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Wowzers, the MMM - Monster May Magazine, what a big one. I couldn't fit it all into the pointer boxes (on the right, they link through to the pages, you should try one).

Anyway, block out some time in your calendar and have a wander through the pages. Great things happening around even the smaller clubs in the districts and some great info for your clubs to take note of.

Did you notice the change to the banner, updated with new Rotary themes. Hint was you're reading this column on the other side of the page from the last dozen times. Wakey, wakey.

Grab a coffee, get comfortable, enjoy.

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DISTRICT 9800 GRANT - CLEFT PALATE OPERATIONS - BANGLADESH

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- Developing a relationship with a new venue, so that long term the surgeons can visit regularly to help children who present with a cleft condition in this area.
- Training of Community Health Workers, who then visit patient's homes and post-up in the village to monitor their progress.



by train and ferry. The beneficiaries of this District

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Rotary District 9800 Inc


Rotary Illuminated

THE 2014 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Sunday, 18 May, 2014
Tabcorp Park, Ferris Road, Melton

District Governor Elect, Murray (Mrs), the District Learning and Development Team and the Rotary Club of Melton invite all District 9800 Clubs and Rotarians to attend Rotary Illuminated - the 2014 District Assembly.

endeavour to have as many club members attending as possible. Club Presidents, Presidents Elect and Presidents Elects are asked to attend the afternoon sessions for club executives. There will also be separate sessions after



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A report from Rotary International General Secretary - John Healey.

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Highlights include:

- OIE International India leads the odds, beats polo
- BBC.com - World now 50% free from World Health Organization says
- The Guardian - India may be free of polio - but the disease hasn't been eradicated yet (top aid by Anne Pearson)
- Reuters - OIE - India at risk until polio is eradicated globally

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Region - its centrally located transport hub, proximity and ease of access from Melbourne, its rich history and heritage and its local food, wine and craft

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine Truck and Country Music show has provided a significant economic and social benefit to the Castlemaine community for the 15 years.

All money raised by this event is channelled back into the community and this contribution has steadily increased over the year.



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Rotary Peace Fellowship

A NOTE ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

As Rotarians are awarded through a world competitive selection process, various steps have to be completed, all of which take time. This note outlines the process as a guide to applicants and to Rotary Clubs.

Go to www.rotary.org/peacefellowship for information, application forms and details of each of the universities which host a Rotary Peace Center. Consistent with Rotary's overarching aim of promoting international understanding, applicants must apply to Centers in countries other than where they normally live. The courses are full time. Each

responding to the questions asked in the application form. Districts should also suggest to applicants matters which require clarification or better expression in their application. The District should mention the candidate if it decides that the candidate is worthy of nomination.

Completed applications must reach the International Office in Chicago by 30 June. As the application should reach District in late May to ensure time to review, interview and prepare its report, it needs to be with a Club before mid May.

G.A.E. - Graduate Record Examinations

as academic results and District reports and meet basic criteria such as relevant experience.

The Rotary Peace Centers Committee starts assessing each application using 2 Rotarian Committee members and by 2 or 3 Directors of the Rotary Peace Centers is preferred by the candidates, based on specified criteria, each reader determines a score out of 5 plus supporting comments. By late September, a great sheet collating this information is circulated for a meeting of the Rotary Peace Centers Committee and Center Directors held in November in early October.

While Center Directors seek the candidates best suited to their

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Faith, courage and kindness

Hi all,

May I share with you a beautiful email received from Sister Anna Maria Gervasio, a Sister Sister working at the Mother Mazzarelli Centre located at Henderson in the Solomon Islands.

The "Centre" is a refuge shelter for young women living in the Solomon Islands and provides a safe home, education and training in dressmaking, sewing, cooking and gardening.

As you may be aware the Rotary Club of North Borneo is providing ongoing support to the "Centre" with donations of new electric sewing machines, 15 in total (donating material as well).

While the email provides a vivid story as the heart of my news, I have, from the following relationship, faith and courage experienced by the local Communities living on the Island of Guadalcanal (Solomon) is the Capital there is also a wonderful message of faith, courage and kindness to families in fear of their lives.

Sister Anna Maria and all the Sister Sisters at the Mother Mazzarelli Centre receive our highest praise. A great Easter message to all - from Sister Anna Maria "It is enough to stay close, listen, to smile without more. Happy Easter to all!"

Hours in Rotary Service

Bob Bell, Rotary Club of North Borneo

This time we celebrated the 100th year of Rotary. There were many people, significant conversations, inspiration

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Paul Harris and his three colleagues came together to start Rotary as a vocational fellowship and not until 1907 did Paul Harris as President of the Rotary Club of Chicago realize the potential for helping others and the organization developed a culture of service.

Today of course service is the very essence of what we do, and our Avenues of Service channel our efforts in helping others, in changing lives. But often we forget to tell our stories, this is the most common mistake I see with all the wonderful Club projects and programs I visit and view. As an organization we are focussed on outcomes, deliverables and the end results of our labours, as it should be. But a big part of the opportunities from those efforts is lost when we fail to tell people and our communities about those wonderful outcomes.

In my last DG's Message I talked about the need for Clubs to update their communications, their Club Bulletins and their electronic media. We sometimes fail to see the opportunities available for membership, for community support and for internal retention when we ignore or only partially support the promotion of Club activities.

Clubs do so much valuable and

exciting service we choose to casually overlook when we go to print our Newsletters, update our electronic media or fail to pass on the stories to our local media outlets in the form of Press Releases. This year through the support of Rotary International Australian Rotary Clubs have an amazing opportunity to capitalize on a significant and valuable marketing program the likes of which has not been seen before in Australia.

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I mentioned in my last Governor's Message that we have a unique opportunity to attend the Rotary International Convention in Sydney and this only occurs once every 10 to 15 years in Australia so I hope you can take advantage of this and attend with Annette and I to discover the true internationality of Rotary. These events are special and we hope to see you in Sydney in June. We still have bookings available including seats on our District Dinner Cruise to kick off the Convention in style and details are available on the District website.

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



District 9800 Governor
Ross Butterworth and Annette

DG Ross



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Welcome to the Echuca Steam Rally, run by Echuca-Moama Rotary and scheduled this year for the June 7-8 long weekend.

It's the biggest and most popular steam rally in Australia.

"Last year was our 50th annual rally," says club president Chrissy Weller. "The weather was perfect and we raised \$90,000 for local charities from the 13,500 people who came." Chrissy is also wife of the district's State member, mother of four, and milker of 400 cows at their Lockington farm each day. "We've had perfect weather for the past four rallies," Weller says. "Just as well because rain drives the crowds away, and we're lucky to break even."

Big commitments include TV advertising, typically \$20,000 a year, and managing insurance, Worksafe and traffic.

Rally director Alan Whitten said "Four years ago, with the club ageing and shrunk to 16 people, the intent was to scale down the event, but local people demanded it continue 'full steam ahead' and the club rejuvenated as members increased to 22."

The huge vintage steam engines are the stars of the show, valued at about \$500,000 each. Owners sleep under the warm boilers at night. As dawn breaks, they join hundreds of other machinery buffs firing up their steam engines and wreathing the oval in smoke.

Apart from the grand parades, the highlight of the show is the "Burning of the Dunny". An old style country

outhouse is set alight and the fire brigade's job is to save the dunny by use of a horse-drawn, steam-powered pumper, loaned for the occasion by the Fire Museum of Victoria. "We did a special trip round the district collecting old dunnies," says Whitten.

The rally is held on land – about 4 hectares – owned by the small Rotary club. The first of the club's steam rallies, a half-century ago, had to move each year from place to place until a sympathetic landowner sold the club a block on easy terms – now valuable real estate. The government also agreed on a 99 year lease to the club of adjacent Crown land of about equal area. This lease is now being renegotiated to become perpetual.

The Rotary-owned block boasts large sheds, toilets (including traditional 'long drops'), kitchens and club facilities, with a resident caretaker. The club hosts horse and truck shows, machinery clubs, a miniature railway and a vintage car club.

The club's strategy is to increase the community's input. The rally is already supported by three organisations involving children and adults with special needs. About fifteen local groups and two other Rotary clubs – Rochester and Central Melbourne-Sunrise – provide volunteers. Just cleaning up the grounds on Monday and returning borrowed gear takes 40 people working a 10 hour day.

"Our aim is for turnover to be recycled within our district," president Weller says.

Last year a big beneficiary from the 50th rally was the new Echuca Hospital. The club has put in \$50,000 over three years towards the \$2.4m community target for hospital equipment.

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The local fire brigade, a rally beneficiary, is providing shuttle bus drivers from decentralised car parks, and wood and water supply. Other beneficiaries have included local aged care homes and police.

A drawcard for kids is Thomas the Tank Engine, converted from a one-time Queensland sugar-railway loco. The Tank Engine is borrowed from the Bellarine Railway, Queenscliffe, and hauled via tracks onto a low loader for Echuca.

All school kids in the district are offered free entry (normally \$5) if they bring an adult along (\$15-20).





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What does Rotary stand for?

How are we different from other nonprofits, and even for-profit corporations, that support worthy causes?

Why does it matter to the world?

The fact is many people do not know Rotary. Those who do, only know our name and have only a general idea of what Rotary is and what it does.

As a result it is difficult for Rotary to attract new members and volunteers to assist in us achieving our full potential.

Rotary is not earning full credit for the good work it does in communities around the world.

THIS IS IMPORTANT not because we want credit, but because we need people to understand the great work we do so that they will be attracted to join our organization to help us grow.

There were five primary objectives our **STRENGTHENING ROTARY** initiative needed to address:

- Refresh our visual identity to energize our look and feel while celebrating our heritage.
- Clarify and communicate our core reason of being to capture our most relevant points of difference.
- Redefine or re-energize our voice

to reflect our unique and district character.

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VISUAL IDENTITY – to promote consistency across the Rotary world.



Rotary's new visual identity has everyone talking. Some Rotarians like it and are already using it. Others are not too sure. Even RI Ron Burton admits to being skeptical during the early stages of the STRENGTHENING ROTARY initiative. But after many tough questions, he's become a believer.



"At the end of the day, we're going to be way ahead on our public image and what people think and know about Rotary", says Ron.

As you begin incorporating the new guidelines into your communications, keep the following in mind:

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AUSTRALIAN CAMPAIGN

Under the umbrella of the Global STRENGTHENING ROTARY initiative, Rotary Australia launched its own Campaign in support – CONVERSATIONS TO ACTIONS.

Our Vision

- To be one, across Australia -
- To be united
- To collaborate

With all Australian Districts agreeing (a first) to support a National PR Campaign and develop the Membership Development Plan we were successful in being awarded a substantial Multi District

Public Image Grant from RI Evanston.

Our Objectives

Not just to attract new, younger people to Rotary, but to attract the right people. Enhance brand recognition, understanding and trust. Over the past 8 months the integrated National campaign has involved

Creative Development ... Disegno

Development of refreshed campaign creative and the production of required collateral.



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Media .. Mitchel Media

- Placements of paid print, radio and TV advertisements across 21 Districts.
- Filler advertisements.
- Community Service Announcements.

Social Media ... Encaustic Words

- To attract and grow online communities through social media.

1300 4 ROTARY ... Welcome Group

- Call center to take inbound calls and make outbound calls to promote the campaign.

Report from Philip Archer Regional Public Image Coordinator Zone 8



District Governors - Thank you for your tremendous support. Your decision to collaborate across the Zone for the first time has been awesome. I am very pleased with the results to date and there

is more to come before the end of the year. Our third flight of ads across the country will commence the week before the RI Convention and will run for three weeks. In a separate email I will send through the advertising schedule. In addition, you will see print ads in regional airline magazines across the country in May and June. From a social media point of view, we have a lot happening mainly around the RI Convention but also promoting our Ambassadors and the great work of our Clubs across Australia. We have a great PR program supported by the Convention Host Organizing Committee and RI locked in. Thanks Ellissa Nolan, Bob Aitken and our friends at RDU. For those of you attending the Convention, you will know that Rotary has arrived in Australia!

There is no doubt that the success of the campaign has in a large part been due to its alignment with our Zone's Membership Development Plan. At the end of the day, success can only be measured in the turnaround and increase in our membership – I'm sure Rotary Coordinators Jessie Harman and Noel Trevaskis will agree that we are seeing this happen.

Next year, whilst there are no RI PR Grants available, I am confident that as a Zone we will have a PR Campaign that will complement what we have done in your year. Essentially, I see the Districts putting in a similar \$5,000 + GST contribution. I will be looking for \$150K worth of corporate sponsorship and we may be able to get some marketing dollars from Evanston. This year our corporate sponsorship for various programs has amounted to just under \$100K. The bulk of this has come from Officeworks who have given us \$40K in cash and \$15K in print. The \$15K in print allowed us to re-print the membership PR brochure in sufficient quantity to circulate the brochures across the country (3 per member during March). Convention attendees will also be getting a quantity of them at registration.

Prepared by: Chris Don District 9800 Director of Public Image and Communications

What can your Club do right now to improve your public image?

