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### ***Rotary's Focus for December: Disease Prevention and Treatment***

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, through The Rotary Foundation we've focused our efforts in six key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs, and we have a proven record of success in addressing them. One of them is Disease Prevention and Treatment.

Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. We set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and Malaria. We design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow. Here are some suggestions on how Rotary clubs, Districts and our service partners can address these needs both locally and internationally:

- Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread and promote ways to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Help immunize people against infectious diseases.
- Support continuing education and training for health workers through scholarships, and public recognition.
- Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.



***DG Neville John and Rebecca***

- Improve sanitation facilities by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure.
- Promote good hygiene habits through education. Proper hand washing with soap and water can reduce diarrhea cases by up to 35 percent.
- Develop or support programs that provide immunizations and antibiotics. Measles, malaria, pneumonia, AIDS, and diarrheal diseases are the leading causes of death in children under five.



### **Prevention Is Better Than Cure - Healthy Everyday Habits**

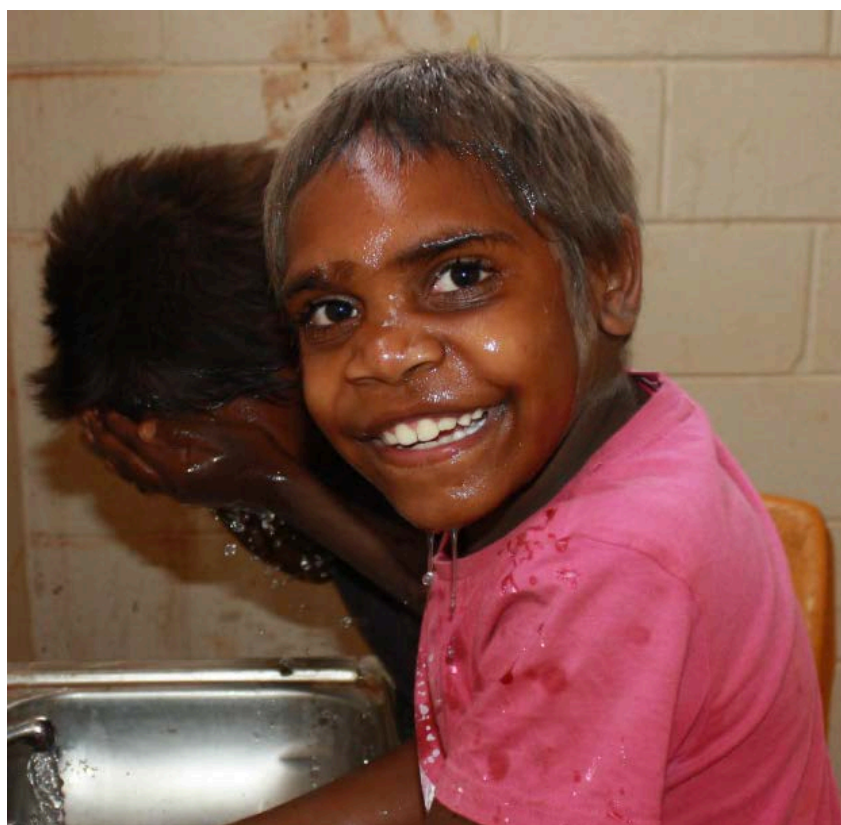
The Department of Health has some tips for healthy habits that we can all use or teach others to prevent infectious diseases from spreading:

- Handle and prepare food safely.
- Wash hands often.
- Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or, (if you must) your sleeve.
- Don't share personal items.
- Get vaccinated.
- Avoid touching wild animals.
- Stay home when sick.

## DG Neville John's Message

### End Trachoma 2020

I have often conveyed to you RI President John Germ's comments in relation to opportunities. In particular, he believes that the only difference between a small opportunity and a great one, is **what you do with it**. At the District 9800 Conference in Shepparton the plan is to officially announce an exciting project being initiated by the Rotary Club of Melbourne - to eliminate trachoma from Australia. This will be a **'GREAT'** opportunity for Rotary Clubs around Australia to join together, eliminate trachoma, and celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia.



Trachoma is an eye infection that can diminish eyesight or, in extreme situations, totally blind the sufferer. Australia is the **only** developed country in the world where trachoma is still endemic. A project team has been established, liaising with government, non-government and other organisations working in the field, while scoping potential avenues of funding and resourcing. Trachoma is found only in remote indigenous communities, and a number have already been visited to inform them of the project. The incoming RI President Ian Riseley and all Districts in Australia

showed strong enthusiasm and support for this initiative at the 2016 Rotary Institute. This is a way for all Rotarians in Australia to improve the lives of our own people, and raise Rotary's profile.

Webpages: [www.endtrachoma2020.org.au](http://www.endtrachoma2020.org.au);  
<https://www.facebook.com/endtrachoma2020>.

### Rotary's Unique Structure – Together We Can Do Anything!

In preparation for delivering the 1994 Sir Angus Mitchell Oration, Rotary Club of Melbourne member, David Wittner visited the State Library of Victoria with the objective of looking through the substantial material and memorabilia that Sir Angus donated to the library. David was looking for some insight into Sir Angus's hopes and aspirations for

the Rotary world in the years that led up to his year of office as World President in 1948/49, and in the period that succeeded it. The personal letters exchanged between Sir Angus and Paul Harris, and the many other leaders of Rotary enabled David to conclude that the Angus Mitchell philosophy for Rotary's growth could be achieved by the acceptance of six guidelines, one of which was **"That Rotary could embrace projects that would not otherwise be tackled on a global scale by individual nations, simply because the day would come when Rotary's unique structure would enable it to"**.

