9th January, 2016.

You can check out the full story on their Facebook site, Burrumbuttock Hay Runners:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Burrumbuttock%20Hay%20Runners>.

As you can see, Brendan had meticulously planned out the route they took to avoid disrupting traffic on our major highways, fuel stops were organised well in advance (so the locals wouldn't run out of fuel when the road trains arrived to top up), and overnight accommodation and food was provided free of charge (usually organised by the local services clubs, eg Lions or Rotary).

As you can imagine, this effort was a logistical nightmare - but this is the 10th hay run Brendan has organised all over Australia. The trucks were provided by Aussie owner/drivers and transport companies from near and far, free of charge. The drivers were not paid, but are having their fuel costs reimbursed by people donating to the drought appeal, run by the Sydney Rotary Club. It was estimated that the bigger road trains would consume over \$2000.00 worth of fuel each on this trip.

None of this was financed by any level of Australian government - it was funded by donations from thinking, kind-hearted, working-class Aussies who live in the coastal cities and who are in awe of their country cousins who are doing it so tough in the Australian outback.



From the Year of the Sheep to the Year of the Monkey

By Alexandra Ridgway, Global Grants Scholar

From the Year of the Sheep to the Year of the Monkey: My first six months as a Global Grants Scholar in Hong Kong

Over the past week, I have been greeted by two shining red lanterns whenever I come home. I turn the dark street corner and they are there, glittering in the night, guiding my way. Chinese New Year is upon us. The beat of the lion's drum can be heard across the city – people are preparing for the lion dances. Dinners with friends and families abound, large bean cakes ('nian gao') are sold on every street corner, and shops are decorated with bright red and gold signs.

You can even make a wish at the Wishing Tree. You write a wish on a card and tie it to a mandarin and tie it to a tree. Mandarin oranges are signs of good fortune and prosperity.

As a Rotary Global Grants Scholar living in Hong Kong, I love that I have the opportunity to advance my education by studying at The University of Hong Kong while also enjoying these rich cultural experiences.

My first six months in Hong Kong is best described as a wonderful whirlwind. Hong Kong is a city which beautifully represents the yin and yang of life. The speed of the city is wonderfully contrasted with the slow pace of tai chi (qi gong) practitioners and the peaceful landscape of the mountains.

My involvement with Rotary District 3450 has really enriched my life here. Rotarians have gone above and beyond to help me to settle into Hong Kong's way of life and learn its cultural nuances. My role as a Rotary Global Grants Scholar has provided me with an instant network of wonderful people both within my host club and beyond. Last year I was invited to attend District 3450's 'Foundation Seminar and Grant Seminar'. This opportunity allowed me to meet people from across the District who were able to share their insights into my research and provide me with a broad understanding of the excellent work District 3450 does.

Last week I spoke at my host club, Rotary Club of Hong Kong South. My presentation was titled 'Developing a Global Perspective: A Cross-Cultural Exploration of Responses to Family Violence'. We had a wonderful conversation afterwards with many questions and an energetic group discussion. I will be speaking at a number of other Rotary Clubs over the coming months.

However, my Rotary experiences have not all been about hard work. I have also had the chance to socialise with Rotarians and Rotary Scholars at a number of events. We recently met for Chinese New Year dinner for past and current scholars in Hong Kong. This was a great opportunity to compare notes with others. I will also be volunteering at the Rotary HK UltraMarathon in March.



As we enter the Year of the Monkey, I send my best wishes to District 9800 and hope your new year brings with it much luck, prosperity, good health and of course joy.

Kung Choi Fat Yee! (Happy Chinese New Year)

Alexandra was chosen as one of District 9800's Global Grants Scholars in 2015. She is undertaking her PhD at The University of Hong Kong over the next four years. Alexandra's PhD research will compare the experiences of domestic violence victims in Hong Kong and Victoria.

Huge gains in malaria control

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Massive progress is being made in the global fight against malaria, with Rotary making a strong contribution. The facts below were compiled for a 5-minute presentation to RC Central Melbourne Sunrise last month.

Malaria is a preventable but treatable disease but half the world population (3.2b) is still at risk from it.