- Let people within your community know about what your Club is doing
- Write a press release and support it with attractive images – NO BBQ photos, please. Forward it your community newspaper.
- Adopt the new branding for all your internal and external communications.
- Always wear your Rotary tee shirt, jacket and cap when conducting community events.
- Update your "face to the world"... your website. Have a critical look at it and ask yourself the question – would this prompt me to make contact.
- Set up billboards, posters and signage using one of our National PR theme posters. Real Estate Agencies are usually more than happy to support us.
- Use local TV and radio stations to broadcast short announcements and messages highlighting what your Club is doing in the community.
- Promote your Clubs "special events" in your local community.
- Update your Club hand out brochures. Always have plenty available when you conduct special community events.
- Talk to people about Rotary.
- Tell your friends, neighbours, workmates what Rotary IS and DOES.
- Adopt a personal goal of sharing information about Rotary to at least ONE person every day.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Rotary Brand Centre
D9800 Website
Rotary Promotions & Merchandise
Rotary Down Under
Rotary Digital Images
Rotary International
Videos – What in the world is Rotary

www.rotary.org/brandcenter
www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au
www.rdushop.com.au
www.rotarydownunder.com.au
www.images.rotary.org
www.rotary.org
www.youtube.com/watch?v=zebbGisX3AE

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- The Guardian: India may be free of polio – but the disease hasn't been eradicated yet (op-ed by Archie Panjabi)
- Reuters: Q+A: India at risk until polio is eradicated globally-Rotary
- The Wall Street Journal Online: Q&A: India Eliminates Polio
- HuffPost Live: Violinist & Conductor Itzhak Perlman LIVE
- Forbes.com: John Hewko explains polio's legacy

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Enclosed is a report and summary of Rotary's 2013 media coverage and a sharable compilation of the highlights with links to the coverage [here](#). To view full articles, click on the headlines.

Rotary offers a sporting chance

CLUB WILL GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS TO DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN



A GRASSROOTS plan to get disadvantaged kids playing sport in Glen Eira has kicked off.

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira will offer scholarships to local junior sporting clubs for children who otherwise could not afford to play.

The Junior Sports Scholarships is a first for Glen Eira and the rotary club, but sporting clubs and local businesses need to work together to bring it to life.

The Rotarians already have their first partner sporting club – the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club – and are now looking for local businesses and individuals to sponsor scholarships.

Rotary Club of Glen Eira spokesman and Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club coach Adrian Nelson said the scholarships would cover registration fees, uniforms and any other costs needed for the child to participate.

"We are trying to recognise the importance of organised sport and the impact it can have for young people including fitness, teamwork, socialisation and competition," he said.

The scholarships will vary, but most

are expected to be about \$500.

Mr Nelson said there was a "crying need" for the scholarships.

"You want the kids to feel normal, wear club clothes, maybe it will cover canteen vouchers so they're not standing out because they can't afford it. It's making them feel a normal part of the team," he said.

Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club president Simon Anderson said the club supported the concept.

"We are all about trying to get kids to engage in team sport and to discover the benefits of doing that," he said.

Email adrian@nelsonbros.com.au or visit rotary.gleneira.org.au

From the Glen Eira Leader, read the article on the E-reader site at <http://leader.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

Police Mentoring Program Re-Focused

The Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program is now in its seventh year, and 130 police ranking from Assistant Commissioner down to Senior Sergeant have participated. The program was originated by RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, and several of the larger D9800 clubs have participated along with clubs from four other Victorian districts. To date mentorees have been partnered with one senior business mentor and one Rotary mentor.

Following a review this year by the steering committee made up of VicPol, business community representatives and Rotary, mentorees from next July will be partnered with a single mentor. For the senior police ranks the mentors will be senior business executives whose guidance will be around strategic issues, whilst for Inspectors and Senior Sergeants Rotary will provide the mentors and the primary focus will be around community engagement, a high priority for VicPol.

VicPol is strongly supportive of these changes as they work to integrate the program better into their management development processes and align it with their strategic priorities.

The new Program design has some other advantages;

- It is more time efficient for police members to work with a single mentor
- Many Rotary mentors also have strong backgrounds in business and can cover both roles
- Senior Sergeants (who typically runs a suburban police station) and Inspectors value Rotary's input: community policing and engagement is one of their biggest challenges. Many of these officers are recent appointments. They run the equivalent of a small-medium service



Left to Right; Assistant Commissioner Kevin Casey, Commissioner Ken Lay and Rotarian Neville John

and business unit, involving complex challenges.

- The primary mentoring focus for senior officers, that is Assistant Commissioners, Commanders and Superintendents, will clearly be at a strategic level where business executive guidance is critical
- From a Rotary perspective there is a clearer sense of what VicPol is looking for and an opportunity to raise our profile in community service.

In addition, the steering committee has decided to open up the selection process to all D9800 Rotarians. Nomination forms will soon be forwarded to all D9800 Rotarians. Nominations will be matched against selection criteria based on Rotary and business experience, and community involvement by the applicant and their club. The process for recruiting business mentors will not change.

This is a great opportunity for

anyone interested to apply to become a Rotary mentor – a great professional and personal experience.

Contact: aseale@bigpond.net.au

Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program

*The Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program is very close to the best current operating practice**

Rotary Mentor Nomination Form



*Peter S. Wilson Make Mentoring Work



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project account, the Rotary Club of Castlemaine Truck & Country Music Show joint chair Matt Driscoll declared the 25th anniversary of this iconic club project a huge success.

This Rotary Club of Castlemaine event is a two-day, "show and shine", a real spectacle showcasing the much loved 'big rigs', plus a wide variety of other trucks, trade exhibits, utes and entertainment, including top class country music performers.

One of the largest events of its kind in Victoria, and indeed Australia, it is a truck show and competition with entrants from all over Australia. It is the main fundraiser for the Club each year.

Apart from the obvious benefit of providing necessary funding to allow the club to undertake its program of various local and international service projects, this event also boasts the following key features;

- attracts more than 200 truck entrants from Victoria and interstate to Castlemaine
- has developed as a nationally significant event within the trucking industry
- has approximately 4,000 visitors attend

- encourages tourism, showcasing Castlemaine, its heritage and environment
- provides financial benefits to the local hospitality industry and other local businesses
- features a parade of "big rigs" down the main street of Castlemaine to the venue on the Sunday morning which is a huge favourite with local families

In 2012 this event was awarded Community Event of the Year by Mount Alexander Shire

Diverse Participation:

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine could not manage such a large event on its own. Support has readily been given by other community groups. The Lions Club of Castlemaine, Taradale Cricket Club, The SES, Campbells Creek Fire Brigade and Campbells Creek Cricket Club all cooperate and assist in various ways with the running of this event

The Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Castlemaine provide reciprocal assistance to each other for their respective major projects. This is a unique and valuable way for service clubs to operate in a small town.

The other organisations mentioned are reimbursed with grants commensurate with their input to the event

Involvement of Local Businesses:

A number of Castlemaine businesses contribute to the event in a significant way, providing sponsorships, and goods and services for the fundraising auction conducted during the Show

Benefit to the Community and the Region:

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine Truck and Country Music show demonstrates the competitive strengths of the Central Victorian

Region – its centrally located transport hub, proximity and ease of access from Melbourne, its rich history and heritage and its local food, wine and craft

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine Truck and Country Music show has provided a significant economic and social benefit to the Castlemaine community for 25 years.

All monies raised by this event are channelled back into the community and this contribution has steadily increased over the year

Small Beginnings:

In 1989 and 1990, the Rotary club of Castlemaine provided barbeques to benefit the Truck Show, at that time arranged by the Spastic Society of Victoria, Miss Victoria entrant. An arrangement was then made for the Club would take over the operation of future Truck Shows, with appropriate donations to the Spastic Society. This annual event rapidly became the major fundraising event for the Club.

Potential for Expansion:

The Show has great potential to grow and provide the injection of more benefit to the Community, whilst further showcasing the trucking industry. The Show has could easily incorporate other regional strengths to broaden its appeal and tap new visitor markets such as heritage, food and wine, local produce and crafts. Visitor numbers would then be likely to increase accordingly.

Interesting Statistics 2013 show:

Total rigs at show 250+; Rigs judged 190; Average truck age 12 yrs; Oldest truck 1948; Average mileage 1,100,633 Km; Most Km travelled by single truck 9,500,000; Total Km travelled for all trucks 179,403,162 (equal to 4,614 trips around the world!)

DISTRICT 9800 GRANT – CLEFT PALATE OPERATIONS – BANGLADESH

Operation Cleft provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh. Until recently there were only a small number of Plastic Surgery Units at Medical Training Colleges in Bangladesh. Last year another 9 units were established however there is a lack of qualified Professors to teach the medical students. In order to assist in the development of plastic surgery across the country, Operation Cleft conducted a number of training camps at each of these new units.

The District 9800 Grant - Cleft Palate Operations funded a new surgical training camp at the Bogra Shaheed Zia Medical College & Hospital, Bangladesh from 21 February to 23 February, 2014.

Attending the camp for surgical assessment were 27 children - 9 were deemed unfit for surgery at that time. Of the 9: 4 were mal nourished and under weight, 2 were suffering from pulmonary infection and the other 3 had problems other than cleft lip or palate. All were referred for appropriate treatment.

Through the hospitals community health network, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) will maintain contact with the 6 cleft patients and monitor their progress in order to re-schedule them for surgery when next the Operation Cleft surgical team visits.

The surgical intervention training camps are not just about the number of children who will be operated on, but includes other really important priorities such as:

- Training for local surgeons, medical staff and students

- Developing a relationship with a new venue, so that long term our surgeons can visit regularly to help children who present with a cleft condition in this area
- Training of Community Health Workers, who then visit patient's pre and post op in the villages to monitor their progress.



The camps are all about helping underprivileged families in rural Bangladesh, ensuring sustainability and assisting with professional development to improve knowledge and skills of the medical infrastructure. All of these things ultimately have a huge long term impact not only on the people who are directly involved but also on surrounding communities.

By conducting this initial camp a relationship has been established with the hospital and staff enabling Operation Cleft surgeons to make regular visits for further education and training of residents and students. This will in turn allow the hospital to accept as patients, children who are in need of surgical repair of cleft lips or cleft palates. This will be great for the surrounding areas as up until now there was nowhere for these patients to go. For medical attention their only option was to travel the long distance to Dhaka (approx. 10 hours



by train and ferry).

The beneficiaries of this District Grant were not only the 18 children who were operated on, but the surgeons, occupational therapists, community health workers, theatre staff and post op medical staff who participated. Operation Cleft surgeons will now visit this facility regularly as consultants to train medical staff in cleft repair surgery and to operate on patients who have presented with this condition and have been wait listed pending the consulting surgeons return visit.

Rotary Club of Essendon Inc





How to get the best out of yourself in managing a team in rotary

By Philip Archer Rotary Public Image Coordinator Zone 8

The reality for most leaders is that the team's performance takes precedence over our own performance.

But how much of the team's performance relies upon our effectiveness as an individual?

Ever watched a TV program like "The Apprentice" and wondered how those people supposedly 'leading a team' can be so unaware of their own performance and impact upon the team? From their position they can see exactly what each of the other team members need to do, but don't have the perspective to step back and see what is required of themselves.

Yet we at home find it relatively easy to see. If we were that leader's manager, we could show them exactly what they needed to do to gain better results for both themselves and the team.

Gaining Perspective

For the leader who is caught up in the moment rather than watching from a distance like a TV audience, finding appropriate points of comparison upon which we can compare our performance to is critical to gaining perspective. By selecting an appropriate benchmark, we can establish where our performance is at currently, and where we need to go to improve it.

Benchmarking Best Practice

Determining the best we are capable of is an essential part of optimizing our performance. A leader with a clear idea of the best they could conceivably do has a basis on which to build his or her goal setting and planning of how they can achieve their goal.

A simple question to ask might be "If I were on top of everything and at my best, what would I be doing?"

If we work out what our ultimate performance really is, we can build realistic, individualized expectations of ourselves, and recognize the factors preventing us from achieving this performance on a daily basis.

Trying To Do Too Much

For many leaders, a common trap is simply trying to do too much – we forget that even at our best, there are factors which prevent us from doing more. There are only a certain amount of hours in a day.

Some of our team members are always going to require assistance. If we get home later and sleep an insufficient amount, our functioning will suffer the next day.

To try to attempt more would mean sacrificing in other areas, and instead of accomplishing more, what we end up doing is performing below our best in the areas that really count.

Redefining Your Best

By recognizing our limitations and the factors that get in the way of us achieving what we initially thought was our 'ultimate performance', we recognize that we must redefine a more realistic idea of what this performance is – some areas to think about might be:

- Redefining your 'personal best' to include attending to the team's needs as part of it, rather than running counter to allowing you to achieve your best,
- Redefining your 'personal best' to recognize the inevitability of obstacles,
- Attending to less and doing a better job within the areas that you do attend to,

- Attending to more and recognizing that your best is subject to parameters (e.g. how much assistance you can give in the hour you have assigned to do so),
- Recognizing and concentrating upon the core areas upon which you rate your performance, and reducing attention to non-core areas,
- Recognizing more efficient ways of doing tasks,
- Recognizing unnecessary obstacles that can be easily overcome,
- Redefining your role itself, recognizing areas which would be better served through delegating them or empowering your team members to accomplish them independently.

While you are acknowledging reality as an inherent factor in your performance, remember that you want to set yourself an idea of the ultimate that you can strive for, and it is from this that you can derive your goals.

"What does the team need from me?"

Before deciding finally on the benchmarks for your ultimate performance, it is wise to ask what the team needs from you – is your best helping them? What do they really need?

It's time to ask them.

Going back to our original question, "how much of the team's performance relies upon our effectiveness as an individual?", we realize that if we have taken the team's needs into account, our effectiveness as an individual should be benefiting the team as well.

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“What do I need from me?”

Recognize that for you to be at your optimum at work, you'll probably want your mind to be there with you. Maintaining a healthy balance away from work means that you can dedicate yourself more fully to tasks at hand both at work and away from it.

Putting It Into Practice

Now that you know where your best is, to derive meaningful goals which will get you to that ultimate performance, you need to figure out where your performance is currently at.

A marathon runner wanting to run less than 2 hours for the 42km needs to not only know that 2 hours is his goal, but needs to know how much he must improve from his current times, and what changes in his race he will need to achieve this.