How insightful it was for Sir Angus Mitchell to see Rotary's potential thirty before another Australian RI President, Sir Clem Renouf commenced a polio immunization pilot program in the Philippines. In 1985 Rotary officially launched the global campaign to Eradicate Polio, using Rotary's huge, powerful network and The Rotary Foundation to do what no individual nation could. The work of our Foundation never stops and the network of Rotary is as powerful today as it ever has been. With these resources working together, we can do anything!

*Neville John*

**District Governor 2016-2017**



## ROTARY-U.N. CELEBRATION MIXES BUSINESS WITH DIPLOMACY

*By Sallyann Price, Rotary News, 12-Nov-2016*

Outside the United Nations building in midtown Manhattan stands an imposing sculpture of a man wielding a sword in one hand and raising a hammer with the other. It reflects a shared goal that Rotary and the United Nations celebrated at the organizations' annual meeting on Saturday, 12 November: to use our strengths and tools to build a more peaceful and just world.

The theme of this year's Rotary Day at the United Nations, "Responsible Business, Resilient Societies," emphasizes Rotary's role as a global network of business leaders using the tools of their trades to build stronger, more prosperous communities.



***"Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares" sculpture was a gift from the Soviet Union presented in 1959.***

In his introductory remarks, Rotary International President John F. Germ drew the crowd's attention to the statue, "Let Us Beat Our Swords Into Plowshares," as he set the tone for the day, which included breakout sessions and keynote addresses on aspects of responsible business, or the philosophy that for-profit enterprise can contribute to positive social and economic development.

"Here is where the UN and Rotary International are working side by side, equipping communities with the tools they need, and empowering them with the will to use those tools far and wide," he said.

Per Saxegaard, founder and chairman of the Oslo-based Business for Peace Foundation, gave a keynote address on the complex relationship between business and broader society, marked by both tension and opportunity. Despite the perception that profit alone motivates enterprise, he says, commercial success and social progress are closely intertwined.

"Societal needs define markets," he said. "I have met many entrepreneurs in my career, and they all have one thing in common: They see a problem, and they say 'I can fix that, and I can do it cheaper and better.' That is the engine of innovation in business. We need that energy to solve the problems at hand," such as hunger or illiteracy. He pointed to the Sustainable Development Goals, the UN's ambitious roadmap for eliminating poverty by 2030 and highlighted the opportunity for businesses to help achieve them.

Other speakers included UN Under Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Kim Won-soo and UNICEF polio chief Reza Houssaini, who provided an update on the polio eradication campaign.

John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International, introduced eight Rotary Responsible Business honorees, six individuals and two corporate partners whose inclusive business practices are bringing employment, mentoring, education, and innovation to their communities. ***Continued: -***

## ROTARY-U.N. CELEBRATION - continued : -

The individuals honored were:

- **Juan Silva Beauperthuy, Rotary Club of Chacao, Venezuela:** For 25 years, Beauperthuy has helped keep disadvantaged youths on the right track through Queremos Graduarnos, an education program focused on mentoring and skill development, with support from his engineering firm. Today, the program serves more than 700 students in 18 schools.
- **Jean-Paul Faure, Rotary Club of Cagnes-Grimaldi, France:** To encourage young professionals and provide promising new businesses with training and funding, Faure launched a business contest called Le Trophée du Rotary. Now in its seventh year, the program has drawn support from a major bank and has kept past participants involved as mentors.
- **Suresh Goklaney, Rotary Club of Bombay, India:** Goklaney, executive vice chair of a large manufacturer of UV water purification systems, has led efforts to provide clean water in rural villages and impoverished urban areas throughout India. The project has also established centers where local women can sell clean water to generate income.
- **Annemarie Mostert, Rotary Club of Southern Africa, South Africa:** Mostert formed Sesego Cares, a Johannesburg-based nonprofit, in 2005 to offer education and job training, and to teach entrepreneurship and leadership development to women and children. She also worked with TOMS Shoes to provide 1.3 million pairs of its shoes to the country's poor.
- **Stephanie Woollard, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia:** After meeting seven illiterate craftspeople during a visit to Nepal, Woollard founded Seven Women to help Nepalese women make products to sell abroad. The program, which has trained and employed more than 1,000 women in the past decade, also teaches basic bookkeeping and computer skills.
- **Larry Wright, Rotary Club of Taylor, Michigan, USA:** A master gardener, Wright started his landscaping business with a bank loan in the 1970s. In 2013, he led an effort to adapt a microfinance model that had succeeded abroad to offer microloans, business classes, and mentorship to entrepreneurs in Detroit.



*Photo: The Rotary Responsible Business honorees are, from left: Jean-Paul Faure, Stephanie Woollard, Mercantil Banco Universal representative Luis Calvo Blesa, Larry Wright, Annemarie Mostert, Suresh Goklaney, and Coca-Cola Pakistan representative Fahad Qadir. (Not pictured: Juan Silva Beauperthuy.)*

*Photo Credit: Monika Lozinska/Rotary International*

The business partners honored were:

- **Coca-Cola Pakistan** has supported the Rotary Pakistan National PolioPlus Charitable Trust since 2010 to promote polio prevention and awareness, particularly through publicity and projects to provide clean water, in one of the few countries where polio remains endemic.
- **Mercantil Banco Universal** supports a project that has trained 6,000 students in 40 universities across Venezuela in social responsibility and leadership, with the goal of encouraging students to use their academic knowledge to respond to the challenges of underserved communities.

In the afternoon, Rotary member Devin Thorpe spoke about the intersection of profit and purpose. Infusing a corporate program with a sense of social purpose pays off, he says, because it breeds loyalty and satisfaction among both customers and employees.

"When a purpose program is profitable, there is no limit to the good that can come from it," he said.

"Corporations are made up of people. We in this room bear the responsibility to shape corporate behavior, it is up to each one of us."

