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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

DG Julie Mason's Message



*September Area of Focus:
Basic Education and Literacy*



There is a Chinese Proverb that says: Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.

All around the Rotary world there is a focus on Basic Education and Literacy in this month of September. As I move around the clubs in our District and read the weekly Club Bulletins I am delighted to learn about the books being provided to children in need, and the programs that are supporting early childhood and school facilities, both locally and internationally. Whilst driving home from Bendigo I listened with interest to an initiative where books and letters were sent to children in Detention Centres, and then of course the support given by many clubs to assist the literacy development of our indigenous children is impressive. There are so many ways that we can provide assistance to facilitate literacy and numeracy skills that are the foundation for all future learning.

So let me introduce to you a group of people who will make a difference in **Cambodia**. In this year of being A Gift to the World we have a second District Vocational Training Team that will provide training in early literacy to over 160 teachers who work in remote village schools around Siem Reap and Phnom Penh in January 2016. This group of dedicated and experienced teachers from both government and independent schools have received guidance from Teachers across Borders and are busy planning the program that they will deliver. It is exciting to note that four Cambodian teachers, two from the Future Light Orphanage of Worldmate and two from the Cambodia First International School will also join the group for the training program.



Bronwyn Stephens' involvement with Cambodian Rotary projects goes back to 2010 and she is the Vocational Training Team Tour leader. As chair of District Managed project "World of Difference" she has led over 10 tours in Cambodia, coordinated 3 District International Grants and been active in project work for a multi club Global Grant



Bronwyn Stephens, (top) and Audrey Bugeja, Gary Moller, Bronwyn Foley, Maria Silber and Rosemary Brown.

Audrey Bugeja is the Teaching Tour Leader and is teacher at Baden Powell College, and has actively supported the College Interact and Earlyact Programs. She has also worked as a volunteer and teacher abroad in the slums of India, ghettos of Kenya and villages of Bolivia.

Gary Moller has over 35 years' experience as a primary school teacher and is currently working as an Education Consultant in the Butha Buthe District Lesotho, where he conducts Professional Development programs for teachers and has introduced a Levelled Reading program.

Bronwen Foley went to Istanbul as a young teacher where she taught English as a Second language, science and mathematics and whilst in Australia she has also taught programs for disadvantaged and disengaged youth. Recently Bronwen encouraged and organised eighteen students from her school to go to Cambodia on a World of Difference Tour.

Maria Silber has worked as a Primary teacher, Teaching English as a Second Language and the Reading Recovery Program working with year one children who were at risk in the area of literacy. She has visited Vietnam and helped develop an exchange program with a sister school in Nha Trang and accompanied the first exchange participants.

Rosemary Brown is a primary school teacher and has done significant work with special needs children. Rosemary travelled to Cambodia in 2014 and 2015 with Teachers across Borders, assisting in organizing workshops to help local teachers improve their teaching strategies and higher order thinking skills. Rosemary will be in Cambodia as a volunteer for Teachers across Borders and will join the team for part of the program.

Having been to the remote villages in Cambodia I know that literacy and in particular the teaching of English is a means to better life for children and I am looking forward to seeing the outcome of this **Vocational Training Team** initiative and will share the success story upon their return.

Member Moments:

Well done to you if you have talked about the wonderful work that you do in the name of Rotary! Have you invited a friend or business associate to join you on one of your projects or indeed to dine with you and your Rotary friends at a meeting? I was at Bacchus Marsh Rotary last week and was chatting to a potential new member and her partner and they must have enjoyed their time together as by the end of the evening both were keen to join the fabulous folk at Bacchus Marsh! I was able to induct four new members at Melton Valley Rotary and three were partners who had previously not been motivated to join. How many members in your club just may have partners who actually want to join and have not been asked? Do you know that in Wyndham Rotary there are ten couples and they really do enjoy Rotary time together!

Looking Ahead:

In **October** we have the opportunity to talk about our work in almost eliminating Polio. How about you show some pictures of children with Polio to your children and grandchildren and let them know that this will never happen to them because of your work as a Rotarian. We want to **Point the Finger to Polio in October** so ladies and laddies how about you **paint your nails purple** and tell this fabulous Rotary Story to everyone looks at you strangely!

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

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor 2015-2016


"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

The Generosity of Australians

From Rotary Down Under

Philip Archer, Membership Director D9800, describes how the public opened their hearts through giving to a family in distress.

Sharon Chan was 36 weeks pregnant with her third child. Life was a struggle after her second son, Oliver, was born with Downs Syndrome. Now five years old, Ollie also has leukaemia. Sharon's husband Rob drove Ollie from their home in the little town of Gunning near Canberra to a Sydney hospital for his chemotherapy on a regular basis. Then, tragedy struck again when Rob suddenly died of a heart attack. Rob was Sharon's rock.