As a leader, we can take a similar approach. What are the behaviours that will make the difference between where you are now, and where you want to go?

Once you've identified those behaviours, it's time to make a 'SMART' goal around each one

A SMART goal is:

- Specific – It is clear, not vague and leaves no doubt what is to be achieved,
- Measurable – It is evident whether the change has occurred / how much change has occurred,
- Agreed – All parties are behind this goal, or where it is yours solely, the goal has your commitment,
- Realistic – It is something you are capable of achieving in the real world, not just the ideal world,
- Time Oriented – There is a date of completion or follow up at which

you can assess goal attainment.

While all these steps are not earth shatteringly revolutionary, they stand the test of effectiveness. When caught up in leading others, common tendencies for many leaders are to either neglect to compare our work to any benchmark or to compare our work to that of the people we are surrounded by. Take the time to step back and re-assess what you are doing.

Some Practical Tips For Bringing Out Your Best

- Know where you are going – define your best before you try to chase it down,
- Recognize your limitations including sleep, personal commitments, hours you have available during the day, and time you need to assess your own performance,
- Know what your team needs from you,
- Step back and gain perspective,
- Consult your Rotary team,
- Keep balance in your life,
- Set yourself SMART goals and follow up on them.

By maintaining a focus on how we define our best, what our best can be, and how we can achieve it, we are able to benefit Rotary at the same time.



RECRUIT A ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

WITH OUR TRACK RECORD - YOU CAN DO IT

District 9800 is the world's most successful recruiter of Rotary Peace Fellows – 23 in 13 years. We need you to help us maintain our Black Caviar record of never been beaten by using your networks with NGOs, government departments, humanitarian organisations, police, armed services yes the armed services are active in peace keeping.

Tell them Rotary offers their staff free career development opportunities with generous fully funded fellowships to study overseas for an 18 month master's degree or, for mid-career people, a 3 month Certificate course.

Read the attached flier for not just further details but also links to rotary.org/rotarycenters using the US spelling of centers! Or make enquiries to the 3 Rotarians listed who can help you and your candidates.

Also attached is a description of the selection process written in non bureaucratic style

Applications close with District Chair, Bob Fels, on 15 May 2014



Rotary Peace Fellowship

A NOTE ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

As RWPFs are awarded through a world competitive selection process, various steps have to be completed, all of which take time. This note outlines the process as a guide to applicants and to Rotary Clubs.

Go to www.rotary.org/rotarycenters for information, application forms and details of each of the universities which host a Rotary Peace Center. Consistent with Rotary's overarching aim of promoting international understanding, applicants must apply to Centers in countries other than that where they normally live. The courses are full time. Each university has different strengths so applicants must evaluate the centers in order to decide which ones best meet their interests and career objectives. Past Fellows can help you in this regard

Applicants must apply through a Rotary Club. Regrettably, not all Rotary Clubs support the program so do not be discouraged if your first approach does not elicit a helpful response - try another Club. The Rotarians listed on the flier can help you find a suitable Club.

If a Club says they do not have the funds, tell them they do not have to contribute as the Fellowships are totally funded by The Rotary Foundation from the U.S.

Role of Clubs and Districts

Clubs need to interview candidates to determine that they fit the criteria and have a knowledge of Rotary. The Club interview should help to prepare candidates for the District interview

The Club must endorse applications of worthy candidates and submit them to its District giving sufficient time for the District to not only interview applicants but, most importantly, write a detailed report

responding to the questions asked in the application form. Districts should also suggest to applicants matters which require clarification or better expression in their application. The District should mentor the candidate if it decides that the candidate is worthy of nomination.

Completed applications must reach Evanston which is Rotary Speak for its headquarters in the US near Chicago by 30 June. As the application should reach District in late May to ensure time to review, interview and prepare its report, it needs to be with a Club before mid May.

G.R.E. – Graduate Record Exam

Applicants to Duke University/ University of North Carolina require a G.R.E. score although for some Duke courses, it is not essential. Australians find this a formidable barrier because it is new to them. However, there are study guides to help such as those produced by Kaplan and The Princeton Review. Because it is expensive, D9800 suggests that applicants wait until they know the outcome of the District interview before sitting for the exam. It is desirable to start preparing for it early. Applications can be lodged without the GRE but a note advising Evanston of the expected exam date should accompany the application. The results must reach Evanston by September 1. Similarly, TOEFL or IELTS scores, if required, must reach Evanston by September 1.

International Selection Process

It is the written application including the District report that is totally relied upon to make decisions in the internationally competitive selection process. There are no further interviews.

Evanston staff review applications to determine that they are complete with accompanying documents such

as academic results and District reports and meet basic criteria such as relevant experience.

The Rotary Peace Centers Committee starts assessing each application using 2 Rotarian Committee members and by 2 or 3 Directors of the Rotary Peace Centers as preferred by the candidate. Based on specified criteria, each reader determines a score out of 5 plus supporting comments. By late September, a spread sheet collating this information is circulated for a meeting of the Rotary Peace Centers Committee and Center Directors held in Evanston in early October.

While Center Directors seek the applicants best suited to their program, they also want diversity across nationality, academic background, varied experience and cultural background as a good mix develops a great learning environment.

Although the selection process is heavily oriented towards applicant score rankings, Center Directors review candidates with other Directors to achieve diverse spreads which match the abilities, needs and experience of the selected cohort. Center Directors are amazingly team oriented even though they are competing for the best candidates. They trade both before and at the meeting. They have the overall program and candidates best interests at heart.

Rotarian readers also place weight on career objectives, community service as well as relevant experience. As Center Directors have to be satisfied that those they select will be accepted by their university, they have the final say.

The Committee recommendations are submitted to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation which usually meets in late October and candidates are then told, by email, of the

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outcome. That is the time to start applying to the nominated university. Chulalongkorn has 2 intakes annually – January & June, The Masters courses will commence in August of the following year except for southern hemisphere universities when it will be February 15 months later.

Rotary pays tuition fees direct to the university and also air fares while Fellows receive a living allowance, incidentals allowance and about \$US7,000 for the Applied Field Experience.

As a senior Rotary Committee, the Rotary Peace Centers Committee meets in the Board Room which has translation facilities to support the international composition of the Committee as well as sophisticated IT support enabling the meeting to review candidates and progress as the selection evolves. The Committee inevitably includes one or more Past Rotary International Presidents, past or present Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, past or present Directors of Rotary International as well as Rotarians with an understanding of peace and conflict resolution.

R. M. FELS
D9800 Chairman of the District
Rotary World Peace Fellows
Committee & Member of the Rotary
Peace Centres Committee

March 2014, R selection process



Our Rotary World Peace Fellow Stephanie Woollard made the most of her Christmas in Sweden

Steph recently met the RI President and wrote to Bob Fels to describe her excitement.

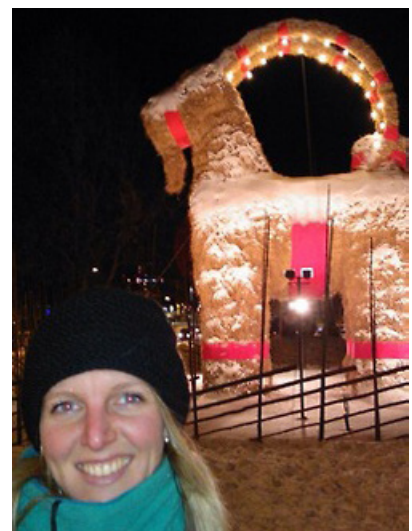
Dear Bob,

I made friends and met with the RI President who visited our uni the other day.

I told him that I was here because of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and that I wanted to get involved with Rotary when I get back to Australia or maybe charter my own club.

In his speech the next day at the District conference he spoke about that conversation for about 5 minutes and asked me to stand up the front so everyone could see me. haha unexpected!

Bob Fels 9800 Chairman of the District Rotary World Peace Fellows Committee & Member of the Rotary Peace Centres Committee





LET'S KEEP OUR DISTRICT THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE RECRUITER

FOR ROTARY'S PREMIER INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

*APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2015-16 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS.
COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST REACH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, BOB FELS, BY May 15, 2014*

There is a growing demand for well trained men and women around the globe to build national and international cooperation, demonstrate peace and justice throughout their lives, their careers and in service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in conflict analysis and resolution, mediation, human rights and diplomacy. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program, now in its 13th year, was developed specifically to meet this very need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals who are keen to expand their knowledge in peace studies, conflict resolution, human rights, international relations, public administration, sustainable development, public health or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development fellowships) are offered on an internationally competitive basis at Rotary Peace Centers in 7 prestigious universities around the world.

There are two Rotary Peace Fellowships Programs:

TWO YEAR MASTERS DEGREE Building the Leaders of TOMORROW

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to: Up to 2 years of fully funded graduate study at one of our Rotary Peace Centers in the US, the UK, Japan, Australia or Sweden; Theoretical and practical learning experiences in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution and negotiation including a 3 month Applied Field Experience – AFE; Funding for round trip travel, tuition and fees, room and board and other limited expenses including AFE averages \$US79,000.

This program requires, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field, & 3 years of relevant work experience

3 MONTHS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE Strengthening the Leaders of TODAY

Designed specifically for mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution.

The fully funded course offers a mix of theory & practical skills both in the classroom at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok & in on site field study interactions. This program requires, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field, & 5 years of relevant work experience.

In addition to excellent leadership skills, candidates must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or personal and community service activities.

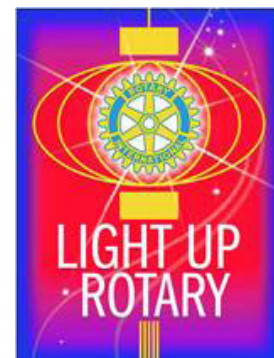
Rotarians: Use your networks to urge employers to tell potential candidates of these generous opportunities for career development: such as non government humanitarian organizations, government departments, religious and service institutions, local universities, police and armed services. Those employers will know how to contact people working both for them and with them.

Further details, eligibility and application information are available at: <http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters>

Enquiries may be made to these Rotarians:

Bob Fels at rfels@satlink.com.au or phone (03) 5989 2455; Bob Newman at cathbobnewman@hotmail.com or phone (03) 9819 7248; Dennis Shore at djshore@bigpond.net.au (03) 9889 5877

Our Rotary District 9800, now with 23 candidates selected in the 12 years of the program is the leading District in the world. Please do your bit to maintain our leadership. The candidates are out there, but they do not know about this outstandingly successful program. We need you to get the message out and find them. Applications must be made through a Rotary Club. The Rotarians listed above can also help candidates in other countries find a suitable Rotary Club.



Rotary Illuminated

THE 2014 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Sunday, 18 May, 2014
Tabcorp Park, Ferris Road, Melton

District Governor Elect, Murray Verso, the District Learning and Development Team and the Rotary Club of Melton invite all District 9800 Clubs and Rotarians to attend **Rotary Illuminated – the 2014 District Assembly** on Sunday May 18 2014 at Tabcorp Park, Melton.

The District Assembly is designed to enable Rotarians to have conversations about programs and projects of interest, to learn about new projects and to learn how to develop programs. The format will be highly interactive rather than lecture based.

The Registration: cost for Rotarians is \$27.00, including lunch; \$12.00 if lunch is not taken. The event begins at 9.15am with registrations being taken from 8.15am.

The Venue: Plenty of parking is available at Tabcorp Park but you are encouraged to car pool. Travelling together will enable you to engage with each other and discuss matters of interest before and after the event. Rotary Illuminated will be a great learning opportunity for all Rotarians. Tabcorp Park offers ample and comfortable facilities for up to 1000 guests. Rotarians will have access to tea and coffee throughout the day. Lunch will be held in the bistro but must be prepaid.

Attendance: Club Presidents and Presidents Elect are encouraged to promote the District Assembly and to

endeavor to have as many club members attending as possible. Club Presidents, Presidents Elect and Presidents Nominees are asked to attend the afternoon sessions for club executives. There will also be separate session after the lunch break for the Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Protection Officers.

Country residents have the option of taking accommodation at Tabcorp Park on the day before if they wish to make a weekend of the event; Accommodation details for those who wish to take on this offer will be made available shortly.

Registrations: should be made through the Rotary Club of Melton, c/- PP Daryl Leonard, email: daryl.leonard@bigpond.com.au using the official registration form provided. (Ask you club president)

Late registrations will be taken on the day and the member's club will be invoiced.

No cash payments on the day will be accepted.

However, it is preferred that Clubs and District 9800 groups book members and pay for attendees on the official registration form provided by 14/05/2014.

Daryl Leonard
Rotary Club of Melton

Join Leaders Share Ideas Take Action



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

Honorary Consul – Victoria, Australia

Mrs Rae Kingsbury

The Government of people of Timor-Leste would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Rotary Donations In Kind (DIK) project on their 300th shipping container of goods to be sent to Timor-Leste since 1999. The DIK project has sent \$30 million worth of goods to Timor-Leste.



Timor-Leste's Honorary Consul in Victoria, Ms Rae Kingsbury, said that Rotary's DIK program had made a real difference to the lives of thousands of the country's citizens. 'Rotary DIK has sent everything from school and medical equipment to household items, clothing, tools and utensils to Timor-Leste,' Ms Kingsbury said. 'I, the government and the people of Timor-Leste wish to express our heart-felt thanks to the tireless work of Rotary Clubs on behalf of Timor-Leste and in particular the work of Rotary's DIK program.'

As well as the \$30 million worth of goods that have been shipped to Timor-Leste, Ms Kingsbury said that a further \$1.8 million had been raised for freight and 70,000 volunteer hours involved in packing

the containers.

Ms Kingsbury said that the goods sent to Timor-Leste were donated by caring Australians and, through Rotary connections overseas, given for free to people in genuine need. 'This is a particularly effective form of aid,' Ms Kingsbury said. 'That is especially the case with Rotary's

donations of still much needed quality educational and medical equipment.