Watch video coverage of the event on [UN Web TV](#).



## Garden DesignFest

*By Tony Thomas, Rotary Central Melbourne*

**Rotary's Garden Designfest 2016 held on the weekends of November 12-13 and November 19-20 raised a record \$130,000. Every cent went to Rotary and children's charities.**

Organised by Kew, Brighton North and Central Melbourne clubs, the two-yearly event attracted 17,000 garden visits. It is by far the biggest open garden show in Australia.

GDF chairman Phil Mortimer (RC Brighton North) said the raisings from the Designfests since 2004 now total more than \$500,000. They event are so complex to organise and run that the committee has already begun planning meetings for the 2018 show.

Hundreds of Rotarians and friends volunteered at the gardens and marshaled crowds in the cold and wet of the first weekend, and amid the heat and dust of the second weekend.

2016 was the largest and most complex staging yet:

- 46 gardens were opened, 18 more than in 2014
- It was conducted over two weekends, not the single weekend of past events
- Gardens were opened in five more regions: Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Macedon Ranges and West Gippsland, as well as 2014's Euroa.

Phil says, "Regionally based garden designers were able to display their work and people living in the regions were able to visit gardens without travelling long distances."

Traditionally the event focused on gardens in Melbourne's leafy inner suburbs. This year it spread to more diverse suburbs including Blackburn, Vermont, Kilsyth and Caulfield. Each organizing club nominated a charity for its share of the proceeds. Kew's was Monash Children's Hospital; Brighton North's was Murdoch Children's Research Institute for work on Friedreich's Ataxia disease; and Central Melbourne's was Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation.



*Gail van Rooyen's garden design at Lakithi, Euroa*

Swinburne University students donated their time and skills in social media to market the event and received some funds for their charity as a quid pro quo. Similarly, Euroa RC provided members and friends as volunteers and got a donation for the Euroa Health Building Fund. A number of metropolitan and country clubs had similar arrangements.

In 2014 there had been some complaints that smaller garden visits were overpriced so a three-tier pricing system was created this year. This was \$12 per big garden entry (up from \$10), \$8 for normal garden, and \$5 for small garden. There were no complaints this year.

Packages gave access to all 28 first-weekend gardens in Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula for \$60. For the 18 second-weekend regional gardens, the package price was \$40.

Phil says many people visited 10 or 12 gardens on a weekend: "One lady who visited 21 gardens certainly got her monies worth." **Continued over -**

## Garden DesignFest – Continued

Garden Designfest is the only open garden event in Victoria backed by professional garden designers. Phil says, “By affiliating with them, Rotary gets the benefit that the designers select their best gardens and liaise with the owners to showcase them for the public. Even so, it is impractical to have it annually because there is so much organisation needed and we would also run out of fresh gardens to display.”

The Designfest committee includes people with strong engineering and business backgrounds, which means there are rigorous systems and procedures which detail what has to be done, by whom, by when and also regular checks on progress.

Phil thanked the garden owners for their generosity and the designers for their skills and inspiration. Sponsors and advertisers also threw in support.

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## Seeds of Peace

*By Nick Pane, President Rotary Club of Camberwell*

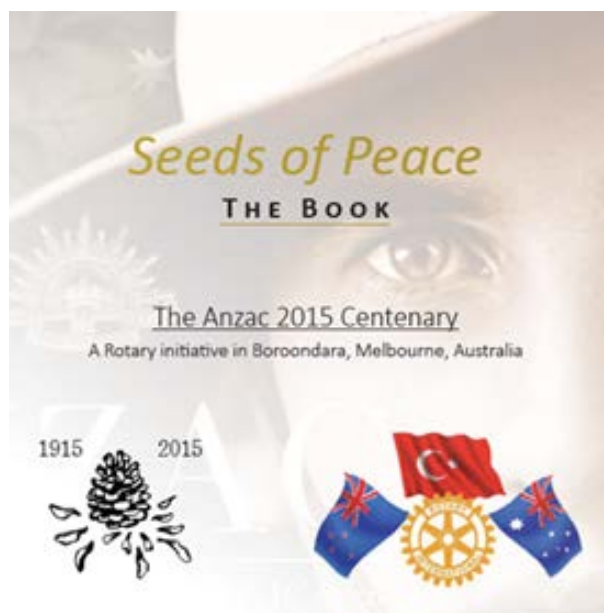
The much acclaimed Camberwell Rotary “Seeds of Peace” project and book reached a new summit in November when it was nominated as a finalist in the prestigious Shrine Of Remembrance Medal award, in front of the Governor of Victoria and other assembled dignitaries.

The project had inputs from the cluster of Rotary Clubs in Boroondara, and was driven by the Camberwell Club to promote peace in the local secondary schools in the Anzac Centenary year.

Seven students were selected from peace essays submitted, and they travelled to the Anzac beaches in Turkey last year for the centenary, while at home whole of school ceremonies were conducted on Anzac Day in participating schools, and Seeds of Peace plaques and Turkish pine trees were planted to mark the milestone.

The project was recognised by the Australian Government, and was awarded an Anzac Centenary Grant, and was also successful in achieving a Rotary District 9800 grant from it's Rotary Foundation.

Rotary has a long standing commitment to promoting international understanding, peace and good will – the Seeds of Peace project has continued this work and enhanced Rotary's standing in the community.



## 100 YEARS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

*By PDG Murray Verso , Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator*

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 106 Rotarians, partners and friends attended a joint cluster dinner at the Yarraville Club to celebrate the Rotary Foundation 100 years of “*doing good in the world*”.