Left alone with a mortgage and two children, one very ill and needing support for the rest of his life, and due to have her third child at any moment, Sharon was devastated.



Channel 9's A Current Affair was alerted about this sad situation and immediately contacted Rotary to set up an appeal through RAWCS.

After the story aired on ACA, the public swung into action, opening their hearts and wallets to support Sharon. The response was simply overwhelming. Donations poured in and an amazing sum of over \$1 million was raised within a few days.

While money will never replace the loss of her husband, Sharon and her children are now at least secure.

In Rotary we have so many great resources to help in our community. In this case, we called upon RAWCS, in particular the Rotary Australian Benevolent Society (RABS). This allowed us to quickly establish a tax deductible trust that offered the public the best vehicle through which to direct donations.

With over 15,000 donations in cash and gifts received, the Rotarians and staff at the hub of this project have been working hard to handle the enquiries and the many conversations. They have been buoyed by the spirit of the donors. Mike Whitehouse, the national Treasurer for RAWCS, has fielded many of the calls personally. A Rotarian of 40 years, Mike said: "I have never seen anything like this. It is truly amazing."

Belinda Griffen and Pauline Lane from RAWCS have been at the epicentre. They have had numerous conversations via email, the phone and face-to-face with members of the public.

"We've been inspired by the sheer volume and consistency of donations since this story first went to air," said RAWCS National Administrator Belinda. "It's great to be working on such an inspiring project."

It is clear to those involved in this project just how many people there are who, like Rotarians, have the sense of Service Above Self, and who give unreservedly to support those in need. Let's look out for them and invite them to join Rotary. Many of these people have, in fact, wanted more information about Rotary and how they can be involved. They have been encouraged to join a club near them.

Sharon Chan's story has been remarkable and heartfelt. The Australian public has demonstrated the true meaning of "being a gift to the world".

Thank you to the many Rotarians from around Australia, particularly the RAWCS team who have been a big help with this project and the members of the Rotary Club of Southbank who were the project managers. Without your collective efforts we could not achieve what we did.

CBD Men's Shed needs members and projects

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Anyone like to join the newly-opened Men's Shed in the Federation Square car park? Chairman Alan Seale says men's shed members, like Rotarians, are all volunteers and the more members the shed has, the easier it is to welcome newcomers, show them the ropes and ensure safe working. "We have 35 members today and are aiming for 100," Alan says.

As well, the excellent woodworking tools are an opportunity for Rotary Community Service committees to get things made for their local charities, such as outdoor furniture for a women's refuge, toys for the Royal Children's Hospital or repairs or renovations to wooden items.

The shed has spent more than \$75,000 of State and city grants on good premises and tools, with further funding for the next five years. The shed caters for members with disabilities while maintaining safety standards.

Networker visited the shed in late August. It is particularly difficult to find, being tucked into a couple of rooms on the lowest level of the car park to the east of Fed Square, opposite the car park lift.

Half a dozen men and one woman were busy constructing wooden aeroplanes and trucks for the Children's Hospital, using top-class drills, thickeners, bandsaws and sawdust extractors. They recently renovated an antique red cedar washstand for a nearby resident as a fund raiser, using the profit to finance consumables.

The shed has taken two years to bring to fruition, partly because of legal complexities between the city and its lessee Fed Square. Currently the shed opens Monday mornings (when the main activity is a guided walk to places like the Botanical Gardens) and Tuesday mornings for carpentry. Hot meals will be served every second Monday from the brand new highly equipped shed kitchen.

The shed now has links with the Heart Foundation and health service providers.

Members pay a \$30 joining fee and \$55 per annum.

Member Richard Nicholson 75, an ex-engineering lecturer, says it's great for learning skills on tools. "It's good to meet other blokes here and relax a bit," he says. "We've been making toys for boys and right now we're trying to work out what toys for girls we can make."

Member Tamir Mirza 47, a freelance photographer, is working with Richard on projects. "On Mondays our group goes out on a walk to places like the Botanic Garden, and on Tuesdays we work with the tools," he says. "Everyone's friendly and I'm re-learning carpentry skills that I forgot when I left high school. There's also lots of new things to learn because the tools here are so up-to-date."

You want to get involved? Contact Alan Seale, aseale@bigpond.net.au or 0407 285 177



Members Richard Nicholson (left) and Tamir Mirza making toys for kids at the Children's Hospital

“Read all about it” and be very grateful that you can

By David Dippie, RC Keilor

SEPTEMBER is Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month

Literacy and a good education is one of the greatest gifts we can give. Everyone has the right to learn to read, write and enjoy the power, pleasures and independence of being literate. For some the journey will be easy, for others it will take much hard work and unfortunately for approximately 18 percent of today's world population it will never happen. We can change the world, but if we all contribute what we can, we can improve many lives. This is the power of Rotary and every Club can contribute.