One of the major challenges Rotary faces is finding the funds to ship the goods as the DIK project does not receive Government support,' Ms Kingsbury said. 'But if people wish to assist Rotary's DIK project, donations for this cause are tax deductible. Rotarians are your neighbours and would welcome your help.'

'This year alone, Rotary's West Footscray DIK store sent more than 5000 school chairs and 2000 desks to Timor-Leste,' Ms Kingsbury said. 'It costs only five dollars to ship a chair, the most basic form of support for a student, but more than \$75,000 now needs to be raised to cover costs of shipping these materials.'

'I know our dear friends at Rotary



would warmly welcome your assistance', Ms Kingsbury said. 'Any donation to help cover the cost of shipping these important items would be a great help to Rotary and will continue to be very gratefully received by our close friends in Timor-Leste.'

Donations for Rotary's Donations In Kind program are tax deductible. For more information view www.rotarydik.org or contact Bob Glindemann 0418102702.

The President and First Lady of Timor-Leste were on hand to open the latest container of school equipment from DIK.



Dear Rotarians,

Please note that Kirsty Sword Gusmao will be guest speaker at an event in Melbourne on Tuesday 13th May. The Aloia Foundation was established in Timor-Leste by Kirsty Sword Gusmao in 2002 to address the enormous needs which prevailed in the community. It has grown to provide educational resources, support and training, it supports Maternal and Child Health education and staff in over 100 community health centres, advocated on behalf of women, and supports economic development to help lift women and children out of poverty. Please see invitation link below. Bookings are essential.

CHECK OUT THE EVENTS PAGES FOR DETAILS AND BOOKING LINK.



Faith, courage and kindness

Hi all,

May I share with you a beautiful email received from Sister Anna Maria Gervasoni, a Salesian Sister working at the Mother Mazzarello Centre located at Henderson in the Solomon Islands.

The "Centre " is a refuge shelter for young woman living in the Solomon Islands and provides a safe home, education and training in dressmaking, sewing ,cooking and gardening.

As you may be aware the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is providing ongoing support to the "Centre" with donations of new electric sewing machines(15 in total) dressmaking materials etc.

Whilst the email provides a vivid story on the loss of many lives, homes etc, from the frightening rainstorms, floods and earthquake experienced by the local Communities living on the Island of Guadalcanal (Honiara is the Capital) there is also a wonderful message of faith, courage and kindness to families in fear of their lives.

Sister Anna Maria and all the Saesian Sisters at the Mother Mazzarello Centre receive our highest praise.

A great Easter message to all – from Sister Anna Maria" It is enough to stay close, listen, a smile nothing more Happy Easter to all"

Yours in Rotary Service

Bob Bott, Rotary Club of North Balwyn

This time we experienced the flood ... I do not know what else we can expect in this mission so "variable"!

Last week we had four days of continuous and very strong rain, which has swelled alarmingly all the rivers that descend from the mountains to the northern plains of Guadalcanal. Because of uncontrolled deforestation, water dropped tons of mud and logs that have devastated especially the central area of the island, where the capital city is located and us sisters!

Honiara is crossed by a river that passes through a narrow and deep valley. When it reached the bottom of the valley, that is the city, had become a tsunami that swept away houses, people, animals, and one of the two bridges that allow access to the center. The other bridge was seriously damaged because all the debris has invested it.

Our house is located in the midst of two rivers: one is quiet.... the other is not! In fact, the "other" overflowed and hit the airport reaching us.

The waters touched us on the evening of Thursday. It was already dark and I noticed that the road looked like a river! It was raining hard, but it never happened anything

like that. There were many people making their way on foot to the main street. They were running away from the seashore because the water flowed frighteningly strong and they feared to be dragged into the sea with their houses. They were going to take refuge somewhere. The group was composed of women with an indefinite number of children between one and ten years old, all soaked wet.

We did not hesitate to let them in and house them in our hostel. In the dormitory there were only seven girls, because for the majority of our boarders that was the week of half term holiday.

The rising water was reaching the edge of the wall under the fence of the perimeter of the compound and was extremely threatening. Moving to the small grotto of Lourdes, which is just close to the fence, I told Our Lady: "If you do not want to get your feet wet, keep the water out of the compound." And so it happened. For two hours the river threatened us and then it went back. In the blink of an eye the water lowered down.... but the rain did not stop.

Our guests had calmed and dried: our two houses are higher than the street level and are made of

reinforced concrete.... inspiring confidence!

From the boxes we pulled out all the clothes that we had available; from the closet all the mats (here the people are more comfortable on the mats than on the mattresses) and pillows. A good cup of hot tea and a packet of biscuits each refreshed the hearts and then a nice game of table soccer revived the spirits.

Fortunately, the electric power held up all night; the night is less frightening with the lights turned on especially in these situations.

Our girls had been great to entertain the children and helped the mothers in their needs. Their families were safe in the high points of the city and advised them to stay with us.

The following evening the electric power abandoned us and we pulled out of our little chapel all the candles available. People here are accustomed to candlelight and the kids had fun with the little flames.

At one point a long earthquake broke! "Nooo. NOT THE TSUNAMI!!", we said frightened. But the island was probably trying to shake off all that water, and also the power returned before we went to sleep.

After two more days of rain the sun's return was wonderful, we seemed to

Faith, courage and kindness continued.

go out of the ark of Noah!

Our guests were ready to go home and check on their homes and, after a good breakfast, a candy each and endless thanks, they all left.

With the girls we rolled up our sleeves and who to clean up the dormitory, who pick up the fruit survived, some to clear the compound from various debris, evening broke and we ended the day with a nice dinner together, including jokes and laughter, thanking each other for the good teamwork in bringing relief to these new friends.

In the city people is still crying: 21 confirmed victims, eleven are children; uncertain the number of missing persons; many houses were destroyed and even more the damaged ones. Most of the schools hosting the homeless. Drinking water is brought by trucks but soon the malaria will take over.

The eastern part of Honiara, about 20 miles from us, was hit by a mud flood. Homes and plantations are submersed and severely damaged. In

a plantation of oil palms the current dragged the trunks of palm trees recently cut, piling them up against the trees to the sides of the road.

The bridges have held up, but there is heaps of debris against the pillars, which endanger the stability.

Even our parish church was damaged: a chasm has uncovered the foundations along one side and the volleyball court of the oratory sunk into the same abyss. Even the toilets are hanging on the brink and the beach where we play football is littered with debris.

When our girls and ladies of the school returned to us, they did not stop to tell what they had seen and experienced. A girl has lost her home, but they are all safe. Another saw his aunt dragged away by the current. Two of our students in the center, mother and daughter, walked for about 20 kilometers in the pouring rain to reach the rest of the family who had taken refuge on the hill. Our teacher told us that he had seen dozens of pigs dragged

from the river and this brings us to another imminent danger: the crocodiles. They will come soon, attracted by the dead animals in rivers and swamps. The mud and the banks "smoothed" by the flood will facilitate their movements. Even the sharks will come close to the coast, endangering fishermen on canoes.

Despite all this, the great signs of solidarity between the people give courage and hope to all. Some shares with those who have lost everything. Some gives home to other. It is enough to listen, to hear their stories in order to give relief to their hearts, consolation.

In the darkness there is always a light heartened that heats up, that soothes.

This is my wish for this upcoming Easter: be those little lights that bring comfort in the night. It is enough to stay close, listen, a smile, nothing more.

Happy Easter to all.

Sr Anna Maria.

Looking For A Cheap, Easy And Practical International Project?



Ten years ago East Timor had no schools, one of the country's top priorities was to build schools and Rotary Clubs have been very active in this area. Through Donations In Kind, Clubs have also helped

equip hundreds of schools. The industrious team at Computers 4 Kids have 100 computer systems ready for immediate delivery and eighteen groups are looking for our support.

Your Club can make the difference; your Clubs name can be on the door

You can send one computer for \$60.00 or

Sponsor a Computer Training Centre; computers, desk and chairs, the lot for around \$1000.



For more information contact David at
dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com



Celebrating our Home Grown Health Fund



As we turn another month over on the calendar, it not only draws us closer to winter and the end of another Financial Year. May is also a time to celebrate the only home grown program recognised by the Australian Rotary Club themed calendar; Australian Rotary Health (ARH).

Of the 1,136 Rotary Clubs in Australia, 95% have supported the work of ARH by:

- Hosting fundraising events such as bike rides, golf days, and other creative initiatives;
- Becoming Funding Partners for Mental Health PhD Scholarships, Indigenous Health Scholarships, or Rural Medical and Nursing Scholarships;
- Making general donations which are pooled together to fund research into the preventions, treatments and cures for mental illness;
- Hosting a Hat Day event in October (save the date in 2014 for Friday October 10) www.hatday.com.au.

ARH has expended over \$33 million on research into AIDS, Bowel Cancer, Breast Cancer, Motor Neurone Disease, Diabetes, and a variety of health areas for over 31 years. In 2000, they directed funds into Mental Health research; as 45% of the Australian population will suffer a mental illness during their lifetime and it is now a leading cause of disease burden in our country.

Will you help us?

As the Financial Year comes to an end, we encourage all Rotary Clubs to consider making a donation to the work of Australian Rotary Health. Your funds will be used to help us improve the lives of those least able to assist themselves.

See where your funds go, meet some of our Scholars:

Indigenous Health Scholar



Koby Elliott

Midwifery Student

University of Technology, NSW

"While being an Aboriginal woman does not make me an expert on Aboriginal people or their health, I am aware that Aboriginal health care providers are often more acceptable

to the community. Having a shared cultural heritage and history can assist in building trust between women and midwives enhancing women's cultural confidence and overall wellbeing. Having more Aboriginal midwives and mentors available in the clinical setting, and providing more experiences of caring for Aboriginal women could enhance the transition from student to qualified midwife for Aboriginal students ultimately benefiting Aboriginal

women and their children."

An extract from "Providing culturally competent learning experiences for Aboriginal students: An undergraduate midwife's perspective" by Koby Elliott. Published in the Journal, Contemporary Nurse, Volume 46, Issue 1 in December, 2013.

Mental Health Prevention Researcher

Dr. Tonelle Handley



The Geoff Betts Post Doctoral Fellowship

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, UNSW

Multi-tiered approach to suicide prevention in young Australians

"I am so excited to be able to follow on from my PhD and continue my

research in suicide prevention. If my research could lead to more young people seeking help when they experience thoughts of suicide, that would be a great achievement."

Rural Nursing Scholar



Angela Iskov

Parnell Rural And Remote Nursing Scholarship

University of New England, NSW

Rural Placement 2012—Moree District Health Service, NSW

Post Grad Year 2013—Inverell Health Service, NSW

"I was extremely nervous at the prospect of working in a small rural hospital. Would I get enough support? Would I get enough rotations to other wards? Would I gain enough experience by not choosing a metropolitan hospital?

All I can say to someone deliberating as to whether to choose a small rural hospital or not is – go for it! I have been exposed to so much already, have had the most fantastic support from all members of the multidisciplinary team and I am thoroughly pleased with my decision."

D9800 CONTACT.....

If you would like Australian Rotary Health speakers to visit your club for an update about our range of programs in 2014 please contact :

PP Ron Adams, PO Box 579, Malvern, Vic 3144.

Phone 03 9821 0444; Email...r.g.adams@bigpond.com



NOTICES AND EVENTS

May 4

Rotary Club of Albert Park

Benefit Concert Master Musicians

TONIE FIELD, MICHAEL MACMANUS, THE EAMON
AND DUDI PROJECT, ZAM DUO

To raise funds for Poverty Stricken Families
near Cape Town South Africa.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - Wyselaskie Auditorium 29 College
Crescent Parkville 2.30 for 3 to 5 pm.

www.ticketbookings.com.au/book/classicalguitar/capetown/392

May
10

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The Orient Express

Cafe International will be held on
SATURDAY, MAY 10

at International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.

Dress to impress, cultural clothing encouraged.

TICKETS \$82 PER PERSON

*Doors open at 6:30pm for pre-dinner drinks and light
refreshments. Dinner and show will commence at 7:15 pm*

Please contact us at: ihouse2014cafe@gmail.com or
call our CafŽ Communications Officers, James Labrum
at 0434-301-205 or Monica Mui at 0403-140-586.

May
13

ALOLA FOUNDATION

Cocktail Evening

Join us for a cocktail evening with two women integral to
Fundasaun Alola founder, Kirsty Sword Gusmao and CEO,
Alzira Reis.

Tuesday, 13 May at 6.30 pm

The Boulevard, 121 Studley Park, Kew

TICKETS \$110/CONCESSION AVAILABLE AT

<http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=82386>

DETAILS CONTACT CHRIS A friends@alola.org.au or phone 0437 983 070.



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May
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AUSTRALIA RAGMSA Rotarian Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness

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Place: Fredricks 980 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon North

Price: \$45pp includes 2 Course Dinner. Tea or Coffee

Drinks at Bar Prices

(Any special Dietary requirements please notify when booking)

Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival

Fabulous Wednesday evening, speakers, entertainment, auction, "Door Prize" and raffle.

"Kiss MS Goodbye"

Wear Something Red

Guest speakers:

Howard Florey Institute - Speaker

MS Ambassador - Speaker

Entertainment:

Funds raised go to MSA projects, MSRA and MSIF

RSVP May 16th, 2014 to Barry Coleman, bdgcoleman@optusnet.com.au

Barry Coleman 0427852062

Or enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au 0393793247

Any Auction or Raffle Items would be appreciated.