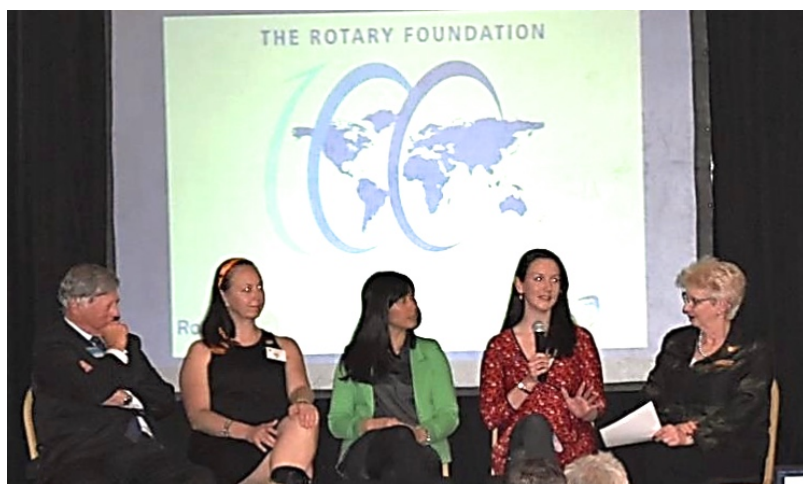
Eight Clubs were represented from the Chirnside Cluster (Hoppers Crossing, Laverton- Point Cook, Werribee and Wyndham) and the Hobsons Bay Cluster (Altona, Altona City, Williamstown and Yarraville).

The MC was the ever-reliable **Peter Shephard** (from Altona) and he began the evening with a hearty roll call of each club. **PDG Iven Mackay** (Yarraville) provided an invocation which emphasized the internationality of Rotary by reading out different Rotary Graces from around the world. **PDG Murray Verso** proposed the Toast to Rotary International by giving a brief history of the impact Rotary has had on the world – spending 3.4 billion dollars on humanitarian and educational programs, immunizing 2.5 billion children against poliomyelitis and training 1000 Peace Fellows.

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD



*The panel (left to right) was PDG Dennis Shore, Del King (President of Flemington and former GSE participant), Lien Trinh (former Global Scholar), Jessica Trijsburg (former Peace fellow) and PDG Julie Mason (moderator)*

The highlight of the evening was a panel discussion of Rotary Alumni skilfully led by **PDG Julie Mason**. The panel was comprised of a former Rotary Peace Fellow, **Jessica Trijsburg**, a former Rotary Global Scholar, **Lien Trinh** who is now working with Rotary to eradicate the eye disease trachoma from indigenous communities in Australia and **Del King** who travelled to India on a Rotary Group Study Exchange and who is now President of the Rotary Club of Flemington.

Also on the panel was **PDG Dennis Shore**, chairman of the District 9800 Foundation Committee, a former GSE Team Leader and someone who has had extensive experience selecting people to take part in Rotary funded study trips. Under Julie's guidance each panellist outlined how their lives had been influenced and enhanced by Rotary.

Their demeanour and insightful comments showed what an inspirational and talented group they were.

Some of the feedback received after the dinner included comments such as “a classy event”, “inspirational young women” and “the best showcase of the Foundation I've ever attended”.



*Del, Jessica and Lien enjoying dinner.*



## Sight restored for 4200 Filipinos

*By Tony Thomas, Networker Correspondent*

**Canterbury Rotary Club members are back from the 20<sup>th</sup> annual trip to the Philippines helping to restore sight and hearing to low-income villagers.**

Club president Doug Hawley, making his 17<sup>th</sup> trip, led a party of 23 volunteers and students to Mindoro Island last October. They screened 700 people for cataracts and other eye issues and 9,200 children from 25 schools for ear infections.

Two Filipino surgeons performed 454 free eye operations, including 300 for cataracts, in three towns during the six-day clinic, a record for the program. Hundreds of people also got eye drops, reading glasses and sun glasses to prevent further sun damage to their sight.

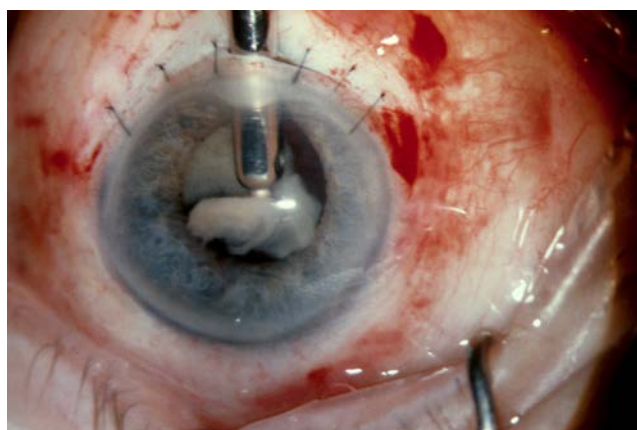
The party also found 40% of school children checked had hearing problems due to ear infections and impacted wax, both from contaminated water and do-it-yourself attempts at ear cleaning. These children were treated by a Filipino ENT specialist travelling with the party. "At one primary school the principal herself had a severe ear infection," Hawley said.



*Villagers waiting for bandage removal after their eye surgery*

The volunteers screen people with by using simple sight and ear checks, such as reading charts and otoscopic examinations to identify those needing medical treatment. All medical treatment is then carried out by qualified Filipinos, which averts the red tape involved if medical work is done by foreigners.

"Local and provincial authorities, local Rotary clubs, and the Philippines Cataract Foundation team support the effort" Hawley says. "Dates are set months in advance and the local Rotary clubs provide the venues and make sure everyone knows about the clinics."



*Cataract extraction*

The Victorian volunteers included six Rotarians, thirteen friends of Rotary and four Latrobe University orthoptics students. The club paid the travel expenses of the students, the three Filipino medicos and the five local Cataract Foundation workers. The budget for the exercise was \$40,000, including \$30,000 donated by the volunteers on the trip.