Because of improved campaigning and a 20-fold funding increase this century, new cases have plummeted. They fell 40% last year to 214m. Deaths fell even more sharply, by 60%, but still run at 500,000 p.a.

Anti-malaria successes are estimated to be contributing about 20% to the global gains in infant mortality.



Malaria kills a child every 60 seconds. Its lethal effects hit strongest against pregnant women and children under 5. Fifteen African countries comprise 80-90% of the malaria reservoir.

A billion people are infected but 80% of them don't know it – and from them the infection spreads by mosquitos to others. Identifying carriers is improving from cost-effective technologies such as 50c tests, that can be resolved on-the-spot.

A particular peril is a region in Cambodia where strains have developed with resistance to the best new drugs. If those strains were to 'escape' and get into Africa, humanity would incur a devastating setback.

Medical science (e.g. one-shot super-drugs) and modern approaches offer big advances in the coming half-decade, compared to past efforts involving long-lasting treated bednets and sprays.

Malaria 'hot-spots' are now being identified and tackled at source, with mapping of travels of infected (but unknowing) carrier groups by use of mobile phone data, for example. This limits the multiplying of new 'hot-spots' while the primary hot-spot is tackled. As with polio, the battle is to eradicate the disease – merely controlling it is not enough.



Global targets, via the World Health Organisation and the Gates' foundations, are to triple funding to \$US9b annually. The cost-benefit ratio is estimated at about 36 times. Cases and deaths are to fall by a further 90% by 2030 with no resurgences. Bill Gates himself, who is funding around \$US250m annually, sees elimination of malaria by 2040.

From Australian Rotary's point of view, the front line is PNG where gains have been strong in recent years. In 1997 malaria was PNG's biggest killer; now it is only 8th ranked.

Cases per 1000 people are 38, down 75% since 2009.

More than 9m treated bednets have been distributed, with current cost per net at about \$10. The successes in PNG have led to a significant fall in global aid, since the donors have re-focused onto worse-hit nations. Hence innovative approaches are needed.

In our other neighbor Timor Leste, cases have fallen to only 1 per 1000 people, and elimination of malaria there is possible.

Our photos show the villain, and his victims.

International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians

By Richard Groom, Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills

The formal start of IFCR was at the Long Room of the MCG during the 1993 Melbourne RI Convention. RI president Rajendra Saboo from India and (later) RI director Geoffrey Pike from Great Britain were the initiators.

IFCR is one of 41 Rotary recreational and vocational fellowships.

Presently IFCR has members in UK, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Overall membership of 1000 plus places our fellowship in the top 10 in terms of members of all Rotary fellowships.

Cricket games and tours are conducted on 3 levels. International festivals which take place every 2 years or so, national festivals every 2 years in Australia and twice per year in India and local games at locations such as Strath Creek which is the spiritual home of Australian IFCR.



Recent international festivals have been held at Nottingham (July 2014) and Vapi, India (February 2012). Local festivals in Australia have been held at Bendigo (March 2015) and Adelaide (October 2012).

Other promotional tours in recent years to Western Australia and Tasmania have had the objective of attracting new members in those areas. Indian IFCR has undertaken similar tours abroad to Corfu and Nepal and internally to various parts.

Membership of IFCR brings benefits of increasing members' circle of Rotary friends and contacts. The fellowship between Rotary cricketers at national and international gatherings is a rewarding adjunct to participation in the cricket games. Joint projects such as Global Grants have been created between IFCR partners.

Our IFCR website www.rotarycricket.org gives details of the next Australian IFCR festival at Wagga in October this year and of the next international festival at Christchurch in January 2017. The website has separate sections for each country and advises prospective members how to join IFCR.

***Photos: Top: British and Irish, and South African players after a game in Durban, 2010
Below: South Africa and Pakistan teams.***

International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians

By David Benn, Wagga Wagga Festival Chairman

Cricketing Rotarians, Partners and Friends are invited for a week of cricket in Wagga Wagga, NSW Australia for the Bi Annual IFCR Australian Festival, from Sunday the 16th to Friday 21st October 2016.