It has never been easier to support this “Foundation Area of Focus”.

RAWCS has many great projects that you can support.

To find one that will excite your Club go to www.rawcs.com.au Scroll down the front page to **Basic Education and Literacy Programs** and click on “See our projects” and you will find 100+ you can support.

<http://www.rawcs.com.au/DetailProject2.php?recordID=821>

It's even easier with Donations In Kind. If every Club in our District donated \$100 to Donations In Kind we could ship 1400 chairs or equip 14 classrooms.



Help make this our best ever Literacy Month



Vocational Training Team leader to Cambodia Bronwyn Steohens tells us: “Thanks to the **Donations in Kind** warehouse, a teacher resource pack will be given to each of the 160 trainee teachers....and a SIDS hero bear too!”

Well done, everyone at DIK.

Rotary Success Conference

What did District 9800 participants take out of the Conference in Canberra?

By Matthew Scott (Regional Networker Correspondent)

Over the weekend of 5-6th September, Rotarians from around the nation descended upon the most apolitical city in the country to partake in the Australian Rotary Success conference and inaugural youth summit.

District 9800 was well represented at the conference, not only hosting an induction on the main stage, but also by providing the Saturday night's dinner entertainment by way of RC Southbank's very own Jonathan Welch.



District 9800 represented at Canberra conference

There were several sessions and plenary guest speakers throughout the course of the weekend. However, for this conference it was the first time that a youth summit had been hosted concurrently for Rotarians and Rotaractors who were under 40 years of age.

Being a 26 year old Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, I took part in the youth summit. And I must admit, I was extremely glad that I did so! It was a tremendous opportunity to be able to meet up with and network with similarly aged people to myself, who also share a desire for a better community and embody our motto of 'Service above Self.'

Throughout the course of our youth summit, we discussed what it was that initially brought us to Rotary, as well as what it was that was keeping us a part of this great organisation. For those in attendance, it was heartening to see just how influential Rotary had been on shaping fellow young Rotarians, as well as the deep admiration that many (if not all of us!) hold Rotary in.

It was widely regarded by those in attendance that Rotary had a great marketing opportunity throughout its youth activities and opportunities to market Rotary to the next generation (who will hopefully become members). A communique was drafted by those in attendance at the youth summit, which will be forwarded onto RI for consideration when trying to attract newer members to our organisation. However, I feel that those of us in District 9800 are already setting a good example for attracting youth to Rotary, as is evidenced by the existence of Rotary Clubs such as Bendigo Next Gen and Melbourne Park, as well as similarly aged Rotarians as myself in existing Rotary Clubs. *(Continued . . .)*

I, like many of my fellow D9800-ers in attendance look forward to the next Rotary Success conference in two years time. Below are some 'member moments' from those who were also in attendance in Canberra at the Australian Rotary Success conference.

PDG MURRAY VERSO:

"It was exciting to learn from other clubs how they were successfully approaching membership development. Good examples were the Epping, Yass & Kununurra Rotary Clubs... The importance and value of Club Vision and RLI was again confirmed by many delegates. These are very strong in District 9800 in comparison to some other district. The Youth Summit was a great initiative and would be worth replicating in District 9800. There lots of networking opportunities."

PDG KEITH RYALL:

"Mary Beth Growney Selene (Rotary USA) gave a good presentation on the importance of FUN, Friendly, Welcoming Clubs with Energetic, Engaged Members staying Relevant to their communities... If each one of the 250 members who attended the 4th Success Conference could take back and implement just ONE idea, I reckon we might just see very useful change... Loved the input at the final Plenary from the Youth Summit representatives as well as the challenging presentation from Andrew Macleod... Thanks to all who attended and contributed to a memorable weekend...80% of Success is Turning Up!!! The remaining 20% is about TAKING ACTION...then we might just move from a GOOD club to a GREAT club...and maybe even attain the 100% level!!!"

STEVEN AQUILINA:

"I was very inspired by the ideas shared at the conference... The innovation and 'out of the box' thinking... Such ideas will make Rotary a more effective organisation to do our bit for the world."

STUART McARTHUR:

"The highlight of the weekend for me was the enthusiasm and dedication that all attendees showed to participating on the weekend. I was inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of all the presenters and participants...The weekend featured a number of key-note and breakout sessions where we discussed the opportunities for Club Vision, Satellite Clubs and e-clubs as well as membership recruitment strategies and culture building... The weekend also highlighted the diversity of ideas and strategies to increasing membership by giving everyone the opportunity to contribute ideas and feedback during each breakout session."

Finally, the weekend was topped off with the hard hitting advice from our guest speaker Andrew MacLeod (who was later inducted as a Rotarian) who clearly focussed us all on our future and encouraged us to be relevant to our communities."