The club's program in the past 20 years has restored sight to 4,200 villagers and treated over 20,000 children for ear problems to prevent long term hearing loss.

Canterbury RC has 52 members, up from 45 last year, and welcomes new members who'd like to volunteer for community service projects.

## Speaker Bank Update

*By Jill Weeks, D9800 Speaker Bank*

*Thanks to Gary Goldsmith for the following suggestion. Gary is on the Victorian/Tasmanian Board of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA)*

### The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA)

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia is a broad based community organisation, and the peak national body for prostate cancer in Australia. We are dedicated to reducing the impact of prostate cancer on Australian men, their partners, families and the wider community.

We do this by:

- Promoting and funding world leading, innovative, research into prostate cancer
- Implementing awareness campaigns and education programs for the Australian Community, health professionals and Government
- Supporting men and their families affected by prostate cancer through evidence-based information and resources, support groups and Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses.

The presentations available are:

- Prostate Cancer: Prevention and Early Detection
- Prostate Cancer: Treatment Options and Challenges
- Prostate Cancer: What Partners and Carers Need to Know

To contact the Ambassadors: Email: [ambassadors@pcfa.org.au](mailto:ambassadors@pcfa.org.au)



### 'Run Donna Run', Donna Campisi

Donna's message is to inspire and encourage us that 'there's no such thing as can't...' She has proven this to be true! Doctors said Donna is lucky to be alive but would never walk or talk again, after surviving a stroke at 8 years of age. She is very much alive, walking and talking! However later at 14 years of age Donna faced another challenge and was in another critical condition, diagnosed with Diabetes Type1.

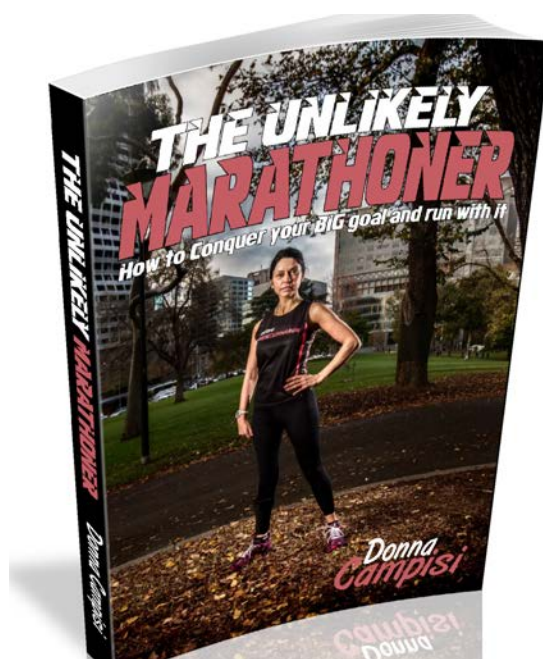
In Nov 2012, this time Donna chose her own major challenge, inspiring many people along the way. She was only able to run 30 tentative steps in Nov 2012, and in Oct 2013 she completed a marathon, creating her own campaign called 'Run Donna Run' raising over \$36,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

Donna is a woman who takes a challenge and believes it is achievable when broken into 'baby steps' and having the right mindset. She explains with confidence "Don't just take opportunities when they come along. Create opportunities!" Since completing the marathon challenge in 2013, Donna has inspired many people around Australia to join her adventure challenges that encourage people that they CAN actually do whatever they set their mind on, through her adventure and performance coaching.

Many members asked her if she had a book, well now at last she is releasing her book in March 2017, titled 'The Unlikely Marathoner.'

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## Paul Harris Breakfast

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne*

**Rotary Central Melbourne's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Harris Breakfast attracted 209 guests and raised about \$8000 for the Rotary Foundation.**

The November 22 event involved guests from 28 Rotary clubs.

The speaker was Tim Cartwright, Victoria's Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor. His role is to monitor the progress against the Royal Commission's 227 recommendations on domestic violence and against the State government's action plan shortly to be released.

He said a woman is murdered in domestic violence in Australia nearly every week. Vicpol attended 80,000 domestic violence incidents last year, "and that is just the tip of the iceberg", he said. "Women are overwhelmingly the victims and men the perpetrators.

"If someone tells you that they are a victim, believe them. When you hear of a crime of family violence, don't look to the victim's contribution, look to the perpetrator. Don't accept the sexist jokes, challenge them."

His reports will seek to tell the story of what a victim experiences as she reports family violence today, and tries to navigate through the system, and then to tell the story of what it will look like in 12 months and two years. "And we'll revisit those stories with each passing year, painting a human picture outside the formal statistics and commentary."



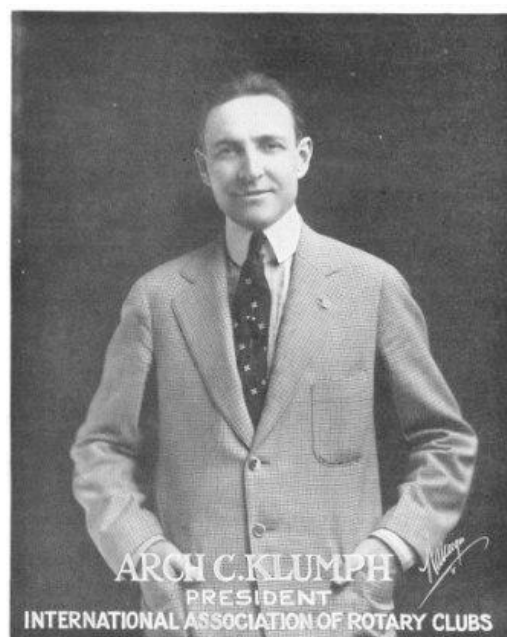
***Rotary Central Melbourne President Justine Murphy with guest speaker Tim Cartwright.***



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**



**YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD**



***Arch C. Klumph, with \$26.50 in 1917, started a fund "to do some good in the world". It became The Rotary Foundation.***

## Win for Exchange Student

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne*

Ariana (Ari) Fornageura-Castro, a Rotary Exchange Student from Lloret del Mar in Spain, has taken only two months to become a member of a State championship winning team in the Calisthenics Victoria State Championships.