The Festival will be held at the Bolton Park Sports ground Complex, which has four cricket ovals and is located in the centre of Wagga Wagga. Facilities include an International sized cricket field, turf cricket pitch and turf practice wickets. The other three grounds, the Mark Taylor Oval, Geoff Lawson Oval and Michael Slater Oval are all located within the Bolton Park complex.

There are a dozen motels within walking distance of Bolton Park and the main street, with the main shopping centre, being only half a block away. More details about the Festival are at ifcrwagga2016.org.au

This year, you can register online or download a form and register manually. International registrations close June 30th and Australian registrations close July 30th 2016.

Extensive planning and preparations are going into the Wagga Wagga Festival, which the organisers will make an enjoyable and a memorable occasion for you and your partner. Wagga Wagga, being the largest inland city in New South Wales, has much to offer.

More details from David Benn, 2016 IFCR Wagga Wagga Festival Chairman

Mobile: 0439 710 716, Home: 0269 228 300

Email: david@davidbenn.com Website: www.ifcrwagga2016.org.au



Some fine cricket was demonstrated when the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians assembled in Melbourne, in 2012.



How will your club celebrate Rotary's anniversary?

From "Rotary Weekly"



On 23 February, Rotary clubs worldwide will mark the 111th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting by holding an event, hosting a fundraiser, or lighting a notable building. Send us a photo of how your club is celebrating, and we'll include it in a gallery. clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Paul P. Harris, an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Rotary's reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, and composer Jean Sibelius.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.



The first four Rotarians (from left): Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, circa 1905-12.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



A Rotary Selfie for your Club!

By Adrian Nelson, Public Image and Communications Director

Every year, Rotary Clubs around the globe celebrate Rotary's birthday on February 23rd. This year, we turn 111!

To celebrate, we are encouraging all clubs to take a "Selfie" of their club on or around Rotary's birthday and distribute it via social media, especially your Facebook page if you have one. Try to fit everyone present into the photo and if we "tag" each member who is in the photo, we will get the word out far and wide that Rotary likes to celebrate! Which club in our District will be the most creative?

Here are 6 tips on how to take the "perfect" group selfie:

1. Nominate a director (or be one yourself).

There's nothing worse than losing the moment you're trying to capture while everyone wriggles around, trying to decide who they want to stand next to in the photo. Seriously, you can spend days doing that. Instead, establish a single director to get everyone into the picture or tell them where they need to go. They don't need to be a drill sergeant about it, but having one voice to listen to instead of eight or nine is a blessing.



2. Find your light...

It's not just an Australia's Next Top Model catchphrase: no matter how good your front-facing camera is, if your lighting's bad, the entire selfie comes crashing down. Make sure you only take photos where the lighting is directly facing your group, as opposed to coming from one side or behind you. This will ensure that everyone is evenly lit from the front, rather than leaving one person standing in shadow.

3. ...But not the phone flash, if possible.

There may be people in the world who look ***flawless by the light of an iPhone flash, but we are yet to meet one of them. Use natural light wherever you can, or find some flattering artificial lighting if not. The best artificial light source, again, will be directly facing your group, not coming from overhead or behind.

4. Be clear about when the picture will be taken.

"One, two, three!"

"Wait, were we going on three?"

"Wait, are we taking it now?"

We bet you've had this exact conversation at some point at your club. Instead of wasting time debating whether you should snap the photo when you say three or AFTER you say three, try signalling the shot with something that is 100% unambiguous. We've always had good success with "One, two, three, CLICK!"

5. Take a few options (and art direct them as best you can).

Because the last thing that Even if this is just saying "Ok, everyone do pretty smiles! Now a silly one! Now one with monster faces!" you'll have a wide range of moods and photos to choose from. Even if everyone likes a different group selfie, they'll at least have options to choose from.

6. Don't be afraid to be silly.

Seriously, just go for it. Sometimes the photos where you feel the goofiest end up looking the best. Besides, even if you look a little weird, at least you're looking weird with your friends, right? We Rotarians do know how to have fun!