Rotary youth from throughout Australia.

My Rotary

By Jill Weeks, Rotary D9800 Speaker Bank

Members of the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne are available to come and present to clubs on My Rotary, Rotary International's website.

This is a vocational project of the E-Club and is strongly supported by District in an effort to reach and educate as many Rotarians as possible about the amazing tools and resources on My Rotary that any Rotarian can access.

The overview presentation is about a 45 minutes presentation on My Rotary and 5 minutes on the E-Club, rather than the 20mins traditional guest speaking slots, which should be taken into account. Shortening the presentation further is not possible. To assist the E-Club presenter is happy to forgo any meal in order to begin speaking while your club meal is being served.

The presentation is in the form of a PowerPoint consisting of screenshots of the pertinent pages of My Rotary and is therefore not in real time. This limits the risk of internet connection delays and going "off piste" with queries.

Rotarians are provided with a one page handout of the My Rotary "Dashboard" with relevant key learning objectives that Rotarians can take away/be sent by email following the meeting to guide them in using My Rotary at their own leisure.

Highlights include:

- How to update your profile and join discussion groups
- **Rotary Showcase** - show off your projects and see projects other clubs have done
- **Rotary Ideas** - fundraise using RI's own free crowdfunding platform
- **Document and Learning Centers** - find Rotary resources and view webinars
- **Brand Center** - create business cards, brochures and presentations using the free templates and logos. Find and use professional videos and promotional materials.
- **Rotary Club Central** - track and monitor club goals.



- Rotary.org/Showcase or connect through Member Access
- Online tool where Rotarians and Rotaractors broadcast information and share service projects with the world
- Add and join service projects, connect with other clubs and districts, and explore the variety of projects that Rotarians are undertaking

Your E-Club presenter can either attend in person, or alternatively, present via GoToMeeting (online video conferencing). This may best suit some of the rural clubs. All that is required is a projector and screen, laptop and good WiFi connection. The Rotarian who is organising the meeting is then sent a GoToMeeting website link to click and it connects you straight to the online meeting and the presenter at the relevant time. The audience then sees on the projector screen the presenter and the corresponding PowerPoint presentation at the same time. A practice run at the time of confirming the speaker time and arrangements is recommended.

In lieu of any speaker gift a donation made to the E-Club for its service projects is appreciated. The E-Club's My Rotary presentation is a vocational project delivered in the convenience of clubs' normal meetings. This is instead of holding a District seminar on a weekend or evening, for which each attendee is typically charged a fee. The E-Club set no minimum fee and it is up to the discretion of clubs as to how much, if anything, they wish to donate."

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Australian Honours

By PP Bob Slater AM, RC Kew

“Service Above Self” is second nature to Rotarians. But we all know fellow members who go “above and beyond” in service to their community – and indeed our nation. They seek no reward beyond mere satisfaction that they have made a difference in the lives of individuals or society in general. We recognise their commitment by Clubs contributing to our Rotary Foundation or by a District or sometimes an RI Award.

But while many Rotarians have also been honoured by our Nation through the *Order of Australia*, certainly there are others well deserving of recognition – but have never been nominated – or sometimes unsuccessfully. How often have you searched the Australia Day and Queens Birthday Honours List to identify recognised Rotarians? Even for those Rotarians receiving awards, how often do you see the word 'Rotary' mentioned?

That's why an *“Australian Honours Advisory Panel”* has been established under the aegis of the Rotary Institute to *“Encourage the nomination of worthy Australian men and women for the Order of Australia recognition”*.

The Panel will alert, facilitate and advise on the ready availability of *Order of Australia* Honours information – how to access nomination criteria and forms and tips for their effective submission to the Honours Secretariat, and the importance of selecting the most effective referees, in order to assist in maximising potential success - and the level of award.

National panel members are: PDG Len Goodman AO (Convenor); PDG Bob Aiken AM and Noel Trevaskis OAM, RIDE for 2016-18. D9800 Correspondence Liaison Person is PP Bob Slater AM, Rotary Club of Kew, ruthandbobslater@bigpond.com; 0418 317 057

The Panel has set up a new *“Australian Honours”* web page <https://rotaryaustralianhonours.wordpress.com/> or, with appreciation to RDU, an access link from their website. The Panel's web page includes links to the Honours Secretariat official *“It's An Honour”* web site; Eligibility and How to Nominate; Honours Lists; where to seek discrete and confidential advice from Panel members and, where available, from Liaison Members in participating Districts, which have also established a link back to the Panel's site.