Ari, 17, is doing Year 11 at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. She is a member of the Bendigo Calisthenics Club and one of 11 members of the Intermediates team. A rhythmic gymnastics coach in Spain, Ari is with Eaglehawk Rotary hosts Richard and Kylie Epskamp.

Kylie, and daughters Ada 14, and Iris 11 are all competing members of the Bendigo Calisthenics Club. They introduced Ari to the uniquely Australian sport that blends gymnastics and dancing with marching, acting, singing and apparatus.

Ari was welcomed by her new team-mates, and coach Danica Lang adjusted the carefully choreographed routines to put Ari into four of the six routines. The team won in four competitions, the highlight being State Champions in Division 9. Ari's other hobbies include horses and "anything sporty".

"Ari is really bright and doing well in English, school and socializing," Richard says. "She has fitted so well into our family and had lots of new experiences with us, including snow skiing, barracking for Geelong in the AFL and getting over her aversion to cats and vegetables."

Ari says, "With my English, I'm feeling better than during the first days but I want to have perfect English."



**Photo - Ari (centre) with her host sisters Ada (L) and Iris (R)**

## ROTARY FOUNDATION NAMED WORLD'S OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION FOR 2016

*From Rotary News*

**The Association of Fundraising Professionals has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.**

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which gives us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation's centennial year," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. "The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world."

AFP's committee of judges cited Rotary's comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.

Full story:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/rotary-foundation-named-worlds-outstanding-foundation-2016>

Photo Credit: Rotary International/Alyce Henson





## Rotary's polio history: longer than you might think

### *From Rotary Down Under*

Did you know that polio survivors make up the largest single physical disability group in Australia?

**Up to 40,000 Australians were diagnosed with the most severe form of the disease, paralytic polio, between 1930 and 1988. In Australia today there are an estimated 400,000 polio survivors.**

The extraordinary work undertaken by Rotary International over the past three decades to eradicate polio worldwide is an achievement every one of Australia's polio survivors is aware of. However, in addition to the lengthy End Polio Now! campaign, Rotary International has an even longer history with polio.

In 1925 the Rotary Club of Sydney, NSW, sent one of its Directors, Mr BR Gelling, to the US to examine the support Rotary was providing for polio survivors. He was introduced by Paul Harris to Mr Edgar 'Daddy' Allen, who had recently established the National Society for Crippled Children. Paul and Edgar were fellow Rotarians and close friends and in the early 1930s framed the Declaration of Rights of Crippled Children. Paul Harris became the Patron of the National Crippled Children's Society.

In December 1929 the Rotary Club of Sydney convened a meeting of concerned citizens and as a result the New South Wales Society for Crippled Children was established. In fact, of the seven state-wide community organisations around Australia once known as Crippled Children Societies, six were established by Rotary.



Back to 2013, a growing number of polio survivors, once fully active members of society, are now experiencing new and debilitating symptoms known as the Late Effects of Polio. Many polio survivors who walked independently must now use braces, crutches or wheelchairs, as well as make significant lifestyle changes. Polio Australia was incorporated in 2008 with the aim of providing vital and life changing intervention programs for the post-polio community.

Every October, Polio Australia observes Polio Awareness Month to raise awareness and every year on October 24, Rotary International celebrates World Polio Day.



Disease prevention  
and treatment



## Reproductive Health Medical Missions

*By Melody Alcano De las Alas*



### **Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme in Crisis and Post Crisis Situations:**

The Rotaract Club of Metro Kidapawan in partnership with Family Planning Organization of the Philippines successfully conducted the Reproductive Health Medical Mission. The Minimum Initial Service Package is a series of crucial actions required to respond to reproductive health needs at the onset of every humanitarian crisis. The MISp is not just kits of equipment and supplies; it is a set of activities that must be implemented in a coordinated manner by appropriately trained staff. Hence, there are 16 medical missions to be implemented from August to October in the different municipalities of North Cotabato.



### **Free prenatal consultation/check-up, Family Planning Implant, Papsmear and Vitamins with livelihood:**

The "BK3" is an institutional club project of the Rotary Club of Marikina Heights that extends free natal care and check up for expectant mothers. It also offers free services, such as family planning implantation (IUD and Implanon) and Papsmear, and free vitamins. The unique component of this project is that patients can avail of a side forum on livelihood ideas to augment family income. It has already been conducted twice this year. More of this project are planned to be replicated in other depressed areas in Marikina City. It is a partnership project among different organizations composed of RCMH, Marikina Maternity Clinic and Lying In, and PSPI Bluestar. It aims to level up the awareness among mothers about the importance of prenatal care and family planning.





# How to Hold a Great Rotary Event

*Reprinted from Rotary Leader*

When you hold a fundraiser like a barbeque, rubber duck race, or beer tasting event, in addition to raising money for your project or cause, you make people aware of your club, and you enable potential members to experience the fun and fellowship that Rotary offers.

Rotary Vice President Jennifer Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, in Ontario, Canada, has used her background in advertising and marketing to promote events for her club and Rotary. These have included a **Rollin' With Rotary** road trip that made Rotary front-page news in communities from Windsor to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA.

"For me it's all about creating 'the hook' – that special magic dust that makes people want to engage in what we're doing," says Jones. "One of my favourite tips when organizing an event is to ask a local, national, or international figure to become the event's honorary chair."