Youth Exchange Update

By Vanda Mullen, Chairman Youth Exchange Committee

Rotary Youth Exchange Invites You to Enhance your Rotary Service Programs: we are seeking Host Clubs for Inbound Youth Exchange Students arriving in July 2016.

D9800 currently partners with the following countries: Japan, Taiwan, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Hungary, Poland and Brazil.

Host Clubs are invited to Host an Inbound student arriving in July 2016 (or January 2017 from Brazil).

Further information is available from the D9800 Youth Exchange website:

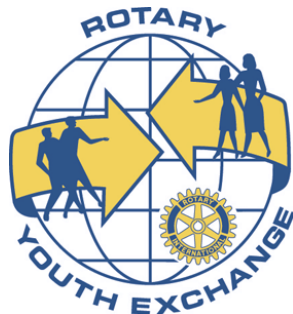
www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au such as, the role of a Host Club, specific duties of the Host Club Counsellor and Host Families, to ensure that our D9800 Inbound students have the best year of their lives, all made possible by Rotary International.

We are also seeking Outbound Youth Exchange Student Applications for 2017:

Many D9800 clubs already successfully liaise with local schools, local newspapers and community newsletters to seek outstanding local Rotary Youth Exchange student applicants – please refer student applicants to our D9800 Youth Exchange website for more information:

www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au

Contact: Chairman Vanda Mullen vmullen@netspace.net.au for further information.



Above: De-briefing of last year's exchange students, with Chair Vanda Mullen and DG Murray Verso

Left: 2016-2016 inbound and outbound exchange students

Clarice's Comments

Peace and Conflict Resolution may well be the Rotary Topic of the Month, but we REALLY NEEDED someone to pacify my friend Lauren, when someone remarked that a University of Graz study concluded that vegetarians are more often ill and have a lower quality of living than meat-eaters. Lauren of course is a vegan, and very diet conscious: she went completely spare when her adversary added that the scientists found that vegans had a 150% higher rate of heart attacks.

I made the excuse that my boss Adrian gets really snakey if I am late, and made a quick exit before they came to blows.

Conflict resolution, anyone?

My dear friend **Tony Thomas** is home again after a big spinal operation: true to form, he kept us entertained with "selfies" of his stay in hospital. Tony and daughters Sara and Briony have formed a team for the World's Greatest Shave. Sara is being super brave and shaving her golden locks off altogether; Briony is dyeing her hair bright pink. Tony intends to just lounge around waiting for his remaining hair to fall out!

Typically Tony, he sent us an article on Malaria the day before he was discharged from Epworth Hospital. What would "The Networker" be without Tony Thomas? Just get well soon, Tony!

To enjoy their Shave antics and support the anti-leukaemia cause, go to

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=620610&Referrer=direct/none#&panel1-1>

Don't forget to send me your news and photos:

clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Ta-ta for now - Clarice.



Photo: Tony Thomas (Dad) appraises daughter Sara Kite's hair for removal and sale as mattress stuffing. The leukaemia fund-raising was Sara's brainwave.

Women in Rotary 
An initiative of The Rotary Club of Albert Park

2016 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
BREAKFAST
THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016

THE PALLADIUM CROWN
SOUTHBANK, MELBOURNE
6:45 FOR 7:00 AM
TO 9:00 AM



Notices and Events

Group Vocational Exchange Farewell Dinner

Milanos Hotel, The Esplanade, Brighton Beach. **Tuesday, 16th February**, 6.30pm for 7.00pm Join us for a great send-off for the GVE Team to the Philippines, and to welcome the incoming team. Cost: \$40/head

The GVE program provides an international exchange in paired areas of different countries for business/professional people aged 25 – 40 years. The visits are normally 4 – 6 weeks duration. Clubs and Clusters are invited to assist in home hosting and arranging suitable vocational visits for the visiting GVE Team members.