May
27

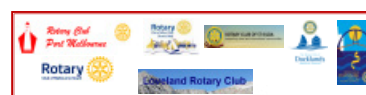
District 5440 joint meeting

Tuesday May 27

6 for 6.30 to 8 pm

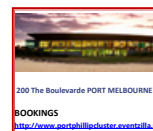
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200 The boulevard Port Melbourne**AT FEATURE OF THE NIGHT WILL BE THE BATTLE OF THE SERGEANTS**Book online at <http://www.portphilipcluster.eventzilla.net> by Friday May 23rd.**\$35 - 2 course meal and coffee. Drinks at bar prices.****Tuesday May 27th****6:00 for 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

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Battle of the SergeantsRSVP: Fri May 23rd
\$35.00 2 course meal & coffee
(drinks at bar prices)

All profit from the evening, including the Sergeants session will be donated to Polio Plus

May
30

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHTON

The Brighton Lunch

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS AFL WEEK WITH LEADERS OF INDUSTRY AND FOOTBALL

Susan Alberti, Beverly Knight, Brian Ward, Keving Sheedy

with Cathy Freeman and James Reyne

Friday, May 30

Brighton International, 12 Noon for 12.30

TICKETS \$130Bookings: Email gbentley@trident.com.au

RSVP: Geoff Bently Phone 0408 991 641

www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events

In this issue: ➔

A brief Networker to update you'll.

We touch on International, we rally behind Blazeaid and update on attendances.

Have a look at the latest on the convention with the Corroboree, and some handy hints for newbies, while you're at it.

Then we've also got some RAWCS, some NYSF and a touch of ANZAC - yes that's an acronym, you've just used it for so long you don't recognise it as one.

Anyway, not too much to take in and we'll be back next week with more.

See you next week when the DG will be back.

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Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on your mind?

Send Clarice an e-mail at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

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Geelong	Yarra	4	75%	37	45	45	8	15.4%
Kawamara Flat	Goodfields	4	48%	24	18	18	4	16.7%
Castlemaine	Calder	32	32	37	5	5	5	15.4%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	74%	42	68	48	6	14.2%
Port Melbourne	Borlaim	4	48%	15	16	17	2	13.2%
Geelong	Goodfields	4	54%	8	9	9	1	12.5%
Hastings	Hobsons Bay	3	51%	26	29	29	3	11.5%
Sideline	Calder			26	29	3	3	11.5%
New-on-River	Yarra	4	10%	18	30	30	2	11.2%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	17%	22	24	24	2	9.3%
Lagham	Goodfields	4	15%	36	40	39	3	8.3%
Melbourne Park	Hastings			27	29	29	2	7.4%
In Kila	Stonnington	4	47%	14	15	15	1	7.2%
Seaside South	Goodfields	4	42%	30	33	32	2	6.7%

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NEW MEMBERS 2014

Date	Club	Member
Jan-14	Melbourne	Anthony Waldron
Jan-14	Melbourne	Helen Muthers
Jan-14	Geelong	Wayne Sanderson
Jan-14	Seaside West Generation	David Birt
Jan-14	Traralgon	Traci Charles
Feb-14	Seaside	Samir Feghali
Feb-14	Seaside	Hans Dallberg
Feb-14	Seaside	Merrilyn Shephard
Feb-14	Canterbury	Bob Falconer
Feb-14	Canterbury	Josh Fergus
Feb-14	Canterbury	Janine Mahoney
Feb-14	Canterbury	Bill Mendenhall
Feb-14	Canterbury	James Mendenhall
Feb-14	Canterbury	Chris Patsel
Feb-14	Melbourne	David J Hayes



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NEW TO ROTARY CONVENTIONS?

These tips will help you make the most of your experience

Kevin Smith has been to several Rotary conventions and always makes time for the House of Friendship.

"This is my husband's and my favorite part of the convention, even more exciting than the Melbourne convention," says Kevin, a past district leader from Colorado.



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D9800 RAWCS Headlines April, 2014

This is the Eastern edition of District 9800 International Rotarians. Headlines is produced monthly by the District International team to briefly summarize key activities for club international directors.


RAM Day April 30
Bill Gelling, the RAM Chair for D9800, has distributed a separate note to club international directors concerning activities in our first.

joined the RAWCS Committee as District representative. Safe Water, Sewer Lines and Water and Sanitation are being combined under Ruth Carlin-Morales (Brighton Beach) and Peter McQuinn (Footscray) will join Virginia Turner (Brighton North) in coordinating Projects and volunteers. Gerry Gurnell (Seaside) is taking responsibility for fundraising.

How Can RAWCS Help

have reached away in a cupboard. They are intended for use by students who have been sponsored through school and who are now at University. Laptops are expensive in Vietnam.

The second is for (tax deductible) donations for the Mook Hee pig raising program that promises to break the subsistence cycle for this community. Even small donations go a long way.



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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)



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My NYSF fortnight

Along with all the other students who attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) this year, I have been asked to report back to Rotary about our experience. My NYSF fortnight was outstanding. I feel strongly obliged to promote its benefits to the rest of our school community, particularly to science students in years 10 and 11 who may be interested in attending.

It is a two-week residential science program offered by the Australian National University and the University of Western Australia, and supported by Rotary Australia.

botany and international relations. We visited research laboratories, listened to people talking about their work in science and discussed contemporary science issues. Although I did not always have a great interest in some of these areas, the speakers were so passionate and knowledgeable that they persuaded me to become interested. Since returning home, I have followed up on some presentations with a lot of personal reading.

One of the gifts of the NYSF program which I did not expect to receive was coaching in communication applications, working with people of different personalities, using body language purposefully and, generally, how to go about resolving problems in the future. On particular days, several universities and corporate sponsors came to talk to us about career pathways. All of this information gave us the confidence and inspiration to move into Year 12 and beyond.

The NYSF program also focused on developing friendships and growing interpersonal skills in all the participants. I met new people within a very short time we became

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Rotary ANZAC Centennial Tour Gallipoli 2015

The Rotary Club of Ballarat, District 9800, the Rotary Club of Geelong and District 2433, invites you to join the Rotary ANZAC Centennial Tour Gallipoli 2015.

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

April in Istanbul and finishes in Athens on the 29th April 2015. You begin with a night stay at the Intercontinental Capitan Hotel on the vibrant city of Istanbul. Your stay will include visits to the Blue Mosque, a dinner cruise along the Bosphorus River with fellow Rotarians from Turkey, a tour of Istanbul's Old Town and a joint Rotary Club meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Geelong. Your next eight nights will be spent on board the MS Island Sky sailing from Istanbul. You will sail to the Gallipoli National Park for a tour of the war memorials, participate in the Turkish Memorial Service, and on the 25th April join the Dawn Service on board the MS Island Sky.

On board will be historian, former intelligence officer and noted author/Seafront leader Hugh Dean (Bar) and Rear Admiral Peter Briggs AO CSC (Bar) who will give the tour a complete understanding of the Gallipoli campaign.

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

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Event 1480 just meeting
Wednesday May 27



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The approval of monies is obviously contingent on available District Designated Funds (DDF) in both categories.

The District is allocated funds based on its clubs contribution to the Rotary Foundation for the period 3 years prior. This year's allocation is based on the contributions from 2010/2012.

Note: The more clubs give to the Rotary Foundation (TRF) the more we will have available for projects in both categories.

This year to-date the district has assisted with and approved 4 Global Grants, 2 of which have also now received TRF approval. These cover projects in the Philippines, Uganda and Cambodia.

To date there have been 26 proposals for District Grants submitted, and 23 have been approved. There have been 16 different clubs who have submitted projects out of the 20 club approvals.

We have 7 local and 13 international projects, and also fund 3 District projects covering the GSE Team, a Scholarship for a doctor from Myanmar to Melbourne University and a team of girl guides to Myanmar.



Countries who have benefited from District DDF include: East Timor, Solomon Islands, Laos, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Cambodia and the Philippines.

Whilst we have some DDF still available for Global Grants, we are almost out of funds available for assisting with District Grant projects for this Rotary year.

Two examples of how a small amount of DDF can assist clubs in excellent Local Projects, helping to the community and lifting Rotary's profile in the area.

- A\$2,500 to the Rotary Club of Woodend to assist in the conversion of a track around a disused racecourse to an exercise track for use by the general public, sports groups and children.
- A\$1,000 to the Rotary Club of Glenferrie to assist a local Primary School in their area to establish and maintain an orchard of 19 trees, to help with extending the children's learning experience. Two excellent examples of how DDF can assist clubs with smaller International Projects.
- A\$1,667 to the Rotary Club of Camberwell to assist in the provision of fresh water facilities for a bakery in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

The bakery will provide fresh bread to an orphanage in the village.

- A\$2,600 to the Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern to assist in the deepening of an existing well to provide fresh water to a school and medical centre run by nuns in East Timor.

There are many more terrific examples of work being done by clubs in D9800, and the District has been able to support these with DDF when it is available.

The D9800 Foundation Grants Sub-Committee is always available to discuss aspects of your proposal with you and assist with DDF if appropriate.

*Garth Symington
D9800 Foundation Grants
Sub- Committee Chair*



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We are extremely grateful for their wonderful support and thank them most sincerely.

After the floods of 2011 and Cyclone Yasi ...

BlazeAid has now completed the flood and cyclone reconstruction work in four states. Again we thank our volunteers who have come from far and wide and worked for many months to restore the fences and the properties of 591 rural families.

More volunteers are needed at:

Clarkefield, Vic 0431 438 375

Wandong, Vic 0401 373 562

Wirrabara, SA 0447 252 931

See more information at: www.blazeaid.com

Please give us a call.

You don't need any previous fencing experience, just a willingness to give it a go.

Checkout our sponsors page at
<http://blazeaid.com.au/sponsors/>





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Canterbury	Eastside	4	74%	42	48	48	6	14.3%
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	68%	15	16	17	2	13.3%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	94%	8	9	9	1	12.5%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	3	91%	26	29	29	3	11.5%
Gisborne	Calder			26		29	3	11.5%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	90%	18	20	20	2	11.1%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	57%	22	24	24	2	9.1%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	85%	36	40	39	3	8.3%
Melbourne Park	Heritage			27	29	29	2	7.4%
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	47%	14	15	15	1	7.1%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	62%	30	33	32	2	6.7%
Collingwood	Heritage			15		16	1	6.7%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	87%	16	17	17	1	6.3%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	77%	38	40	40	2	5.3%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	74%	39	41	41	2	5.1%
North Melbourne	Heritage	4	49%	23	23	24	1	4.3%
E-Club of Melbourne	Batman	4	28%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	96%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	65%	25	26	26	1	4.0%
Brunswick	Heritage			25		26	1	4.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	100%	27	27	28	1	3.7%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	56%	69	71	71	2	2.9%
Kyneton	Calder	4	71%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Brighton	Beachside	4	51%	106	107	107	1	0.9%
Melbourne	Batman	4	65%	233	234	235	2	0.9%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	59%	57	57	57	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	5	52%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	64%	47	47	47	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman			4		4	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	81%	47	47	47	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside	4	70%	29	30	29	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	91%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	70%	31	30	31	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	4	71%	35	35	35	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman			24		24	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Westside	4	71%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	66%	23	23	23	0	0.0%



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Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonnington	4	78%	49	48	48	-1	-2.0%
Carlton	Heritage	4	81%	38	37	37	-1	-2.6%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	60%	34	33	33	-1	-2.9%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	4	75%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	90%	76	74	73	-3	-3.9%
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Keilor	Gateway	4	68%	39	39	37	-2	-5.1%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	47%	54	51	51	-3	-5.6%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	80%	77	73	72	-5	-6.5%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	60%	30	26	28	-2	-6.7%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	54%	38	35	35	-3	-7.9%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	68%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%
Caulfield	Beachside	3	77%	11	10	10	-1	-9.1%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	64%	22	20	20	-2	-9.1%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	68%	21	19	19	-2	-9.5%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	72%	47	42	42	-5	-10.6%
Essendon	Gateway	4	57%	72	62	64	-8	-11.1%
Prahran	Stonnington			24		21	-3	-12.5%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	4	57%	29	25	25	-4	-13.8%
Bendigo-Strathdale	Goldfields	4	68%	26	22	22	-4	-15.4%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	3	46%	13	11	11	-2	-15.4%
Bendigo Next Generation	Goldfields	3	60%	24	21	20	-4	-16.7%
Daylesford	Calder			32		26	-6	-18.8%
Tullamarine	Gateway	3	38%	16	12	12	-4	-25.0%
Woodend	Calder	4	58%	24	18	18	-6	-25.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			62		63			
No. of Members				2520		2505	-15	-0.6%
% Average of Those Reported			66.7%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			87%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						89%		
* a blank in the "Start" column indicates no numbers supplied and the End number is based on the last reported number.								