The Convenor, PDG Len Goodman, having given service to the *Order of Australia Association* as ACT Branch Chairman and as a member of the National Board, now has an appreciation of Honours procedures and has received invitations to attend Investitures – where one listens in awe to the citations of Australian men and women who give of themselves in voluntary, community service. But there remain many more deserving of such recognition. Here's an opportunity to make that possible.

The procedure for nominating is, at first glance, daunting but should not be a barrier to acknowledging deserving service. Only a percentage are successful, so wording needs to be succinct and point scoring, and time from lodging an application to successful announcement can take 18 months to two years, so planning is critical. Nominations should be kept confidential, and at no stage should the nominee be alerted. Any Rotarian or Club that is considering nominating a Rotarian, or a worthy person recognised by Rotary, should first access the website and then if assistance is required, contact the D9800 Correspondence Liaison Person Bob Slater.



The Rhythm of the Trees

From hoaxes.org

The Manchester City Art Gallery received over 1000 entries for its 1993 Academy of Fine Arts Exhibition. Of these, a six-member panel of judges chose 150 works for inclusion in the show.

One of the paintings selected was "Rhythm of the Trees," which the judges praised for its "color balance, composition, and technical skill."

But after gaining a place, the painting's creator was revealed to be Carly Johnson, a 4-year-old girl from Chorley, Lancashire. The judges had been unaware of her age.

Carly had painted the picture while playing in the studio of her grandfather, David Sandrill. He had pinned the picture on the wall and had titled it.

When Sandrill submitted some of his own work for the Manchester exhibition, Carly's mother, Helen, slipped Carly's painting in as well "just for the heck of it."

Carly's mother described the painting as "shapeless blobs" (Carly herself modestly said it was "just a little pattern") and told the BBC, "We could not believe it when we heard the judges had decided to show it... It proves anybody can do modern art."



The revelation of Carly's age made headlines throughout the world. The British press, in particular, mocked the Gallery for displaying toddler art. The Daily Mail presented its readers with three abstract works by leading adult artists and three works by children from Strawberry Fields nursery school in West London, and challenged its readers to tell the difference between the "modernist school" and the "play school."

However, the Manchester Academy was unrepentant and insisted it had no plans to remove the painting from the exhibition. Its president, Glenys Latham, noted that, "often technical skill can get in the way of instinctive response. Remember that the art of children often has an innocence, an unplotted quality, which adults often strive to gain. So I don't feel in the least embarrassed."

And on the very first day of the exhibition, the gallery received six offers to buy Carly's painting. The work sold for £295 to the first caller, Barnaby Blacker, owner of an art gallery in County Cork, Ireland.

Carly completed one follow-up painting, of a pirate with an eye-patch, in anticipation of an interview on GMTV. It took her ten minutes to complete. Viewers were given a chance to bid for it.



DOING GOOD
SCHOOLS VIDEO COMPETITION



You can make your Rotary Club look amazing by simply telling the stories your Club already has.

Our aim is for every Rotary Club in our District produce a short video of less than one minute. All video entries will feature on our YouTube and Facebook pages, with each short video shown at our District Conference in March 2016 for the Rotary Presentation.

Entries open August 2015 and close 20th November 2015.

OUR DISTRICT'S BIGGEST PUBLIC IMAGE INITIATIVE THIS YEAR

We recognise that not every club has the technical expertise to do this, so we have created a competition for local schools - as the students do have this expertise - for our "Doing Good" Schools Video Competition. You just need to contact your local schools to invite them to be part of it.

The story could be about an interview with a member, your life-changing international service projects, or a local business that offers the local students will be amazed about what stories Rotary has to tell.

WIN \$1000 FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS NEAR YOUR ROTARY CLUB

For more information visit our Facebook Page Rotary District 9800 or e-mail publicimage@rotarydistrict9800.org.au.

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File and Forget



This collection of e-mails reminds me of James Thurber's sketch, "File and Forget".

The sketch consists of Thurber dictating a series of letters in a vain attempt to keep one of his publishers from sending him books he did not order, and the escalating confusion of the replies. Thurber, who was completely blind at the time and nearing the end of his life, played himself in later performances of the show. The original casual appeared in the New Yorker on January 8, 1949, and was reprinted in Thurber Country: (Simon and Schuster, 1953).

Gordon,

This was a great project by RC Pahrnan with the assistance of Ruth Martinez.

Good to give Pahrnan some recognition when you can find some space.

Cheers

Bob.

Thanks Bob.

I'll see if someone can make sense out of the assorted e-mails.

Ideally Pahrnan RC should be telling the world about their project . . .

Gordon

Dear Susan,

I have received word about Pahrnan RC's great project.

Would you or Michael Morrison care to make the assorted e-mails into a presentable story for the District 9800 Newsletter, "The Networker"?

I am sure other clubs would be interested. I append our guidelines FYI

Best wishes,

Gordon Cheyne,

Editor - "The Networker"

Hi Gordon,

I will write something for you later today, thanks for the opportunity to showcase a Rotary Club of Pahrnan project.