Bookings **must** be prepaid via Trybooking by **13th February**

<http://www.trybooking.com/176125>

Further details Julie Avery 9591 9591 or 0418364191 Julie@brightontravel.com.au



Business Leaders Breakfast

Speaker; Dr Simon Longstaff, AO

Executive Director, The Ethics Centre

Tuesday 23 February, 7:40am to 9:00am

Level 2, RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Tickets: \$65 per person, includes full hot breakfast

For bookings, please visit our online booking site before Friday 19 February 2015 at:

<http://www.trybooking.com/177164>



Glen Eira Woman of the Year

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Glen Eira at the Glasshouse at Caulfield Racecourse at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 23rd February**, Rotary's Birthday. Tickets online at rotarygleneira.org.au.



Carlton RC Trivia Night

Saturday, 27 February 7 00 .FOR 7.30 P.M START

Kensington Town Hall, Bellair St, Kensington (Melways 2T,J2) Cost: \$25 per head

Good Prizes! Supper, tea and coffee provided Please bring own nibbles, drinks and glasses

Maximum of 8 people per table. Tables can be arranged. *Proceeds from the evening will support the Club's local community projects.*

For tickets contact webmaster@carltonrotary.org.au PH: 9882 5848/0406 495 756



Taste of Kyneton

Taste of Kyneton is a food festival with a difference. Each exhibitor on the day will prepare small tasting dishes that showcase their signature style. 'Green Tics' are the currency of Taste of Kyneton. Green Tics can be purchased on the day for \$5.00. \$1 from each Green Tic will support the Rotary Club of Kyneton. Kyneton Racecourse on **Sunday, February 28th**. Gates open at 11am and close at 3pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through www.tasteofkyneton.com

For more information about Taste of Kyneton 2016, visit www.tasteofkyneton.com

Media enquiries: Amy Cockcroft, 0425 805 316 Event Enquiries: Alan Potter, 0400 266 641



International Women's Day Breakfast

Thursday 10th March 6.45AM for 7.00AM till 9.00AM

SINGLE TICKET: \$70 VCE/TERTIARY: \$50

\$790: CORPORATE TABLE OF 10 \$690: S TA

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THE PALLADIUM SOUTHBANK FREE PARKING
IN THE MULTI-DECK CARPARK.

Proceeds to go to different charities:

For inquiries and sponsorships please contact:

Kerry Kornhauser on 0411 597 690 or

kerry@rotarywomen.org.au



"Lets Read" for The Smith Family

GUEST SPEAKER - ANNA CIDDOR

Anna is a Melbourne author and illustrator with more than 55 books to her credit ranging in topics as diverse as Vikings, Irish Druids, Australian History, Travel and Toilets. Come and hear about her latest release along with her insights into writing and illustration.

Saturday 16 April at Greenacres Golf

Club, 51 Elm Grove, East Kew

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start \$75.00

per person, Includes: Arrival drink

and canapés, Two course meal

Tea/coffee and chocolates

RSVP: By 1 April to Jane Pennington

Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com Ph: 0408 402 555

Payment to: Cheque: Made out to the Rotary Club of North Balwyn

PO Box 135, North Balwyn, Vic, 3104

Electronic: BSB: 033 058

Account Number: 123 696

Reference: "Smith" and your name



2016 Rotary International Convention, Seoul

28th May to 1st June, 2016

It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and

exchange ideas across

cultures. Enjoy the great

experiences of an

International Convention

as you partake of the beauty

and culture that is Korea.

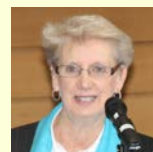
<http://www.riconvention.org>



Stay informed on Rotary events:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Our Contributors



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



Tony Thomas is home again, and recovering. He keeps sending us great articles, despite his recent op.



David Dippie of Keilor RC had a break from Donations-in-Kind over the holidays.



Richard Groom, Rotary MASH is secretary of the International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians.



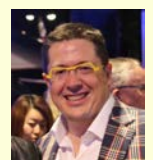
Our Girl Friday Clarice seems to know everybody, and she collects news from the most unlikely sources.



Dr. Murray Verso of RC Williamstown was our DG in 2014-15, and he is still a busy Rotarian.



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



District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, has a new image. Check out the new set of specs he got for Christmas.



Prof Rob Helme is Chairman of the D9800 World Peace Fellows Committee.