NEW MEMBERS 2014

Jan-14	Melbourne	Anthony Waldron
Jan-14	Melbourne	Helena Michaels
Jan-14	Brighton	Wayne Sanderson
Jan-14	Bendigo Next Generation	David Britt
Jan-14	Yarraville	Traci Charles
Feb-14	Kew	Samir Freijah
Feb-14	Kew	Hans Carlborg
Feb-14	Kew	Merrilyn Shepherd
Feb-14	Canterbury	Bob Falconer
Feb-14	Canterbury	Josh Fergeus
Feb-14	Canterbury	Janine Mahoney
Feb-14	Canterbury	Bill Nankervis
Feb-14	Canterbury	Jenni Nankervis
Feb-14	Canterbury	Chris Pataud
Feb-14	Melbourne	David J Hayes
Feb-14	Melbourne	Nova J Hack
Feb-14	Albert Park	Raelene Hunt
Feb-14	North Balwyn	Steven Greateorex
Feb-14	Rochester	
Feb-14	Central Melb Sunrise	Sat Mishra
Feb-14	Bacchus Marsh	Ian Cabrie
Feb-14	Bacchus Marsh	Davina Cabrie
Feb-14	Echuca Moama	Clement Mulcahey
Feb-14	Echuca Moama	Alan Hawken
Mar-14	Port Melbourne	
Mar-14	Wyndham	Wendy Jordan
Mar-14	Essendon	Jane Carbone
Mar-14	Essendon	Jenny Foster
Mar-14	Albert park	Ivo Georgiev
Mar-14	Melbourne	Peter G Berg
Mar-14	Point Gellibrand	Arnold Sackville
Mar-14	Point Gellibrand	Steven Los
Mar-14	Williamstown	Carlos Molina
Mar-14	Williamstown	Sven Guttenbeil
Mar-14	Melbourne South	Gina Hatzopoulos
Mar-14	Kyneton	Alan Potter
Mar-14	Kyneton	Matt Miller
Mar-14	Bendigo Next Generation	Stacey McGregor
Mar-14	Bendigo Next Generation	Abhishek Awasthi
Mar-14	North Melbourne	Emily Glenn

NEW TO ROTARY CONVENTIONS?

These tips will help you make the most of your experience

Karen Sekich has been to several Rotary conventions and always makes time for the House of Friendship.

"This is my husband's and my favorite part of the convention, even more exciting than the fabulous speakers," says Sekich, a past district leader from Colorado, USA, who advises first-timers to "go and talk to Rotarians from around the world."

Attending the annual international convention is a defining moment for many Rotary members. Whether you've already registered or are still considering attending the convention in Sydney, 1-4 June, these tips from frequent convention goer Wendy Fransen, a member of the Rotary Club of Watertown, South Dakota, USA, will help you make your first experience memorable.

Before you go:

- Buy a travel guide or borrow one from the library. Browse the convention website for advice on what to see and do.
- Purchase host-event tickets as early as possible. Popular events sell out quickly.
- Check with your credit card company to determine whether it charges a transaction fee, and to notify the company about your travel plans.
- Travel light, packing clothes that can be layered. Check your airline for rules about carry-ons. The convention observes business



casual attire; comfortable shoes are recommended.

At the convention:

- Attend one of two orientation sessions for first-time convention attendees on Saturday, 31 May, the day before the convention opens.
- Bring your photo ID and email confirmations to the convention center when you pick up convention materials. Get ribbons and language and attendance stickers at the ribbon booth, to identify yourself, advertise your language skills, and let everyone know if this is your first convention.
- Seek out sergeants-at-arms (in yellow or red vests) for help or information.
- Enjoy food, local culture, and music at the House of Friendship. Browse booths to connect with other Rotary members; bring business cards, banners, and pins to exchange.
- Attend the opening plenary session, where you will be welcomed by officials from the host country, inspired by the parade of Rotary flags, and dazzled by top-notch entertainment.
- Update your Facebook status to share the experience with club members at home, and follow the Rotary Twitter feed using #ricon14. Bring your camera and post photos on Flickr to share with friends around the world.

Find out more about the convention in Sydney at www.riconvention.org.



D9800 RAWCS Headlines April, 2014



This is the Easter edition of District 9800 International Headlines. Headlines is produced bi-monthly by the District International team to briefly summarise key activities for club International Directors.

RAM Day April 30

Bill Oakley, the RAM Chair for D9800, has distributed a separate note to club International Directors summarising activity in our fight against malaria. Clubs can mark this special day by making a financial contribution to purchase more impregnated bed nets for needy communities. Payment details were included in Bill's note.

District Conference

The cluster presentations at the March District Conference showed a diverse and highly impressive array of offshore projects. We are currently editing the material for club and external presentations.

District Assembly

District Assembly is at Melton on May 18th. This is a good opportunity for, in particular, new office-bearers to enhance their understanding about Rotary and our District activities. The international workshop will showcase the key RAWCS programs and focus project discussions on a country-specific basis.

The Team for 2014/15

With Julie Mason becoming District Governor elect, Rowan McClean (North Balwyn) is becoming Chair International Services and Tracey Wya_ (Chadstone/East Malvern) is becoming RAWCS Chair. Other changes are that Bob Glindermann (Melbourne) will be DIK Coordinator. Daryl Leonard (Melton) has already

joined the RAWCS Committee as DIK representative. Safe Water Saves Lives and Water and Sanitation are being combined under Ruth Carlos-Martinez (Brighton Beach) and Peter McGrath (Footscray) will join Virginia Turner (Brighton North) in coordinating Projects and Volunteers. Garry Gunnell (Bendigo) is taking responsibility for Rebuilding Samoa.

How Can RAWCS Help Clubs?

RAWCS can provide front end advice on projects, including needs assessment and cross-cultural strategies. We can also put you in touch with clubs that may have set up projects in your intended country/area of activity for advice.

We can help link you with clubs for on-the-ground cooperation and to avoid duplication, overlap and wastage. We will help obtain tax deductibility for eligible projects and provide free travel insurance for teams travelling overseas.

Importantly, we can help you ensure sustainability of the benefits and impact of your projects.

Please let the International Director elect for your club know about this. If you are seeking an overseas project, contact the RAWCS Chair who could help you identify an existing project you could join or develop your own project. Funding a container through DIK is an easy way to make a valuable contribution to a needy community.

North Vietnam requests for help

We have three urgent requests for help in North Vietnam.

The first is for **working-condition laptops** you or your family might

have tucked away in a cupboard. They are intended for use by students who have been sponsored through school and who are now at University. Laptops are expensive in Vietnam.

The second is for (tax deductible) **donations for the Minh Hac pig-raising project** that promises to break the subsistence cycle for this community. Even small donations go a long way!

The third is for a club (possibly in conjunction with their local school) to **adopt a very poor community** nominated by the Provincial authorities. RC of North Balwyn has assisted a needy community for several years through a local NGO, and this invitation comes as a result of the excellent results that have been achieved.

If you can help with any of these opportunities contact Rowan McClean at rowanmcclean@mail.com for further information.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)



A twelve day fully residential forum was held on university campus in either Canberra or Perth in January 2015.

Students going into year 12 next year (and intending continuing to tertiary

scientific subjects, attend lectures by some of Australia's eminent scientists and engineers and hear of scientific, engineering and technology career opportunities in universities and industry.

opportunity and made lifelong friends.

Applications for NYSF are now open to year 11 students on the NYSF website www.nysf.edu.au and will close on 31 May 2014.



studies in the fields of science, engineering or technology) got the chance to test drive a career in the sciences, engineering or technology. This is the NYSF, and participants will engage in laboratory experiments and field visits conducted by top scientists and engineers. They will participate in debates on



NYSF participants will also engage in personal development activities, impromptu speeches, mock job interviews and loads of fun social activities.

At the end of the twelve days participants will have experienced, what has been described by former NYSF'ers, as a life changing

Clubs will have till 30 June 2014 to nominate suitably qualified students for district selection interviews and forward those nominations and student applications, accompanied by documentation, to the NYSF district chair.



My NYSF fortnight

Along with all the other students who attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) this year, I have been asked to report back to Rotary about our experience. My NYSF fortnight was outstanding. I feel strongly obligated to promote its benefits to the rest of our school community, particularly to science students in years 10 and 11 who may be interested in attending.

It is a two-week residential science program offered by the Australian National University and the University of Western Australia and supported by Rotary Australia. Approximately four hundred and fifty Year 11 students originating from different communities all over Australia attend. The selection process is quite rigorous and is designed to identify students who have a deep interest in science.

I attended Session C of the NYSF at the Australian National University between 20 January and 1 February, 2014, taking part in a wide range of fascinating activities in the course of that fortnight. I learned that science is an enormous field of learning that means different things to different people. For some, their love of science takes them to chemistry, physics, biology and medicine. For me, it leads to engineering, so I was placed into a group with other students who all shared the same desire to improve the world through the application of science and technology. We visited organizations involved with engineering research and diverse enterprises such as wind farms, an experimental nuclear fusion reactor and the Australian Defence Force Academy.

In between our group sessions, we assembled with all the other NYSF students to listen to eminent speakers in other scientific domains like physics, chemistry, medicine,

botany and international relations. We visited research laboratories, listened to people talking about their work in science and discussed contemporary science issues. Although I did not always have a great interest in some of these areas, the speakers were so passionate and knowledgeable that they persuaded me to become interested. Since returning home, I have followed up on some presentations with a lot of personal reading.

One of the gifts of the NYSF program which I did not expect to receive was coaching in communication and public speaking. The rationale for promoting such skills is that scientists need to be able to explain their ideas to the general public. To put our new knowledge into practice we had to deliver a short talk on a science issue. Another exercise was to create a resume for our 'dream science job' (my dream was to be a senior research scientist working for Google in the intersection of robotics, artificial intelligence and natural language processing) and then undergo a job interview for it conducted by Rotarians.

Another instance where communication was expected was in the forums where topics discussed included the role of public investment in scientific research, recent advances in nanotechnology and the (lack of) international cooperation on climate change. Loud debates would ensue with students passionately arguing about the incompetence of corporations and governments. The forums helped us to sharply articulate our opinions. They were fun, exciting and liberating.

Equally helpful were personal development seminars covering varied themes such as mental preparation for Year 12, university

applications, working with people of different personalities, using body language purposefully and, generally, how to go about resolving problems in the future. On partners' day, several universities and corporate sponsors came to talk to us about career pathways. All of this information gave us the confidence and motivation to move into Year 12 and beyond.

The NYSF program also focused on developing friendships and growing interpersonal skills in all the participants. I met new people. Within a very short time we became friends and are keeping in touch via the internet. I hope to cross paths with many of them again and again in the coming years. I shall be seeing some of them in March when the Next Step program brings us together for three days. I would have liked to take part in the international program in London in June/July, but unfortunately the dates coincide with the beginning of our term 3 exam preparations.

To encourage students at my school and others to step into the NYSF world I will be delivering a short talk about the selection process and the program to senior assemblies at Wesley College, Caulfield Grammar and Collingwood College by the end of this month. Some schools had up to three or four participants in the program this year, so I would like to encourage other students who are interested. It would be wonderful to have one or more students from our area attend the NYSF every year.

Daniel Williams

Wesley College

(sponsored by Rotary Club of Melbourne South)



Rotary ANZAC Centennial Tour Gallipoli 2015

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

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

The tour commences on the 15th

April in Istanbul and finishes in Athens on the 29th April 2015. You begin with a six night stay at the Intercontinental Ceylan Hotel in the vibrant city of Istanbul. Your stay will include visits to the Blue Mosque, a dinner cruise along the Bosphorus River with fellow Rotarians from Turkey, a tour of Istanbul's Old Town and a joint Rotary Club meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Goksu. Your next eight nights will be spent on board the MS Island Sky sailing from Istanbul. You will sail to the Gallipoli National Park for a tour of the war memorials, participate in the Turkish National Sovereignty & Children's day in the town of Gallipoli, hosted by the Mayor of

Gallipoli and on the 25th April join the Dawn Service on board the MS Island Sky.

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

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





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- ✓ Travel to ANZAC Cove for a tour of the war memorials
- ✓ Participation in Turkish National Sovereignty & Children's day in Gallipoli: Hosted by Mayor of Gallipoli
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NOTICES AND EVENTS

May
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Rotary Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness

2014 Global MS Dinner

KISS MS GOODBYE - WEAR SOMETHING RED

Guest speakers and entertainment.

Wednesday, May 21 - 7 for 7.30 pm**Fredricks 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon****TICKETS \$45 PP - 2 course dinner and champagne on arrival.****Drinks at bar prices, Door prize and raffle**RSVP: May 16 to Barry Coleman, bdgcoleman@optusnet.com.au 0427 852 062 or enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au 9379 3247.

AUSTRALIA: RAGMSA Rotary Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness

**2014 Global MS Dinner**

Date: Wednesday May 21, 2014

Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm start

Place: Fredricks 980 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon North

Price: \$45pp includes 2 Course Dinner. Tea or Coffee

Drinks at Bar Prices

(Any special Dietary requirements please notify when booking)

Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival

Fabulous Wednesday evening, speakers, entertainment, auction, "Door Prize" and raffle.

"Kiss MS Goodbye"

Wear Something Red

Guest speakers:

Howard Florey Institute - Speaker

MS Ambassador - Speaker

Entertainment:

Funds raised go to MSA projects, MSRA and MSIF

RSVP May 16th, 2014 to Barry Coleman, bdgcoleman@optusnet.com.au

Barry Coleman 0427852062

Or: enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au 0393793247

Any Auction or Raffle Items would be appreciated.

May
27

District 5440 joint meeting

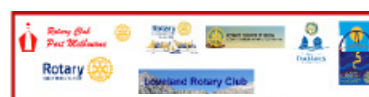
Tuesday May 27**6 for 6.30 to 8 pm**

Join us to welcome 27 members from Lovelands Rotary & District 5440 who are in Australia for the Rotary International Conference.

Projects from all clubs will be featured together with fun and fellowship

200 The boulevard Port Melbourne

AT FEATURE OF THE NIGHT WILL BE THE BATTLE OF THE SERGEANTS

Book online at <http://www.portphilipcluster.eventzilla.net> by Friday May 23rd.**\$35 - 2 course meal and coffee. Drinks at bar prices.****Tuesday May 27th****6:00 for 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

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Battle of the Sergeants

RSVP Fri May 23rd

\$35.00 2 course meal & coffee

(includes set beer package)

All profit from the evening, including the sergeants auction will be donated to Polio Plus

May
30

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHTON

The Brighton Lunch

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS AFL WEEK WITH LEADERS OF INDUSTRY AND FOOTBALL

Susan Alberti, Beverly Knight, Brian Ward, Keving Sheedy

with Cathy Freeman and James Reyne

Friday, May 30

Brighton International, 12 Noon for 12.30

TICKETS \$130Bookings: Email gbentley@trident.com.au

RSVP: Geoff Bently Phone 0408 991 641

www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events



NOTICES AND EVENTS

June
7

DISTRICT 9800

Past Rotary International President John Kenny

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

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

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

June
23

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

"Ballet Costume Design and Creation"

Monday 23 June 2014.