Kind regards,

Susie

Dear PP Michael and DIK PP Laurie

hal am most pleased to advise yourself and RC of Pahrnan that your donation for hospital aid to Quezon Medical Center has now been released from Customs and delivered by freight 5 hours Manila to Quezon.

The delay was due to reallocation of the consignee from the Dept of Social Welfare- DSWD to the Dept of Health, who conducted the final detailed review with Bureau of Customs. All cartons/beds were accounted for by RCLC, per the distribution list provided. It was unfortunate that the delays caused RC of Lucena Central \$6,200 in Port storage and demurrage fees, which fortunately Customs agreed an instalment payment; just so RCLC can turnover to the needy.

However, RC of LC noted that this joint effort contributed to 3 areas of service: Medical Aid, Literacy/Basic Education and Maternal Health Above will result to: setting up a new community library, construction and refurbishment of the Rotary Hall, Quezon Memorial Center with the beds and medical supplies for RCLC's progressive medical mission in isolated rural areas (held 2x/month). A full report will be provided by RC of Lucena Central PP Hector Balanak to you. The official turnover of the beds to the provincial government of Quezon and the Quezon Memorial Center will be held on the 19th of August at 10:00 am. While the books turnover will be held in the afternoon with the local government - Mayor of Lucena Quezon.

Thank you all for your participation in this worthwhile Rotary program.

Yours in Rotary Service

Ruth



Dear Ruth

Thanks your email and for all your splendid work to bring this project to a successful conclusion. It is a shame that the additional costs had to be incurred and whether further assistance is being sought?

Kind regards

Michael

Dear Michael and DIK

Your beds have been handed over to Quezon Medical Center, at Lucena Quezon.

I got these photos tonight from a local newsletter sent to me in Filipino by a resident of Quezon province.

The community are definitely very happy with your donation.

Receiving from RC of Lucena Central, on behalf of the province are the chairman of the 38 villages (barangay) of Quezon, Provincial Governor Suarez, Mayor of Lucena, hospital director of QMC. Speaking is current new president of RCLC Dr Cesar Guinto.

Rotarians are present during the turnover. With Immediate past president Hector Balanak seated with glasses/white shirt.

Each bed has a plaque inscribed with Donated by Rotary Club of Prahran (thru PP Michael Morrison) and RAWCS DIK (thru PP Laurie). This is not my idea. Anyway, plaques were donated by one of the Rotarians' parents.

Best regards

Ruth



I'm sure there's a great story in here somewhere, about Prahran RC's project.
If only James Thurber were here to tell the tale! – Ed.

Rotary Youth Exchange is changing lives

Rotary Youth Exchange has been providing intercultural exchange opportunities for high school students since the 1920s. Students become cultural ambassadors for as long as a full academic year, while host families also build peace and international understanding. During a bus trip through the United States in July, Youth Exchange students told us how the program has changed their lives.

- [Read the students' stories](#)
- [Learn about starting an exchange](#)
- [Read blog posts by Rotary Youth Exchange students](#)



Rotary Youth Exchange students visit RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, during a Discover America Bus Trip in July.
Photo Credit: Rotary International/Arnold R. Grahl

Welcome New Members

Right: Former Rotarian Gilbert Habla (Classification: Construction - Industrial) was re-inducted to the fold at Hawthorn Rotary: President Lawrence Reddaway, Gilbert, and proposer Dr Gordon Cheyne.



Left: Andrew MacLeod was inducted into the Rotary Club of Southbank at the Canberra Conference (Southbank's 8th new member since June 30)

How you can help on World Polio Day

Nigeria and the continent of Africa have gone a year without a polio case caused by wild poliovirus. But as significant as these accomplishments are, we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. To mark World Polio Day, Rotary will host a streamed global status update on 23 October, sharing information about these recent milestones and focusing on the work that remains to be done.

- [Learn how you can participate](#)
- [Add the streamed event to your calendar](#)
- [Download the World Polio Day tool kit](#)



Letter to the Editor

How easily do we lose track of friends when they move away or leave Rotary? One of our regular contributors to "The Networker" over recent years was the larger than life figure of Annie Wysham: many of you will recall her recitation at the 2013 District Conference in Albury, "Rotary's got Talent!" section.

I recently e-mailed Annie to ask how she was going, and to say how much I missed her contributions. She replied:

... I'm presently ensconced in a Nursing home in Heathmont for respite care following major surgery. I had a left foot reconstruction on the 7 aug at St V's private in East Melbourne & was transferred after 5 days to Brunswick Private for 2 weeks - now here for 9 weeks as I can't weight bear at all. It's a lesson in patience that's for sure, but will all be worth it to be able to eventually walk without pain. I was in shell shock when I first arrived on Wed as the patients/residents are very old & We've already had 2 deaths since my arrival & one moved by ambulance to hospital!