"Being a Rotary leader is about expanding your own personal skills development," she adds. "Event planning is an area where we can all have great impact, no matter what our vocational background. Organising events that showcase Rotary in a vibrant and relevant way has helped us reach tens of millions of people who might never have known about our incredible organization."



Our new Event Planning Guide, available in the **Brand Centre** on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org), includes ideas, tips, and resources. Here are some benefits your club can expect by using our guide to plan an event.

**New Relationships:** Events give you the opportunity to expand your connections and build new relationships in your community.

**Increased Awareness:** Events help you showcase your club's impact and explain what makes Rotary unique.

**Exposure for your Projects:** Events allow you to showcase projects and initiatives to potential members in your community.

**Giving Back:** Events are a tangible way to thank your community for its support.

**Media Coverage:** Events draw media coverage, providing event wider exposure. The bigger the event, the larger the media outlet you might attract, and the more extensive the coverage you might receive.

**Connecting Leaders For Good:** Events bring people together and provide an opportunity for budding leaders in your community to discover a common passion. You can then show them how they can do even more good for their community by joining your club.



## Clarice's Comments



On the annual Rotary Day at the United Nations in New York City, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Melbourne Rotarian **Stephanie Woollard** received a Responsible Business Award. Here she is with her certificate, **Edwin H. Futa**, Chair of Rotary Responsible Business and **RI President John Germ**. Well done Stephanie!

You can see what Stephanie does at the "Seven Women" Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SevenWomenStore/>

The Rotary Club of Sunshine was chartered in June 1956 and closed in June 2015. Former Club Secretary John Avent sends us a report on an extraordinary Rotarian:



### **"Ray Carlton, Charter**

**Member of the RC of Sunshine** – and the only member to attend both the first and last meeting of the Club – passed away after a short stay in Hospital on Tuesday 22nd November at Sunshine.

"Ray was the Club's first Secretary and was President in 1965/66. A Western Suburbs boy through and through Ray attended Hyde Street School, played local VFL football, was involved in tennis through the Baptist Church and served in northern Australia as a navigator and trainer during WW2.

"Ray was the history of the RC of Sunshine and knew the history of early Braybrook – later called Sunshine. He left school at 14 to work in his fathers printing business, a job he continued until his retirement. Ray served Rotary and

the community through club and District activities, at one stage editing the District Governor's Newsletter."

I couldn't find a photo of Ray Carlton: this is the best I can do. **President Peter Schultheiss** returns charter and chains of office to **DG Murray Verso**.

I found out about some upcoming Rotary activity from **Peter Allen's Boroondara Cares Newsletter**: North Balwyn has Carols at Carrical on **11<sup>th</sup> December**, Camberwell has a Craft Market on **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, Swinburne Rotaract has a screening of "Swing" on **8<sup>th</sup> December**, and Glenferrie has the Boroondara Farmers Market on **17<sup>th</sup> December**. Nobody told us at "Networker": some well-kept Rotary secrets, apparently ;-)



I'm so looking forward to the District Conference in Shepparton, next March, and chatting with old and new friends and acquaintances. The friendships we make outside our own clubs are a wonderful spin-off of Rotary.

A couple of friends have been in my ear, asking why we don't have an Aussie Conference. They accept that keynote speakers are a significant cost, but with bigger numbers, what speakers we could have, for a state conference! And maybe an Australian Conference every second year. Economies of scale, and all that.

If Rotary Great Britain and Ireland can run their own conference, so could we, despite the wishes of RI (aka Rotary USA) Do our Aussie DGs ever get the chance to discuss an Australian Conference?

The RI Conference in Sydney was essentially a transplanted American Conference. I thought the "Great Australian Barbecue", with a frankfurter inside a sweet roll, was just an embarrassment! How much better to have a real Aussie Conference, run by Australians, instead of RI running it.

Can we take a lead from **Donald Trump**, and **Nike**? Just do it!

*Alcohol is a perfect solvent: It dissolves marriages, families and careers.*

- **Clarice**



**Colleen Hewitt on song at the D9800 Conference in 2015**





## Notices and Events

### How Can Somebody Be Nominated for Shine On Recognition?

Following on from last month's article, here is some more information about nominating a person with a disability for Shine On Recognition.

Anybody over the age of 21 years can make a nomination. A Rotary Club must endorse all nominations. To be eligible for nomination, the candidate must be:

Eligibility Criteria for a Nominee:

- Australian citizenship (for at least three years)
- Individuals who have a specific disability, and
- Individuals who have consistently given dedicated service to the community.

There are two categories for nominations. These are:

- Young Nominees: aged 15 years to 25 years (at closing date for applications)
- Adult Nominees: aged 25 years and over

Go to our 'Shine On' page at [Rotary District 9800](http://rotarydistrict9800.org/news/1603/shine-on-recognition-2017) to download the program flyer, nomination criteria, and the nomination form.

<http://rotarydistrict9800.org/news/1603/shine-on-recognition-2017>

If you would like more information about nominations for Shine On Recognition 2016-2017, please email Louise at [louise.b@internode.on.net](mailto:louise.b@internode.on.net) or call her on 0418 597 427.



### Senior's Award

The Rotary Club of Melbourne is calling for nominations for the Senior's Award for 2017.

This is an Award made annually to a person over the age of 60 years whose outstanding service in a voluntary capacity is adjudged to have made a positive difference to the lives of older people. The Seniors award which was created to recognize the contribution of a man or woman, 60 years and over who has given outstanding service in a voluntary capacity to older people.

The Nominees should:

1. be 60 years or over,
2. satisfy the principle of Service above self,
3. be committed to making a difference for older people,
4. be a role model for older people,
5. present a positive view and purpose on growing older and have hands on experience,
6. would be a volunteer in their role as an advocate for older people.