Club Meetings

The Amora Hotel 649 Bridge Road Richmond

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm

w: www.rotaryrichmond.org.au, w: www.friendsofrichmondrotary.org

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Amora Riverwalk Hotel

649 Bridge Road Richmond

\$30 inc 2 courses, coffee and car parking

RSVP: Sue Bolton - sbolton@globaldial.com

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June
30

Rotary Clubs of Albert Park, Brighton, Docklands and Melbourne

Breakfast Launch of the Footy Nuts Project

FRIDAY, 30 MAY - 7.30-8.30 AM

THE VILLAGE - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK

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

HOST: LEILA GURRUWIWI, THE MARNGROOK FOOTY SHOW

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In this issue: ➔

The District Assembly is done and gone, the new theme was unveiled and the DGE got to introduce his team to the assembled Rotarians, check out the DG column.

We received some more pics of Rotarians doing it for Blazaid so we used them, see page 3 and Rotarian David Bennet forwarded a great piece from The Rotarian by Anne Patchett, see page 4.

Please not the change of date for the RC of Albert Parks classical guitarists concert in the events pages.

A quick update as we build towards the next bumper edition in June.

Cheers, Ed.

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Clarice Caricare
Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on your mind?

Send Clarice an e-mail at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Networker

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The feedback was positive, the delivery informative and the company first rate. Thanks must go to DGE Murray, the Learning and Development Team led by FDC Ruth Pyal and the Rotary Club of Mutton and helpers for their contributions in delivery of a special day for 462 plus Rotarians.

The month of May is a special month in Australia. Rotary May is Australian Rotary Month. We are proud to be a part of this special month.

Networker

Rotary Club of North Balwyn Builds new fences in Gisborne



Rotary Club of North Balwyn - Builds new fences in Gisborne - March 2014

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THE HEART OF ROTARY

Dave Mars owned a commercial printing company in Los Angeles. He was the one who suited my father to join the Wilshire Rotary Club in 1982. "How did you know Dave Mars?" I ask.

My father mulls over this for a while. My stepmother, Jerry, goes back to the living cabinet in the office off their bedroom and miraculously returns with a handful of small Rotary pamphlets, actual footcubes, each one containing about 30 pages of black-and-white photographs of the men in the club, along with their names and their jobs. We look through 1982 and, sure enough, there's Dave Mars.

In 1982, my father was a captain in the Los Angeles Police Department. "I had to be in some sort of service club," he tells me. "Qualified." The idea was that knowing people in the community was a good way of finding out where the problems in that community were. It was needs to turn off all other distractions, sit close, and listen.

"Rotary got better," he says. It wasn't long before he made friends - Russ Johnson and Mike Reed, Al Woodell and Alva Sander. There wasn't as much time for friendship in those days. Being a captain in the Los Angeles Police Department was no small thing. My father wore his service revolver under his suit jacket. He had a terrific wife, a nice house, two daughters in college. The unexpected benefit of the service club requirement was that once a week he got to go to the Ambassador Hotel and have a nice lunch with a group of guys he liked. He became a member of the fraternity. I start flipping through the Wilshire Rotary pamphlets on the kitchen table. I find Frank Patchett. I notice that over after year it was a group of guys, only guys. I mention this.

"A woman could come to a meeting as a guest," he says.

Networker

Hawthorns First International Skype Meeting



At the Rotary Club of Hawthorn's first Skype meeting our guest speaker was former Ambassador of Scholarships, Chiranjeev Datta who spoke from Nepal, where she is now a Project Officer with the United Nations.

During her presentation, which featured an excellent and informative slide show, she recounted her journey from obtaining her Masters Degree in International Development at Melbourne University in 2009 to her UN role today.

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June 7 World Premiere Street Requiem

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The month of May is a special month in Australian Rotary, May is Australian Rotary Health month.. We are reminded of all the special work Australian Rotary Health (ARH) does in our community.

The concept of Australian Rotary Health is to raise donations and invest this money to provide grants for worthy research projects in the medical and health arenas. Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body of mental illness research and also funds research in other health related areas.

The genesis of Australian Rotary Health in 1981 was the mystery of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The Late Ian Scott, from the Rotary Club of Mornington, established Australian Rotary Health to support research into SIDS. As Australian Rotary Health grew so did the vision of medical research possibilities. Supported by Rotarians Australian wide, Australian Rotary Health was soon in a position to sponsor health research in areas that did not readily attract funding.

Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision of health. They are a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves. Australian Rotary Health has been approved by the Board of Rotary International as a multi-District project and is registered under Corporation Law.

It operates through a Constitution that provides for membership to be restricted to Rotarians and for control by a Board of Directors elected by and drawn from the Members. Membership entitles members to receive all Newsletters and the Annual Report and Accounts.

Australian Rotary Health has been a vital part of Rotary service for 33 years and deserves our support as Clubs work through their disbursements at this time of year. Your donation will secure not only the great work of ARH but also the name of Rotary in the many areas ARH impact.



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

DG Ross

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Regards Greg Matthews
R.C. of North Balwyn



THE HEART OF ROTARY

Dave Mars owned a commercial printing company in Los Angeles. He was the one who invited my father to join the Wilshire Rotary club in 1982. "How did you know Dave Mars?" I ask.

My father mulls over this for a while. My stepmother, Jerri, goes back to the filing cabinets in the office off their bedroom and miraculously returns with a handful of small Rotary pamphlets, actual facebooks, each one containing about 30 pages of black-and-white photographs of the men in the club, along with their names and their jobs. We look through 1982 and, sure enough, there's Dave Mars.

In 1982, my father was a captain in the Los Angeles Police Department. "I had to be in some sort of service club," he tells me. "Required." The idea was that knowing people in the community was a good way of finding out where the problems in that community were. It was also a good way to meet the people who might be helpful in solving the problems you were dealing with as a police officer in Los Angeles. My father and I have talked about the riots in L.A. We've talked about the famous homicide cases he worked on – Sharon Tate, Bobby Kennedy. I think it would be nice to talk about something he actually liked for a change. "So, that first time you went to Rotary," I say. "Did you like it?"

He gives his head a small shake. "It was like going to a fraternity house, and I wasn't a member of the fraternity."

My father was 50 the year he joined the Wilshire Rotary Club of Los Angeles. I was a sophomore in college. He did 100 pull-ups every morning, 100 push-ups, more

sit-ups than there are stars in the sky. He logged hours on his NordicTrack and stationary bike. I'm 50 now, and my father is 82. He is in a wheelchair, the outcome of a neurological disease called progressive supranuclear palsy. It's like Parkinson's, but it's worse. His voice, along with everything else, has grown weak. To hear him, one

needs to turn off all other distractions, sit close, and listen.

"Rotary got better," he says. It wasn't long before he made friends – Russ Johnson and Mike Reed, Al Woodill and Ake Sandler. There wasn't as much time for friendship in those days. Being a captain in the Los Angeles Police Department was no small thing. My father wore two service revolvers under his suit jacket. He had a terrific wife, a nice house, two daughters in college. The unexpected benefit of the service club requirement was that once a week he got to go to the Ambassador Hotel and have a nice lunch with a group of guys he liked. He became a member of the fraternity. I start flipping through the Wilshire Rotary pamphlets on the kitchen table. I find Frank Patchett. I notice that year after year it was a group of guys, only guys. I mention this.

"A woman could come to a meeting as a guest," my father remembers. "If she went up to a table and said, 'May I sit here?' half the time the answer was no. If she didn't ask first, if she just sat down, the guys would stand up and go to another table."

In Los Angeles? In the 1980s?

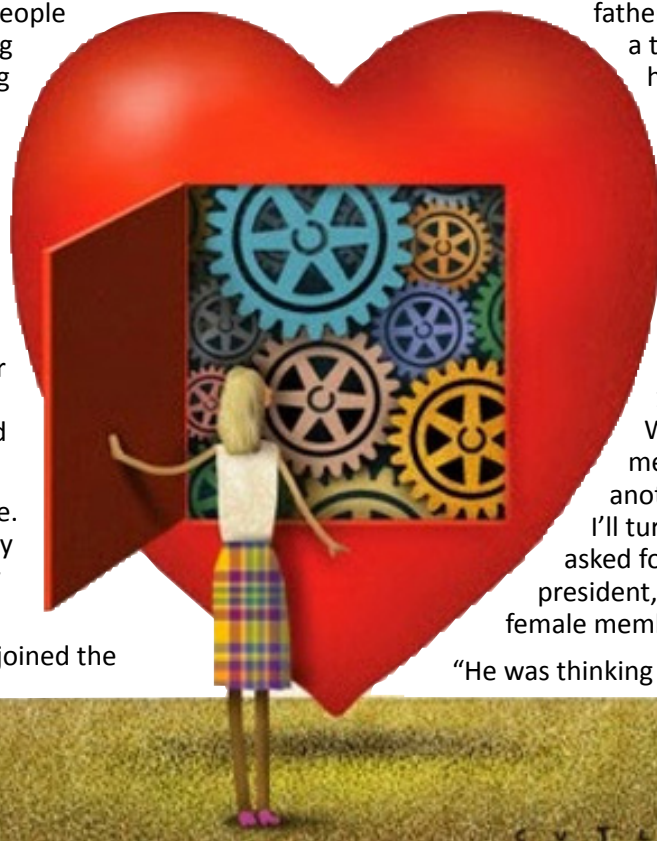
"Late '80s," my father says.

"We didn't get our first woman member until 1989." In 1992, he became president of Wilshire Rotary. One of the club members said to him, "If you let another woman become a member, I'll turn in my resignation." My father asked for his resignation. While he was president, the club accepted two more female members.

"He was thinking

of the two of you," Jerri says, referring to me and my sister. She reaches over to pat my hand, something my father can no longer do.

My father wanted my sister and me to live in a world where women were safer than they had been before, where women were promoted fairly in their jobs, and where women could sit down to lunch at a service club without having the men at the table get up and move. All in all, I think he did a remarkably good job. My sister, Heather, joined Rotary in





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1992 in Mankato, Minn. When she moved to South Carolina, she joined Rotary again, and when she moved to east Tennessee, she joined the Rotary Club of Greeneville.

By 1999, my father and stepmother had retired. They moved to Fallbrook, Calif., an agricultural community two hours south of Los Angeles. The only people they knew when they moved there were Mike and Beth Reed, who had retired to Fallbrook before them. Mike and my father had been friends through Wilshire Rotary.

"They invited us to their Christmas party," Jerri says. "It was our first invitation to anything in Fallbrook. We were so happy to go. We didn't know a soul there." Soon after that, Mike invited Dad to be a member of the Rotary Club of Fallbrook.

I ask my father about the difference between the two clubs. "I don't remember doing service projects in Wilshire," he says. I remind him that in Los Angeles in 1982, that club was made up of men like him, and that no one had the time to paint the houses of low-income families or pick up trash on the side of the road, things that the Fallbrook Rotary club, with a healthy contingent of retired members, has made a priority. Once a year, the members host a giant lobster supper to make sure there's money for projects needed in their community.

Rotary, which had met my father's professional obligations at the busiest point in his life, now meets his needs in a much more basic way. Every Thursday, Jerri drives him to his club meeting. Members at every table flag him over to join them as Jerri pushes his wheelchair through the room. Dad's friend Connie Fish, who was one of the first women to join the Fallbrook club, stands in line to get him his lunch. She'll feed him his lunch too, unless someone else asks to do it.

In January of this year, my sister's husband, Bill, died unexpectedly.

It was, for all of us who loved him, a nearly unbearable loss. Because traveling across the country wasn't possible for my father, he and Jerri stayed in California, their hearts broken for my sister and for themselves, being so far away from her. But that week they went to Rotary, and when they told their friends what had happened, their friends prayed. The week after that they prayed for Bill and for my sister, and the week after that they prayed again. Rotarians sent cards. They sent donations to the charity my sister had chosen. They stood by my father and Jerri.

I was with my sister in Tennessee and stood by her after the funeral, where again and again strangers shook my hand and offered me their condolences. "I know your sister from Rotary," they said.

I am thrilled that Rotary International is making such progress in its fight against polio, but it must be said that Rotary is also providing a service too ineffable for campaign slogans. It has been a source of friendship, and when something deeper than even friendship is called for, it has been family. The global effort and the Thursday lunch exist side by side, the shared information of businesspeople and the plate brought to the table. It seems to me that this is the most extraordinary accomplishment of all.

Hawthorns First International Skype Meeting

At the Rotary Club of Hawthorn's first Skype meeting our guest speaker was former Ambassadorial Scholar, Chinatsu Endo who spoke from Nepal, where she is now a Project Officer with the United Nations.

During her presentation, which featured an excellent and informative slide show, she recounted her journey from obtaining her Masters Degree in International Development at Melbourne University in 2009 to her UN role today.

She gained admission to undertake her Masters Degree as a result of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship which saw her travel from Fukushima prefecture in Japan to Melbourne where she was hosted by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn from 2006.

The Rotary Club of Hawthorn maintained contact with Chinatsu whilst she had a number of international appointments on the African continent as well as Asia leading to her present role with the United Nations in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Her firsthand experience in working on the ground in Zambia, Sudan and other areas enabled her to draw on her experiences and provide club members with an insightful assessment of the geo-political and cultural issues affecting the regions today.

The Club was delighted with the success of this new meeting concept which due to careful planning had all contingencies covered and was judged a great success.