It's confronting seeing real old age up close every day but I'm trying to turn the experience to a positive by getting them to talk about their early memories & they light up, albeit often just for a brief moment or two! I read familiar Banjo Paterson poems for approx 30 minutes last Friday afternoon during 'Happy Hour' from a book I found on the bookshelf. It went down very well as their booked entertainer had cancelled. Meanwhile there's books & Tv & courtyard sunshine for me!

I was delighted to receive your email & wish you well as the 'ever ready Edifying Editor'!

*Cheers Annie Wysham
(presently 'Hopalong Cassidy'!!)*

We wish Annie a speedy recovery. Despite her illness, she continues to brighten the day of all who come in contact with her: a real trouper! - Editor



Speaker Bank

District 9800 is pleased to announce the launch of the newly redesigned speakers bank. All District 9800 members can now log onto the District website and access a directory of speakers who have been recommended by other clubs.

The directory includes the ability for any member to login with their personal email address and password, and view details of potential speakers. If you also have an official role in your club or our district which is listed in the online District 9800 directory, you can also invite potential speakers directly through the website.

If you do not have a login, ask your club secretary to log in to the district website and update your role.

- See more at:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/news/12059/district-9800-speaker-bank-now-available-online#sthash.OnxSVXgV.dpuf>



Notices and Events

Polio Movie Night

The Rotary Foundation and 20th Century Fox have negotiated a special opportunity for Rotary Clubs to have their own fundraising movie night.

The movie is Bridge of Spies starring Tom Hanks and Rotary Clubs have exclusive access for a fundraising night on Wednesday **21st October**, the day before the official film release opens to the public on Thursday 22nd.

Bridge of Spies is the story of James Donovan, an attorney who finds himself thrust into the centre of the Cold War when the CIA sends him on the near-impossible mission to renegotiate the release of a captured American U-2 pilot.

For your club to host this film night at your own local cinema, please contact the Victoria 20th Century Fox State Manager Jacqueline Carty-Salmon on jacs@jacspr.com.au.

For more information, download a presentation [here](#).

You can watch the preview of Bridge of Spies [here](#):

- See more at: <http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/14549#sthash.poT3yd2G.dpuf>



Festival of Giving

I invite you to the launch of the Festival of Giving on **Tuesday 8 September**.

Could you please confirm if you are able to come along..and bring a friend if possible? All profits from the Festival of Giving will go to this award winning centre.

RCH Bioethics Centre supports families with seriously ill children. Some of the issues they handle are heartbreaking decisions.....

** End of life decision making including advanced treatment plans and withdrawal and withholding treatment*

** Withholding information from children (children/families rights)*

** Children's participation in decision making*

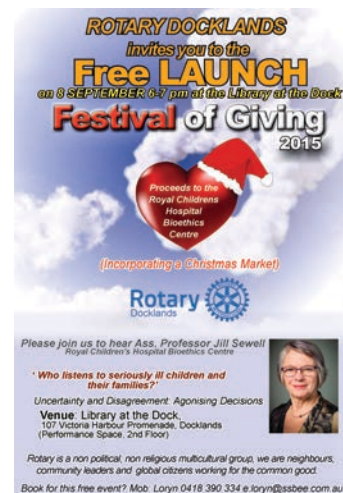
** Cultural dissonance/cross cultural care*

** Prenatal screening/diagnosis*

** Predictive genetic testing including carrier status in minors*

** Children's participation in research- competence, opt out consent, children's assent to treatment*

Loryn Clark 0418 390 334 e: loryn@ssbee.com.au



ROTARY ALBERT PARK 2015 Footy Breakfast

Special Guest Speaker, former Collingwood Premiership player, Gavin Crosisca. To be held **Friday, 25th September**, at the Carousel, on Albert Park lake, all proceeds will go to a literacy program we are running for disadvantaged children in the local area, as well as other Club projects for the local community.

Tickets are \$70 for a sumptuous sit down cooked breakfast with all the trimmings. Metered parking is available at the front door and in Aughtie Drive. Start time is 7am for 7,30 and we'll finish at 9am.

For Bookings: www.trybooking.com/155504



HELP HATS HELP HEADS ON WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

[Hat Day](#) is Australian Rotary Health's national fundraising and awareness day for mental health research, celebrated each year on World Mental Health Day - **Friday October 9**. Rotary Clubs have been central to engaging businesses and communities to raise vital funds and awareness for the 1 in 5 people suffering a mental illness.

What can your Club do? Register your Club for Hat Day at www.hatday.com.au.