The Nominee may be, but need not necessarily be, a Rotarian.

The award consists of a Citation and Certificate of Recognition which are presented at a lunch meeting usually in February. The awardee is invited to tell their story in an address to the Club.

Nominations containing full details, profile or the CV of the nominee and how they address the above criteria, **should be received by 30th November 2016** by email or post to:

Robin Syme at [rhysyme@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rhysyme@yahoo.com.au), 0412 448 133.

or Rotary Club of Melbourne, Ph: 03 9654 7242, Fax (03) 9650 7373,

<mailto:office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au>



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### Rotary Peace Fellowship applications 2017 for 2018/9

The Rotary Foundation has supported over 1000 people committed to working in the world for peace and conflict resolution through international training programs. Is there someone you know who is committed to that ideal but haven't seen a way to achieve it? Applications are now open for:

🌐 Masters programs in Sweden, Japan, UK, and USA. Three years experience a pre-requisite. Average age 31.

🌐 Certificate program in Thailand. At least five years experience a pre-requisite. Average age 41.

Applications close May 31, but several months of advice and mentoring underlie the past **success** we have had in District 9800. Contact Rob Helme, District Chair, Peace Fellowships subcommittee for further information. [rhelme@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rhelme@bigpond.net.au) or 0402299492



### World of Difference Xmas Gifts

All Christmas gifts through World of Difference will be delivered to Cambodian remote village communities without any administration expenses getting in the way "there are no holes in Rotary's bucket".

Visit [www.wod.org.au](http://www.wod.org.au) for an order form.

Bronwyn Stephens, District 9800 project "World of Difference" 0410324537



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### Western Emergency Relief Network

WERN is currently seeking donations of blankets.

If you can help out contact PDG Ross Butterworth on 0411 228 311.

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

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



### Celebrate with us in Atlanta

Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10-14 June 2017**. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

- Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now.
- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. [Purchase tickets](#) for only \$26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. [Visit the HOC site](#) to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



### Art In Action – Cityscape in Elsternwick

Visit the Exhibition of works created on 12th November and vote in the People's Choice Awards with a chance to win a Voter prize. Exhibition at Glen Eira Gallery Annexe **Saturday 26 November to Sunday 11 December**. Weekdays 10am to 5pm and weekends 1pm to 5pm. Details ph 9568-7190 or [gleneiraartistsociety.org](http://gleneiraartistsociety.org)

Cityscape Day and Exhibition are hosted by Glen Eira Artist' Society Inc and proudly supported by Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc, Glen Eira City Council, Elsternwick Main Street committee and Bendigo Bank Community Bank (Caulfield Park Branch).



### Trash and Treasure Market

It's Spring and what better time to get moving and clean out those cupboards!

But hold on.... don't throw your unwanted items away... why not help raise some funds for your club by taking a stall at the first ever St Kilda Tras'N'Treasure Market on the 9th October. Your trash could be someone else's treasure and the money you raise can help your club do great work in your community. Just jump on the website at [www.stkildamarket.org.au](http://www.stkildamarket.org.au) and start collecting your goodies. The market is also a terrific way for community groups you know of in your area to raise much needed funds - so feel free to share with one and all. **Sunday 11 Dec - 9am - 1pm**

Where: Car Park in Marlborough St, St Kilda East

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

Trash & Treasure



ST KILDA MARKET

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### Annual Childrens Christmas Fair

The Rotary Club of Williamstown is holding their Annual Childrens Christmas Fair on **Sunday, 4th December**, 2017 between 11am -3pm At the Seaworks Precinct, 82 Nelsons Place, Williamstown. Entry is Free for children, \$2 for adults. There will be lots of free entertainment for children, rides, face painting, petting nursery, Santa and food stalls to buy food. If you wish to have a stall at the Fair please contact John Barry 0412230710 Further details at our Williamstown R.C. Website.



### Yarraville Carols in the Gardens

Celebrating its 23rd anniversary, the Yarraville Carols in the Gardens is one of the West's best Christmas Carols.



**Saturday, 17th December** in the Yarraville Gardens, Hyde Street, Yarraville commencing at 7pm.

This free community event, is a joint initiative between the Rotary Club of West Footscray, Rotary Club of Yarraville, and the Footscray-Yarraville City Band.

This year's event will be compered by William McInnes and Kevin Harrington, and feature a number of performers from our

local community and also special guest artists, including a mass choir ; Footscray-Yarraville City Band; Hyde Street Youth Band, and Margaret Haggart internationally acclaimed Soprano, accompanied by other opera singers who have all performed regularly with Opera Australia, Victoria Opera, and Melbourne Opera.

The evening will also conclude with a spectacular fireworks display. Enquiries: David Palmer 0416 497 398

### Rotary Trip to India

**23 January - 10 February 2017**

A Tour of India with a Rotarian as our guide. We will also be visiting Rotary Albert Park's sanitation project. Melbourne Mumbai Melbourne Flight plus 16 night accommodation w/breakfast. All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tour. Local English speaking guides.

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RSVP: ASAP: e: [ishwsh@gmail.com](mailto:ishwsh@gmail.com) m: 0423 663 694



### Our Contributors



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



*Tony Thomas contributes to "The Networker", and "Quadrant", where he recently wrote about Sex Pistils. Believe it or not.*



*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".*



*Sandy Jeffs is an entertaining poet, educator and author. She lives with schizophrenia.*



*Philip Archer of Southbank Rotary Club is District Membership Director.*



*District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, always keeps the Networker team on their toes.*



*DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is a supporter of several projects in Cambodia.*



*Faye Kirkwood is PP of the Club that always punches above their weight: the Rotary Club of Caulfield.*