Should you wish to see a pre-recorded version of Chinatsu's address just click on the following link. <http://youtube/a4BIlqvDw1k>





NOTICES AND EVENTS

May
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NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Rotary Club of Albert Park

Benefit Concert Master Musicians

TONIE FIELD, MICHAEL MACMANUS, THE EAMON
AND DUDI PROJECT, ZAM DUO

To raise funds for Poverty Stricken Families
near Cape Town South Africa.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 - Wyselaskie Auditorium
29 College Crescent Parkville 2.30 for 3 to 5 pm.

www.ticketbookings.com.au/book/classicalguitar/capetown/392

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District 5440 joint meeting

Tuesday May 27

6 for 6.30 to 8 pm

Join us to welcome 27 members from Lovelands Rotary & District
5440 who are in Australia for the Rotary International Conference.

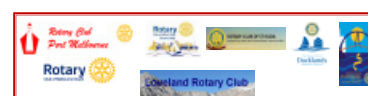
Projects from all clubs will be featured together with fun and fellowship

200 The boulevard Port Melbourne

AT FEATURE OF THE NIGHT WILL BE THE BATTLE OF THE SERGEANTS

Book online at <http://www.portphilipcluster.eventzilla.net>
by Friday May 23rd.

\$35 - 2 course meal and coffee. Drinks at bar prices.



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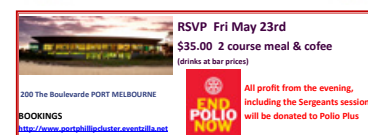
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The Brighton Lunch

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS AFL WEEK WITH LEADERS OF
INDUSTRY AND FOOTBALL

Susan Alberti, Beverly Knight, Brian Ward, Keving Sheedy
with Cathy Freeman and James Reyne

Friday, May 30

Brighton International, 12 Noon for 12.30

TICKETS \$130

Bookings: Email gbentley@trident.com.au

RSVP: Geoff Bently Phone 0408 991 641

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School of Hard Knocks presents the

World Premiere Street Requiem

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ON THE STREET

Conducted by Dr Jonathon Welch AM and Dr Kathleen McGuire

Saturday, June 7 - 7 pm**MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE****TICKETS \$25 STUDENT/CONCESSION \$35 ADULTS**

Tickets, bookings and enquiries phone 9699 3333

www.melbournerecital.com.au
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DISTRICT 9800

Past Rotary International President John Kenny

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

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

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

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

"Ballet Costume Design and Creation"

Monday 23 June 2014.**Club Meetings****The Amora Hotel 649 Bridge Road Richmond****Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm**
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e: friendsofrichmondrotary@gmail.com**Rotary Club of Richmond**

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RSVP: Sue Bolton - sbolton@globaldial.comwww.rotaryrichmond.org.au

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Lookout, Stonnington Cluster has taken the spotlight and we may never hear the end of it. Nah not really but great job by their ADG Bronwyn Stephens to bring us up to date.

If you're proud of what your club has achieved over the past 12 months you should have a look at page 3 and go for the opportunity to show off to all of us.

Anyone watched 'The Good Wife' on TV, then you'll recognise Archie Panjabi on page 5, take a look and help get the job done.

Still plenty else to read with Probus, Footy Nuts and then checkout the details for the District Changeover on page 9.

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Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on your mind?

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SOON! Add your name to the petition to let world leaders know we need help to fund the fight.

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The Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand Inc. invites you and your partner to the 2014 DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON

Join us for a special luncheon to celebrate the changeover of District 9800. The event will be held at the Point Gellibrand Hotel and will feature a presentation of the new District 9800 logo and a special message from the District Governor.

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, 11th September 2014, at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes a glass of sparkling wine, a buffet lunch and a presentation of the new District 9800 logo.

For more information, please contact the District Governor, Mr. [Name], at [Phone Number] or [Email Address].

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Busyfeet is an important and heartwarming opportunity for children between 6 and 16 to enjoy an hour's dancing fun each week. Volunteers encourage and dance with the children while their carers enjoy a cuppa and chat. Busyfeet has been recognized with District endorsement and other clubs are welcome to adopt the project in their own area. Their annual carnival raised around \$15,000 and resulted in several leads for membership recruitment.

Malvern Rotary Club undertook a club vision exercise this year. Members collectively and enthusiastically brainstormed and prioritised their thought on the future of the club and developed an action plan to move forward with.

This busy club has undertaken several fundraisers including the Kooyong tennis club car parking annual major fundraiser. Projects include Pets in the Park, Relay for life, Youth Exchange, participation in a global grant application in Cambodia and working bees at donations in kind.

Prahran and Toorak Rotary Clubs have regrouped and rejuvenated their clubs during the year. Membership opportunities have been embraced. A new member at



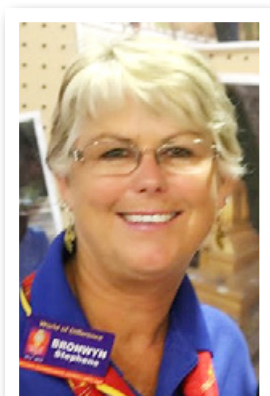
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It has been my privilege to assist these 5 clubs as Assistant Governor and I am delighted to accept District Governor Elect Murray Verso's invitation to continue in the role during 2014-2015.

Bronwyn Stephens





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An electronic logo has been developed that winning clubs can use on their websites, etc and this a great branding initiative that has the potential to enhance the public image of their clubs and awareness of Rotary.

We will no longer be awarding trophies or shields instead the DG, DGE or DGN will be presenting Winning Certificates at Club Change-overs so more of the club members and guests can celebrate club achievements together.

Sadly, for the last 4 years the average number of participating clubs has sat at around 12 % so please help us change this situation by applying this year.

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- bonding
 - membership growth and development
 - the image and awareness of the Club
 - participation rates and engagement
- and they reaffirm team identity, purpose and culture.

The District Awards Program is a very meaningful way of sharing our stories, our talents and our expertise and with the permission of clubs applying we will set up a District 9800 Project Bank for others to access.

An information brochure which has further details about the Awards on offer and the application process is available on the Club Service Page of the District Website.



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- Laverton Pt Cook RC is establishing a Probus club in the Sanctuary Lakes Resort, to meet in the resort's open-access golf club rooms.

However, three Probus clubs have folded in 2013-14 through reasons such as members' advanced age and unwillingness to take on committee roles. These are the Canterbury Mens' and Elsternwick Ladies clubs, and the Williamstown Greenwich Bay Ladies' club. "Such clubs might have been founded 30 years ago, and without recruitment, that could lead to founding members now being in their 90s," Milburn says.

Because many Probus clubs nationally are in similar positions, the Probus South Pacific HQ has launched a strategy of 're-birthing' ageing Probus clubs through Rotary involvement. This involves a Rotary club recognising a Probus club that is expiring, and with consent, creating a new club alongside with new name and perhaps new venue. The new club attracts new members plus the more active members of the existing club. "This has not yet occurred in Victoria but has occurred successfully in at least a couple of cases so far in NSW," Milburn says.

"One problem is that declining Probus clubs may fail to make their plight known to Rotary clubs and expire before remedies can be launched. If we learn a club is in trouble, we have a chance of saving the situation."

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Footnote: Only Rotary Clubs can found a Probus Club. Once founded, Probus Clubs normally operate independently of Rotary. Probus Clubs do not fund-raise or require charitable activity, and exist purely for social and educational benefits for retiring/retired people.

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Since 2011, I have been a polio eradication ambassador for Rotary International, one of the founding partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which has been working to reach the world’s children with the oral polio vaccine for more than two decades. I am happy to share that today polio is 99% gone, down from about 350,000 cases a year in the 1980s to barely 400 in 2013.

Like so many of you, I have lent my support by including my “This Close” photo in the World’s Biggest Commercial, along with celebrities, world leaders and thousands of other supporters from 171 countries. Be sure to view the final cut of this record-breaking public service announcement.

Rotary recently exceeded 100,000 participants and is also working to achieve a Guinness World Record for the Largest Photo Awareness Campaign as part of its final push as the World’s Biggest Commercial wraps on June 30, 2014. To help make history together, here are a few easy ways you can continue your involvement and join Rotary in the fight to end polio forever:

SHARE: Share the World’s Biggest Commercial with your friends, family and networks to increase awareness about how close we are to making

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win this fight, polio will be only the second human disease to be wiped off the face of the earth. It will truly be a historic moment for all of us and for global health – and could not be achieved without your dedication.

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Rotary Polio Ambassador
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The first community to embrace the project is Nganambala, a small community about 300kms southwest of Darwin. The project has been developed in close consultation with the Nganambala school principal and with the indigenous health promotion organization, Red Dust Role Models. The community has also had local medical support to monitor any medical issues that might arise. The ‘ownership’ of the project by each local community is essential for its effectiveness.

The project trial commenced at Nganambala in October 2013 and it is proposed to be extended to two

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With funding support we would like to carry out a PHD research on the nuts effectiveness

The project is a joint initiative of four Rotary clubs; Albert Park, North Brighton, Docklands and Melbourne. Current project partners include, Red Dust Role Models, Scalzo Foods, Aboriginal Literacy Foundation and the AFL

We are seeking additional partners and we would be happy to discuss how you might participate with this project.



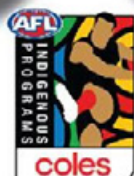
Rotary Clubs of Albert Park, Brighton, Docklands and Melbourne

Breakfast Launch of the Footy Nuts Project

FRIDAY, 30 MAY - 7.30-8.30 AM
THE VILLAGE - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK 700 BOURKE ST - Beside Etihad Stadium, Southern Cross footbridge level. Host: Leila Gurruwiwi, The Marngrook Footy Show
Bookings: email rebeccagreen@aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org
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Saturday, June 7 - 7 pm

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June
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DISTRICT 9800

Past Rotary International President John Kenny

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

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

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



NOTICES AND EVENTS

June
7-8

Rotary Clubs of Echuca-Moama Inc. presents

51st Steam Rally

JUNE 7 AND 8

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, 9-4.30 pm

ROTARY PARK ECHUCA

Two fully day spacked with excitement and spectacular entertainment.

www.echucasteamrally.com.au

For information please contact 0438 576 639.

June
23

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

"Ballet Costume Design and Creation"

Monday 23 June 2014.

Club Meetings

The Amora Hotel 649 Bridge Road Richmond

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm

w: www.rotaryrichmond.org.au, w: www.friendsofrichmondrotary.org

e: friendsofrichmondrotary@gmail.com



Rotary Club of Richmond

invite you to a presentation by

Michael Williams

Wardrobe Production Manager
The Australian Ballet

"Ballet Costume Design and Creation"

Monday 23 June 2014

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Amora Riverwalk Hotel

649 Bridge Road Richmond

\$30 inc 2 courses, coffee and car parking

RSVP: Sue Bolton - sbolton@globaldial.com

www.rotaryrichmond.org.au

June
28

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBERWELL

49th Art Show

Saturday June 28 to Sunday July 6

AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY, ATC BUILDING,
BURWOOD ROAD, HAWTHORN.

Open daily 10 am to 5 pm.

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

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

www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au



NOTICES AND EVENTS

June
30

Rotary Clubs of Albert Park, Brighton, Docklands and Melbourne

Breakfast Launch of the Footy Nuts Project

FRIDAY, 30 MAY - 7.30-8.30 AM

THE VILLAGE - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK

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

HOST: LEILA GURRUWIWI, THE MARNGROOK FOOTY SHOW

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Phone Kerry Kornhauser 0411 597 690



ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 9800



14 May 2014

Dear Club President,

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

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

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

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

Yours in Rotary,

Keith McNeil



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

2014 DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON

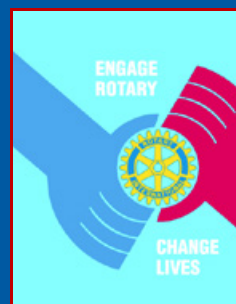


THE PENINSULA ROOM
Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade,
Docklands, Vic 3008
SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2014

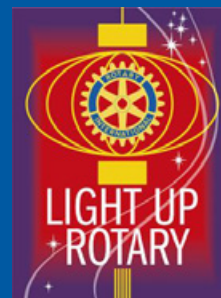


- ✓ Only \$75 per person
(This all inclusive price includes beer, wine, main course, dessert and entertainment.)
- ✓ Central location with excellent access to tram and train transport.
- ✓ Plenty of parking opposite at Ethiad Stadium and other nearby car parks.
- ✓ Make up a table from your club & join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

Rotary 
District 9800 Inc.



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



**HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB
OF POINT GELLIBRAND**

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Multi-District Welcome Luncheon for PRIP 2009-2010 John Kenny and June Chair-Elect, Rotary Foundation Trustees

**This is an opportunity to meet and hear from
John Kenny who joins us after the International Convention in Sydney**
Paul Harris Society members and Major Donors are invited to meet with John and June at
11.30am till 12.15pm for pre luncheon drinks and nibbles (\$5 per head)



Venue: Ultima Function Centre
Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court
Keilor
Melway Map 15 B8

Date: Saturday 7 June 2014

Arrival: 12:30pm for 1:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 per person
(2 courses including drinks)

Booking Form RSVP: Friday 30 May 2014

Booking Contact: _____

Contact Number: _____



Number of Places

Cheques payable and booking form returned to:

Rotary Club of Glenferrie Inc.
PO Box 3124
Hawthorn 3122

EFT Payments (preferred) to:

Rotary Club of Glenferrie
BSB 633 000
A/C number 1447 13757 (please include your name)

Enquiries contact:

PP Ian Salek (Rotary Club of Glenferrie)
(M) 0418 176 493
(E) isalek@bigpond.net.au

Please provide Names of Guests and
Dietary requirements

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