If you would like more information about Hat Day, contact Steff Fenton **Media & Communications Manager**, Australian Rotary Health **p** +612 8833 8331 | **f** +612 9635 5042 | **w** www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or visit our website www.hatday.com.au. or Ron Adams on 0408136100 or r.g.adams@bigpond.com



Paul Harris Society Luncheon

You are cordially invited to our next PHS Luncheon

PHS member Bob Bott, RC North Balwyn, will speak on Rotary's achievements in the Solomon Islands

Shelly's Beach Pavilion, 26 The Esplanade, Williamstown

Sunday, 11 October 12:00pm for 12:30pm Cost: \$60, for a 2 course meal; including a welcome drink

For reservations, and details of any special dietary requirements, please contact Roger Thornton Email: piroton@connexus.net.au phone: 0400 999 203 RSVP: By Wednesday, 7 October 2015

Payment (preferably by Direct Debit):

Account Name: R.C.N. Thornton Bank EECU Limited BSB No. 802-254 Acc. No. 25401050

Be sure to include your details Cheques payable to: Roger Thornton, 21 Carson Street, Kew, 3101

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Paul Harris Society Luncheon
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Protect a Life, Charity Night

24th Oct, 7PM. Cabaret and 7 course meal, drinks on arrival

Rios Brazilian Restaurant -Address: 316 Church St, Richmond VIC 3121

Cost: \$100

RSVP Date: 16th Oct. Chris - > 0401650580

www. <http://rotarylpc.org.au/charity-fundraising-night/>

Open Hand Children's Home provides a place of refuge and nurturing for many abandoned and orphaned children in Nairobi, Kenya.



Sports and the Community: A Match Made in Heaven

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6.30 for 7.00 at Bendigo Club, Park Street, Strathdale

A fabulous social event for everyone - AFL Fans, Sports men and women, Rotarians

Only \$45.00 Two course meal Drinks at bar prices, auction, raffle prizes

Proceeds to Annie North Women's Refuge

To purchase corporate tables for the event, please contact Ilona Pearce on pearcejp@live.com



Stay informed on Rotary events:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Dates for your Diary

Foundation Grants Seminar

- Is your Club considering a local or international project?
- Would you like to know if Foundation may be able to assist you with finance?
- If you are considering an international project of some scale would you like to know
- if other clubs may be able to assist with finance?
- This may qualify for a Foundation Global Grant?
- This Seminar is important for you, your Club and your Project!

September 21st 6:00 PM till 8:30 Graduate House Carlton \$20 per person (attendance is a prerequisite to applying for a District or Global Grant)

Details [Grants_Seminar_Invitation_2015_1.pdf](#)

Book online at:

<http://9800conference.streamevent.com.au/event/14015>



2016 Rotary International Convention, Seoul

28th May to 1st June, 2016 It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures.

<http://www.riconvention.org>



Australian Rotary Health Golf Day 2015

5th October, 2015

Annual Australian Rotary Health Golf Day this year sponsored by the Bayford Group to be held at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

There is again a hole in one competition for a BMW which has proven to be a popular add on to this tournament ...

Corporate packages are also available and full details can be obtained from Ron Adams on 0408136100 or

r.g.adams@bigpond.com. [Read More...](#)



Bendigo Concert

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South are hosting a fundraising concert on **Sunday 27th September** at the Ulumbarra theatre featuring Australia's First Lady of song, Marina Prior, together with the Victoria Welsh Choir. Members and friends of Rotary District 9800 are invited to "do some time" at this special event.

Marina Prior and the Victoria Welsh Choir appear at 2pm, Sunday September 27 at Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo. Tickets on sale now

at www.gotix.com.au or phone the box office on 5434 6100.

Entry is \$40 or \$36 with concessions and \$20 for children.



Our Contributors



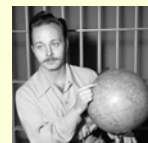
District Governor Julie Mason of Wyndham RC is Principal of Baden Powell College.



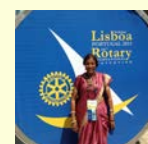
Our peripatetic philosopher, Tony Thomas certainly gets around. Look out for his contributions to "Quadrant".



David Dippie of Keilor reminds us of the great work they do at the Donations-in-Kind store.



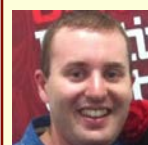
The Crown Prince Regent of Thulia appears at www.boaxes.org



Madu Bishnu of the e-club of Melbourne, is Secretary of the Rotarian Singles Fellowship.



Photographs by Monika Lozinska frequently appear in Rotary publications.



Matthew Scott of RC Bendigo South is our roving reporter in the deep north.



Director of Public Image and Communications Adrian Nelson is renowned for his good humour and spectacular spectacles.



Philip Archer of Southbank Rotary Club is Membership Director of District 9800.